



Bowral-Mittagong  
**Rotary**  
District 9705  
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**Club Meetings:**

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

**Meeting Apologies by Sunday for the following Tuesday. Please TXT Sec. Trevor.**

Next 4 Weeks	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
04 Oct	Kookabar	Member Stories	Will Eddowes
11 Oct	Bowral Bowling Club	RYPEN student presentations Amanda Rose / Getting Younger Members	Tim Bowland
18 Oct	TBA	Social Meeting	Pamela Brown
25 Oct	Bowral Bowling Club	Club Assembly	Trevor Fair

**International Toast- given by Pres. Leigh**

While working on the Tulip Time gates, I met the **President Elect of the Rotary Club of Thamel** which has its home in Kathmandu in Nepal.

His name is Suresh Man Shrestha, and he is in Australia on holiday. He is the Chairman of the Public Service Commission of Bagmati Province which includes Kathmandu and stretches across the country from the Indian to Chinese borders.

Nepal has a population of over 30 million and has been inhabited for thousands of years. Gautama Buddha, founder of Buddhism was born in the south around 500 BC.

The country became a kingdom in 1768 and allied itself to Britain in India but was never colonised. It and its mountainous terrain served as a barrier to Imperial China. It became a democratic republic in 2008 after the monarchy was overthrown in the Nepalese Civil War.

The **Rotary Club of Thamel** was Chartered in 2002 in District 3292 and has 39 Members currently led by **Pres. Krishna Man Ranjitkar**.



Several years ago, the Club assisted in establishing a biogas electricity generation project at Asrang in the south which provided power for 30 houses. It grew to supply 125 houses but was damaged earthquake and the Club is now assisting in funding repairs. Other projects include a girls' education program and raising goats for poor village families.

**As a mark of welcome to President Elect Suresh and in recognition of his Club's service to its community would you please rise and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Thamel.**

## Meeting Venue: Bowral Bowling Club

**Sergeant Lynton** welcomed members and guests Libby and James Henderson, Barbara Humphries, PP Ian Cropper and Sandra Adams, PP Brian Elliot, PP Daryl Flegg, and frequent guest Eric Conolly.

**President Leigh** gave the Welcome to Country and read the member apologies followed by calling the Club to the Invocation.

**International Toast.** Pres Leigh related how he had met the PE of the Rotary Club of Thamel, Nepal while doing duty at the Tulip Festival, and had therefore selected that club for the International Toast.

## Announcements

### International Polio Day – 24<sup>th</sup> October



**Pres Leigh reminded members of the upcoming Polio Day** reporting that new cases had occurred in America, but these were not of the dangerous “wild” variety. The 2021 report states,

*“So far in 2021, only two cases of wild polio have been reported — the lowest circulation of the disease ever — with one infection each in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the two countries where polio remains endemic”.*

In 2021 only two new cases of the wild polio were reported. One in Pakistan and one in Afganistan.

### District Conference – 23-27 October

#### Food Safety Training – On-line.

**Pres Leigh** informed the club of the free online training offered by NSW government from which participants can obtain an acknowledgement certificate. He suggested that members might complete the training as we are often handling food at functions and should hold some certification.

## Uniting Church Food Basket – part full tonight!

### RI District Grants

In the past year donations to the fund are reported to be 19% down on the previous year. Pres Leigh encouraged members to participate in the Centurion donation scheme.

### Film Premier opportunity

The Empire Cinema has offered the Club the film “The Lost King” for a fund-raising premier release in December.

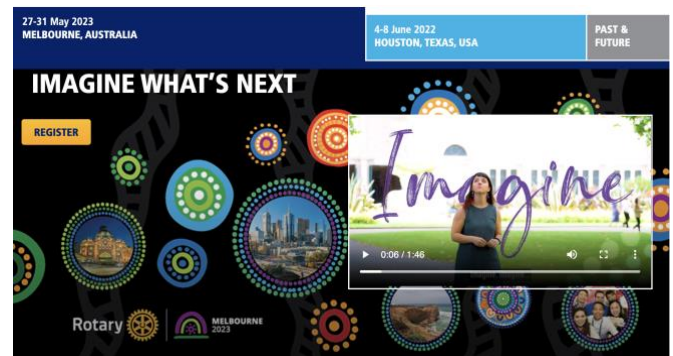
The Lost King is a 2022 British comedy drama of a fictionalisation of the 2012 discovery of King Richard the III’s remains beneath a Leicester car park. The film stars Sally Hawkins, Coogan, and Harry Lloyd.

