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## Murray Darling Wetlands – Sarah Ning & Natasha Lappin



For over 20 years, the Murray Darling Wetlands Working Group Ltd. (and its predecessor NSW Murray Wetlands Working Group Inc.) has worked on wetlands throughout the Murray-Darling Basin and what an insight into the wetlands we had this week at Rotary.

Natasha & Sarah informed us of the works of the Group, a not for profit organisation, whose mission is to rehabilitate degraded wetlands and improve the management of wetlands throughout the Murray and Lower Murray Darling catchments in NSW, by linking community involvement with best scientific understanding.

Wetlands are often thought of as permanent lakes and lagoons. However, most inland Australian wetlands are ephemeral: they are wet for only part of the time and dry periodically. The ecology of the native wetland plants and animals is adapted to this cycle of flooding and drying, and in many cases, is dependent of this cycle to regenerate and sustain the broad diversity of wetland life.



Wetlands are highly diverse and productive ecosystems. They are also critical for conservation of biodiversity and ecological productivity.

The temporary nature of many inland wetlands creates a broad range of habitats which change over periodic cycles of flooding and drying.



More permanent wetlands provide drought refuges for itinerant wetland fauna.

Wetlands are also essential breeding and nursery areas for native fish, crustaceans and waterbirds.

Wetlands are socially important for: education, scientific research, recreation, tourism, cultural and heritage values, landscape and aesthetic values.

**Program & Roster  
Oddfellows Hall**

**October 27, 2016**

**Carpe Diem  
at the  
Oddfellows Hall**

**5.45 for 6.00pm**

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**No Duty Roster  
This Week**

One very good reason for farmers to rehabilitate the wetlands is the fact that they can be part of a carbon storage project and at a later date there could be the possibility of claiming carbon credits.

It was also good to hear that Natasha and Sarah are both very interested in helping us with our wetlands project. There has already been some planting of natural vegetation in the area by landcare, with a great display of “billy-buttons” and some broilga have been seen in the wetlands also.



After a very interesting talk and many questions from the members, Howard presented both Sara and Natasha with a bottle of our President's Muscat. Some great brochures were also available for interested members to take home and study up on the flora and fauna of the wetlands areas.

## Winners are Grinners

Natasha and Sarah had no problems handling our “Chook-Lotto” machine and very capably drew the winners of our Raffle. It is amazing how it seems to go in cycles, with Dave Talbot winning the Muscat again for the second or third week in a row. Graeme was not so fortunate in drawing the Joker from the pack of cards, selecting the 10 of spades.



## Director's Reports

- The Karinya House BBQ was the usual success, raising \$483.65 for the Ladies Auxiliary. We also supplied the hamburgers, sausages, onions and bread for the function.
- Ride to Conference has again been organised by Graham and Margaret. It is full steam ahead for the “Strathbogie Saunter”.
- Graham visited both Chris and Pod through the week. He reported that Chris seemed to be slipping a bit and it would be nice for a few of the members to visit him, just not around meal time. Pod was his usual bright self and thought he might come along to the meeting, but Lesley reminded him that he doesn't attend our meetings anymore.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Ian Murphy Debate will be held at Cobram on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 for 6:30pm. Corowa High School will be debating against Kyabram.
- Gary offered for the club to do a BBQ at the opening of his new premises for Marshall Batteries in Wodonga on Saturday, October 29.
- We offered our best wishes to both Pauline and Gary for their belated birthdays.

We also send our very best wishes to Pod who will be turning 89 at the end of the month.



## A Message from Maureen

A big thanks to all our Rotarians who have been able to help with our busy schedule of "Community" activities.

Firstly, to Ian, Gary, Maureen and Ray for the great effort at Karinya House where we raised \$483. for the home.

Gary once again has come up with a fund raising opportunity for the club. The opening of the Marshall Battery branch at Wodonga are paying us to run the BBQ. Even with Wally and Paul flying out to America later that evening they have put their hands up to do this. I think a couple more members have offered to assist and our forever hard working Gary will be on site too.



Next we have our Federation Markets being held this Sunday 30th October.

With many members away that weekend it is a huge effort from everyone with Gary, John, Gail, David P. Howard, Ian B, Graeme C, Margaret add Graham Brown (second shift) and Robert Dickens (Janet selling raffle) all volunteering.

