

Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

District 9710 Charter Date 26 March 1940

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Rotary Foundation Presentation

Please RSVP and pay for Christmas Function prior to the 17th

Next Meetings	Tuesday 10th December, 2019	Tuesday 17 th December 2019
Location	Mittagong RSL	Bowral Golf Club
Program	Rotary Foundation Presentation	Christmas Celebration
Speaker	Robert de Jongh David McCosh	
Intro / Vote of Thanks	Robert de Jongh	
Dinner Fee Duty	Ian Langford	Please pay before the night
Journalist	Tony Glenn	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

Rotary Foundation Presentation

David McCosh has prepared a very informative talk regarding the Rotary Foundation. I am sure every member will learn something new concerning the Foundation – a must be at talk.

Christmas Party – 17th December - BOWRAL Golf Club

Unfortunately there is insufficient room for a dance floor, however please bring your singing voices!

Welcome: President Robert de Jongh

Invocation: Brian Elliott

International Toast: Michael Lendrum



The Central African Republic is a landlocked nation surrounded by Cameroon to the west, Chad and Sudan to the north, South Sudan to the east and the Congos to the south.

For centuries it was a source of slaves and was colonised by France in the European land grab of the 19th Century.

It achieved independence in 1960 and established the Central African Empire on 4th December, 1976 changing to a Republic after a military coup in 1979. Much of its existence has been categorised by civil wars and corruption with intervention by France and the UN to stabilise the country. Now-a-days government is democratically elected.

The C.A.R.'s 4.7 million people are among the poorest in the world and wealth distribution is among the least equitable. Its economy includes mining of gold, diamonds, oil and cobalt but much of it is stolen and the benefits never reach the people.

The Capital is Bangui, on the southern border with a population of 620 000. The Rotary Club of Bangui works hard to raise the health and living standards of those it can reach. It continues to be very active in delivering polio vaccine to every child.

The Central African Republic is polio free.

In 2016 the C.A.R. Postal Service issued postage stamps featuring the Club and Rotary's commitment to clean water and health.

The Rotary Club of Bangui was Chartered in District 9150 in 1957 and has 16 Members led by President Gabriella Guegbelet.

Reports:

Rosemary Kelly

Women on the Land hampers - about 40 packages will be prepared for the hampers.

Christmas party - please bring food goodies etc for the Christmas hampers for the Uniting Church.

Denise Coad - Christmas Party - please accept or apologise 6:00 for 6:30 at Bowral Golf Club

Don Graham - RYPEN - being held at Wagga Wagga this year. No takers for this half year. Hopefully next year at Mojo

On behalf of Jacinta the Uganda project, Don would like to clarify the spending allocation between Youth, Local, and International.

Robert de Jongh clarified the brick donation situation. Deal is for every \$1 donated benefactor will contribute another \$3.

There was some additional discussion regarding this matter.

Thank you for David Rees for the BBQ help, etc and to Robbie Allen for helping out at high schools,

Ian Johnson - Youth Refuge Jacinta would like to meet 5:30 next Tuesday to plan for painting etc looking at 2 Saturdays.

Ray Coulton - Presented the eulogy at Wally Chad's funeral. Would like the members to remember the good work Wally did especially at the Jazz night.

Brian Ritson - Mittagong RLFC has been approved to form a women's RL team. His granddaughter was the first player signed up.



Catering Update

Highlands Golf Club have not decided on catering for the future. Expecting a decision in a couple of weeks.

AGM was opened at 07:32

Minutes of the previous AGM of 4 December 2018 moved Rosemary Kelly, seconded Jim Gasson – Carried.

The Accounts for the 2018-2019 year have been circulated. Motion that the accounts for last financial year be accepted – moved Trevor Fair, seconded Denise Coad – Carried.

Presidents Report was tabled at the 2019 Changeover.

Results of Election for Office Holders for 2020-2021

President Elect - Rod Aistrophe
 President Nominee - Will Eddowes - gave a great acceptance speech.
 Past President - Robert de Jongh
 Secretary - Trevor Fair
 Treasurer - Ian Langford
 Directors

- Vicki Kelley
- Rosemary Kelly
- Mary Ramsay
- Gwenda Webb
- Ian Johnson

PE Rod encouraged all to get more involved in the Club, to ensure everyone has a role in the Club.

Appointment of Auditors: That Oxley Partners be appointed for 2019-2020.

Motion: That the Rotary Model bylaws be accepted.
 Moved Ian Langford, seconded Brian Ritson - Carried

AGM closed: 7:50 pm



Raffle: Tony Glenn - No cash draw this week.

Late Mail – as a result of the Club donating funds to School for Life the following message was received from Jacinta.

Annabelle Chauncy, CEO and Founding Director of School for Life emailed me last night and asked me to pass on her personal and sincere thanks to the club for our support and \$500 donation last night.

