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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
9 Aug	Kookabar	Viv May, WSC Administrator Wingecarribee Shire Council	Trevor Fair
16 Aug	Bowral Bowling Club	Geoff Prichard Australia's most famous Spy	David McCosh
23 Aug	The Scottish Arms	Social Evening *Pay on the night*	Will Eddowes
30 Aug	Bowral Bowling Club	Andy Butterfield and Josephine Bridge Climb	Tim Bowland

International Toast - given by Carsten Prien

On Saturday Jamaica will celebrate its independence from the United Kingdom in 1962.



Jamaica and many of the Caribbean Islands were occupied by the Spanish in 1509 until it was captured by Britain in 1657 during the Spanish-English War in those heady days when the Commonwealth of England had no King and Oliver Cromwell was Lord Protector.

The slave trade to British colonies was abolished in 1807 but slavery persisted until it was outlawed and finally slaves were emancipated in 1838.

With the European retreat from Empire after the Second World War Jamaica and the other Caribbean Territories achieved independence and we all still have the same Queen.

Nowadays there are 2.7 million Jamaicans living in a happy stable place which relies on tourism, mining and agriculture, especially sugar.

The Capital is Kingston, a city of 1.2 million on the south coast. The economy relies on mineral exports and tourism with a number of resort destinations.

The Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston was chartered in District 7020 in 1982 and has 44 Members led by President Carl Scott. They have an ongoing education project in a local school called "Eat What You Grow" teaching children, many of whom live in poverty about home gardening and self-sufficiency (see image).

Carsten then invited all to raise their glasses in honour of the Independence Day of Jamaica and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston.

Venue: Bowral Bowling Club.

Sergeant Lynton Kettle called the meeting to order and welcomed all but noted that there were no guests as the meeting was a Club Assembly. One almost guest was the return of Tony Glenn who we haven't seen for many months while he and Julie have been touring a large area of Australia. We look forward to hearing all about it. Lynton then welcomed our President Leigh Robinson.

President Leigh acknowledged the Gundungurra People, the traditional owners of this land where we meet and to pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and future.

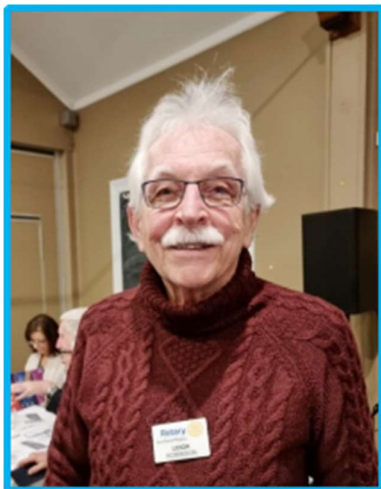
Pres Leigh announced the apologies and leave of absence members.

Robbie Allen was invited to recite the invocation.

Carsten Prien gave the International Toast.

Announcements:

President Leigh:



The preparations for the Bong Bong Picnic Races parking etc. will be managed by Don Graham with the help of Ray Coulton. The races will be held on Friday 18th November. The next day is the major charity dinner at Centennial Winery.

Leigh has found and digitised a document recording the fifty years 1940 to 1990 of the Club history. If anyone wants a copy, see Leigh.

Leigh has been baffled by an old project that was undertaken at Cherry Tree Hill (not Cherry Tree walk nor Cherry Tree Wines) and it turned out that Tony Glenn was aware of the location and the project. Cherry Tree Hill is (or maybe was) somewhere on the hill on the road from Bowral to Mittagong where some cherry trees were planted by the Club. Tony thought it unlikely that they still existed. Mystery solved!

Will Eddowes: The catering for the first responders weekend retreat is this weekend and Will still has three slots that need filling. For the third week in a row the roster did not get passed to all the tables. Members must be more vigilant and see that rosters get passed on.

Leigh Robinson: Members are invited to rise to the challenge for the annual Southern Highlands Vinnies Community Sleepout. On the night of Friday 19th August, local business and community representatives from across the Southern Highlands will come together in solidarity to spend a night in the cold to support those in our community who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. **Ian Law and Jo Chalmers** put their names down and others who want to help should let Leigh know.

Late update circulated by Secretary Trevor Fair on Wednesday tells us that due to Covid precautions the organisers have decided to repeat last year's format of having a "**Virtual Sleepout**". See all details on the website <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/southern-highlands-vinnies-community-sleepout> Donations and joining can be performed on the website].

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Leigh Robinson: Leigh reported that the Southern Highlands Private Hospital CEO has asked if the Club can provide a barbecue to be held in Corbett Gardens during the Tulip Time Festival on the evening of 22nd September 6:00 to 8:00 pm for a private function with about 150 to 250 people. The food would be provided, and

we just have to provide the equipment and cook the food. There was consensus to accept the request.

Denise Coad: Denise reported that the Rotary meeting on 23rd August at the Scottish Arms, East Bowral will be a social evening. The Scottish Arms is unable to serve us a set meal in a separate area so members will need to order and pay for their meals individually. Don't pay on line for that week.

Denise also reminded members about the food basket each week for the Uniting Church/Oz Harvest larder.



Rod Aistrope: Rod explained that the Southern Tablelands Science & Engineering Challenge to be held in Goulburn this Friday (5th August) is short of volunteers due to Covid19 disruptions. Rod asked for any members who could help to let him know and Robbie Allen said she'd help.

