

Tulip Times Club Bulletin: 8-10-2024

Volume 86 No 15

Stephanie A. Urchick
2024-25 President
Rotary International



Bowral-Mittagong
Rotary
District 9705
Chartered 26 March 1940



Email : rotarybm@acenet.com.au

www.bowralmittagongrotary.com

Board of Directors

President:

Bob Miller

Directors:

Trevor Fair - Secretary

TBA- Treasurer

Don Graham – Immediate PP

Rod Aistrope

Robbie Allen

Will Eddowes

Rosemary Kelly

Tim Bowland

Leigh Robinson

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

Deadline is 5pm Friday. T: 02 4861 6917 M: 0403 176 958 email: trevorfair5@bigpond.com

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
15 Oct	Annesley	Club Assembly	Ian Law	David Patton
19 Oct- 20 Oct	Bowral Classic	Organiser Mary Ramsay	N/A	N/A
22 Oct	Bowral Bowling Club	Lucy Hobgood Brown, Congo	Graham Castle	Rosemary Kelly
25 Oct- 27 Oct	Mittagong RSL	District 9705 Conference	N/A	N/A
29 Oct	Bowral Bowling Club	Andrea Natalie, Heart Disease research	Mary Cramond	Steve Hallis
5 Nov	Bowral Bowling Club	Domonic Williams - GAZA	Janine Brundle	Mary Cramond
12 Nov	Bowral Bowling Club	Leigh Robinson - Foundation	Steve Hallis	Robbie Allen
15 Nov	Imperial Hotel	Birthday Lunch. Come and celebrate.	N/A	N/A
19 Nov	NO Meeting		NA	NA
21 Nov	Bong Bong Racetrack	BB Races BBQ & Car Parking Organiser Don Graham	David Patton	Ian Law
26 Nov	Bowral Bowling Club	Social Night		
3 Dec	Bowral Bowling Club			
10 Dec	Bowral Bowling Club			
17 Dec	Annesley	Christmas Party		

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

ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL-MITTAGONG TULIP TIMES BULLETIN

OCTOBER 8, 2024

JOURNALIST – Denise Coad

VENUE – Bowral Bowling Club

Acting Sergeant Don Graham opened the Meeting even though he was 8th on the list!



Welcome our Guest Speaker Chris Coates.

Welcome our Honorary Member Mary Ramsay.

Welcome Steve Escott and Steve Hallis who will become Members next week.

Welcome Robbie Allan who is back from Holidays.

There will be no International Toast tonight.



Ian Langford's injured Chin was explained. After the Garden Party he was in the Coles Shopping Centre and was 'involved' with a trolley heading towards his car. Thankfully a Coles employee who had 30 years experience as a Paramedic assisted him. He ended up in Hospital having 3 stitches. Not a good way to end the excellent effort he had completed for Tulip Times and the Garden Party.

Don then presented the Invocation, and handed over the Meeting to **President Bob Miller**.

President Bob also acknowledged Ian's Tulip Times and Garden Party achievements.

Bob extended a special welcome to our Guest Speaker Chris Coates.

Next week's Meeting is a Club Assembly at Annesley. We will be inducting 2 New Members. The WSC Tourism representatives will also be attending to discuss operational improvements for future events.

Bob asked **Rosemary Kelly** for an update on the District Conference Dinner. Rosemary went through her list of approximately 16 attending.

After Members completing Tulip Times and the Garden Party we are now over to the **Bowral Classic**. It is estimated there will be 3000 Riders – 1500 on Saturday. A Sheet will be handed around for Volunteers for the BBQ Saturday 19th and again on Sunday 20th at Loseby Park. The more numbers we get the less time we each spend over the BBQ and serving customers.

Mary Ramsay updated Members on the Roster, and then met with some Members in critical Marshalling areas. **Yaffa** will be emailing Members on their positions.

On the Friday evening before the Classic **Yaffa** will be briefing Members at Bradman Oval. We will pick up our Packs at that briefing.

Mary thanked Members, as this year's Bowral Classic is much bigger and more complicated than previous years. From the bottom of her heart – Thank You!

Rosemary Kelly is planning the Christmas Party for Tuesday December 17 - details to follow.

Ian Donges Tim Tam Quiz

Won by Graham Castle – Barcaldine Queensland

Robert de Jongh Parachutist Joke

Raffle

Won by Trevor Fair – 10 Hearts

Ian Johnson introduced our Guest Speaker – Christopher Coates (MAJ Retd).



