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## Australia Day & Federation Festival Weekend 2017

The biggest weekend on our Rotary Calendar is now done and dusted, except for our debrief this week. Most of us have recovered from the hard work we put in and it is really a credit to such a small club to take on such a big endeavor. Gary, John & Meredith need to be applauded for all of their efforts.

First job off the rank was a group of 18 Rotarians and friends travelling by bus to Urana to join in the Australia Day celebrations.



Situated at the beautiful Urana Aquatic Centre, there was a cool breeze coming off the water as the proceedings got under way.

Mr Gary Dawson OAM was the Australia Day Ambassador and he gave a very stirring speech about being involved in community and fundraising. He has been around Corporate Golf and fundraising since 1988 and over the past 25 years has raised just over \$18 million. One of Gary's passionate charities is the Books in Homes Program, a literacy program he witnessed while serving as an Australia Day Ambassador in the West Arnhem Community in 2012. Gary speaks at schools every month or so and encourages kids "that it is cool to read".



I have included 2 of his quotes that can be found on the internet –  
 "The whole point is to inspire people to care – to get up and do things"  
 "If everyone did something nice for someone else every day, the world would be a better place."

Gary and John were called to the dais when it was announced that Corowa Rotary Club had been nominated as one of four entries in the "Federation Council Event of the Year"



Much to their credit, they were still able to smile when it was announced that the Mulwala Water Ski Club – Ski Show Team were the winners.

"Many thanks to our bus driver Howard."

**2016-17**

**President**

Meredith Miegel

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**Rotary International President**

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### Program & Roster

**Corowa RSL Club**  
6.30 for 7.00pm

**February 2, 2017**

### Federation Festival De-brief

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## The Federation Dinner & Tim Fischer Oration.

Eighty-three guests were entertained on the evening of Friday, January 27th at our Annual Federation Dinner and Tim Fischer Oration, held in the Oddfellows Hall in Sanger St Corowa. At \$70 a head it was very good value with a three-course meal and complimentary beer and wines, early in the evening and soft drink and water provided free of charge throughout the night.

Tim Fischer has represented Corowa in both State & Federal Parliament where he was Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the National Party. He retired from Parliament in 2001, and was the Australian Ambassador to the Holy See between 2008 and 2012.



*Did you know?  
John Monash  
was a founding  
member and  
second President  
(1922-23) of the  
Rotary Club of  
Melbourne*

As our guest speaker for the evening Tim was, as usual, very entertaining. Speaking on many facets of his expertise, starting with the flashpoints that helped build the case for Federation in 1901, comparing them to some of the clunky trade tariffs and trade choke points being proposed by Donald Trump.

We also heard of some of Tim's challenges as Minister for Trade, some years ago, when dealing with the inequalities of reciprocal trade dealings internationally and in trying to encourage fair debate about the need for free or at least more liberal trade deals.



With his evident love of railways, and the need for a "future bread ticket", Tim sees the need for both good rail and road, as well as port infrastructure in Australia but particularly seeing a need for extending the loading loop for grain at Barren Junction NSW, rebuilding a rail loop into Oakey Beef Qld. and aiding build a hub at Leigh Creek SA for inter-modal.

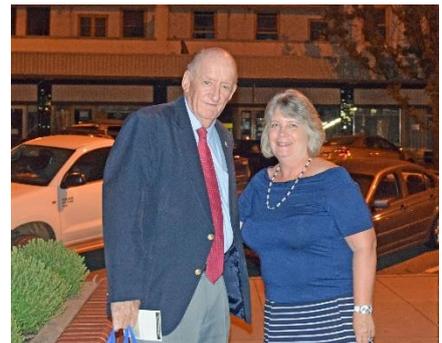
Tim very kindly signed copies of his book "Maestro John Monash" for those who purchased one of the thirty books we sold throughout the night.

Tim stayed the night at Circa 1936 and we thank Kevin and his staff for their fine hospitality, looking after him in a manner befitting such a celebrated former politician and friend of Corowa Rotary Club.

Unfortunately, Tim's wife Judy was unable to accompany him to Corowa due to health problems, but we hope to see Tim back in Corowa along with Judy in the near future.



