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## Australia Day & Federation Festival Weekend 2017 – De-brief

President Meredith thanked the Club for everyone's participation over the whole event, and the willingness of everyone to assist where needed. She felt the Club members were really pulling together to make the event a great success. Although Gary carried much of the organisational burden, he was not as stressed as in previous years because of everyone's assistance.



### Australia Day

18 Club members, partners and friends travelled out on the bus to Urana for the Australia Day Ceremony. It was nice to be nominated for the Shire 'event of the year', but unfortunately we did not win. However, it was a most enjoyable day by the water and we were entertained by the Sanger Street Band and later by the Mulwala Ski Club members.

### The Federation Dinner & Tim Fischer Oration.

**Food:** We appreciated that it is difficult to present good food without a kitchen, so the dinners were reasonable. However, perhaps the potatoes could have been wrapped in foil to ensure they were fully cooked.

**Drinks:** There were some comments that the cost was a bit dear with the provision of only one free drink. Perhaps this could be adjusted next time.

**Payments / Ticket Sales:** As there were a few folk who didn't turn up, we need to ensure that tickets are paid for - or deposit taken - by a certain date so we are not out of pocket. There was a comment that the \$70 was not just for the food but for the whole event and that the Club should continue to procure speakers of a continuing high standard. Tim was able to suggest some names for future speakers.

**Speaker:** Tim was great – very entertaining – and the only cost to us was his accommodation. It should be noted that although the Club paid Kevin @ Circa, he has provided the Club with a discount and voucher for a 90 minute massage – value \$190 – which may be used as part of a future raffle prize.

### Saturday Markets & Fireworks

**Markets:** Unfortunately it was very quiet in Bangarang Park during Saturday afternoon. The number of stall holders and traders was down, as were the visitors. Numbers picked up about 7.00 pm with families coming for tea and staying to view the fireworks.

**2016-17**

**President**

Meredith Miegel

**District Governor**

Tony Bramley

**Rotary  
International  
President**

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#### Program & Roster

**Corowa RSL Club**  
6.30 for 7.00pm

**February 9, 2017**

**Will Robertson**  
**Exchange Student**

**Chairman**  
Wally

**Treasurer**  
Neil

**Grace**  
Wally

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### Suggestions:

- Perhaps the markets should only be Twilight Markets on the Saturday night, although the stall holders were commenting that Twilight Markets are generally not working
- As the Festival is a whole weekend event, we need something scheduled for the Saturday afternoon. One idea was a 'Bridge to Bridge Float' which could take place about 4 pm. Another idea was a revamp of the Duck Race.

**Fireworks:** were fabulous – a wonderful show.

- One problem was the movement of cars from the roundabout to the Council car park (and vice versa) DURING the fireworks. We need to approach the Events Committee to see what the charge is for closing the road with two barriers for the 10 minutes of the show. The same problem occurs on New Years Eve on the bridge, so this aspect could also be discussed.
- Tins collected from the Caravan Parks brought in a further \$572, and a similar tin placement on New Year's Day brought in \$150.

## **Federation Festival Parade & Sunday Markets**

**Markets:** on the Sunday were great – more stall holders and more patronage. However, there was some negative criticism re the serving of food without food handling gloves in some instances.

**Parade:**

- The movement of the floats went smoothly, with the big floats going up Edward Street and little floats towards Bangarang Park.
- The Rescue Squad reported that organisation from their end went smoothly.

**Raffle:** made a profit of \$554

**Bands:** were excellent

## **Corowa Rotary B&S Ball**

- With 750 attending, this was our biggest ball yet, and it was the best behaved crowd. Many were happy to sit on the grass during the evening and listen to the bands.
- We instigated a more efficient process of selling tickets and allocating wrist bands etc. The entry gates were shut at 11.00 am, and all attendees were asked to pay from then on. There was entertainment in the car park all afternoon.
- The Rugby Club were involved in most jobs on the evening – catering / selling the tickets / cleaning up after the event. Their only error was not handing out garbage bags with the tickets, so they had to do all the clean up themselves!
- Allannah of the Free Press took over the publicity for the event. She used Facebook and information went out to 3000 people over 18 for just \$20

## **Overall suggestions**

The Apex Train:

- **M Howard S Graeme C that Rotary pay Apex an amount (say \$300) so all rides on the train can be for free. Carried**
- **M Howard S Graeme C that Rotary sponsor all the children's activities. Carried.** This could involve free face painting, free jumping castle and free balloons made into shapes - to make the events less expensive for families, as children are the key to crowds at the market.

2018 Australia Day suggestions – As it will be a Friday, we could consider fireworks, a float down the river, an evening Australia Day presentation by the Council, dinner under the stars at the Tennis Club and ending with fireworks.

- We need to think of other activities to fill in Saturday

Tim Fischer Oration – could be held on the Thursday night in the Oddfellows Hall as a fitting and significant opening for the Festival Weekend.

