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Club Meetings: Attendance & Apologies

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

Contact: TREVOR FAIR of your attendance or apologies

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Please be considerate and respond. Unannounced members and guests may miss out on a meal.

“What’s On?”

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist	Invocation & International Toast
22 nd April	Bowral Bowling Club	Matthew Neuhaus	Steve Escott	Steve Hallis
29 th April	Bowral Bowling Club		Denise Coad	Rosemary Kelly
6 th May	Bowral Bowling Club		Will Eddowes	Lynton Kettle
13 th May			Trevor Fair	Paul Leotta
20 th May	Annesley Bowral, Retirement Village.	Nurses Award Night PARTNERS NIGHT	Barbara Humphries	David Rees
23 rd May	Imperial Hotel	Imperial Pizza Birthday Lunch from 12:00 Noon.	N/A	N/A
24 May	Wingecarribee Shire Council	Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA).	N/A	N/A
25 th , 26 th 27 th May	Mittagong RSL Club	Science & Engineering Challenge & Discovery Day	N/A	N/A
27 th May	Bowral Bowling Club		David Patton	Leigh Robinson
3 rd June	Bowral Bowling Club		Ian Langford	David Stranger
10 th June	Bowral Bowling Club		Denise Coad	Graham Castle
17 th June	Annesley Bowral, Retirement Village		Will Eddowes	Allan Falvey
24 th June	Bowral Bowling		Barbara	Steve Escott

	Club		Humphries	
1 July	TBA	Club Changeover	Trevor Fair	TBA
12 th to 30 th Sept	Corbet Gardens	Tulip Time Festival		
29 Sept	Corbet Gardens	Food & Wine Festival		
19 Oct	Bowral	Bowral Cycle Classic		
21 Nov	Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse	Bong Bong Picnic Races		

NB The journalist and International Toast Roster may have changed. Check for your name.

The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong Meeting held Tuesday 15th April 2025.

Venue: Annesley Bowral, Retirement Village.

Journalist: Ian Langford.

Sergeant Allan Falvey called the meeting to order and welcomed tonight's guest speaker, Judy Hannan (Member of the NSW Legislative Assembly representing Wollondilly as an Independent), Judy's husband Neil Hannan, Judy's Chief of Staff Louise Edgecomb, Ian Johnson's brother Dr Ken Johnson, Sue, Miller, Stephanie Robinson, Christine Graham and Patrick McDooling (a friend of Mary Crammond).



Sergeant Allan reported that Lynton Kettle who was supposed to be Sergeant tonight was "stuck" in Mollymook in lovely weather!

International Toast.

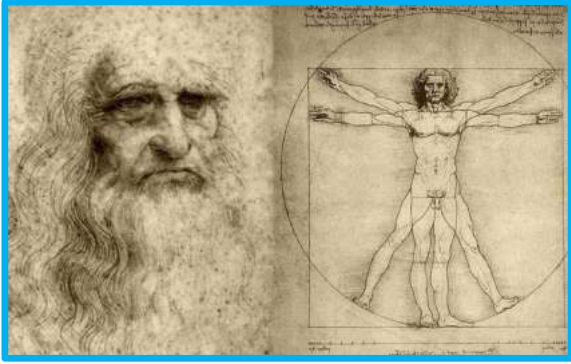


Sergeant Allan invited **Don Graham** to recite the **Invocation** and to propose the **International Toast**.

Over the last 150 yrs or so, the week of 15th April is regarded as the week in the year where more disasters and bad things have happened than any other week. Lots of examples can be given from the assassination of Abraham Lincoln to the sinking of the Titanic, the Boston marathon bombing and multiple US school shooting massacres.

The 15th April was also Leonardo da Vinci's birthday. His birth place was Vinci, part of what is now Florence. He was the most famous of the renaissance painters. The Mona Lisa and the Last Supper are two of his best known works. A much lesser known work recently sold for US\$450 million. But Leonardo was no mere specialist. He was also an engineer, theorist, sculptor, architect, astronomer and botanist. Leonardo conceptualised flying machines, armoured fighting vehicles, concentrated solar power and an adding machine. The list goes on.

Not bad achievements for a man who had very little formal education. He was ambidextrous, a chronic procrastinator who regularly failed to complete tasks. He often wrote in reverse mirror script to avoid smudging what he had written.



Leonardo's birth place of Florence has five Rotary clubs. They each have different focuses. The original Florence Rotary Club was formed in 1920, making it one of the earliest Rotary clubs in Italy. Club activities include raising funds for Polio eradication, providing children's meals in Zimbabwe. Youth exchange programs. All have regular music and cultural fund raising events.

Currently, Florence Rotary clubs have 139 members.

Would you please be upstanding and toast with me **the Rotary clubs of Florence.**

Invocation.

