



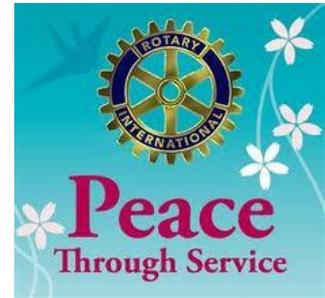
Rotary Club Of Corowa



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Evolve – keeping kids on track (Typo Station) – Matt Kennedy

Matt is a supervisor at Typo Station for the Evolve organisation. Evolve is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to helping “at risk” youth (young men and women). They aim to provide a supportive environment for disadvantaged young people to evolve into strong, caring and purposeful individuals.

Typo Station is the location for their Narrative & Bush Adventure Therapy to help disadvantaged and at-risk young people rewrite their story for a more positive future.

Young people (who must apply to join the program) spend generally 4 periods of around 10 – 12 days each over a year at Typo Station. They have to work on the property, but also get to experience a 10 day hike in the high country which often is the turning point for these kids. The “bush adventure therapy” gives them the opportunity to leave their troubles behind and begin to open up.

Typo Station is an historic former cattle property located in the picturesque King Valley. With unique activities on offer, including blacksmith workshops, cooking classes, hikes, fly fishing and pioneer woodwork sessions, Typo Station can create the perfect balance of activity and relaxation.

They have a success rate of 87% for both their young men and women. The effect on these young people can be to permanently turn their lives around.



President Stephen with Matt Kennedy – (...finally a good photo - well done Matt!)

Rotary Grace:

Oh Lord, the giver of all good,
We thank you for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,
Help us to serve you all our days.

Amen

Rotary 4 way Test:

- 1: Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2: Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3: Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4: Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



The Rotary Club of Corowa

2012/2013



INNOVATE ROTARY

Greg Krauska's insights on how you can create thriving, growing, high-impact Rotary clubs - and other non profits!

The following is another of a number of interesting articles by Greg Krauska about *innovating Rotary* - see the following website for more: http://changeagentgroup.typepad.com/innovate_rotary/

June 09, 2009

Thanks for the opportunity to serve

On June 30, 2009, I will complete 3 years as District 5950 Membership chair. It has been a privilege to serve the clubs in this district and beyond.

During the past three years, I have met some incredibly talented and giving people. I have learned about projects with exceptional impact. I have also experienced a great deal of challenge and fun. So what have I learned?

One of the most important things I have learned is that clubs that grow are led by people who choose to grow. More specifically, growing clubs have one or more *leaders* who decide that growing their club matters and choose to do something to make it happen. They take actions that are unique to their particular club and that leverage their talents. Some reach out for help, some survey their members and take action on what they discover. Many launch a campaign of some kind or they organize their stories so that new and prospective members can understand what they are about. The really good ones make it fun and easy to join Rotary and make it easy and rewarding to create meaningful impact.

Clubs that grow set high standards for the kind of member they seek. That does not mean that they exclude people. I think that it goes to the core of what Rotary is about - ask successful professional people to represent their professions with high ethical standards. Ask those same professional people to apply their time, talents, influence and resources to make a difference locally and globally. So setting high standards is about finding people who are a bit more successful than most because these are people who can have more impact than most. What that means to each club is a function of its community and its purpose.

Clubs that grow create peak experiences for their members. One of my favourite exercises with clubs and at district training events was to ask members to recall their peak experiences in Rotary and to share words that describe those experiences. Across many groups, you consistently hear words like effort, teamwork, passion, excitement, gratitude, courage, hope, learning, connection, impact, focus, quality and yes, fun. These are not words that describe most people's average day, are they? The growing clubs create meaningful experiences that keep people coming back for more. It's a kind of positive addiction to impact!

Growing clubs create enough trust to get through the tough stuff. Every club faces challenges from time to time. Whether it be a few old guard members that refuse to consider change, projects that are no longer relevant, programs that are no longer compelling enough to get people to show up for breakfast or a feeling of entitlement that slows innovation and collaboration. The successful clubs get past these obstacles because they have an important purpose and enough trust developed over time to get through the momentary obstacles.

There are too many people to thank to name them all here. If you have helped me along the way or given me an opportunity to serve you in some way, please consider yourself on the list! I am most grateful to you.

One of the wonderful results of my work as Membership Chair has been this weblog. I started writing Innovate Rotary! as a way to reach out to district members on a range of Rotary topics. I quickly learned that this medium is instantly global. And I am happy that the messages and conversations here have had an impact well beyond District 5950.

As I pass my membership responsibility to others, I will be refocusing my efforts on soccer coaching, as my two daughters learn to play the sport that I love, second only to golf.

As for future posts, let's see what inspires me from here!

Serve, smile, set high standards, make an impact, express gratitude and have fun!

Rotary Crossword from last week - Solution



A Rotarian, looks in his pocket, cringes and takes a drink.

He gulps down, looks in his pocket again, cringes and takes another one.

This goes on during the fellowship. Finally another Rotarian, bursting with curiosity, says, "I know it's none of my business buddy, but I have to ask.

Why do you look in your pocket, cringe, before taking another drink?"

"Well," slurred the Rotarian, "There's a picture of my wife in my pocket.

When she starts to look good, then it's time for me to go home."

Classic Put-Downs

Jay Leno, on George W Bush: "We make fun of George W Bush, but this morning he was at work bright & early. Okay, he was early."

John Cleese on Dan Quayle: If life were fair, Dan Quayle would be making a living asking, "Do you want fries with that?"

Winston Churchill, after a woman accused him of being drunk: "And you madam, are ugly. As for my condition, it will pass in the morning. You, however, will still be ugly."

Jay Leno, on George W Bush, again: "George W Bush went into a think tank this week and almost drowned."

RC of Corowa:	9/5/13	16/5/13	23/5/2013
Program	Philip Lethbridge, Lawyer - Wills & Powers of Attorney	RC of Rutherglen - Exchange student	
Chairman	Chris E.	David P.	David T.
Treasurer	Arthur F.	Chris E.	David P.
Rotary Grace	Neil D.	Arthur F.	Chris E.
Loyal Toast	Wally C.	Neil D.	Arthur F.
International Toast	Oliver R.	Wally C.	Neil D.
Rotary Information	Craig O.	Oliver R.	Wally C.
Sergeants Help	Gary P.	Craig O.	Oliver R.

**The Rotary Club Of Corowa meets every Thursday
at the Corowa RSL Club: 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start**

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