

Country NSW is looking wonderful. Lush, green paddocks or bright yellow canola as far as you can see.

Rotary is evident in many places. Country town **Blaney**, has a beautiful park with children's climbing gear. An elegant stone stands at the front as the **Rotary Club's** gift to the town for the International Rotary Centenary in 2005. (**Blaney population 3,300**)

The town of **Canowindra** (pronounced C'noundra) is home to a fish fossil find that dates back 360 million years; well before the dinosaur period. In 1955 a council road builder dug up a section of clay that showed thousands of these fossils. There wasn't enough money for further exploration, but in 1993, **the Rotary Club of Canowindra**, supplied the money for the council (Cabonne) to raise more slabs of this amazing history. Sir David Attenborough describes the display as amazing and visitors are going to the museum to see this unique find. Thousands more fossil slabs are waiting to be raised, dated and identified in this country town. Meanwhile it's worth a visit to view fossils to at the museum (**Canowindra population 2,259**)



On to **Cowra**, home of the POW camp during WAR 11. A poignant visit there shows a wonderful hologram at the museum / information centre. There is a wonderful Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre on the edge of town, adjoining the restored POW camp where 900 Japanese POW's tried to escape in August 1944. It is a beautiful place, and is kept in great care by the local community and RSL. The final touch to this lovely vibrant town, is the **Rose Garden** at the Information Centre. Established by the **Cowra Rotary Club**, the garden has 880 rose bushes with over 150 rose varieties. (**Cowra population 9,860**)



COVID 19 has denied us interstate and international travel, but our state of NSW is quite lovely to see and it is a pleasure to share the journey with so many people who are also 'on the road.'

Ruth Milne