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Club Meetings:

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at various Southern Highlands venues. (See below)

Meeting apologies by Sunday for the following Tuesday. Please txt Trevor Fair.

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
21 Feb	Annesley	Ian Law/The Environment	Will Eddowes
28 Feb	Bowral Bowling Club	Christine Gray/A Healthy Life Style	Tim Bowland
03 Mar	Imperial Hotel 12.00	Pizza Birthday Lunch	
07 Mar	Kookabar	Tim Bowland/Member Story	Pamela Brown
14 Mar	Bowral Bowling Club	Jenette Styles/SH Symphony Orchestra	Will Eddowes

International Toast & Invocation delivered by Barbara Humphries

Today has been **Valentine's Day** celebrated commercially by the Hallmark Greeting Card Company since 1910 but historically since the 5th Century AD.

It marks the martyrdom of Bishop Valentine of Terni on the day before the Ides of February in 269 AD.

Christianity was then still outlawed, and he is reputed to have illegally married couples to avoid military service. He is reputed to have given heart shaped tokens to the men to remind them of their faith. He also ministered to persecuted Christians.

While in jail he is said to have cured the blindness of his judge's daughter and was referred to Emperor Claudius II for pardon but made the mistake of trying to convert the emperor to Christianity. He was martyred for his trouble. He was later sanctified and Terni adopted him as its patron, Saint Valentine.

He is also the Patron Saint of epilepsy, beekeepers and of course, love.

Terni is an industrial city in Umbria, 75km north of Rome now with a population of 115 000. It was established in the 7th Century BC, was conquered by the Romans in the 3rd Century BC and remained part of Roman Italy.

The Rotary Club of Terni was Chartered in 1951 in District 2090 which has 72 Clubs in central Italy.

President Piero Maroni leads 75 Members who are active and influential in their community. Their facebook page shows that they also enjoy some very nice dinners in some fairly exotic restaurants and locations around Terni.

In celebration of St. Valentine's Day and lovers everywhere would you please rise and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Terni.

The City of Terni, north of Rome



Journalist : David McCosh
Venue : Bowral Bowling Club

Ian Donges, standing in for Sargent Lynton, opened the meeting welcoming all to this Valentine's Day evening, noting that there was an almost equal number of men and women. An unusual distribution for a Rotary meeting! He produced a bottle of seven different seeds and challenged us all to name them and their uses, with a prize at the end of the meeting for the most identified. Ian then welcomed President Leigh to the microphone.

After the Acknowledgement of Country, **President Leigh** welcomed our guests for the evening being, **Eric Conley, Bev Donges, Ria McCosh, Tamoi Sutton and Stephanie**. There were twelve member apologies.

Membership

The Club has received two resignations. **Carolina Torregrosa** has moved to Nowra (see last week's bulletin), and **Carsten Prien** has resigned from the Board due to work commitments preventing him from fully participating.

Club Calendar

Leigh asked the members to keep watching the meeting schedule in this Tulip Time Bulletin as the Calendar is fluid and changes will be made.

Turkiye and Syria Earthquake Appeal.

P. Leigh requested members to consider donating to the Shelterbox Fund for the disaster victims of the Turkiye and Syria Earthquake. The Board is committing \$ for \$ funding matching members personal donations. Secretary Trevor will be distributing details by email this week.


District Assembly (Learning and Development) and PETS

Reminder for the three-day learning conference in Orange, 1st March to the 2nd April.

District News

Register for PETS and Learning & Development

This year we are combining both PETS (President Elect Training) and Learning & Development (previously known as Club Assembly). This will ensure more time for Club members to learn their individual roles within their Club, and provide an opportunity to build a strong team, within your Club members and with other Clubs. There is strength in unity. We are providing two opportunities to attend - one in Merimbula and one in Orange. We encourage as many members of your Club as possible to come along.



MERIMBULA	ORANGE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Date: 17th to 19th March 2023Venue: Merimbula Services Club.REGISTER FOR MERIMBULA HERE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Date: 31st March-2nd April, 2023Venue: Orange Services ClubREGISTER FOR ORANGE HERE

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Annual Rotary International (RI) Contribution

The Club has made its annual donation to RI of US\$5,000, - AUD\$7,050.

2025 Charity Dinner

Leigh announced that next year's charity dinner will be held on the **24th of May**. Anyone who would like to be part of the team, please see Leigh.

Highlands Fest – 4th March

CORRECTION TO LAST WEEK'S INFORMATION



This is the Saturday afternoon event for which we have been asked to provide a sausage sizzle for the children, and for which Will requires 8 volunteers. It sounds as though it will be a big event, - there are over 5,000 registrations already.

RAWCS Koroipita project

Rod Aistrope reported on the first meeting of those interested in the proposed RAWCS project to return to Koroipeta in Fiji from the **6th to the 20th of August**. The project involves building basic housing in the next stage of the village for otherwise homeless people. Please contact Rod if you are interested in being a member of our fifth team to Koroipeta Village.

Want to know more about the village? Here is a link to short YouTube clips about the village and what it does.

<https://youtu.be/l7TyqGTv8YY>

Bottle of Grains Competition

Ian's competition proved too difficult for most who know little about where their cereals and oils come from except where to find the processed product on the supermarket shelf! However, our former farm boy **Trevor** cleaned up and won the competition with a few hopefuls lagging some way behind.

Raffle

The Joker is hiding! Leigh won the raffle - **9♣**. The consolation prize of Darrell Lea chocs went to Jo.

Leigh closed the meeting at 8.05pm advising the next meeting will be at Annesley and your editor will give a "Member Talk".