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

November 10, 2016

Lesley New

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Peter Lee – Operation Cleft

Our guest speaker this week was Peter Lee. Although Peter is well known to us all as our Assistant Governor, tonight he was wearing a different hat, that as an Ambassador for Operation Cleft.

Operation Cleft is an international project of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central (District 9810 Australia)

In 2005, the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central agreed to fund a pilot program of 60 cleft repair operations at the LAMB project in Dinajpur, Bangladesh. Impressed by the simplicity and success of the initial trial, the club then decided to launch Operation Cleft as an international Rotary project. Word spread about this unique surgical intervention program and as other Rotary clubs heard about the work being done for underprivileged children in Bangladesh, they offered their support. Operation Cleft is now strongly supported by Rotary clubs across Australia.

Peter said "It is with the generous support of our team of plastic surgeons and the hospitals at which they operate, Operation Cleft is able to keep the cost of surgery to a minimum. \$300 is all that it costs to give an underprivileged child in Bangladesh a "smile for life"."



their overburdened public health care system and so thousands of children grow to adulthood with this condition untreated. Because of the way they look, these children are ostracized by society.



Why Bangladesh?

Bangladesh is a developing nation with widespread poverty. Almost half of all Bangladeshis live on less than \$1 a day so the cost of surgery is far beyond their means. Cleft repair surgery is not covered under the public healthcare system of Bangladesh because the condition is not considered life threatening under



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.

Rotary Clubs have a commitment to International Service – Supporting Operation Cleft is a great way for clubs to honor that commitment no matter how small the club. Why not make Operation Cleft your international project? Any contribution, no matter how small, will make a huge impact on the life of an

underprivileged child in Bangladesh.

Even if you are not a Rotarian, reading this Bulletin, but would like to find out more; <http://operationcleft.org.au>

Operation Cleft provides free cleft lip and palate repair surgery for underprivileged children in Bangladesh.

Where else could you change a child's life forever for just \$300?

To donate- click on the "donate" button (PayPal link) at the top of any page or download an informative brochure from the "Want to Help" page.

** Operation Cleft donations of \$2 or more are fully tax deductible in Australia.

** Most post-operative photos displayed have been taken shortly after surgery.



And why Rotary?



Rotary is a worldwide organization of business, professional and community leaders. Clubs are non-political, non-religious, and open to all. Richly rewarding, Rotary is not only a great opportunity for socializing and networking but it gives you the opportunity to give something back to the community both locally and internationally.

While developing business networking opportunities and building lifelong friendships, Rotarians experience personal growth in an organization that is respected worldwide for its high values and standards.

After the meeting, our Chairman for the night, Alan presented Peter with a bottle of our Presidents Muscat in appreciation of the time and effort he put into this very informative presentation on Operation Cleft, but judging by the look on Alan's face it appears that he would rather be taking it home himself to add to the stash that is so often lucky enough to win.



Attendance

We had fifteen members in attendance at our dinner meeting with seven apologies and two make-us giving us an attendance of 79.17%.

Ray brought along his daughter Georgie, who was a former exchange student in France. It was nice to see Georgie and Emma, our inbound exchange student comparing experiences on their exchanges and have a good laugh about it all. We also shared the company of Honorary Members Janet & Robert.



News from the Floor

Maureen thanked everyone involved in the busy weekend we had ljust finished, with our Federaton Market and the Melbourne Cup Day race meeting here in Corowa.

Howard reported that he sold 25 “Rotary Pens” at the races while selling racebooks and could have sold more if he had them available.

Maureen announced the nominating committee for next years board being Meredith Maureen and Howard.



Janet informed us that she made a profit of \$100 from her raffle at the market.

Graham informed us that the “Strathbogie Saunter” was officially a goer, with the Certificate of Currency for the insurance having come through from district.

Neil informed us that we have received the first of the dates for presentation of our school buraries, being Corowa Public School on December 9th at 11:30am.

Save the Date

- **November 23rd (Wednesday) Combined dinner with Rutherglen**
- **Dec 8th AGM**
- **Dec 18th Christmas Party on the Cumberoona Paddle Steamer**

Winners are Grinners

John was the winner of the President’s Muscat, while Norm was the lucky or is it unlucky member to try out his luck with the “Cut the Cards” Bad luck Norm only the 9 of spades. Paul is looking so pleased about that, maybe he thinks it will be his chance nex



Vale Chris Erickson

It is with great sadness that we are informed that our esteemed member Chris Erickson passed away this morning. Chris was a long-time member of the Corowa Rotary Club.

Chris joined Rotary in Deniliquin in 1969 and joined the Corowa Rotary club in 1975 when he moved to Corowa to become the Shire Clerk. He was our Club President in 1984/5 and was recognized with a Paull Harris Fellow in 1994. Chris will be sadly missed by us all.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Betty and the family.

Forever Memories Are Ours to Keep



Rib Ticklers



BAD NEWS, GOOD NEWS, THE REALLY GREAT NEWS

The day after his wife disappeared in a kayaking accident, a Kerryman, answered his door to find two grim-faced Garda officers.

"We're sorry Mr. Flynn, but we have some information about your wife," said one of the officers.

"Tell me! Did you find her?!" Cedric Flynn asked.

The Garda looked at each other. One said, "We have some bad news, some good news, and some really great news.

Which would you like to hear first?"

Fearing the worst, Mr. Flynn said, "Give me the bad news first."

The Garda officer said, "I'm sorry to tell you, sir, but this morning we found your wife's body in the bay."

"Lord sufferin' Jesus!" exclaimed Flynn. Swallowing hard, he asked, "What could possibly be the good news?"

The officer continued, "When we pulled her up, she had 12 of the best looking Atlantic Lobsters that you have ever seen clinging to her. Haven't seen lobsters like that since the 1960's, and we feel you are entitled to a share in the catch."

Stunned, Mr. Flynn demanded, "If that's the good news, then what's the great news?"

The officer replied, "We're gonna pull her up again tomorrow."



Federation Dinner and Tim Fischer Oration

John has received confirmation from Tim Fischer that he is available and has accepted to be our guest speaker for our next Federation Dinner in the Oddfellows Hall on January 27, 2017.

We have booked the hall and Neil Gorham has locked in to do the catering once again. We have also made the same arrangements with Campbell's Wines to have their wines available throughout the night.

The price this year will be \$70 per person, which includes a welcoming drink, a complementary bottle of both red & white wine and some beer on each table.

Bookings for tables of 8 can be made a Gary's Marshall Batteries, Bow St, Corowa. Phone 0490 126 311



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.

Ray can be contacted by

Phone or text on **0409 329 736**

Leave message at **0260 329 736**

or email raymondo1951@bigpond.com

Programs

Meeting	November 17	November 23	December 1
Venue	Corowa RSL	TBA	Corowa RSL Club
Program	Committees	Joint Dinner With Rutherglen	Sarah Hughes Outgoing Exchange Student
Chairman	Meredith	Graham B	Margaret
Treasurer	Stephen	Ian	Graham B
Rotary Grace	Alan	Stephen	Ian
Loyal Toast	David T	Alan	Stephen
International Toast	Howard	David T	Alan
Rotary Information	Robyn	Howard	David T
Sergeants Help	David P	Robyn	Howard

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

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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