*A certificate will be issued to the Rotary Club of Bowral Mittagong in the coming days.
 Also, Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong will be painted on a brick that is to be displayed on a thank you wall in Uganda.*

Photo of the Week –

Well done Ladies for the Ladies of the Land.



December Birthdays

Imperial Lunch 12:00 Friday 13th Dec



Ray Williams 19th December



2019 Christmas Market

For All of Your Christmas Gift Ideas

Visit our Many Stalls

Buy Your Gifts

then

Enjoy a Scrumptious Devonshire
Tea/Coffee with Freshly-Baked Scones,
Jam & Cream, or a Light Lunch or
BBQ Sausage Sandwich

When: Sat Dec 14th 8.00am – 2.00pm

Where: Bowral Uniting Church (opp. Coles)



Bowral Uniting Church

... a church for all people ...

... As part of your wider community ...

we offer a warm welcome,
friendship and support
for everyone to be part
of our community...
... a place to call home.

Join us for our Christmas Services:

- Advent Services - Dec 1, 8 and 15 @9.00am
- Nativity Play – Dec 15 @11.30am + Lunch
- Carols and Lessons – Dec 22 @9.00am
- Christmas Day–All Ages–Dec 25 @9.00am

For more information on how we can be of
service to you please call:
Rev Michael Earl on **4862 1350**

HOW YOU CAN HELP



We are DA approved and shovel ready!

DONATE NOW

ON OUR WEBSITE:
<https://shbg.com.au/donations/>

MAIL TO:
PO Box 707
Moss Vale, 2577

DIRECT DEPOSIT OR CHEQUE TO:
BDCU Alliance Bank
BSB: 902-101
Account name: Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens
Account number: 100071868
Please add your name as the reference for the deposit

MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION
Contact us to make a tax deductible donation.

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HELP BUILD OUR EDUCATION CENTRE

The Education Centre will be the hub of the education function of the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens. It will be a modern and dynamic facility providing an opportunity for community groups to hold and attend lectures, workshops and demonstrations in any weather.

Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens



A MODERN DYNAMIC FACILITY



CHARLIE ALBONE
PROMINENT LANDSCAPE DESIGNER

“The development of the South Highlands Botanic Gardens is a project I fully support and it continues to grow with the exciting new education centre. This part of the gardens will play a vital role in the development of the site, as well as becoming a place the community, schools and visitors will come to love and use on a regular basis...”

Charlie assists with SHBG fundraising and fully supports the project.



WHAT IS THE COST FOR THE EDUCATION CENTRE?

The target funding amount is \$500,000, but we may need more. This cost includes the building construction, solar panels, air-conditioning, audio-visual equipment, kitchenette fit-out and essentials such as tables and chairs. We also need to landscape the immediate area and, although volunteers will be asked to assist with this part of the project, there is a cost for plants, irrigation and soil.

WHO WILL USE THE EDUCATION CENTRE?

The potential users of this building are endless.

School children, who already come to the Garden, can have some of their Garden classes in-doors. We will welcome local garden clubs to come more frequently to hold meetings and workshops. The community at large can participate and enjoy special sessions on gardening techniques and the like.

Residents of retirement villages and nursing homes will have a new outing destination and be provided with information sessions on the Garden and horticulture subjects if they are unable to move easily around the Garden itself.

There is a chance to welcome all sectors of the community to attend dynamic events to be held in this modern building.

A WELCOME FACILITY FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our events program is growing. We need a building to make our events weather-proof and less prone to cancellation.

Workshops for kids to make solar lanterns and kites can be held in-doors instead of erecting tents. Art classes and exhibitions of art and photography are new and exciting events for this building.

Large community events, such as the Autumn Plant Fair, will be lifted to a higher dimension with the opportunity for guest presenters to 'hold court' on focus gardening topics in the comfort of a building. Our Earth Hour event can offer presentations for interest groups on night photography, star gazing, environmental subjects, a variety of visiting speakers can hold lectures in conjunction with major functions or as a solo event.

WHERE DOES THIS EDUCATION CENTRE FIT INTO THE SHBG VISION?

A core aim of a botanic garden is to provide education to the public. Our vision is "to be the leader in displaying and researching both the exotic and native flora of the Southern Highlands; advancing the knowledge of horticulture, conservation and sustainability to the wider community."

In working towards this vision, our present adult education program will be expanded to include information sessions on endangered and threatened species, some of which will be planted in our native garden. Demonstrations will be held for the public on endangered flora, propagating their seeds, growing them and using low water principles in their garden.

WHAT ARE THE FACILITIES IN THE EDUCATION CENTRE?

The building will be constructed of colorbond cladding, in keeping with the style of the current utility buildings. It will be located next to the Shed and will have big bifold doors opening to the north with a verandah on three sides. A small kitchenette will be at the rear. Solar panels are in keeping with our mission of being environmentally responsible.

The building will accommodate up to 50 individuals and the most up-to-date audio-visual equipment will form part of the fit-out, together with air conditioning.