

Rotary Club of Corowa

"Service before self – he profits most who serves best"

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ROMAC

Peter Lee and Carol Broune spoke to our meeting to tell us about ROMAC.

ROMAC is the acronym for "**Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children**" and is a combined Australia and New Zealand Multi District Rotary initiative. ROMAC has been in operation for over 25 years.

Mission Statement

To provide specialist treatment for children, from developing countries, in the form of life saving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country

ROMAC was commenced out of the actions of a single Rotarian, Barrie Cooper OAM in March 1988, when as a member of the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat in Victoria, visited Lambasa in Fiji with a group of Australian surgeons.

They found the child mortality rate as high as 25% in some places and quickly identified that lack of medical and surgical facilities and skills for children of the island nations, was a major cause.

Rotary faced the challenge to assist an 18-year-old Fijian girl whose right leg was threatened if immediate surgery was not performed.

During the next four years, eight children were brought to Australia by the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat for major, often lifesaving surgery.

Soon 20 Rotary clubs were caught up in the success of each case and assisted in various ways.

ROMAC quickly went about harnessing assistance from medical experts, hospitals, nurses, physiotherapists, pathology and radiology services, airlines, sponsors and other supporters. ROMAC was making a difference, ROMAC was Giving Life to children who had no hope!

Today ROMAC is Giving Life to around 50 children every year – we are making a huge difference in the lives of these small Island Countries.

ROMAC is able to provide Life Giving surgery to children and babies of our nearest Island neighbors because of the support and generosity of Rotarians and Rotary Clubs throughout the Rotary Districts of Australia and New Zealand. Rotarians and Rotary Clubs can: -

- Request your International Committee to allocate \$2,000 each year to ROMAC – it is not a big amount, but if every Club donated that each year to ROMAC, we would 'Give Life' to another 50 children every year!



- Fundraise through club activities like a trivia night. ROMAC can supply the format, questions and support which will not only add a great social day or evening to your Club's social calendar, but everyone participating has the joy of helping 'Give Life' to a child who would otherwise have no hope.

Working together we can achieve miracles!



ROMAC teamed up with the new Global Program at Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, and Children's First Foundation to not only save a life but to make a whole new future for Tina. Celestina (Tina) Dias was born with a rare condition called Ellis van Creveld syndrome. Typical signs of this disease are abnormalities in the heart, abnormal formation of the limbs and an extra finger. Tina had all three of these, but only her heart condition was life-threatening so ROMAC paid for her heart surgery as the very first patient to be treated under the new Global

Program at Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. Tina had an Atrial Septal Defect (ASD) repaired and after only six days in hospital she was discharged.

Dinner Cruise on Lake Mulwala

February 11 meeting is to be a dinner cruise on the Paradise Queen in Yarrawonga, leaving the Lakeside at 7.00pm, The cost is \$35 for a 2 course meal. I am not sure of travel arrangements yet but possibly carpooling.

Ride to Conference

We have 6 members involved in Ride to Conference, being Craig, Don and Graham on the ride and Margaret, Maureen and Neil on the resource team.

This will be the eighth Ride to Conference and is a project of our Club to raise funds for Rotary Charities. This year it is Australian Rotary Health. Funds raised will go to help fund an indigenous scholarship and for research scholarships in mental health. Over the last 7 years over \$100,000 has been raised. This year's route is 675kms, starting in Bendigo and overnighting in Moama, Barham, Charlton, Stawell and Maryborough before returning to Bendigo.

Graham is taking donations at our meetings or our meetings or you can donate by Direct deposit to -

Australian Rotary Health
BSB: 112 879
ACC: 06543395
Reference RTC D9790



Attendance

With nineteen members present and 6 apologies we had a member attendance of 67.56%. Our guests for the evening were our Honorary Members Janet and Robert.

