



Report for July 27, 2021; Volume 83, No: 4 Rotary Club  
of Bowral-Mittagong  
District 9705 Charter Date 26 March 1940  
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Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's theme for 2021-22,

***Serve to change lives,***

is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving other is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

**Future Events**

- 3 Aug Ian Law (Proposed New Member) - Rotary Club of Pretoria 6 & Leigh Robinson - Rotary Foundation @ Hermitage
- 10 Aug Area Governor Visit - Adam de Totth @ Hermitage 6pm
- 17 Aug Dr Subhasis Talapatra (Referred by Brian Ritson) - Skin Cancer & Prevention @ Hermitage
- 24 Aug Tina McPherson (Referred by Brian Pattinson) - ODI Record 2nd Best Bowling Figures @ Hermitage
- 31 Aug Wendy Lotter – Aboriginal Education & Walks (Referred by Will Eddowes/Brian Ritson /) @Hermitage 6pm
- 7 Sep Lucille Ellem - Dingo Sanctuary Bargo @ Hermitage
- 21 Sep Sharelle Quinn - Last Qantas 747 Kangaroo Flight @ Hermitage 6pm

**Please Note: Apologise by Friday noon, attendance is the default position**

**Venue:** The Hermitage

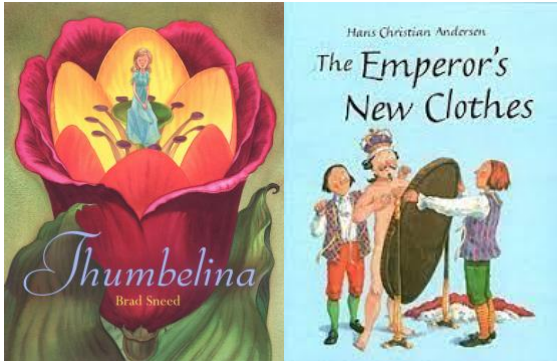
**Journalist:** David McCosh

**Welcome:** Sergeant Lynton welcomed Rotarians and the 3 guests: Paul Leotta; Sadie Elford and Fay Christie (Dom's partner). Lynton also welcomed Jackie Meyers, our guest speaker, then President Will who called for the invocation.

**Invocation:** Robbie Allen

## International Toast: Dominic Williams

Hans Christian Andersen is famous for writing children's stories such as Thumbelina, The Red Shoes and The Emperor's New Clothes.



In the 19<sup>th</sup> Century he was also known for his travelogues, plays, novels and poetry. Yesterday was the 216th anniversary of his birthday in Odense, the third largest city in Denmark is right in the middle of the country about 170km southwest of Copenhagen and has 180 000 residents. Odense, named for Odin's Sanctuary was a centre of the Viking Kingdom until the last King, Canute II was killed by the locals in 1100, right at the start of the Middle Ages. Hans Christian Andersen is a focus for tourism along with conventions and conferences in the city. He has also given his name to the Rotary Club of Odense H.C. Andersen which was Chartered in 2002 in District 1461 which covers the southern part of Denmark. President Leo Skinnerup is the new leader of 39 Members. In memory of the literary work of Hans Christian Andersen and his Birthday yesterday would you please be upstanding and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Odense H.C. Andersen.

## Welcome and Notices: President Will

Will welcomed the twenty members and guests with Covid-conditional news of planned future events

The tulips have been optimistically planted in Corbett Gardens, but it is recognised that staging Tulip Times in any form is doubtful

Andersen in 1869



Both shared a birthday this week



Williams in 2021

given the rise in infections in NSW.

It was noted that some members had reduced their attendance at meetings due to the Covid virus entering the Southern Highlands. Meeting precautions have been implemented in accordance with NSW instructions and in co-operation with our meeting venue, The Hermitage.

## Welcome and Notices: President Will (cont.)

Plans for work on the Playground and Pop-In Centre are being discussed.

The Hermitage has been booked for our meetings through to September.

Carolina was congratulated on the weekly production of this bulletin.

The Hermitage shop is moving into the dining area in the form of display tables of the products they sell to raise funds for the Hermitage. Some of the tables already had items on show. He asked that the members support the shop when considering the purchase of gifts.

A Rotary District Environment Committee has been established. Leigh had volunteered and was now part of the Environmental Team.

