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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
23 Feb	The Shed	Working Bee	
28 Feb	Bowral Bowling Club	Christine Gray/A Healthy Lifestyle	Trevor Fair
03 Mar	Imperial Hotel 12.00	Pizza Birthday Lunch	
07 Mar	Kookabar	Ian Law/Environment Presentation	Pamela Brown
14 Mar	Bowral Bowling Club	Jenette Styles/SH Symphony Orchestra	Ian Langford
21 Mar	Annesley	Club Assembly	Tim Bowland

International Toast : Denise Coad

As everyone knows today has been **Shrove Tuesday** celebrated on the last day before Lent in the Christian faith. Shrove derives from the word shrive - to receive confession and prescribe penance or absolution.

Traditionally it is the last day for forty days that meat and fats can be eaten before giving up something for the 40 days of Lent as penance for sins committed during the previous year. Traditionally it is the day when people stuff themselves with food and drink before giving it up.

Giving up meat is expressed in Spanish and Portuguese as *carnivalle* which we also know as the big Samba dance festival all over Brazil which has been running from last Friday through until mid-day tomorrow, the actual start of Lent.

The big night in Brazil is tonight when the Samba Schools from the suburbs of Rio de Janeiro do their final parade down the Sambadrome and the winning school is announced. It will be quite a party.

Rio Comprido, meaning Long River, is a suburb of Rio right next to the Sambadrome and includes large areas of informal housing - the *favelas*.



The **Rotary Club of Rio de Janeiro - Rio Comprido** was Chartered in 1970 in District 4571 which covers part of the city.

While the Club only has 9 Members led by **President Ieda Porto** they are active in promoting polio immunisation and have a health and vision project aimed at overcoming poor vision among the children of the *favelas*.

In celebration of *Carnivalle* and in expectation of the no meat month ahead would you please be upstanding and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Rio Comprido.

Venue : Annesley

Journalist : Will Eddowes

The meeting was held at Annesley and was opened by **Sergeant Ian Donges**. He introduced **President Leigh Robinson** who was fresh from a visit to Young (Donges country!).

Leigh welcomed Rory Matthews

Apologies were received from:

Rose Conley, Robert de Jongh, Jim Gasson, Tony Glenn, Ian Johnson, Rosemary Kelly, Lynton Kettle, Ian Law, Carsten Prien, Bruce Sutton

Denise Coad read the international Toast for Shrove Tuesday and gave the Invocation.

President Leigh has updated the Rotary Calendar. He also mentioned how impressed he is by our new Area Governor Haseena Tweddle from the Berry club who is replacing Adam de Totth.

He mentioned a range of 'good causes' needing our donations including:

Centurion program— Ian Tooke

Turkiye Appeal via **ShelterBox**.

<https://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au>



Emergency Tents have arrived in Türkiye on a free flight by Turkish



Trucks of aid carrying thermal blankets have crossed the border into



We'll also be getting winter coats to children in Syria through our existing

NZ Rotary Flood Appeal

www.rnzwcs.org/appeals/



District Assembly/PETS 31 March

– 2 April or Merimbula 17-19 March.

It's very important to book accommodation.

Next **RCBM Charity Dinner** will be in March 2024

Adult Day Centre is holding a '**Music in the Gardens**' event in Exeter to raise money towards a transport vehicle. 11th March 2023, \$75.00 tickets

BBQ Aprons. Leigh asked if anyone knew their whereabouts— needed for the Highlands Fest BBQ.

Bowral High School Interact Club

Robbie Allen read a letter from Interact secretary, **Jackson Haylock**, to **Ian Law**:

Dear Ian,

I hope this email finds you well. After some discussion with the Bowral High Interact Club regarding Bowral-Mittagong Rotary's wish to collaborate on an environmental project, we have had some ideas to share with you.

With Clean Up Australia Day coming up on Thursday the 2nd of March, Interact would like to participate at the Cherry Tree Walk meeting point in Bowral from 5:30pm-7pm. Is this something that Interact and Rotary can work on together? As a smaller event, it can be the beginning of the environmentally focused partnership between Interact and Rotary. Our students would love to help out, but Mrs Sands is unfortunately unable to attend, so it would be great if we could join up with Rotary to get involved.

We are still discussing a larger environmental project, but there have been several ideas raised, including more options for waste disposal in Southern Highlands towns, allowing for the public to recycle and even compost waste, reducing the population's landfill and environmental impact. Another idea raised was finding a way to recycle local soft plastic waste, after the recent shutdown of the RedCycle program.

*We would greatly appreciate it if **Rotary would consider attending Clean Up Australia Day with Interact**, and we are happy to continue planning a larger environmental project.*

> Kind regards,

> Jackson Haylock, Bowral High Interact Club Secretary

Robbie asked if anyone would join the Clean Up Australia Day and mentioned that Bowral HS Interact had a cake stall today (Tuesday), proceeds going to another Shelter Box for Türkiye or Syria.

Allan Falvey announced the EH Holden rally weekend over Easter. He will need lots of volunteers and will circulate a roster next week.

Will Eddowes has contacted volunteers for the Highlands Fest event at Bong Bong racetrack on 4 March. Currently 5,800 on-line registrations.

Rod Aistrope attended **Rex Blatch's** memorial with Ian Langford and David Rees. Rex was a teacher and a member of RCBM for a number of years.

Guest Speaker :

A Club 'Member Story' by **David McCosh**.

David took us on his and Ria's journey through a synopsis of their eventful thirteen years from 1965 to 1978, ending with their arrival as immigrants in Australia with \$10,000, three children and a container of household goods following on the sea.

He took us from the snow slopes of Austria where he met Ria, a Dutch physiotherapist from Amsterdam, through their marriage in Salisbury and his career change from High School teacher to computer programmer in Salisbury. He gave us some insight into the pioneering nature of the developing computer industry at the time before universities offered courses and computing knowledge was scarce. He described how the political climate of Rhodesia's declaration of Independence from the UK and the UN Nations economic sanctions that followed was behind his transfer to Johannesburg, and the impact the government's finance restrictions had on their transfer.

In South Africa, for just over eight and a half years he worked for NCR, CSSA, and the South African Building Society. Interleaving his career with personal family anecdotes and the violent and oppressive political upheavals under the Apartheid government of the time, David described how eventually he and Ria came to the decision that they had to leave their privileged life for a home elsewhere.



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He ended his interesting story with his arrival in Sydney, migrants again with \$10,000 dollars and a container of household and personal items, to start life in Australia in the immigrant hostel in Coogee .

The raffle

Jo Chalmers asked David McCosh to draw the raffle – and Jo won the bottle! She then drew the two of spades. The Joker is still hiding!!

Sergeant's session.

Ian Donges held a sergeant's session fining:

Jo Chalmers for winning her own raffle.

Leigh for seeing a Donges truck in Young.

Luciano for feeling the earthquake while playing golf in New Zealand

Robbie Allen for her coming trip on the QE2 from Melbourne to Perth

Rory Matthews for playing in 'Music in the Garden'

Allan Falvey for planning a BBQ on heritage land

Rod for watching the burning in Soweto from the PO Tower in Johannesburg..

Leigh thanked everybody including the Annesley staff and closed the meeting.