

# Rotary Club of Corowa

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



**2015-16  
President  
John Law**

**District Governor  
Richard Luke**

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Ravindran**

**Program & Roster**

**March 3, 2016**

**ABC Radio  
BBQ at Sumsion  
Gardens  
6.00 for 6.30**

**Take the Lincoln  
Causeway turn from  
the Freeway to  
Wodonga and then the  
second turn to right  
(Huon St) to Sumsion  
Gardens.**

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## **Sisters for Sisters – BBQ Fundraiser**

In April 2016 three sisters will set out on a journey of 10 days walking from Corowa NSW to Ferntree Gully to raise money for Breast Cancer Network Australia.

**Why???**...our sister in law in Melbourne is battling secondary breast cancer, we are walking to her. She has a great support network of her husband, our brother, and many good friends but family is all hours away or overseas as her family live in England.

Rotarian Maureen is going on the trek with them as far as Euroa and she has received great support from her fellow Rotarians and others.



Their chef had plenty of sausages and onions on the go bright and early and although we didn't have many members present, his efforts were certainly appreciated by everyone.

Some members who were not able to attend the night called in and paid for dinner anyway to support this worthy cause.

The final amount of our donation was \$500. We wish you the best of luck on this venture and safe travels.

Some snaps of our group socializing, working out the high finances and organizing next week's program.



## Rotary Conference

Rotary District 9790 Conference 2016 was its usual great success with Bendigo being at its best with bright sunshine all weekend. Ten of our members attended the Conference and understandably our members who rode to Conference took a well-earned rest and headed home.

There were many highlights and I thought I could report on a few.

Of course our Ride to Conference team riding in on Thursday to be met by District Governor Richard Luke was the first of many.

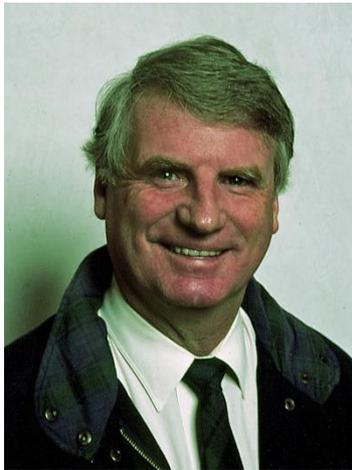
Margaret and Graham would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of Team Corowa on the Ride to Conference last week. "The week was very successful .... and in no small way due to the wonderful support given by Neil and Maureen. Many thanks to you both."

As reported on stage in the ARH segment at Conference, although we have not an exact figure as yet, we anticipate the total monies raised for ARH will be in the realm of just under \$20,000.



Other activities on Thursday included golf, bowls, cycling and walks followed in the evening with the Sports Dinner. Speakers were Caroline Wilson and Graham "Smokey" Dawson.

Friday commenced with the usual opening ceremonies and welcomes and then presentations by Dr Bruce Anderson (Polio Eradication), segments on ROMAC, Interplast and Operation Cleft. President John was very impressed with the Operation Cleft campaign.



Doug Acton, who currently hosts 3AK's Drive Time program, was a very entertaining speaker giving us some insights into many people he has interviewed throughout his time as a journalist.

He finished off telling us about an invitation he received from Queen Elizabeth to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace along with a group of African tribal men. They all formed a circle to meet the Queen and Prince Phillip, all of these black men wearing only sarongs or loin cloths and all carrying spears along with Doug Acton in his 3-piece lounge suit. The Queen and Prince went in opposite directions to greet everyone and finally crossed over at Mr Acton, at which time Prince Phillip smiled and said "Doctor Livingstone, I presume!"

Friday night, all ten members of our club who attended the Conference enjoyed a club dinner at Mr Beebe's, in central Bendigo, with a delightful meal and some very good wines.

This was just the beginning of a very pleasant weekend.

Saturday morning started very early with the President's Breakfast, of which both Meredith and John thought was not up to the standard of the breakfasts that we have catered for at our many functions.



Saturday saw another Rotary Segment by Shelter Box, Disaster Aid and Aqua Box.

This was followed by a very interesting presentation from Peace Scholar Stephanie Wollard, who is the founder and director of Seven Women.

Seven Women works with the disabled and underprivileged people of Nepal to socially and economically empower men and women through skills training and increased opportunity. Distributing quality, fair trade, handmade products across Australia, Seven Women has the vision to empower people in communities around the world.