For good food, for good fellowship, for the privilege to serve, we give thanks.

The sergeant then invited **President Bob Miller** to the microphone.

President Bob:

- **President Bob** reported that honorary member **Jim Gasson** is recovering well and we expect to see him at our next meeting.
- **President Bob** attended the official opening of the Peace Garden in the grounds of Moss Vale Public School last Thursday. The project has been supported by a donation of \$14,000 from the Rotary Club of Moss Vale. There was full student involvement and a wonderful contribution from teachers in making it a proud day for the school and Rotary.
- Good evening to all, we trust you have had an enjoyable and productive week as we return to Annesley following a week of uncertainty regarding venues. However after some sterling work by **Rosemary** in securing the new arrangement, this evening we are looking forward to dinner with a new caterer.
- We have had the pleasure of two very interesting local speakers over the past two weeks with Mayor Jessie Fitzpatrick and architect Tina Tziallas. It is encouraging that a number of our members have made contact with Jesse's staff to follow up on some of the opportunities identified during the evening's discussion.
I am confident that a number of improvement initiatives we have put to Council in the past are now being recognised for their benefit to the region.
- **Model United Nations Assembly:** MUNA committee members have secured additional volunteers to manage the registration table and to assist with Diplomatic Message Vetting. Our Mayor has been briefed on the fact that the judges this year include the High Commissioners for Pakistan and for Fiji. DG Rob Uhl is keen to show these gentlemen some of the sites in the Highlands during their visit.
The local newspaper media has requested that they be invited.
MUNA is scheduled for Saturday 24th May and Mary Ramsay has again volunteered to organise the lunch. Given the experience last year when we found it a tight squeeze in the

Council Chambers, we are considering the option of streaming the conference to another conference room in the Council Building.

- **Science & Engineering Challenge & Discovery Day:** • The Science and Engineering Challenge and Discovery Days following MUNA with the Challenge for Year 10 students on Monday 26th May and the Discovery Day for Year 6 students on Tuesday 27th May. Members were invited to record their ability to help or not on sheets on the tables.
- **The “Fit 4 Life” program;** The “Fit 4 Life” program supporting students has been approved by Bowral High School and will become a weekly event. The first session is scheduled for Tuesday 6th May, (week 2 of term 2) with volunteers from the teaching ranks, NSW Police, PCYC and Rotary. Fitness and student engagement sessions commence at 7:30 am with breakfast being served at 9.00am and students moving to roll call at 9.30am. The program has been advertised to students and parents during this past week. Our commitment will be two volunteers per week for 2 hours.
- **Outstanding Nurse Award:** A decision has been made regarding an Award to one of our local nurses for outstanding care and leadership in the profession. We received nominations from Public and Private Hospitals. **Rosemary** and **Bob** had the pleasure of reviewing the applications and have made a decision on the winner who has been contacted with the result. Once announced we will host the winner at our meeting on 20th May.
The Board has approved a donation of \$2000 to the Hospital and the winner has the task of identifying a purchase which will benefit the nurses at her hospital.
- **Donations:** Last evening’s Board meeting recommended a donation of \$5000 to the *Vanuatu Cyclone Damage Relief Fund* and a further \$4000 to *ShelterBox* to support Rotary’s contribution to the recovery of Myanmar following the earthquake some weeks ago.
- This is in addition to the recent \$2000 support to the *National Braille Music Camp* to be held at Frensham School on the 4th July and a further \$1000 towards the purchase of ‘Shelterbags’ for the homeless’.
- Given the Club’s commitment to the Shelterbag project by becoming the Australian importer and distribution point for ‘Shelterbags’ I will ask Mary and Leigh, the strength behind the project, to update us on our customer base including the recent shipment to New Zealand later.
- **Tulip Time Festival:** Earlier today we attended the first meeting with Destination Southern Highlands Wingecarribee Shire Council in preparation for the 2025 Tulip Time Festival. A promising sign for our involvement was the provision of slices of Lamington cake with coffees! The format for this year remains much the same as last year. The festivities extend from Friday 12th September to Tuesday 6th October with this year’s focus being attracting more local people. Last year’s 65,000 people were drawn from outside the Wingecarribee area. Several minor logistical changes have been made following our post event review last year. There will be a trial run day not open to the public on Thursday 11th September.
- We complete the Tulip Time event and then we are straight into our commitment to Marshalling the Bowral Cycle Classic on 19th October followed by our assistance at the annual Bong Bong Cup Picnic Races on 21st November.

Shelterbags Project: Mary Crammond explained how the project was originally conceived in the Netherlands and then spread to South Africa where the Shelterbags are manufactured.

A large order has been supplied to Rotary in New Zealand.

