



**2015-16**

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June 30, 2016

**Change Over**

**Corowa RSL Club**

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**Maureen & Norm O'Flaherty – Danube Cruise**

Norman & Maureen travelled from Adelaide to embark on a river cruise spending 7 nights cruising aboard the MS Monarch Empress along the Danube River sailing from Budapest, Hungary to Regensburg, Germany.



The cruise embarked in Budapest, with a first night welcome dinner and then set sail to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, which has a mix of modern and Baroque architecture. The city retains a rich history dating back more than 2000 years. Some of the highlights of the city as they walked along the cobblestone lanes (Norm's pet hate) of the historic town Centre were St Martins Cathedral, the 13<sup>th</sup> century Old Town Hall and the Franciscan Church.

This little brass sewer worker in Bratislava took Norm's fancy with the ability to glance up the lady's skirts all day long.



The next day was the romantic Vienna, home of the lavish Hofburg Palace, Vienna Opera House, Schonbrunn Palace (once the summer residence of the Hapsburgs) and home of the famous Vienna Spanish Lipizzaner Horses.

Norm and Maureen were able to sneak into the rehearsal halls and see these beautiful horses in action. Two of Vienna most famous citizens were Mozart & Strauss.



Then it was overnight to the Bavarian village of Durnstein, one of the prettiest towns on the Danube, a beautiful village in the heart of the Wachau wine district with lots more cobbled laneways, and then continuing cruising through the scenic Wachau Valley, with lovely storybook views of vineyards, castles, hilltop ruins and monasteries.

Later in the day, it was on to Melk viewing the historic Benedictine Abbey, considered one of the finest examples of Baroque architecture in Europe.



An early morning cruise into Linz (close to the hometown of one of our former exchange students, Anna Zochbauer). Linz has cultivated a strong artistic tradition, especially in the field of music. With plenty of time for Maureen to go walking and spending a bit of time shopping, some of the sites to see were St. Mary's Cathedral and Linz Castle or for Norman to relax in a cafe sampling the famous Linzer torte and coffee and enjoy a spot of people watching.

Passau was the next stop along the beautiful Danube, this 2500-year-old city is well known for its pastel patrician houses, cafes, cobblestone lanes and riverfront promenade, and has a mix of Roman, Italian Baroque and Gothic architecture.

Finally arriving in Regensburg, one of Germany's largest and best preserved medieval cities designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Highlights are the city's stunning architecture viewing the Old Town Hall, the Dom St. Peter, and the Porta Praetoria, gateway to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD also many beautiful churches and one of the oldest stone bridges crossing the Danube.



Norman was able to arrange a Rotary meeting on board the ship for 9 people, with 1 being from Nova Scotia, 2 Canadians, 2 Americans and 2 other Aussies enjoying the meeting.

Norman says the experience was wonderful and would not hesitate taking another European River Cruise. Maureen is wondering about a Tulip trip to Amsterdam.

## Pride of Workmanship



President John was delighted to present Annette Akrap with a Pride of Workmanship Award. Annette's attention to detail setting up our dinners, her patience with our late apologies and acceptances and for her courteous and friendly service throughout our dinner meetings.

Annette is heading off for a well-earned holiday overseas and we all wish her happy and safe travels.

## Friends of Rotary

President John also had the pleasure of inducting our first Friends of Rotary, being Chris and Cheryle Gillard.

Chris is the former General Manager of Corowa Shire Council and is currently the Interim General Manager of the new Federation Council. The heavy workload Chris has at the moment prevents him making the commitment to join Rotary in full but he and Cheryle are happy to give a helping hand when required.



*Pictured are Chris & Cheryle with their sponsors Paul & Meredith Miegel and Gail Law.*

## Save the Date

- **June 30** – Corowa Rotary Club Change Over
- **July 2** - Corowa Apex Club Handover Dinner
- **July 3** – Federation Market
- Coordinators- John & Gary,  
7.30-10.30 Neil, Graeme C, Meredith & Paul  
10.30-1.30 David T, Maureen, Howard, Cheryle & Chris

A special thanks to Cheryle & Chris, our Friends of Rotary for volunteering.

- **July 5** – Race Gates  
Neil & Maureen
- **Aug 4** – D.G.'s Visit - Tony Bramly and Pam.

Pam's has chosen as her charity for the 2016-2017 Rotary Year.

“Orange Sky Laundry”.

I am sure will tell us more about it during the DG's visit.

## Attendance

Our membership now stands at 25 members as unfortunately, over the last few weeks we have lost 3 members from our club.