# Photo Album from the Federation Dinner & Tim Fischer Oration.



## Federation Festival Parade, Markets & Fireworks

The Friday night market was a bit quiet, although from 7pm onwards it became a little better patronised with the community coming down to Bangerang Park in preparation to watch the Fireworks display at 9.30pm. There were lots of complimentary remarks including “this was better than Moomba” and “better than New Year’s Eve”. Special thanks to Wally for building our own paddle steamer –  
P.S. Corowa Rotary



## Corowa Rotary B&S Ball

Our B&S Ball was once again a roaring success. We have 1844 members on our Facebook page, so that equates to plenty of very happy participants.



The entertainers this year were Jade Gibson, Moonshine and Eric Lee Beddingfield.

We would not have been able to hold this event without the very capable assistance of the Corowa Cougars Rugby Club and we thank them very much.



Gary puts in an incredible effort for this event, it is his bsby, and we must be sure to show him our appreciation. *"Thanks Gary"*

## Rib Ticklers

A seaman meets a pirate in a bar, and talk turns to their adventures on the sea. The seaman notes that the pirate has a peg-leg, a hook, and an eye patch.

The seaman asks, "So, how did you end up with the peg-leg?"

The pirate replies, "We were in a storm at sea, and I was swept overboard into a school of sharks. Just as my men were pulling me out, a shark bit my leg off."

"Wow!" said the seaman. "What about your hook"?

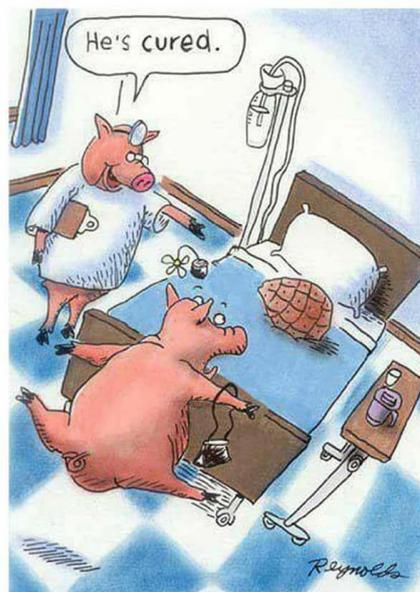
"Well", replied the pirate, "We were boarding an enemy ship and were battling the other sailors with swords. One of the enemy cut my hand off."

"Incredible!" remarked the seaman. "How did you get the eye patch"?

"A seagull dropping fell into my eye," replied the pirate.

"You lost your eye to a seagull dropping?," the sailor asked incredulously.

"Well," said the pirate, "it was my first day with my hook."



**If someone tries to shoot President Trump..will his Bodyguards shout "Donald duck"?** 😂



President Trump invited the Pope for lunch on his mega yacht, the Pope accepted and during lunch, a puff of wind blew the Pontiff's hat off, right into the water.

It floated off about 50 feet, then the wind died down and it just floated in place.

The crew and the secret service were scrambling to launch a boat to go get it, when Trump waved them off, saying "Never mind, boys, I'll get it."

The Donald climbed over the side of the yacht, walked on the water to the hat, picked it up, walked back on the water, climbed onto the yacht, and handed the Pope his hat.

The crew was speechless. The security team and the Pope's entourage were speechless.

No one knew what to say, not even the Pope.

But that afternoon, NBC, CBS, ABC, MSNBC, CNN all knew how to cover the story. Their banner headlines read,

"TRUMP CAN'T SWIM!"

February issue of Rotary Down Under magazine is out now!

This issue features the amazing donation of \$1M dollars to RAWCS - Rotary Australia World Community Service by Dick Smith.



## 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 Date	February 9	February 16	February 23
Venue	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL	Stanton & Killeen Winery
Program	Will Robertson Exchange Student	Citizen of the Year Lynn Fredericks	Membership Night
Chairman	Gail	John	Paul Miegel
Treasurer	Neil	Gail	John
Rotary Grace	Wally	Neil	Gail
Loyal Toast	Graeme C	Wally	Neil
International Toast	Don	Graeme C	Wally
Rotary Information	Margaret	Don	Graeme C
Sergeants Help	Graham B	Margaret	Don

*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.** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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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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