Chris gave a 60-minute presentation to Members on his time In the British Army from 1985 to a lateral transfer to the Australian Defence Force in 2010. He retired from the regular force in 2021. We are privileged to have Chris join us, and share his experiences.

Below is his impressive BIO

Chris finished with 3 Key Life's Lessons:

Active, Fit, Busy

Question Time

David Rees asked if he packed his own Shute.

David Patton Vote of Thanks

David thanked Chris for his story; we are happy you came out unscathed. "Thank you for your Service"

BIO - CHRISTOPHER COATES (MAJ Retd)

MAJ Coates enlisted in the British Army in 1985, after leaving school at 15yo and starting his Army career as a boy soldier at the Army Apprentices College, Harrogate training as a Royal Signals Radio Telegraphist.

MAJ Coates' first adult posting was to the 5th Airborne Brigade, parachute selection training and a hectic 10 years of overseas operational deployments; Central Americas, Bosnia, Croatia and Northern Ireland and training exercises spanning the globe; many European countries, USA, Canada, Africa, and the Middle East.

MAJ Coates was promoted throughout this time and as a Corporal was posted to his first training establishment, which would see him experience great satisfaction over a course of jobs with both Junior and Adult entry recruits and as a Staff Instructor at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst training young Officers.

Promoted further, saw MAJ Coates back to operational deployments with the now 16th Air Assault Brigade (was 5th Airborne Brigade) conducting tours to Sierra Leone, Kosovo and multiple tours of Afghanistan and Iraq.

MAJ Coates commissioned from the ranks in 2007 to CAPTAIN and experienced more world travel as a Regional Careers Management Officer assisting soldiers better their own careers – visiting such places as Diego Garcia, Gibraltar, and Canada. This appointment was short lived as he promoted quickly to MAJOR, back to the Air Assault Brigade and back to Afghanistan in 2008.

MAJ Coates conducted a lateral transfer to the ADF in 2010 with his first posting to the 1st Brigade in Darwin. A wonderful and busy experience, seeing many parts of the NT and Northern QLD training areas and a deployment back to Afghanistan!

MAJ Coates was posted to Special Operations Command in 2013, seeing more world travel, another operational deployment to Iraq and a multitude of great experiences. MAJ Coates remains today with SOCOMD as an Army Reservist at the ADF Parachute School after his retirement from the regular force in 2021.

MAJ Coates is married to Naomi, has 3 children, Sam (28), Audrey (8) and Boaz (3). Lives in the Southern Highlands and enjoying a Christian life to the full.



President Bob closed the Meeting.

We received a very pleasant response from Southern Highlands Landcare Network to Rotary being unable to support them at their Koala Corridor tree-planting project last Saturday. We have agreed to investigate opportunities to work on similar projects in the future.

Thank you for **Brian's Basket**.

Next Meeting at Annesley October 15



If your planning on attending the conference and the Saturday night dinner you need to register on the official web site. The sooner the better.

Birthdays

October: Rosemary Kelly 31/10, Ian Law 7/10

November Robbie Allan 25/11: Ian Johnson 26/11, Ian Langford 23/11: David Patton 28/11
 October/November Imperial Hotel Pizza Birthday Lunch November 15, 2024

Youth Report



Yuna helped out on the gates several times during the Tulip Time Festival



Yuna enjoyed a day out at the Opera House with Will and Rose

Take the opportunity to get to know Yuna while she is here. She is a lovely girl and would appreciate a meal or an outing with a Rotary family.

Funnies ...Courtesy of Cowra RC

When George Burns was 95, he was asked when he was going to retire. "Why should I, I have the best of both worlds – I'm still making movies and as a senior citizen, I can see myself for half price".

An older couple in bed one night, hubby falling asleep and the wife wanted to talk. "You used to hold my hand when we were courting". He held her hand for a second and tried to go back to sleep. She persisted "Then you used to kiss me". He leaned across and gave her a quick peck and settled back again. "Then you used to nibble me behind the ear. He threw back the bedclothes and got out of bed. "Where are you going she asked?" TO GET MY BLOODY TEETH!!!

Paddy phoned the Guinness book of Records to announce he had completed a jig saw puzzle in six weeks. "Not much of a record" they said. "What do you mean? It says on the box 4-6 years". Golfer says, "That was my worst game of golf ever". "You mean you have played before?" said his caddy. You can tell when a Socialite's husband has just died. She is the one in the black tennis skirt