## Director's reports:

**Denise Coad** reported on the Speakers who had agreed to attend our meetings. Those confirmed are reported in Future Events above.

**Rose Conley - Club Welfare Officer**, reported on Ian Johnson, John Elder, Frank Kelly, and John Ramsay, all of whom have injuries or serious illness. Please think of them and wish them all a speedy recovery.

Rose then suggested that we celebrate members' birthdays at meetings and ask them to briefly relate some experience with Rotary. Dominic Williams' birthday was this week and he related how he had joined Rotary in 1975 in the Lachlan Valley and served as President as had his father and brothers before.

**Brian Ritson** reminded the Club of the stock of Rotary clothing which he has. Please contact Brian if you have a requirement.

**Carolina Torregrosa** asked members to contribute any stories and/or photos of Rotary projects, - like BlazeAid, - for publication in this bulletin.

**Rod Aistrope** reported that all sponsorship funds for the Science & Engineering Challenge days had been received. The Golburn S & E Challenge has been postponed indefinitely due to Covid restrictions.

Work will start on the Pop-In garden and building project for which we have received a \$4,500 Rotary Grant, will be on-going over the next couple of months.

**Lynton Kettle** announced that attempts were being made to stage another BlazeAid project in early October. Read Don Graham's text (below) to Lynton on his continuing work with BlazeAid and a photo of the whiteboard used to post progress.

*"G'day Lynton,  
Chris and I came to Cobargo last weekend instead of Tumbaramba. The move from Adelong to Tumba happened about three weeks ago so we changed plans. Warmer here. We have been out fencing the last few days. Beautiful country but we are working in hill country about 25 kms out of town. Van is great. It does everything we need. Food and people here are nice, with more than the odd eccentric. Remind me to tell you about Chainsaw Charlie. I'm sending you the white board with statistics of the camp for your interest. I hope you can join in the next trip, probably early October.  
Cheers,  
Don"*



## Guest Speaker :

Will then introduced our guest speaker **Jackie Meyers, Editor of the Southern Highland News.**

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## Southern **Highland News**

Jackie's talk was on the recent history of the Southern Highlands News, the changes already taking place at the commencement of 2020, and the impact of the COVID pandemic on news distribution. She described the rapid and dramatic organisational and working changes that have taken place in regional journalism.

She described how prior to COVID the organisation was working towards online publications when the pandemic caused the rapid shutdown of printing and publication distribution. Social media stepped-in and "everyone" became a publisher.

Prior to COVID Jackie was managing three and a half journalists. Very quickly they learnt the value of digital news as they started getting information from many other sources. The big change came as news now became immediate instead of three days after an event. Furthermore, businesses that financed the news through advertising were no longer in a financial position to do so. Jackie realised that they had to do whatever they could to support the businesses that had always supported them. Staff that had had to be laid off started to come back as Job Keeper kicked in. Online publishing became a fixture with just one instead of three print publications a week. Working from home and drawing national news from credible sources has become the norm, and also reducing office space expense.

Jackie delivered a positive message of the rapid adaptation to the fast-changing news environment and the important role the "paper" has in delivering accurate and credible news to our community. The enthusiastic and close relationship with our Rotary club will continue.

**Carolina** delivered the vote of thanks.



*Jackie Meyers at the Hermitage*

### **Sergeant Session:**

Lynton delivered a short Sergeants' session: -

- Carolina was fined for the work she is doing with our weekly bulletin.
- All Club members who do not subscribe to the SH news were fined and encouraged to do so.
- Dominic Williams for having another birthday.

President Will closed the meeting and everyone donned masks before departing into the winter cold!

Attached is The Hermitage flyer handed out.

***Thank you for reading this Bulletin:  
Journalists and Editor appreciate your  
interest!***

# The Hermitage

## Thursday Roast Dinner Nights

This is a 2 course meal (Main & Dessert \$35).

We are open 5.30pm -8pm.

**Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Booking is essential** as limited spaces are available.

As our reception is currently closed please send a booking request to [bill.sullivan@marists.org.au](mailto:bill.sullivan@marists.org.au) outlining your **booking date, number of guests and a contact number.**

You will be contacted to confirm your booking.

*The Hermitage Mittagong*

*Corner of Old South Road & Bong Bong Road, Mittagong*