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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 Mar	Annesley (Partners' night)	<i>A Nepalese Journey/Mary Brell</i> 	<i>David McCosh</i>
28 Mar	Bowral Bowling Club	Lee Kirkpatrick/Bee Hives	David McCosh
04 Apr	Kookabar	Interact team/Update	Will Eddowes
11 Apr	Bowral Bowling Club	Club Assembly	Trevor Fair

International Toast: Jo Chalmers

You can be forgiven for missing it but yesterday was **Commonwealth Day** when the 56 Members of the Commonwealth around the world acknowledge this loose association of mutual interest in peace, democracy, and the institutions of government.

The largely peaceful decolonisation of the British Empire from the start of the 20th Century was recognised at the Imperial Conference in 1926 by the establishment of the British Commonwealth of Nations. It has evolved to include 15 Realms including Australia, New Zealand and Canada, 36 republics including India, South Africa and Barbados and 5 other monarchies including Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) and Tonga.

While most members were part of the Empire several which were not former British colonies have joined. The first of these was **Mozambique**, a former Portuguese colony.

There was a war of independence from 1964 to 1975 when finally, the Portuguese abandoned their Empire but a series of civil wars continued until democracy was finally established. Mozambique joined the Commonwealth in 1995.

Mozambique is being hit by Cyclone Freddy which originated off the northwest coast of Western Australia 35 days ago and has crossed Madagascar and been in, out and back into Mozambique. It is the longest, most energy intense tropical storm ever recorded.

The country is low lying with the Zambesi and Limpopo Rivers running across it. It is a poor country which has in recent years had floods, droughts and famine, - an enormous challenge.

The three Rotary Clubs in the country will be out there supporting their communities at the grass roots level.

The Rotary Club of Maputo was chartered in 1990 in District 9400 and has 20 Members led by President Brian Holmes. They have a lot of work ahead of them.

In recognition of Commonwealth Day and the struggle of the people of Mozambique at this time Jo invited all present to rise and make our International Toast to the **President and Members of the Rotary Club of Maputo**

Venue Bowral Bowling Club

Journalist : Ian Langford

Sergeant Ian Donges called the meeting to order, informed us that today was **"The International Day of Action for Rivers"**

(<https://www.internationalrivers.org/take-action/international-day-of-action-for-rivers/>)

as well as being Albert Einstein's and Billy Crystal's birthdate and welcomed **President Leigh Robinson** to the microphone.

President Leigh acknowledged the Gundungurra People, the traditional owners of this land where we meet and paid respect to their Elders, past, present, and future.

President Leigh welcomed guest speaker Jenette Stiles, her husband Allan Stiles, Rosemary Eddowes, Bev Donges, and Stephanie Robinson.

Apologies had been received from Denise Coad, Tim Bowland, Bruce Sutton, Rose Conley, Robert de Jongh, Allan Falvey, Lynton Kettle, Rosemary Kelly, Paul Leotta and Ian Law.

Jo Chalmers then recited and proposed the International Toast to the **President and Members of the Rotary Club of Maputo, Mozambique.**

This was followed by all the members reciting the Invocation.

Announcements:

Rotary Water and Sanitation Month



Read about it in your RDU.

Men's Health Education Rural Van

President Leigh announced that the Van would be returning to the Southern Highlands in April. It will arrive on Tuesday 18th April for set up and will be open for tests on Wednesday 19th April and Thursday 20th April from 9:30am to 3:30pm.



Men's Health Education Van

It will be located at Settlers Park (Bowral Swimming Centre), Oxley Drive, Bowral and Volunteers will be needed for 19th & 20th April.

The meeting on the 11th of April will be our **Club Assembly** so please let Secretary Trevor Fair know of any items you wish to be discussed.

Membership

Tim Bowland is developing a promotion that will be on Facebook and will include a summary of "Why I joined Rotary". Be ready for a tap on the shoulder to provide Tim with some words about the circumstances of you joining.

2023 Club Charity Dinner

The **Charity Dinner committee** has met and is compiling a list of potential sponsors. The list will be circulated, and the committee will be asking all members to check it to see whether they have any contacts, colleagues or know anyone in any of the organisations which could help the committee.

President Leigh said he was proud of the Club as the recent appeal for donations to the District Earthquake fund has raised \$1,000 which the Club will match dollar for dollar bringing it to \$2,000.

In addition, donations to ShelterBox to date are \$2,100 bringing the total to \$4,100 for both appeals

Some donations are still trickling in so please consider a donation quickly to catch the Club's total.

Domestic Violence – Old mobile phones

You will have received an email (13/03/2023) from the secretary of the Rotary Club of Blayney, Jane Whitten, describing a project that their Club is running to reuse old mobile phones for victims of domestic violence. At the PETS (President Elect Training Seminars) and the Learning and Development events being held in both Merimbula and Orange over the next few weekends, Blayney Rotary will have “DV Safe Phone” boxes available for you to drop off your old phone, so they can be reused for victims of domestic violence. Your old phone could save a life. DV Safe Phone specialise in erasing, testing, and distributing your old mobile phone to someone in need. If you have an old phone and you are not going to one of these events you can pass it to Leigh Robinson or anyone else who is going so it can be donated to this worthwhile project.

Science & Engineering Challenge.