*On behalf of the Club, Howard congratulated Meredith and Gary for all their hard work and to all in the Club who assisted to ensure the success of the weekend.*

*Well done to all!!*

## Congratulations

Two couples in our Club are celebrating special events this week.

Gloria and David Talbot are celebrating their Golden (50<sup>th</sup>) Wedding Anniversary and Gail and John Law are celebrating their Platinum or China (20<sup>th</sup>) Wedding Anniversary.



*Congratulations from us all!!*



## International Toast

As Gail and John are travelling to New Zealand to celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Margaret proposed an international toast to the Rotary Club of Downtown Auckland. They meet on Tuesdays at 7.15 am for 7.30 am at the Northern Club, 19 Princes Street, Auckland. The 2016-17 President is Kenneth Winstone.

## Attendance

It was lovely to welcome three of our Honorary Members tonight – Janet and Robert Dickins and Bill Bott.

With 22 members present we had an attendance of 90.91%, but no birthdays!!



## Winners are Grinners

Once again we had the phenomenon of the person who draws the raffle WINNING the raffle!!

Gary drew out his own number of 20 to win the Muscat.

Bill Bott – with number 50 – had a go at drawing the joker from the pack of cards, but he had to make do with the **10 of hearts**.

## Rotary Information

As some of our Club members are planning to attend the Rotary International Convention this year, Graham's Rotary information this week was an article promoting the Convention and sourced from 'The Rotarian' January 2017.

The article – entitled 'Convention – Southern Hospitality' – outlined some of the activities the Atlanta Host Organisation is offering at the Rotary International Convention from 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June.

The Committee has planned a wide range of activities featuring everything from good food and music to inspiring tours of local landmarks. There will be a baseball 'Strike out Polio' night at the new SunTrust Park where the Atlanta Braves will play the Philadelphia Phillies, and a 3K Walk/Run for Peace at the beautiful Centennial Olympic Park. The traditional Host Hospitality Night – which will offer food and fellowship – will take place in several metro Atlanta neighbourhoods.

