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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
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
16 Aug	Bowral Bowling Club	Geoff Prichard Australia's most famous Spy	Denise Coad	Trevor Fair

International Toast – given by David McCosh

Colombia is located at the northwest corner of South America next to the Isthmus of Panama. It was invaded, conquered and ruled by Spain in 1499 until the territories which are now Colombia, Panama, Venezuela and Ecuador **declared independence on 20th July, 1810.**

It took another 9 years of internal struggle and resistance against Spain before the legendary General Simon Bolivar led the revolution which finally established these territories as an independent federation.

Tomorrow, the people of Colombia celebrate their Independence Day.

Today, despite many years of political instability and drug cartels Colombia has a relatively high standard of living, functioning democracy, and stable economy.

Cartagena is a city of 915 000 on the north coast of the Caribbean Sea. It was the site a series of battles in 1810 between the Spanish and the local

descendants of settlers, slaves and Indians which later led to the retreat of Spain from South America.

The Rotary Club of Cartagena was Chartered in 1930



in District 4271 and has 41 Members who recently provided laparoscopy equipment to their hospital which has enabled it to offer surgery to people from Colombia and other neighbouring countries.

The Club is led by President Rafael Espana. In celebration of the Independence Day of Colombia would you please be upstanding and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Cartagena.

Welcome

Sergeant Rosemary Kelly opened the meeting and welcomed guests Lucy Earl and Julia Zemiro to the meeting.

Invocation

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

Announcements

President Leigh

Congratulations to Carsten Prien who has been elected to the Board. The Board now has seven members.

Club Weekly contribution to the Uniting Church

The introduction of the donation basket for weekly member-donations of non-perishable food to the Uniting Church, kicked off with a full basket at tonight's meeting. A good start!!



Bong Bong Races

As President Leigh has no experience of the Bong Bong races, he appealed to anyone who has experience of the car parking and BBQ to come forward.

Regionalisation

A four-page document has been sent out proposing that Zone 8 becomes a Regional Centre, independent of Rotary International. Several 2-hour video sessions are being run to explain.

Members, -read your email from 18 July "Regionalisation Information Sessions".

Rotary Shed

Our Rotary Shed needs some serious sorting and tidying and, if possible, finding and filling any rodent access (an ongoing issue). **There will be a working bee on Saturday 20 August.**

Community Grants

There are various community grants available from BDCU and others, but we need to nominate projects to apply. Welby garden may be a candidate, but other ideas are sought.

Club Photographs

Photos of events are important for the bulletin but also for club history. Please send copies of Club event photos to Ian Langford.

Mislaid – the Club Charter

President Leigh has been looking for the Club Charter but to no avail. If anyone has any information, please let Leigh know.

Pheasant Wood Motor Race

The BBQ breakfast and lunch at Pheasant Wood, Marulan, ran smoothly and raised a net profit of \$631 for the Club. Many thanks to all who helped.

Charity Dinner – 19 November

Denise Coad gave an update on the Charity Dinner on Nov 19. The widely acclaimed John Field Band has been engaged for the evening, and Julia Zemiro is to be our MC. An event not to be missed – bring your friends too!!

First Responders Retreat. 5th-7th August

Will thanked those who have already volunteered however there are still many places on the catering roster to be filled. While First Responders don't get the same exposure as the professionals, they play a key role in such areas as St John's Ambulance, Surf Life Savers, SES and Rural Fire Brigade, and can be subjected to severe trauma.

Please check the roster (below) and call Will (0423 356 190) if you can possibly assist.

Flash note:

Next Social meeting will be held around the fire at the Scottish Arms on Tuesday 23 August

Speaker: Lucy Earl – Uniting Church Kitchen



Lucy was introduced by Trevor Fair. She is married to Michael, the Uniting Church minister in Bowral. For the past four years Lucy has been the Mission Development Worker at Bowral/Mittagong Uniting Church and prior to this, worked in various community and international development roles for non-Government Organisations such as Uniting World (the international development agency for the Uniting Church in Australia).

Lucy Earl started by explaining that the Church has a community emphasis stressing both 'Word' and 'Deed'.

It provides food for 55-60 people each week which is collected by Ozharvest from donations by supermarkets, restaurants, and other generous donors. The Church changed to take-away during Covid lockdowns but are now back to in-house meals. It also delivered 16,000 non-perishable items last year. There are many in need in the Southern Highlands. All food is donated, and operating costs are covered by Council grants and generous donors.

A new shower room/laundry was opened last year for those in need and is well-used. The Church works closely with schools, particularly Bowral Primary, where it has been running a breakfast club offering toast and Milo five days a week.

There is also close co-operation with St Vincent de Paul, Anglicare, and other charitable groups in the Highlands. Although there is considerable wealth in the area, with median rents around \$600pw, there are many facing poverty. The Church cannot pay their bills, but it can feed them and give community support.

Rose Conley thanked Lucy for her talk conveying the Club's appreciation for the Church's work in the Community.

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President's Corner

Our meeting this week was rather small, mainly due to all the grey nomads remaining in northern climes and there were more apologies than those present. However, I look forward to the return of the fortunate travellers in the coming weeks. The reinstated Food Basket for distribution by the Uniting Church proved to be a major success and on behalf of the recipients I say, Thank You! An important item for consideration by the Club and for each of us as Members is the issue of *Regionalisation* as proposed by the Zone 8 special committee. It is incumbent on each of us to familiarise ourselves with the proposal as we will need to vote on it in September. I ask that each of you read the information sheets that have been sent to you by the zone committee.

President Leigh

After a brief Sergeant's session by Rosemary Kelly, Lucy Earl drew the raffle and Rose Conley won a bottle of wine – not the jackpot!

Next week we meet at The Hermitage and the speaker will be the local State member, Nathaniel Smith.

Australian First Responders Foundation Weekend Retreats

Friday 5th-Sunday 7th August

Sylvan Glen 570 Kareela Road Penrose

Phone Will with shift offer! 0423 356 190

Friday 5 th Aug 3.30pm- 8.30pm	Leigh Robinson	Will Eddowes		
Friday 5 th Aug 4.30pm- 8.30pm	Leigh Robinson	Will Eddowes		Kim Hutchins
Saturday 6 th Aug 6.30am- 10.30am	Trevor Fair	Robbie Allen	Rosemary Kelly	Kim Hutchins
Saturday 6 th Aug 10.30am- 4.30pm	David Rees			Kim Hutchins
Saturday 6 th Aug 4.30pm- 8.30pm		Will Eddowes		Kim Hutchins
Sunday 7 th Aug 6.30am- 11.00am	David McCosh	Will Eddowes		Kim Hutchins
Sunday 7 th Aug 11.00am- 3.30pm	Ian Law	Susan Law	Leigh Robinson	Kim Hutchins