Ian Langford: Ian reported that the Tulip Time Festival gates roster was 98% full with just 4 slots left to fill. The Roster was given to be circulated but unfortunately once again the roster did not get passed to all the tables. Members must be more vigilant and see that rosters get passed on.

Jo Chalmers: Treasurer Jo explained to the meeting that the Club is in the process of moving its bank accounts from the ANZ to the BDCU. She will be letting members know all the new details soon. The ANZ accounts won't be closed just yet so if errors are made it won't immediately bounce back.

Late News...Dream Cricket -
Bradman Oval - 28 October

Club Assembly.

- Ian Law could not find any indication that there was a public electric vehicle charger in the Bowral area. Mittagong and probably Moss Vale are well covered but nothing in Bowral. With his environment hat on, Ian wondered whether there was a club project there to organise having a charger in the area.
- Ian Law also said that he'd heard about a Club which organised "Adopt a Tree" certificates as a guest speaker's gift each week. It helps the "Adopt a Tree" scheme and it would probably be more appreciated by the speaker than another old pen. It was clear that members thought this was a good idea and recommended that the Board see if it can be implemented. Having said that, Leigh announced that he'd found a load of Rotary pens but hadn't had a chance to see if they were still useable.
- Leigh explained that we had standardised on the weekly \$35 cost of the meal irrespective of the actual cost the Club has to pay. On the few occasions that the meal actually costs \$30 then the extra \$5 contributes towards the cost of guest speakers' and prospective members' meals and keeps the annual subs from increasing.
- Leigh spoke about membership and how it is up to us to invite our friends. Tony Glenn and others talked about how the generation of our own children who are probably late thirties and early forties engage with their community in so many other ways these days. [Journalist apology but there was some talk about somebody called Amanda Rose from the Drum program and I haven't the foggiest who she is and how she's connected to our Club Assembly].

- Ian Langford explained how the invocation we use came from Apex (young men's service clubs) and his experience there was that everyone said it together. The way our Club has been doing it with one person reciting it and then there's an embarrassed mumble of hear hears, amens some Latin and a confused feeling of I'll drink to that! It was suggested that in future we all stand up and say the invocation in unison and then it doesn't need anything said to finish it off. There seemed to be a definite consensus we adopt this.
- Ian Johnson talked about how most of our projects are helping other organisations. It was suggested that we should have some bigger project that was our own project and maybe others help us instead of lots of little projects. Ian J is considering an idea and he will come back to the Club with a proposal when he has thought it through. Dom Williams talked about how Sydney Cove Rotary had an annual regatta and they raised \$100 to \$200,000. Golf days were mentioned and Carsten talked about the poor children's playgrounds in Bowral. Berrima District organised a marvellous playground in Berrima and Berry Rotary has also organised a great one in Berry. It was supported as a worthwhile project for the Board to consider.
- Leigh is looking for someone to take over the weekly raffle instead of Jo being left with all the work. Jo is quite happy to keep supplies of raffle tickets etc. up and bring the bag each week if someone else or others could deal with getting the wine, handing round the bag and with help folding all the stubs up. Not a lot of hands went up (i.e. none) and Tony and Rod talked about the topic of sharing responsibilities.
- Leigh suggested that all the old banners collecting dust at the Highlands Golf Club should be digitally photographed and then chucked. They used to be displayed at the meeting when the Highlands Golf Club was our regular venue but few took notice of them. Ian Law offered to help Leigh with this.
- Leigh thought we should update the music project that we introduced to HarbisonCare when Tom Parkinson was a member.

Zone 8 Regionalisation Project:

About half the club had read the information (see <https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org/resource/initiation-petition> if you haven't read it yet) and it would seem that all will become clearer once we know the wording of the vote. Leigh will let members know the wording when he is told. In the meantime, a good summary was on the table and if you didn't pick one up please go to <https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org/> and click on "Fact Sheet" at the top of the web site.

There are Regionalisation Information sessions on 4th, 9th & 12th August.

Conferences:

The District 9705 Conference 2022/23 is in Wagga Wagga on 21st to 23rd October 2022. It would be great if we could get a decent number of us to go. It's more fun when there are many of us and Tony Glenn reminded us how Bowral Mittagong used to be one of the Clubs that had a great attendance each year. See the District web page for more information although I can't see that you can register yet. <https://rotary9705.org.au/50099/Page/ShowHomePage>

There is a **Zone 8 Conference** Canberra 28-30 October for those interested.

- The important one is the **Rotary International Convention** next year because it's in Melbourne 27th to the 31st of May 2023.

(<https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne>) Those that have been to a RI Convention and especially if you went to the one in Sydney in 2014 will know how inspiring they are. Once again a group of members have a lot more fun than going individually. Denise Coad offered to coordinate a party going.

Sergeant Lynton: A quick fines session followed. Both Don Graham and Tony Glenn have recently become Grandads again and were fined \$1 per kg. Ian Law fined for no charger in Bowral and Ian Langford fined for adopting too many trees.

Robert de Jongh admitted that the "Wood Sales" phone has only rung once in 4 months. Jim Gasson as a previous Council Administrator thinks he ought to get a free meal next week if Viv May gets one.

Raffle: Lucky David McCosh won the raffle (again) and received a bottle of wine.

President Leigh closed the meeting and reminded us that Viv May (Wingecarribee Shire Council Administrator) will be the guest speaker next week when we meet at the Kookabar.

This Bulletin.....

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