Oliver has been on 12 months leave due to work commitments and was hoping things would ease off but he is busier now than ever and has had to tender his resignation to the Board. He is hopeful that things will settle down at work in the future and he will be welcomed back into the fold.



Janet & Chris have also tendered their resignations due to Chris ill health of late and they would like to do a bit of travelling while they are still able.

All of our members will miss these three and we wish them all the very best for the future.



I will send them a copy of our Bulletin each week, along with our friends of Rotary, to keep them up to date with the Club's happenings and with the hope they may wish to attend or help out with any functions that take their interest.

We had 76% attendance at our dinner this week with 6 apologies from our current 25 members.

## Winners are Grinners



Our barrel girl for the night Maureen, with the able assistance of the evening's Chairman Paul Mowlam, had an interesting and different way of drawing the "Chook Lotto" balls for the evenings raffles.

Howard was drawn to try his luck at "Cut the Cards" for the Rotary 3 Pack but alas it was just not his night.



Ray was the lucky winner of this week's President's Muscat. He should be a grinner with this wonderful bottle of winter warmer to keep the chills at bay on these colder nights.

## Rotary Information

Howards Rotary Information for the evening slotted in well with his portfolio of "Foundation". Pressing members to help create lasting change in communities around the world. Rotary is especially dedicated to ending polio in our lifetimes and Rotary members have persevered in this fight since 1979 and have now helped eradicate polio in all but 3 countries worldwide.

When you give to Rotary, you support the work we do in your community and around the world.

Over the past year, Rotary and its partners achieved historic gains toward a polio free-world. We need to continue immunizing until the last country is certified polio-free thereafter.

The latest victory comes from Africa, where the last reported case of polio caused by the wild poliovirus in August 2014. If there are no new cases, the WHO can certify Africa as polio-free in 2017. Despite such impressive gains, the job is not yet finished around the world it is still stubbornly hanging on in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

***As long as the virus remains anywhere in the world it is only a plane ride away.***

## Rib Ticklers



A Fella awakes from surgery after an awful accident!

Doctor says, I got some good news & bad news, which would you like first?

Fella says, break the bad news to me first doc, get it out the way!!

Doc says, I'm extremely sorry, but we had to amputate both feet!

Fella says, oh' Christ!!!!!! What's the good news?

Doc said, the guy in the bed opposite wants to buy your slippers!



Four old-timers were playing their weekly game of golf. One remarked how nice it would be to wake up on Christmas morning, roll out of bed and without an argument go directly to the golf course, meet his buddies and play a round. His buddies all chimed in said, "Let's do it! We'll make it a priority - figure out a way and meet here early, Christmas morning."

Months later, that special morning arrives, and there they are on the golf course. The first guy says, "Boy this game cost me a fortune! I bought my wife a diamond ring that she can't take her eyes off of."

The second guy says, "I spent a ton too. My wife is at home planning the cruise I gave her. She was up to her eyeballs in brochures."

The third guy says "Well my wife is at home admiring her new car, reading the manual."

They all turned to the last guy in the group who is staring at them like they have lost their minds.

"I can't believe you all went to such expense for this golf game. I slapped my wife on the bum and said, 'Well babe, Merry Christmas! It's a great morning - *golf* course or *intercourse*?'"

She said, "Don't forget your hat."

**WRITE GROCERY LIST.  
LEAVE GROCERY LIST ON THE  
TABLE AT HOME. BUY A BUNCH  
OF SHIT YOU DON'T NEED.  
REPEAT.**



Paddy says to Mick, "I'm getting circumcised tomorrow."  
Mick says, "I had that done when I was a few days old."  
Paddy asks, "Does it hurt?"  
Mick says, "Well I couldn't walk for about a year."

## Sneak Peek at Rotary 2016-2017



### 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	July 7	July 14	July 21
Venue	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL
Program	Assembly	Zoe Downing Youth Exchange	Clarece Giersch Fred Taylor Scholarship
Chairman	Meredith	Graeme C	Don
Treasurer	Ian	Gail	Margaret
Rotary Grace	Stephen	Ian	Graham B
Loyal Toast	Alan	Stephen	Ian
International Toast	David P	Alan	Stephen
Rotary Information	David T	David P	Alan
Sergeants Help	Howard	David T	David P

**Please Organize your own replacement if you are not available.**

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## Rotary Wine Packs.



### Fortified wine pack order form

(Within Australia only)

Email orders to [johnrlaw@dodo.com.au](mailto: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		
<b>Total</b>			

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