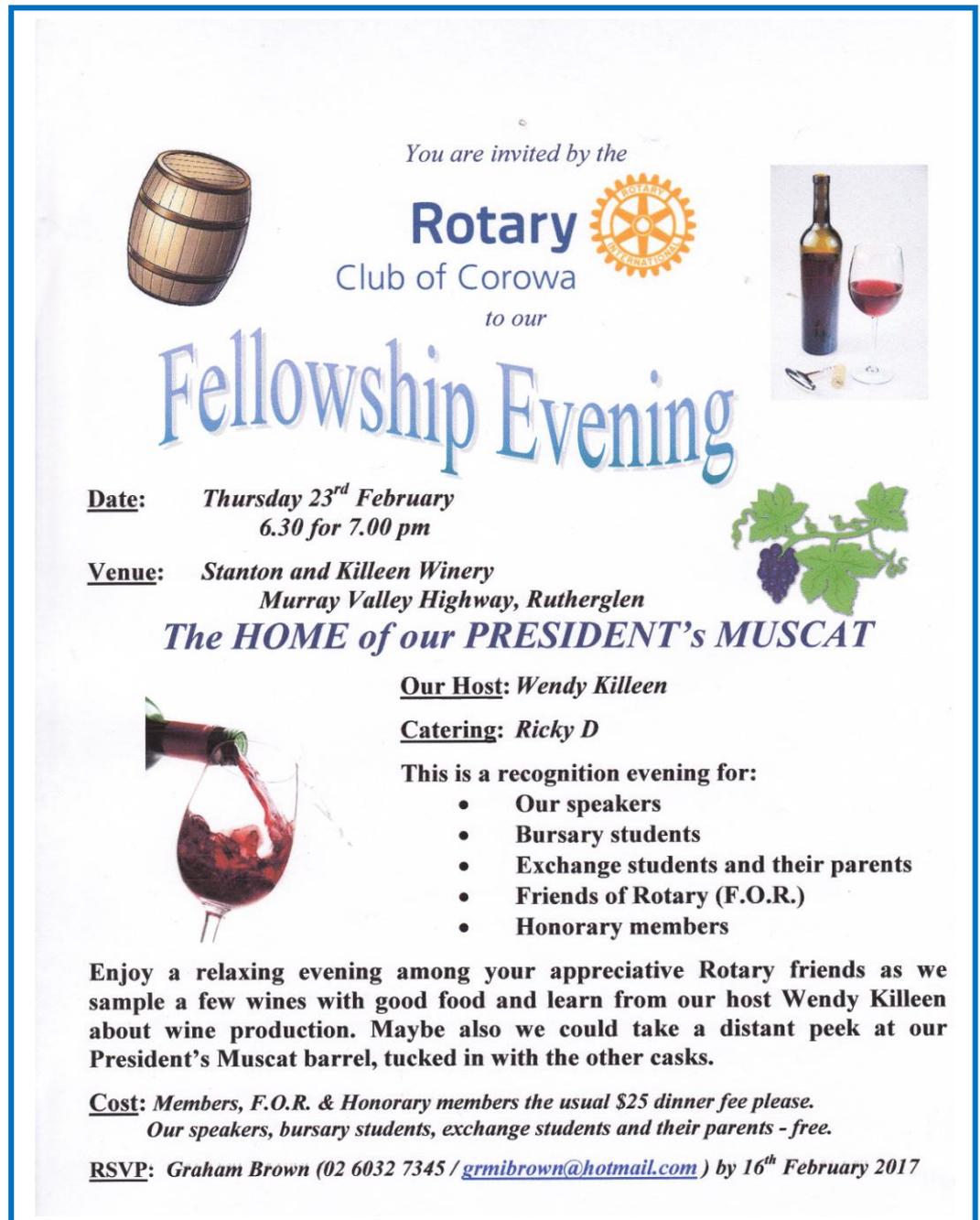
## Coming Events

### *Fellowship Evening at Stanton and Killeen Winery - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February*

For details, please refer to the flyer below.

An RSVP is set for 16<sup>th</sup> February, so could members please notify our Sergeant Ray on or by the meeting night of 16<sup>th</sup> February of any apologies and/or member's guests. Could Friends of Rotary and Honorary Members also contact Sergeant Ray by 16<sup>th</sup> if it is their intention to attend.

Graham and Ray will confer over total numbers which will be needed for catering purposes.



The flyer is enclosed in a blue border and features several images: a wooden barrel, the Rotary Club of Corowa logo, a bottle of wine and a glass, a bunch of grapes, and a glass being filled with wine. The text is arranged in a central column with decorative elements on either side.

You are invited by the

**Rotary**   
Club of Corowa  
to our

# Fellowship Evening

**Date:** *Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
6.30 for 7.00 pm*

**Venue:** *Stanton and Killeen Winery  
Murray Valley Highway, Rutherglen*

**The HOME of our PRESIDENT's MUSCAT**

**Our Host:** *Wendy Killeen*

**Catering:** *Ricky D*

**This is a recognition evening for:**

- Our speakers
- Bursary students
- Exchange students and their parents
- Friends of Rotary (F.O.R.)
- Honorary members

Enjoy a relaxing evening among your appreciative Rotary friends as we sample a few wines with good food and learn from our host Wendy Killeen about wine production. Maybe also we could take a distant peek at our President's Muscat barrel, tucked in with the other casks.

**Cost:** *Members, F.O.R. & Honorary members the usual \$25 dinner fee please.  
Our speakers, bursary students, exchange students and their parents - free.*

**RSVP:** *Graham Brown (02 6032 7345 / [grmibrown@hotmail.com](mailto:grmibrown@hotmail.com)) by 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017*

## Corowa Wetlands

Meredith, Gary and Howard have met with Sarah and Natasha from Landcare to discuss a possible grant application to the Catchment Authority. With Council support we could look at erecting a bird hide, tidy up the pathways and discuss shade over the seating. We could look to a meeting which involves a trip out to the wetlands, followed by a meal / BBQ at TBA venue.

## Rib Tickler

### *A Clever Man*

One night a small, twin-engined commercial airplane was flying over South Auckland with five people on board: the pilot, Jonah Lomu, Winston Peters, the Dali Lama and a student. Suddenly there was an explosion and the passenger cabin began to fill with smoke. The cockpit door opened and the pilot burst into the compartment. "Gentlemen, I have good news and bad news. The bad news is that we're about to crash in South Auckland. The good news is that there are four parachutes, and I have one of them." With that the pilot threw open the door and jumped from the plane. Jonah Lomu was on his feet in a flash. "Gentlemen, I am New Zealand's greatest athlete. The country needs great athletes. I think the greatest athlete should have a parachute!" With these words he grabbed one of the remaining parachutes, and hurtled through the door and into the night.

Winston Peters rose and said "Gentlemen, I am the country's cleverest man. The country needs clever men. I think NZ's cleverest man should have a parachute too." He grabbed one and out he jumped. The Dalai Lama and the student looked at one another. Finally, the Dalai Lama spoke. "My son, I have lived a satisfying life and have known the bliss of True Enlightenment. You have your life ahead of you. You take the parachute and I will go down with the plane." The student smiled slowly and said "That's awesome, your holiness, but chill out. NZ's cleverest man just jumped out wearing my backpack.

*Editorial note: if any member has a SUITABLE joke they would like published, please forward to the editor*

**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](mailto:raymondo1951@bigpond.com)

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

Meeting Date	February 16	February 23	March 2
Venue	Corowa RSL	Stanton & Killeen Winery	Corowa RSL
Program	Annie Piggin	Membership Night	Citizen of the Year Lynn Fredericks
Chairman	(John) Volunteer?	Paul Miegel	Paul Mowlam
Treasurer	(Gail) Volunteer?	John	Paul Miegel
Rotary Grace	Neil	Gail	John
Loyal Toast	Wally	Neil	Gail
International Toast	Graeme C	Wally	Neil
Rotary Information	Don	Graeme C	Wally
Sergeants Help	Graham	Don	Graeme C



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