This week our guest speaker was Sgt Gary Lewis accompanied by Snr Const. Matt Smith. Initially Gary outlined his 30-year career in the NSW police force. Having applied for a position at either Kings Cross or Penrith or (thirdly) anywhere country, Gary’s first appointment was Broken Hill and all of his professional policing life has been spent in country areas – Ivanhoe, Tumbarumba, Berrigan, Finley, Albury and now Corowa. Gary wished to draw the Club’s attention to the prevalent matter of scams, which prey on those in the community who are susceptible in certain areas: love/loneliness/fear/greed. His accompanying hand out was entitled ‘If it sounds too good to be true... it probably is’. His message was to exercise caution in dealing with unsolicited communications – email, text or phone calls – which promise money, wish to assist you with your computer or threaten litigation. Just remember – you will NOT receive a phone call from the ATO, the police or the NBN. Most legitimate businesses will send a letter and the police will call in person. From 1/4/2018 till 30/06/2018, there were 13,687 reports made to ACORN (Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network). Of these:

The top three cybercrimes were: scams or fraud (52%), purchase or sale (20%), cyber bullying (7%). The victims age: under 20 years (7%), 20-39 years (43%), 40-59 years (33%) and over 60 (17%). Top three targets of cyber criminals: email, social networking and online classifieds advertising.

To report a scam: use the ACCC’s SCAMwatch website: [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

**Top three tips for staying safe online:**

1. Avoid opening unknown links or attachments
2. Do not give out your passwords under any circumstances
3. Remember that not everyone online is who he or she says they are.
During Questions time Sgt Gary Lewis and Snr Const. Matt Smith addressed other important issues in our community:

**Dob in a Dealer:** Ice consumption and dealing are very relevant in Corowa and the police depend on the community for information. Ice is the ‘scourge of the nation’ and affects everyone by increasing crime, domestic violence and other social problems. The police need to build up evidence before they can act, so contacting Crime Stoppers is an easy and helpful way of contributing to the police’s work.

**Adopt a Cop:** Snr Const. Matt, after outlining his police career, spoke on how passionate he is regarding the ‘adopt a cop’ program he is involved with at CPS. The idea is to break down the barriers for the children and for a policeman not be seen as a scary figure. He has been involved in stranger danger and social media programs, has gone on excursions, attended presentation days and has been in the classrooms to hear the children read. Sgt Gary would like the program to be extended across all the local schools when possible. The long-term interaction with the children builds good rapport with the children and respect with the parents. The focus of the NSW Police force is community policing, and this is very evident in Corowa. The station only has one vacancy at the moment and is on a time frame to become a fully manned station again. The sergeant’s house in Church St is to be renovated and then available for a live-in policeman.

Chairman Norm and President Bill both thanked Sgt Lewis and Snr Const. Smith for their very informative and interesting talk.

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**Upcoming Events:**

**Wed 6th March:** BBQ Rowers Park – Wally IC. Wet weather contingency Miegel’s outdoor area

**Wed 13th March:** Conference Report @ RSL + AG Richard’s visit

**Wed 20th March:** Tree of Life Community Gardens BBQ - $20 pp to give a donation to the Gardens, BYO drinks,

**Wed 27th March:** Combined Corowa and Rutherglen RC: *Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Factory* - $40 pp, bar service, partners welcome, speaker Peter Wright

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**Rotary Grace:**

Oh Lord, the giver of all good,
We thank you for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,
Help us to serve you all our days.
Amen.

For Good Food,
For Good Fellowship
And the opportunity to Serve in Rotary,
We Give Thanks.
Amen.

Today we are thankful for all we’ve received.
However we live, we firmly believe All is a blessing that we must pass on No matter our status or where we have gone. Kindness and generosity are what we impart Showing the world what’s in Rotary’s heart.

