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Club Meetings:

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

Meeting Apologies to be submitted by Sunday for the following Tuesday. Please TXT Sec. Trevor.

Next 4 Weeks	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Invocation	Journalist
19 Jul	Bowral Bowling Club	Lucy Earl Uniting Church Kitchen	Tim Bowland	Will Eddowes
26 Jul	The Hermitage	Nathaniel Smith MP Politics	Pamela Brown	Tim Bowland
2 Aug	**Club Assembly**		Robbie Allen	Ian Langford
9 Aug	Kookabar	Viv May, WSC Administrator Wingecarribee Shire Council	Jo Chalmers	Pamela Brown

International Toast - by Rod Aistrope

Last week, after a couple of very difficult years, **the Rotary Club of Berrima District**

On-Line held its Change Over meeting. Alana Saunders, a founder member of our local Rotaract Club, was inducted as President following PP Shelley Boyce's 3 straight years in the seat. Under her leadership the Club is looking forward to attracting new younger Members to rebuild it to its glory days.

The Club was Chartered in 1991 and has had significant successes highlighted by the renovation of Berrima Goal after its closure in 2011, and its re-opening for public inspection and special events, notably Opera in the Goal. The goal for crooks again. The project raised the profile of the Club and Rotary and raised over \$100 000 which the Club distributed into the community.

Other projects include Medical Aid for Oceania Project where with Ramsey Health Care, the Club distributes surplus medical equipment to health services in Pacific countries.

The Balmoral Community Hall was re-roofed and refurbished following the bushfires transforming it into a much-used centrepiece of community life.

It is great to see the renewal of the Club led by a lady President in a year with DG Geraldine Rurenga, and President of Rotary International Jennifer Jones, the first lady President of RI.

Would you please raise your glasses and make **our International Toast, to the President and Members, and to the long life of the Rotary Club of Berrima District On-Line.**

Welcome

President Leigh opened the meeting welcoming a relatively small gathering of the Club at our now familiar social meeting home, - Pascal's Kookabar. This being winter there were many apologies from members who had either fled north or were suffering Covid contact. Leigh welcomed guests Eric Conley and Ian Law's wife, Sue. He then asked Rod Aistrop to give the Invocation.

Invocation:

For good Food For good Fellowship
For the privilege to serve
We give thanks

Announcements

President Leigh attended **the Berrima District RC Changeover meeting** reporting that Shelly Boyce, who had presided over the Club for three years through the Club's difficult times, led it to its transitioning into a Zoom Club in order to remain viable. Alana Saunders, a foundation member of the SH Rotaract Club, was inducted as President at the Changeover.

Bowral Uniting Church Pantry.

President Leigh referred to the generous donations our Rotarians had been regularly giving weekly to the church Pantry. Since Covid hit, supply had reduced. Leigh planned to bring a large basket to meetings and asked members to renew regular donations at future meetings.

Leigh then outlined three initiatives being considered by the Board:

1. **Flood Relief** for victims in the Camden and Windsor areas
2. **Combined projects** with Moss Vale and Berrima clubs.
3. **Member short talks** at meetings on 'how they got to where they are'.

And another date to diarise.....

The **Club's Charity Dinner** will be held on **Saturday 19 November** at Centennial Vineyards.

Tulip Festival Report – Ian Langford

Ian reported that the members response to the roster had been outstanding. Over 80% of the slots have been filled with still some members yet to respond. Ian will shortly close the roster for our Club and offer what remains open to the other clubs that have traditionally participated.

No wonder
Ian was
smiling all
night....
what a
great
response!!



The Bowral (Cycle) Classic – October 15-16



The Bowral Classic is on again this year and once again our Club has been offered a major role in the organisation. Mary asked everyone to

diarise the dates now and keep them open, free to participate in this weekend event.

Once again it will be a big call on our Club resources, but we are good at responding to these large community events and they are our major fund-raisers.

**Marulan this weekend.
Pheasant Wood 4-hour Endurance Race**

Will thanked all those who had volunteered for catering duty at the circuit this weekend. The weather looks good, especially for Sunday. We have lower expectations of customer numbers this time and have cut supplies accordingly.

Another RAWCS project – Koroipita Fiji??

Rod has been making enquiries now that post-COVID, projects are once again being opened. There is a possibility of one at the start of October. Rod would like to test the enthusiasm to participate should he take enquiries further. Please contact him soon if interested.

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And then we got down to the serious stuff of enjoying friendship over Pascal's creations!



