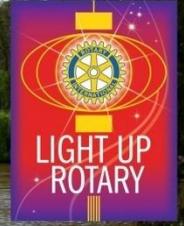




# Rotary Club of Corowa

"Service before Self – He profits most who serves Best"



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## Susanna Mora - Exchange Student



This week was Susi's final guest speaker appearance at our Club.

Harry, our newest member was Chairman for the evening, and fittingly so, as he has been a former exchange student, host brother, fellow student of Corowa High School and all round good friend of Susi.

We had the pleasure of the company of Steve McKewan, our AG, to our dinner also.

Susi has been a wonderful exchange student (the best Italian ever), fitting into Corowa Rotary life very quickly, joining in to be the life of many Rotary functions and helping with working bees (she cooks a mean hamburger), dinner meetings or whatever was asked of her.

Susi played "Chook Lotto" for us allowing Margaret Brown to win the Presidents Muscat and Graeme Campbell tries to draw the Joker in "Cut the Cards", unfortunately he drew the six of Diamonds.



**Program & Roster  
Corowa RSL Club  
6.30 for 7.00pm**

**June 25, 2015**

**76<sup>th</sup> Change Over  
Dinner**

**Chairman**

David Potts

**Treasurer**

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## Susi's Speech - I thought it made good reading.

G'day everyone!

I can't believe I just have a few more weeks to spend in Australia! I didn't even realize how fast the time has gone and I'm not ready to say goodbye yet. This year has definitely been the year of my life, which changed me so much, making me a more mature and independent person. Someone once said that an exchange is a whole life in one year and I couldn't agree more. This year has been full of new and different things and I can honestly say that none of them have been negative.

I discovered many new aspects of myself that I didn't even know existed, such as the ability to fit in a different culture all by myself. I've always been a shy girl. I was never the one that stands up to say her opinion, but I used to be the one that agrees with what the others say, without caring much about it. Thanks to this beautiful and great experience I'm not that kind of girl anymore. Now I finally stand up for myself, I say what I think (obviously without offending anyone) and I have gained the self-confidence I was missing. I'm a totally new person and I couldn't be more proud of myself for the changes I've made.

Since I was 8 years old, I always wanted to go on exchange, especially to Australia. I was introduced to this idea by one of my mum's friends, who had been abroad too. She started telling me about her exchange just for fun, but then when she realised I was really interested in it, she started being more serious about me going on exchange and then she introduced me to Rotary. At first I wanted to go on exchange for six months, but my sponsor club just offered the whole year option. To be honest, I was very scared to leave my home for an entire year, because back in the days it seemed such a long time, but now I know it's not long at all. The first three months I was here, the time passed pretty slowly, but after that, when I had settled in it just flew like a flash. It seems like yesterday when I first arrived here and I really don't want to accept the idea that I'll leave in three weeks.

My adventure started on the 16th of July, when I said goodbye to my parents for the last time and boarded my plane for Melbourne. I finally arrived at the airport after 22 long hours, full of excitement and fear, but the latter disappeared as soon as I met my councillor, Gail, who welcomed me with a beautiful sign and a Sydney Swans' scarf, which instantly became my favourite footy team. I remember I was so nervous to meet my first host family, the Overends, and as we travelled back to Corowa, I pestered Gail with questions about them. They proved to be an amazing family, very intriguing and hilarious. I stayed at their place for just 6 weeks, but I will never ever forget about them.

Since then I've been with two other host families, the Potts and the Miegels, where I still am now. I've been very lucky with my host families, because they all have been so lovely, caring and much fun. It's been an amazing opportunity to live life as part of the family rather than as an intruder and experience the true Aussie lifestyle.

I might say that the school (CHS) has been the adventure of the whole adventure! I remember I couldn't sleep the night before the first day. I was so scared and nervous to meet all my peers and especially I was tormented by the thought that I would have been alone without any friends, but everything sorted out happily and now I "love" going to school just to see all my friends.

My host parents and other Rotarians took me to lots of different and new places and I have also been camping with friends. I've been lucky enough to have the best three weeks of my life during the Safari (Rock To Reef) with my fellow exchange students. We went to lots of interesting places and to the most iconic sites of Australia, such as Sydney, Uluru and the Great Barrier Reef and we created lifelong friendships.