Then we have Melbourne Cup race day at Corowa Race Club. We need 9 Rotarians or "friends" for these duties.

The times I have are from 10am to 3pm, but horse gates people (Maureen & David Talbot) may be required earlier. I will follow through with the starting time.



We have Norman selling race books, Howard has offered to do "tickets", John can work 10-12 with Graham 12 -3 and Allan is available.

Other members are to confirm .... please check diaries as this is easy money for our club.

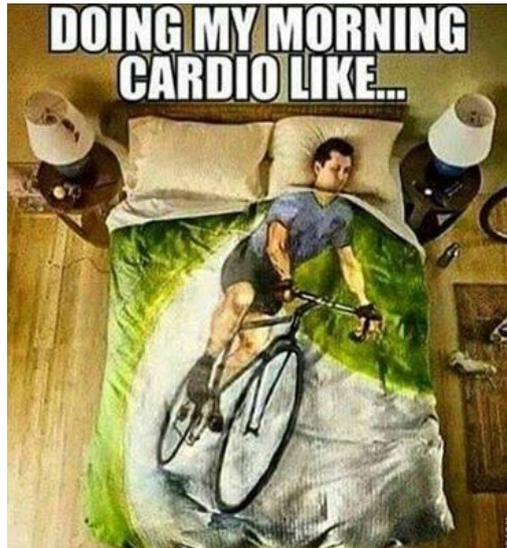
## International Toast



Gary toasted the Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio.

The Rotary Foundation Established 1917 The Rotary Foundation was the vision of Rotary International President Arch C. Klumph of Cleveland, Ohio, and was proposed at the 1917 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. The mission of the foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. A not-for-profit organization, The Rotary Foundation is supported solely by voluntary contributions. The Rotary Foundation's top priority is the eradication of polio. Rotary is close to eliminating the second leading human disease in history (after smallpox) with a 99% reduction in polio cases worldwide.

## Rib Ticklers



An elderly man in Florida had owned a large farm for several years.

He had a large pond in the back.

It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with Picnic Tables, horseshoe courts, and some orange, and lime trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over.

He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard happy voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of naked young women Skinny-Dipping in his pond.

He made all the Women aware of his presence and they all rushed and went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave, you dirty old man"..

The old man frowned, and replied "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked..

Holding up his Bucket, he said, "I'm just here to Feed the Alligator"..

Some old men can think fast !



## Rotary for Me

This week marked the start of the battle to take control of Mosul back from the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS. The city is the group's last major stronghold in Iraq. But humanitarian aid agencies have known about the military offensive, giving them an unusual opportunity to prepare for the crisis.

"It is rare for the world to get early warning of a vast human catastrophe," says Chris Warham, chief executive of ShelterBox. "The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees issued a paper in July saying this would likely be the biggest humanitarian crisis of the year — and we better get prepared."



ShelterBox, Rotary's project partner for disaster relief, and ACTED, a French nongovernmental aid agency, have teams in the city of Irbil in Iraqi Kurdistan, 53 miles (85 km) east of Mosul. They have been working since July to get aid supplies ready so they can respond quickly as the battle unfolds.

"By tomorrow, 650 of the 3,000 tents that have been deployed to Irbil will arrive," says Warham. He estimates that, without the early notice, it would have taken ShelterBox at least two and a half weeks to gather these supplies.

## Apologies

Please remember to notify the Sergeant at Arms, Ray Terrill if you can't attend our weekly meetings or if you wish to bring any guests.

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## Programs

Meeting	November 3	November 10	November 17
Venue	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL
Program	Operation Cleft Peter Lee	Lesley New	Committees
Chairman	Alan	Stephen	Meredith
Treasurer	David T	Alan	Stephen
Rotary Grace	Howard	David T	Alan
Loyal Toast	Robyn	Howard	David T
International Toast	David P	Robyn	Howard
Rotary Information	Gary	David P	Robyn
Sergeants Help	Norman	Gary	David P

*Please arrange your own replacement if you are unable to fulfill your roster duty.*

## Wine Packs



Fortified wine pack order form  
(within Australia only)

Email orders to [admin@corowarotary.org.au](mailto:admin@corowarotary.org.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>			

### 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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