Ian Langford announced that on each table there was a roster for the Science & Engineering Challenge and Discovery Days and requested that all members indicate whether they were likely to be available for those days or not.



The High Schools’ Science & Engineering Challenge Day is Monday 22nd May 2023 and the Primary Schools’ Science & Engineering Discovery Day is Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at the Mittagong RSL Club. If your partner, friend, or spouse is also available please let Ian know. He will bring the rosters to the meetings over the next few weeks. For newer members who want to know more about this project please see these short videos: -

[Sc and Eng Promo Video](#)

[Sc and Eng Video](#)

www.newcastle.edu.au/challenge

EH Holden Car Rally.

Will Eddowes said that he and **Allan Falvey** still need many volunteers over the Easter weekend for the catering for the EH Holden Car Rally. We will be catering as follows: Thursday 6th April, Dinner at Springs Resort Mittagong 5pm to 6pm, Saturday 8th April, Breakfast at Glebe Park Bowral 6am to 8am, Sunday 9th April, Breakfast at Pheasant Wood Raceway Marulan 6am to 8am and finally Monday 10th April, Breakfast at Springs Resort Mittagong 7am to 9am. Please see if you can give some help to at least one of the shifts. Will explained that Brian Ritson had suggested pancakes and he had tried making some small ones to test before launching into cooking 600 pancakes. Will’s Rosemary came home and must have approved as there were only a few half pancakes left to bring to the meeting!



Rosemary Eddowes

The samples were examined in their plastic bags.

RAWCS Fiji Project

Rod Aistrope is awaiting information on accommodation prices for the RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) trip to Fiji from the 6th to the 20th of August 2023. There are about 10 people going but there is room for more. See Rod if you have questions. Once the costs are firmed up then volunteers will be able to book flights etc.



Members working hard on a previous Fiji trip!

Guest Speaker:

Jenette Stiles was introduced by Will Eddowes

Jenette Stiles is the Chair of the Southern Highlands Symphony Orchestra Inc. Her husband Dr Allan Stiles is the Musical Director.

<https://shso.org.au/>

Jenette's career background was in Finance, having held senior management roles at the National Australia Bank and JPMorgan in Australia, USA, and the UK.



Since then, her volunteering has included the Fund-Raising Committee for the "Dress for Success" project in Sydney, the Salvation Army Advisory Board Risk Sub-Committee, Girl Guides Australia Financial Advisory Board, the Wingecarribee Adult Day Care Centre, and the Community Technology Creativity Centre Inc. (CTC) in Robertson. She also served as Chairperson of the board of Friends of The Beecroft Orchestra for five years.

Jenette's current passion is the Southern Highlands Symphony Orchestra Inc. where she has been Chairperson since the orchestra's inauguration in 2014.

When Jenette and Allan returned to Australia they decided to settle in the Southern Highlands. Allan went to a birthday party where he met Roma Dix OAM (a well-known Southern Highlands figure who is currently the Orchestra Manager). As a result of this contact and the interest shown by other musicians at the party, in September 2014 Jenette and Allan started the Southern Highlands Symphony

Orchestra. The orchestra started with about 300 people in the Bowral Memorial Hall, which became its home until the Council decided to refurbish and improve the Hall. It hopes to return to the Memorial Hall later this year.



Jenette, Allan, and President Leigh

The Orchestra performs four programs (2 days each) per year. There are now over 60 musicians ranging from students to retirees, professional and non-professional. The company offers bursaries to help students. Older adults get lessons and support.

It is a community orchestra, not for profit and relies on sponsors, grants, and ticket sales.

The Southern Highlands Symphony Orchestra is running a competition for an original orchestral work, sponsored by one of their distinguished patrons, Ann Carr-Boyd AM. The winning composition will be performed at the SHSO Concert Series in September 2023. The criteria is on the web site and includes the requirement that the entrant must live in the local area. The closing date for competition entries to be received is 30th June 2023.

Jenette's retirement to the Southern Highlands has been taken over 24 hours day with her passion for the Orchestra which has turned out to be so important to the community. She wouldn't have it any other way.

Jenette concluded by showing a short video and answering questions.

Rod Aistrophe gave the vote of thanks and presented Jenette with a certificate of the Club's donation to Australian Rotary Health, given in her name.



Raffle:

Jo Chalmers then asked Jenette to draw the raffle which was won by Dominic Williams. The Joker gets closer!

Sergeant Ian Donges ran a short fines session.

He nabbed,

Luciano after the airline lost his golf clubs when he went to New Zealand, and he was fined for the 5 holes-in-one that he has achieved.

Dom is two bank accounts behind everyone else and still paying into the ANZ.

Dom also pinched Ian Langford's parking spot just as Ian was backing into it.

Ian Langford was fined again by David Rees for something to do with grammar with the Science & Engineering Challenge roster (not sure what).

Will fined for his pancake efforts when apparently Choice magazine tells you where you can get the best pancakes.

Jeff was fined for his fine swagger stick and **President Leigh** for telling the sergeant throughout the day that he was to be sergeant tonight, no, he wasn't to be sergeant and then at the last minute you are the sergeant!

President Leigh closed the meeting and reminded us that the next meeting will be at the Annesley Café when Mary Brell OAM (District 9705 Membership Director) will be speaking about a charity that runs a school in Nepal.

Bring partners for this interesting talk