Leigh was seeking members to organise and run the Premier.

### Our Dinner & Dance - supporting “Angel Flight” Saturday 19 November at 6.30pm

Pres Leigh encouraged members to buy their tickets early. See the flyer at the end of this bulletin with the QR code to take you to online booking.

### Rotary International Convention – Melbourne 27-31 May 2023



Denise is organising a group arrangement for our club to go to the International Convention in Melbourne next year. So far, the group is 5. Please contact her **now** if you wish to be included.

### Tulip Festival – Corbett Gardens

Ian Langford thanked everyone who is doing duty on the gates. One apology had been made for Friday, which was quickly filled by Lynton.

## Guest Speaker:

**Will Eddowes** introduced our guest speaker **Libby Henderson**, assisted by her husband **James** who is also her partner in **Big Purple Phone**, - the topic of tonight's presentation.



Libby is one of the founding members of the digital design community in Australia. She was on the team that build the first version of Commbank's Netbank and the Comsec share trading website in the 1990s. She has worked in London and the US on brands such as GE, Sony, Compaq, Nestle, Rothschild and others throughout a 30-year career. Libby was an adviser to the PM the Hon Scott Morrison for strategic digital communications and literally wrote the book on all things digital having written the curriculum for Digital Marketing for OpenColleges.

James Henderson started out his IT career as a telecommunications engineer and spent 25 years with Telstra Bigpond and NBN systems.

In a world where 1 in 4 seniors are socially or physically isolated, and more than half give up on technology as they age, the Hendersons have made it their passion to make technology much, much more user friendly so we can all stay at home safely for longer and remain connected to those we love.

### Libby Henderson

Libby commenced her presentation by enlarging on the pair's experience in the technology industry and how they had come to form the BigPurplePhone company.

The Hendersons say BigPurplePhone was the result of being separated from their parents during COVID-19 lockdowns. Libby's 85-year-old mother Janette couldn't quite navigate video

calling and options for a phone that she could use were limited.

"That was the catalyst that inspired us to create the BigPurplePhone," Libby said.

- ✓ **Big buttons**, easy **one-click video calls**
- ✓ **Secure family network** with Family&Friends App means **no spam or unwanted calls** or texts
- ✓ Trouble with touchscreens? Easily **tap or swipe**
- ✓ **SOS call button** with emergency contacts
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- ✓ Prepaid Monthly **Unlimited Telstra** plan with calls, SMS, data and **No lock in** contracts
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- ✓ The **No Fandangle** phone designed for seniors

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The BigPurplePhone is specifically designed for older people struggling with technology, they say it's simple enough to be used by dementia and Alzheimer's sufferers.

The price of the base model BigPurplePhone is \$699 outright.

The phone is based on the Nokia smartphone with the software written and tested by the Hendersons and sold to be used on the Telstra partner network.

The phone is designed to eliminate features such as touch not swipe, no lock on the phone and no data stored on the phone. All features that make the phone easier to use and less prone to difficulties in use. A major feature is that it operates on a restricted virtual network of family and friends which is managed by a member of the network, effectively a client 'carer'. The screen icons are large and readily recognisable by ageing eyesight.

The Hendersons are based in the Southern Highlands from where support for the phone is managed.

Considerable interest was shown by the questions at the end of the presentation, and Pres. Leigh gave an appropriate vote of thanks which drew appreciative applause.

Note: Rotary does not normally review or endorse commercial products. Exception was made because of the uniqueness and particular interest shown to this product by our ageing club members.

**Raffle**

Tim Bowland won the raffle and narrowly missed the joker by drawing the King of Hearts

Pres Leigh closed the meeting. Several members stayed on to discuss the PurplePhone with Libby and James.

Sergeant Lynton found plenty of targets relating to the pointy end of the football seasons before

WE INVITE YOU TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AT THE



# Dinner & Dance



NOV  
19  
22

Proudly Supporting  
**Angel Flight**

CENTENNIAL  
VINEYARDS

6.30  
PM



HOSTED BY JULIA ZEMIRO

LIVE MUSIC BY THE JOHN FIELD BAND & JOSS WALSH

Q+ A WITH CEO OF ANGEL FLIGHT MARJORIE PAGANI

SILENT AUCTIONS & LIVE AUCTION  
BY PAUL 'WERRET' MILNER

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