

Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

District 9710 Charter Date 26 March 1940

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While Mittagong RSL is catering APOLOGIES are required by Monday noon.

Next Meetings	Sunday 26 January, 2020 from 4pm	4 February, 2020
Location	Vicki and Ian Kelley's house	Regular Meeting at RSL
Program	88 Centennial Rd, Bowral	TBA
Speaker		TBA
Intro / Vote of Thanks		
Dinner Fee Duty		
Journalist	Ray Williams	TBA
Regalia Duty	-	

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Australia Day on Sunday at Vicki Kelly's home

FireAid on Friday, 24 January

Your Scribe: Denise Coad

Venue: Kookabar

Sergeant Lynton Welcomed Members, and our Guests:

Frank Kelly

Sue Langford

Julie Glenn

Liz Pattinson

Robyn Liberale

Jo Chalmers

All Members clapped when Jo Chalmers came through the door. We are all hoping she returned as the newest Member of our Club.

Lynton said our incoming President, Rod, could not be found to open the Meeting so he had to “stand in” for him.

Rod, Rosemary, Ray W. and Ray C. were at a FireAid 2020 planning meeting at the back of the Restaurant.

Thanks to Pascal for having our Meeting at Kookabar.

Our Guest Speaker is Jim Gasson who is talking about Friendship.

A reminder Jacinta is trying to get together a couple of tables for the Rheinberger Fundraiser for Vanuatu. This is being held at The Hermitage on February 15 at 6.30pm. Members have been to The Hermitage a couple of times for Social Meetings.

The Board has approved the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellow to Bill Lockley for his efforts during the Bush Fires. As Members know Bill was burnt in the Fire, and taken to Concord Hospital.

Ian Langford and Louie have spoken to Bill and Donna during Bill’s recovery, and he is honored to be getting it.

Rod Aistrope

Reported on the BBQ’s we held at the Hilltop Fire Brigade.

The Mittagong RSL had already provided for the Fire Brigade, and we had cooked 300 sausages. The sausages were given to local residents who had relocated to the Camping Ground.

A reminder to Members who have volunteered for the BBQ at FireAid 2020 on Friday Night at Bong Bong Racecourse. It is expected there will be 5,000 attending – 2.00pm to 9.00pm.

Ray Williams

We will be setting up on Friday and knocking down on Saturday Morning. Hopefully we will be doing some cleaning up Friday Night. Ray will be organising Wrist Bands.

As this is a High Impact Event (current sales nearly 4,000), could we please wear our Rotary Shirts, Polo Shirts, etc to showcase Rotary?

Will Eddowes

Visit to Boral Cement is on March 18 – 11.00am to 12.30pm. Will has been asked if we could cater a BBQ for 200 Staff – Sausages, Buns,

Coleslaw, Kebabs, etc. He then received an email on Monday asking if it could be for 400 Staff. We will receive \$14.00 a head. As it is on a Worksite we will need to wear enclosed shoes, long sleeved shirts, long trousers, etc.

Mary Ramsay

The Cinema has confirmed we will have the latest James Bond Film

Premier on April 8 in 2 Cinemas – Cinema 1 and Cinema 4. The cost has been increased to the Cinema by the Film Distributors so we may have to look at increasing Tickets to \$28.

A reminder of the District Conference in Ulladulla March 6-8. You can register on-line. It is a Roaring 20’s theme Dinner on the Saturday Night. Mary will email through to Members to let her know who will be attending so we can organise accommodation and travel.

As Ulladulla and Batemans Bay suffered greatly in the Bush Fires it will be good to go and support Ulladulla, and other local Businesses.

Rosemary Kelly

We will have lots of food for Australia Day at Vicki and Ian Kelly's – 4.00pm start. We have 32 attending so far. No need to bring Chairs just bring Glasses and Drinks. It is an Indoor/Outdoor event and parking will be available at Vicki and Ian's or their next-door Neighbors.

We will recommence donating Food to the Uniting Church at our next Club Meeting, which is on February 4. There is no Club Meeting on January 28 as Australia Day is a Club Meeting.

Vicki Kelley

Bob and Trish Rheinberger will be our Guest Speaker on February 4.

Lucy Earl / Oz Harvest is our Guest Speaker on February 11.

Guest Speaker – Jim Gasson

Brian Elliott introduced his Friend of 45 years, and recalled they met on a beach at Shoal Harbor.



Jim said he lived in the Northern Suburbs – Yerrinbool. He and Brian met late in their lives. He and “Boof” had similar attitudes to life, but different attitudes to sportsmanship.



Jim was born in a cottage at Strathmore. His parents ran Hillside Farm, which was next door to Tennessee Orchard. They had 6,000 Free Range chooks. They ran a Farm Stall on the Hume Highway. They sold 200 dressed cockerels at Christmas wrapped in newspaper (look behind Jim). A lot of customers were from the North Shore and they kept coming back.

Jim attended Hurlstone Agricultural High School for 5 years – 5 years of hell. Yanderra Primary was wonderful. He attended Yerrinbool Public School before Hurlstone. He owes so much to Ray Scott who was a Teacher at Yerrinbool, and also a Boarder with his Family. Ray read a chapter of the latest book he was reading every morning. This is where Jim got his love of reading – Henry Lawson, Banjo Paterson, Australian Poetry.

Next time he will talk about his time at High School.

Editor's note: an Irish proverb:

THERE ARE GOOD SHIPS

AND THERE ARE WOOD SHIPS

AND SHIPS THAT SAIL THE SEA

But the best ships, are friendships

And may they always be.

Tony Glenn

We are so lucky to have Jim, Brian, Luciano, etc. as Members of our Club. They provide so much history to our Members. THANK YOU.

Thanks again to Pascal for a wonderful Dinner.

January Birthdays

Brian Ritson 5/1