



Movie Night - Last Opportunity to get your tickets - Tuesday 19th.

Next Meetings	Tuesday 19 th Feb 2019	Tuesday 26 th Feb 2019
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Program	School For Life	Club Assembly
Speaker	Jacinta & Juliet Sheridan	Lynton Kettle
Intro / Vote of Thanks		
Dinner Fee Duty	Trudy Schipelliti	
Journalist	Trevor Fair	
Regalia Duty		

If you are unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Trevor Fair by email: trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au



UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Assembly 26th Feb

**Carpathon - Wingecarribee River Burradoo
5th March**

Jack Howard - 12th March - NYSF Attendee

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & PETS

President Elect Robert deJongh would love some company on the weekend of 30-31 March in Canberra. Ideal attendees would include new Board members or other Rotarians who would like to learn more about the operations of Rotary.



Journalist - Denise Coad

Welcome

This week's meeting was held at the Hume Local Area Command – Southern Highlands – Elizabeth Street, Moss Vale 2577 – 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

Many thanks to Sergeant Matt McCarthy who was our "Tour Guide". Matt gave us his personal time, as he was not rostered on until 7.00pm.

Thanks also to Will Eddowes for organising this Club Vocational Visit.

There was a great attendance by Members.

Guests were:

Simon and Linda Knight

Roz Benton

Rose and Eric Conley

Rob Uhl

Sue Langford

Rosemary Eddowes



The Southern Highlands Branch was completed in April 2018. Part of the original Moss Vale Police Station is underground. There are still some original Cells.

There are between 68-69 people employed at the Station:

1 Sergeant

5 Constables

Detectives

Highway Patrol

Administration

Domestic Violence Support

Youth Liaison

Police Prosecutors

The Area Command incorporates Moss Vale, Bowral, Mittagong, Goulburn, Yass, Crookwell to Young.

Downstairs is the Front Counter, Booking Area, Charge Room, Cells, Finger Printing, Breath Testing, 2 Interview Rooms.

Upstairs is the Detectives, Highway Patrol, Administration, Police Prosecutors, Counselors,



Gwenda Webb asked :

"Was there a shower in the Cells?"

Rosemary Kelly replied:

"You mean an ensuite"

Gwenda said, "Yes"

Rosemary replied " Haven't you heard "Don't drop the soap".



The Interview Room has a Video and CD Recorder. There are 3 CD copies – One for the person interviewed, one for the Police, one master copy which is stored.

40-50% are DNA tested. If this is refused a Court Order is sought for a hair sample.

Examples of crimes are Drugs, Break and Enter, Assaults, Mental Health. The biggest crimes are Domestic Violence.

They work in 2 shifts. There are 2 Female Officers – 1 in Robertson and 1 in Bundanoon.

Goulburn has a higher instance of Crimes and therefore more Police. Also regular bashings inside Goulburn Gaol. Young has a similar crime rate to the Moss Vale area. Southern Highlands is a low rate crime area.

We then all went upstairs after spending time in the downstairs area. We passed a lot of Officers at their desks, as it was shift changeover time.

Since September our Area Command is on standby for Bush Fires. We are in a high fire danger area.

Our Area Command Highway Patrol has 17 Officers. 5 Cars with 3 more coming. A Silver BMW is being tested at the moment for our area.

An anecdote from Sergeant Matt:

Opposite the Highway Patrol Area there is a wet area for Umbrellas, etc. "it is not a Urinal as it looks".

We then went into the Meeting Room where there was a huge Television Screen and Seating.

Matt showed us photographs of an Accident that morning between Trucks on the Church Street Overpass. It occurred at 4.47am and they were there at 5.10am. It took over 3 hours for the fire to be controlled.

He then asked for a volunteer – Gwenda Webb – and put her in a Police Vest. It has the same equipment as worn on the Police Belt, which weighs over 5 kilos.

It includes a Body Video Camera.

The Video reads the veins in the Officer's hands before it records. It produces an on-line record of incidents. It has 18 hours battery life. It makes Officers and the Public behave better. It makes incidents far more successful for the Courts. There are more early Guilty Pleas when the Video is produced.

Ian Langford then tried on the Vest and tested the Taser.



There are a lot of Fraud Scams in our Area:

Texts – “I need help – call me back”

I-Tune Cards

Puppies for sale on Gumtree/Ebay

Romance

There is a high incidence of fraud scams in our area as we are “Law Abiding Citizens”.

David Rees then commented that the Police Department was like Teachers – Matt replied “But we are Shift Workers”.

We all thanked Matt once again for his excellent Presentation and departed for Dinner/Drinks at the Moss Vale Hotel – The Pink Hotel.

February Birthdays;

Denise Coad 9/2

John Elder 13/2

John Hoelle 24/2





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6.00PM FOR 6.30PM

TICKETS \$25

(includes light refreshments)

Please buy your tickets ASAP to ensure you do not miss out on a fun evening.