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THINK ABOUT ROTARY**

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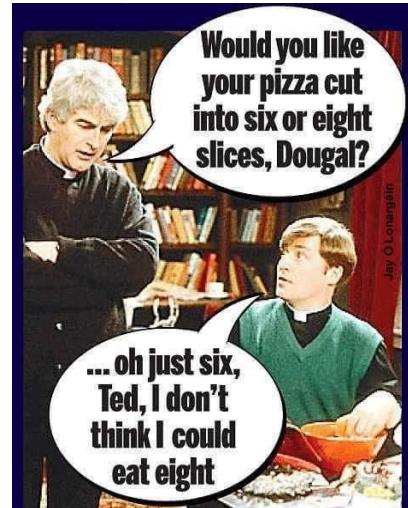
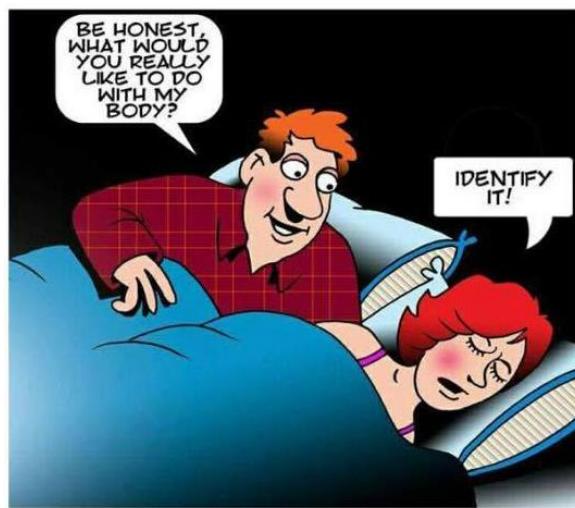
An Englishman, Scotsman and an Irishman in a psychology class.

The teacher asks the Englishman "What is the of joy?" and he says "sorrow"

He asks the Scotsman "What is the opposite of depression?" and he says "happiness".

He asks Paddy "What is the opposite of woe?" and Paddy replies "Giddy-up"

Missus text me at work stating "Windows frozen, won't open."
I texted back; "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it."
Missus texts back 5 minutes later; "Computer really wrecked now."



AN IRISHMAN'S FIRST DRINK WITH HIS GRANDSON



While reading an article last night about grandfathers and grandsons, memories came flooding back to the time I took my grandson out for his first pint.

Off we went to our local pub only two blocks from our house.

I got him a Guinness. He didn't like it, so I drank it.

Then I got him a Kilkenny's; he didn't like that either, so I drank it.

Finally, I thought he might like some Harp Lager? He didn't. So I drank it.

I thought maybe he'd like whiskey better than beer, so we tried a Jameson's; nope!

In desperation, I had him try that rare Redbreast, Ireland's finest. He wouldn't even smell it. What could I do but drink it!

By the time I realized he just didn't like to drink, I was so drunk, I could hardly push his stroller back home.

Food for Thought

Claire Scott from the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise writes,

"How do we engage more effectively with young people?

There's no guaranteed formula for attracting young people to Rotary, but as a "younger" Rotarian myself, I think these are the basic requisites for attracting the next generation:

1. Be flexible. Take a holistic view about how members serve and don't police attendance.
2. Be fun. Formulaic meetings and rigid formalities are a bore and, for some, plain offensive.
3. Be affordable. Keep fees to a minimum and try to hold meetings separate to meals.
4. Be active. Younger people want to get their hands dirty, not write cheques.
5. Be open to doing things differently. If your club is attached to the way it does things now, or has members who resist change, consider establishing a satellite club.
6. Don't be ageist. Respect the knowledge and experience of younger members and don't assume they'll be your social media officer.
7. ACTUALLY ASK YOUNG PEOPLE. Don't expect them to come to you. It's no longer good enough to look for members among your professional and social networks
– ask your kids or junior colleagues to get involved and bring their friends.
8. Finally, try to bring in a group of younger people in a batch so they feel they have peers in the club.

Apologies

If you do not put in an apology, you will be charged for the dinner, as the Club is charged for your dinner.

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Programs

Meeting	February 11, 2016	February 18, 2016	February 25, 2016
Venue	Yarrawonga	Corowa RSL	TBA
Program	Paradise Queen	TBA	TBA
Chairman	G Campbell	W Cann	N Davis
Treasurer	D Burrowes	G Campbell	W Cann
Rotary Grace	M Brown	D Burrowes	G Campbell
Loyal Toast	G Brown	M Brown	D Burrowes
International Toast	I Brooks	G Brown	M Brown
Rotary Information	S Apps	I Brooks	G Brown
Sergeants Help	A Wilson	S Apps	I Brooks

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Rotary Wine Packs.



Fortified wine pack order form (Within Australia only)

Email orders to johnrlaw@dodo.com.au

Name: _____

Delivery Address: _____

City Town: _____

State: _____ Post Code: _____

Contact Number: _____

Special Delivery Instructions: _____

	Price	Qty	Total
Fortified Wine Pack	\$60.00		
Postage & Handling (Traceable Post Pack)	\$10.00		
Total			

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Cheques made payable to Rotary Club of Corowa
Credit Card Payments, please complete this authority
Card Type – (circle) VISA, MASTERCARD

Card number _____ Exp _____ / _____

Card Holder Name _____

Card Holders Signature _____

DECLARATION: This wine has not been purchased for resale by a licensed person or their representative. I am over 18 years of age.

Signed: _____

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