This Saturday, my (real) parents are coming to Australia for two weeks. They know I really don't want to leave my new country and that's why they're coming: they want to make sure I will go home! I'm very excited to see them after a whole year, but I'm very sad at the same time, because it means that my exchange is over and I'll head home with them. I'm looking forward for you to meet them at the change over dinner next Thursday and I apologise in advanced for their bad English.

When I'm back at home, I'll have lots of study to do in order to catch up all the topics my fellow classmates have done at school while I was here. It's going to be hard, but I'm sure I'll enjoy my study knowing that studying a whole year of high school in just a month and a half has been totally worth it, after my fantastic year in Australia.

I would like to thank Rotary for the amazing and unforgettable opportunity it has given to me, because without it I would still be at home with my all-day very boring life so I must say that Rotary has saved me. I would do this over and over again.

I will never ever forget about you all and you will always have a special place in my heart.

THANK YOU!

## Dates to Remember –

June 28<sup>th</sup> - District Change Over - RSVP June 22 [www.rotary9790.org.au](http://www.rotary9790.org.au)

June 30<sup>th</sup> - Early bird registrations close 2016 Conference in Bendigo  
Click on the link below for details  
<http://rotary9790.org.au/SitePage/conference->

July 5<sup>th</sup> - Federation Market

## Rib Ticklers –

### Before MakeUp



### After MakeUp

Three Irishmen working up on a mobile phone tower: Paddy, Sean and Murphy. As they start their descent, Paddy slip, falls off the tower and is killed instantly.. As the ambulance takes the body away, Sean says, "Well bugger me, someone's go to go and tell Paddy's wife."

Murphy says, "OK, I'm pretty good at that sensitive stuff, I'll do it."

Two hours later he comes back with a case of beer. Sean says, "Where'd you get the beer, Murphy?"

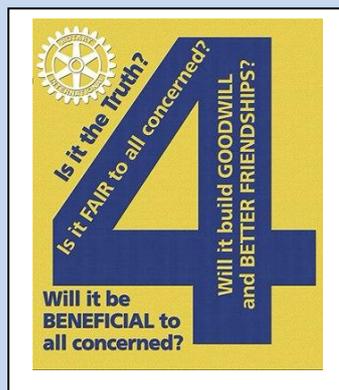
"Paddy's wife gave it to me." Murphy replies.

"That's unbelievable, you told the wife her husband was dead and she gave you a case of beer?"

Well, not exactly", Murphy says. "When she answered the door, I said to her "You must be Paddy's widow."

She said, "You must be mistaken. I'm not a widow." Then I said, "I'll bet you a case of beer you are."

**The Irish are good at that sensitive stuff!**



## The 2014-15 Inbound Youth Exchange Students ...

It's almost time to say good-bye ... no ... farewell...until we meet again.  
Don't miss Susi's Farwell presentation this wee.



## Rotary Convention 2016



Goodbye Sao Paulo, Brazil.....Hello Seoul, Korea.

Don't miss out on next year's convention in Seoul, Korea! Find out more about this amazing city and register now: <http://2016.riconvention.org/en/seoul>

## Sergeant-at-arms

Please remember to notify the Sergeant at Arms, Paul Mowlam if you can't attend our weekly meetings.

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## Programs

Meeting	July 2	July 2	July 9
Venue	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL
Program	Assembly No Guests Please	Chris Johnston Corowa High School	T.B.A.
Chairman	John Law	Ian Brooks	Graham Brown
Treasurer	Alan Wilson	Stephen Apps	Ian Brooks
Rotary Grace	Dave Talbot	Alan Wilson	Stephen Apps
Loyal Toast	Howard Scheetz	Dave Talbot	Alan Wilson
International Toast	Robyn Rhodes	Howard Scheta	Dave Talbot
Rotary Information	Oliver Raschke	Robyn Rhodes	Howard Scheta
Sergeants Help	Gary Poidevin	Oliver Raschke	Robyn Rhodes

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