**Rotary 4 way Test:**

1: Is it the TRUTH?
2: Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3: Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4: Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
Benoit is turning 18 and everyone was handed a party invitation –

Saturday 30th March 6.30pm

@ The Rowe Residence
18 Carson Drive
BYO drinks
RSVP 27/03/2019
to Deb -
seeshell84@hotmail.com
or 0413 122 884
In my Rotary week the big news for this week is that I have registered and booked my flights to attend the International Rotary Conference in Hamburg. Hamburg is the beautiful Germany city in which our son Edwin resides. Thus accommodation will not be difficult. Hamburg is the base from which he carries out his work as marketing head for the Scottish brewery Brew Dog. His marketing responsibility is sales within Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Edwin, who members may remember was home to Corowa for Christmas, has lived and worked in Germany for the last seven or eight years and any time spent with him is stimulating quality time. I am looking forward to the other stimulating experience of my first International Rotary Conference. For me who only joined Rotary two years ago a lot of positive happenings have occurred in a short space of time. May I extend to the members of Corowa Rotary my thanks for the many expressions of encouragement and opportunities that I have received in this my short rotary journey, not the least of which has been the encouragement to take the time and make this

Announcements

**International toast:** The RC of Chicago. Current President Khaled Akkawi. They usually meet Tuesdays at 12:10 (and once a month at 5:30pm) Founded in 1905. RC of Chicago, operating as ROTARY ONE, is the world’s first service club and has for 112 years remained dedicated to the Rotary Movement, in 200 countries.

**Rotary Information:** None this week.

1: **Benoit:** Reminder our awesome Exchange Student Benoit is available to go with any Club member on any activity - please give him a ring: his Mobile is 0490 026 515.

2: **DIK:** Norm has a large trailer load of furniture and equipment to collect from Albury hospital and would appreciate help plus trailer Mon 10 am @ the hospital Volunteers: Graham (no trailer); possibly see Neil + trailer or Howard if Neil not available.

3: **Ride to Conference (RTC) for ARH:** Margaret and Graham drove the proposed route last week and also joined the Numurkah RC for their Club dinner meeting. There were two inductions to Rotary that night – both of who had been Friends of Rotary and who had been encouraged to attend Dinner meetings.

4: **BBQ @ Rowers Park for ARH:** Wally is organising this fundraising BBQ to raise $750 for ARH to sponsor Neil, Margaret and Graham’s participation on the RTC (Neil, Margaret – road crew, Graham cyclist). Partners welcome (as usual) Wally will buy meat, organise BBQ’s Salad: Meredith (potato), Deb (green, coleslaw) Fruit platters: Gary Dust: $20 pp BYO: drinks NB: please get attendance numbers in ASAP so Wally can organise meat.

5: **Market 3rd March:** Roster: Early: Graeme, Gary, Wally, Robert, Janet, Deb and Jeff, Late: Howard, Neil, Robyn, Bill, Alan, Graham and Margaret

6: **Corowa Cup Race Meeting Roster** – March long weekend: Howard, Ian, Neil, Norm (race books)

7: **Family of Rotary:** Howard reported on two of our Hon Rtns Hon Rtn Joy: turned 95 yesterday (Tuesday 26/02) Hon Rtn Pauline: just back from another treatment in Melbourne and going well.

8: **March Program:** Note: Margaret and Graham are away all April and Wally has kindly agreed to arrange the program for that month, any issues talk to him!!

9: **Friends of Rotary:** Gary was proposing we advertise when we are doing a catering event (KVE, etc) we advertise the fact in the Free Press, asking for interested volunteers who may care to give assistance on the day. Can invite the volunteers along to a meeting for a free meal in appreciation. The point would be that we are letting the community know what Rotary is doing in the community.
### Rotary Club of Corowa:

**Website:**
http://www.corowarotary.org.au

We are also on FACEBOOK!
https://www.facebook.com/corowarotary/

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**WINE PACKS**

**Port ~ Muscat ~ Topaque**

$60

Order form on the Website:
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**Raffle:**

**Presidents Muscat:**
Rot. Norm O’F (2nd Week in a row!!)

**Cut the Cards:**
Snr Const Matt Smith

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**Order form on the Website:**
www.corowarotary.org.au
Please remember to notify Neil Davis if you CAN NOT attend our weekly meetings or if you wish to bring any guests.

If you are arranging a guest speaker, please advise Neil of the number of people attending and if they need the screen and projector.

Neil can be contacted by:
Phone or text on 0499 878 529 or email davis98@bigpond.net.au

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE REPLY DETAILS HAVE CHANGED
The deadline for replies is 11 am on Wednesday