A bit of history of the development of Shelterbags can be found at:-

<https://www.whatdesigncando.com/stories/shelterbags-for-south-africas-homeless/>



Guest Speaker: Robert de Jongh introduced **Judy Hannan** to the members with an outline of Judy's history.

Judy related to the International Toast as she used to be an optometrist and she said that Leonardo da Vinci was also an optometrist.

Judy says "I am local". She has raised her family here in Wollondilly and the Highlands. She travels the roads of Wollondilly and The Highlands from Warragamba to Burradoo.

She has served on Council for 20 years, 3 of those years as the Mayor. She was an optometrist and has looked after many locals' eyes and related health issues.

She was the chair of the Australian Optometry Board and is a practitioner member of NSW Optometry Council.

She is married to Neil, a veterinarian and they periodically travel to Fiji to look after the local animals and give education to local vet assistants.

She loves the wombats and birds that share her home but gets upset when the goannas steal her chicken eggs.



Now as our elected Member for Wollondilly, she is committed to representing our area and making the name Wollondilly known to all in Parliament.

Judy explained how being an Independent is different with some significant advantages. She explained how the major parties spent time explaining upcoming bills and they try to convince the Independents and cross benchers why they should support or reject each bill.

She explained how the bell for a vote goes off and members have four minutes to get into the chamber and then vote by exiting through the “for” or “against” door. She says that often a backbencher from a major party will ask her “what did we just vote on” as they just go where the party whips tell them to go.

She talked about some of the achievements she has been involved with and included the smaller personal ones that don't attract the media coverage. An example was the woman who wanted a chook for Christmas but was being given a cucumber instead. In frustration with the supplier, Judy's staff went out to the supermarket and bought a chicken for her. This type of help was for ordinary people without worrying about left wing, right wing, Greens etc.

A bigger issue that concerns her is the local hospital, the public/private partnership and it seems that some new buildings promised for the Public Hospital have been lost. Judy was proud that Tangara School had received funds for new classrooms when it was being threatened with closure and disabled students being sent to ordinary schools.

Judy's fascinating talks was followed by a lively question and answer session covering local train transport problems, housing, appropriate dress in parliament and the pointless Dorothy Dix questions or the baited “Gotcha” questions.

Robbie Allen proposed a vote of thanks for Judy's talk to enthusiastic acclaim.

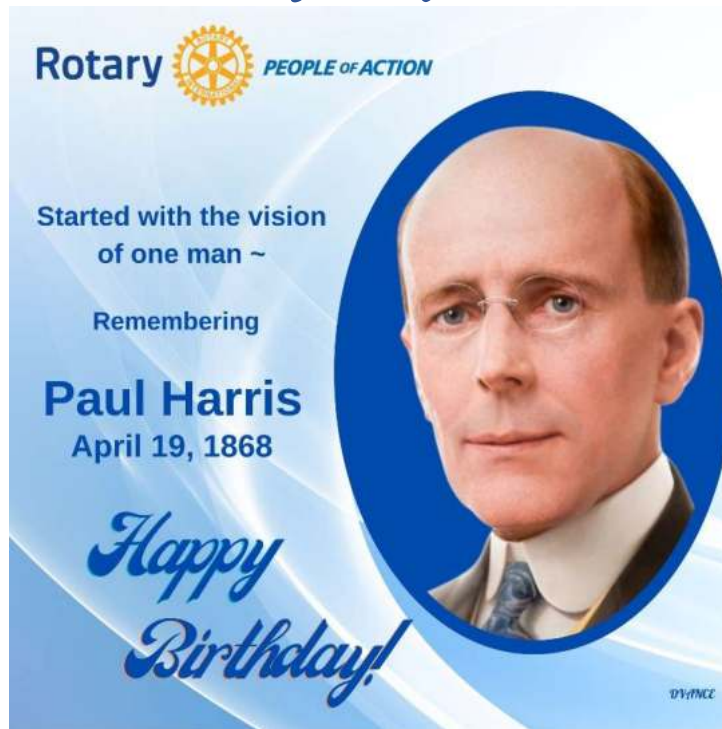
Sue Miller won the raffle which was drawn by **Judy Hannan**

Sergeant Allan Falvey then had a very short fines session

President Bob thanked all and wished us a safe Easter.

Next week we will be back at the Bowral Bowling Club for guest speaker **Matthew Neuhaus**.

Did you know!



Can you help out here?



Bring in your old laptops and phone (with Chargers) so they can be recycled to help our domestic violence campaign.

Also, Bring in some items each week to add to the Uniting Church basket

Non Perishable food, Toiletries ETC

May Birthdays: Rod Aistrope 3rd Will Eddowes 26th, Jim Gasson 22nd, Brian Pattinson 31st.

Imperial Pizza Lunches: 23rd May from 12 Noon

Rouges gallery