The people in this village photo are from the Tamang ethnic group which is one of the largest ethnic groups in Nepal, but also one of the most disadvantaged both socially and economically, being very traditional widows are thought to be bad luck in Nepalese society, but it is Tamang widows, single mothers and women with disabilities who face the most discrimination and their own communities often see them as a burden.



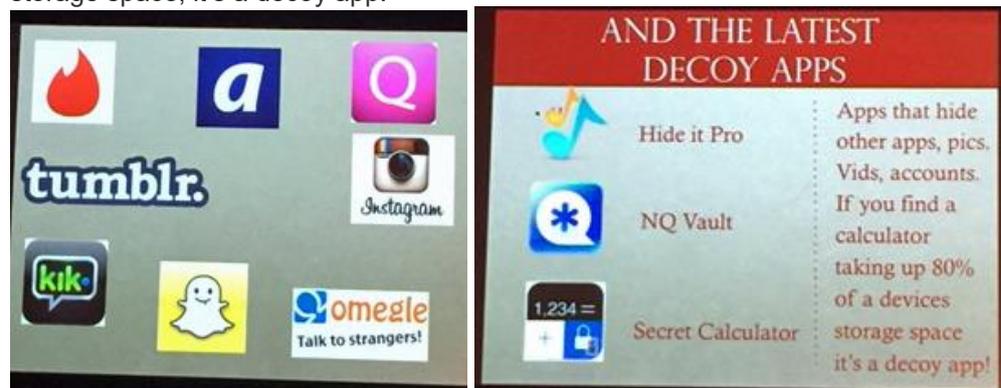
Seven Women have also set up a literacy education program. The power of literacy should never be underestimated. Soon these women will be able to build up the self-belief and confidence that they need to live a better life.



Another very good speaker was Susan McLean “Cyber Cop”. She is Australia’s foremost expert on cyber safety and young people and was a member of the Victoria Police for 27 years.

A straight shooter, Susan didn’t leave any doubt as to the trouble young people can get into on the internet, from sexting to cyberbullying to becoming a target for pedophiles through different apps and sites that are available online today.

Pictured below are some apps that can get kids into trouble, especially “kik” and “omegie” and the second photo are the latest decoy apps that are used to hide other apps, pictures and videos. “if you find a calculator taking up 80% of a devices storage space, it’s a decoy app.”



There lots of other good speakers too, maybe next week I will tell you about them.

### **Conference 2017**

Conference 2017 will be held at Shepparton and hosted by the Rotary Club of Greensborough Central. It will be held at Riverlinks Eastbank Centre from 16 – 19 March 2017. Guest speaker include Sue Noble, Ahmed Kelly, Jacqui Cooper, Lynton Allan Anj Barker and Brendan Nottle.

Unfortunately this event may clash with our KVE obligations for 2017.

## Save the Date

March 6<sup>th</sup> Federation Market  
March 12<sup>th</sup> Official opening of Tree of Life Community Garden (see following # Note)  
March 13<sup>th</sup> Race Gates  
March 19<sup>th</sup> KVE  
March 26<sup>th</sup> Billy Cart Market  
March 27<sup>th</sup> Federation Market (Easter)  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> Federation Market

# Note



The official opening of the Corowa Community Garden will be held between 2pm – 3.30 pm on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to attend this function, please RSVP to P.O. Box 267 Corowa 2646 by March 5<sup>th</sup>.



## Meredith's Rosters

### Federation Market 6<sup>th</sup> March

Set up – Gary, Graeme C, Paul & Neil  
From 7.30am – Gary, John, Graeme C, Neil, Paul & Meredith  
From 10.30am – John, Graeme C, Wally, Ian, Robyn, Gail.

### Race Gates Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> March

Time to be advised – I have left a message at the race club to find out what time.  
Front Gate: Ian, Norman, **(need 1 more)**  
Horse Gate: Maureen, **(need 1 more)**  
Race Books: **(need 1 more)**  
Graeme C and Howard may be available.

### KVE Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> March

**Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Taking everything down to the Showground, setting up the tents and putting the tables, chairs, esky, Bain Marie and BBQ's in the shed there overnight last year made it an easier start to the day the next morning. We have our new trailer and cool room so it will be much easier this year!!  
Paul, Meredith, **(need at least 2 more people)**

Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> March: **We need 13 people, about half of which will need to start at about 7am to set up, others could come around 8am to be ready for the breakfast rush just after nine.**

7am John, Paul, Meredith,  
8am Gail,

### Easter Saturday Market in Church Street – 26<sup>th</sup> March

Gary and John have this covered.

### Easter Sunday Market at Bangerang Park – 27<sup>th</sup> March

Set-Up – **need 4 people**  
From 7.30am – **need another 2 people if the first 4 stay**  
From 10.30am – Gail **need 5 people**

### Easter Egg Hunt and BBQ at RSL Park – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am to 1 pm

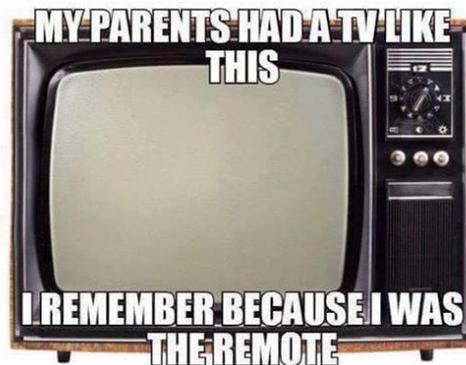
Meredith, Paul, Stephen, **(need one more, preferably with a ute to transport the BBQ's)**

## A Grandson for David & Di



Our congratulations go to David and Di Potts, who have become Grandparents for the first time. Their daughter Sherryn has delivered a baby boy named Fletcher.

## Rib Ticklers



THE CURRENT BANKING CRISIS EXPLAINED BY AN IRISHMAN.

Young Paddy bought a donkey from a farmer for €100.

The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day.

The next day he drove up and said, 'Sorry son, but I have some bad news. The donkey's died.'

Paddy replied, 'Well then just give me my money back.'

The farmer said, 'Can't do that. I've already spent it.'

Paddy said, 'OK, then, just bring me the dead donkey.'

The farmer asked, 'What are you going to do with him?'

Paddy said, 'I'm going to raffle him off.'

The farmer said, 'You can't raffle a dead donkey!'

Paddy said, 'Sure I can. Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead.'

A month later, the farmer met up with Paddy and asked, 'What happened with that dead donkey?'

Paddy said, 'I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at €2 each and made a profit of €898'

The farmer said, 'Didn't anyone complain?'

Paddy said, 'Just the guy who won. So I gave him his €2 back.'

Paddy now works for the Bank of Ireland..

**A husband and wife had been arguing all day. They pass a herd of jackasses. The wife says "relatives of yours?" Husband says, "yep in laws."**



## Operation Cleft

**Operation Cleft is a unique Rotary project that provides free cleft repair surgery for underprivileged children in Bangladesh.**

Because cleft repair surgery is not covered under Bangladesh's overburdened public health care system, thousands of children grow to adulthood with this condition untreated.

Because of the way they look, these children are ostracized by society. Many suffer from ear, nose and throat infections as well as depression and malnutrition.

By surgically repairing their cleft lip and/or palate, we are providing them with an opportunity to lead a normal life, to get an education, to build a social network and to reach their full potential as contributing members of their community.

**And the cost of each operation – just \$AUD300.**

Operation Cleft also supports the development of speech and language therapy. The service is relatively new to Bangladesh and is limited mainly to Dhaka. Our focus is on making speech therapy more accessible and to promoting it as a post-operative program to achieve best outcomes, particularly in young children after a cleft palate repair.

**Why Bangladesh?** Bangladesh is one of the most densely populated countries in the world. Of the 160 million people living in approximately 144,000 square kms, around 40% live on or below the poverty line.

Surgeons are not flown in from other countries, instead we contract a team of highly qualified Bangladeshi Plastic surgeons to each do ten cleft repair operations a month.

## 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

**No Meeting Easter Thursday, March 24th**

Please Organize your own replacement if you are not available

Meeting	March 10, 2016	March 17, 2016	March 31, 2016
Venue	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL
Program	Graham Brown	Jane Reynolds	TBA
Chairman	P Miegel	C McLean	J McLean
Treasurer	M Miegel	P Miegel	C McLean
Rotary Grace	N Davis	M Miegel	P Miegel
Loyal Toast	W Cann	N Davis	M Miegel
International Toast	G Campbell	W Cann	N Davis
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Special Delivery Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**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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