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Club Meetings:

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at various Southern Highlands venues.

If you are an apology please text or phone Denise Coad 0416009395 or email denisecoad@bigpond.com by 5.00pm Friday before the Tuesday meeting. By default, it will be assumed that members are attending.

| Date | Meeting Venues | Speaker/ Topic | Journalist |
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| 08 Aug | Kookabar | Robbie Allen, Members talk | Tim Bowland |
| 15 Aug | Bowral Bowling Club | Johanna Airlie, Beyond the Badge | Trevor Fair |
| 22 Aug | Annesley | Rod Aistrop et al, RAWCS Fiji report. | Pamela Brown |

Venue: Bowral Bowling Club

Journalist: Ian Langford

Acting Sergeant Ian Donges called the meeting to order and welcomed guest speaker Hamish Tamé and then reminded us that it being the first of August it was all horses' birthdays. Apparently it was also national Girlfriend Day and Yves Saint Laurent's birthday.

Ian then welcomed President Don Graham to the microphone.

President Don welcomed guest speaker Hamish Tamé and also Bob Miller.

Announcements:

President Don then asked for volunteers to help at the Chevalier College barbecue which will be on this Saturday 5th August from 9:00am to about 2:30pm.

It was reported that **Graham Castle** had given the barbecue trailer a refit and an exceptional clean which was no mean feat.



Lynton Kettle, Don Graham and Robert de Jongh will be going out on Wednesday to collect a large amount of wood which has been given to the Club for the firewood sales.

Social Director Rosemary Kelly reported on how the social program is nearly booked up to December. She told members about the Nurse of the Year award which will be held on the 29th of November and also \$500 will be donated to Australian Rotary Health in the name of the winner.

The meeting on Tuesday 21st November will be moved to the Thursday 23rd November which is the evening before the Bong Bong Picnic Races the next day. We will be having the traditional pre-race barbecue.

Acting Sergeant Ian Donges then held one of his quizzes where ten clues are revealed one at a time however Rosemary Kelly guessed correctly that the answer was Sam Kerr on the first clue!

Youth director Robbie Allen reported on the Bowral High School Interact Club and told us

that our club was donating the cost of some Interact blazers that are needed by the



Interactors. Their changeover meeting will be held on the 31st of August in the cafe they

run at the School. Anyone who wishes to attend will need to do a 100 point ID registration with the school office. See Robbie to discuss.

President Don announced Denise Coad, Robbie Allen and Rosemary Kelly will be responsible for organising supplies for the Club barbecue.

Don commented on an excellent article based on PP Leigh Robinson's annual report that was submitted to the Southern Highland News and had appeared on line although not in the weekly printed paper. However the article has now appeared in this week's printed paper dated 2nd August. Don also informed the members about interviews with Ian Holland of 2ST local radio promoting Rotary.

Mary Ramsay pleaded for members to make sure that the remaining few marshalling positions for the Bowral Classic get filled as soon as possible. She circulated the roster around the tables. The event is held over the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of October but all the marshalling is on the 22nd. **Please see Mary's email to all members** and contact her if you can help.

Robert de Jongh recited the Invocation and **Graham Castle** then presented the **International Toast:**

On 1st August 1836, as part of their homeward journey on HMS Beagle, Charles Darwin returns to Bahia in Brazil. He had over his various voyages spent significant time in and around South America and particularly in the Bahia region.

On the last leg of the voyage Darwin finished his 770-page diary, wrapped up 1,750 pages of notes, and drew up 12 catalogues of his 5,436 skins, bones, and carcasses.

This voyage was Darwin's final voyage of exploration and collecting the data and material which would eventually lead to the publication of his theory "On the Origin of Species".

The capital of the Bahia region is Salvador which is notable for:

(a) Being the first capital of Brazil, from 1549 to 1763 and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Area; and

(b) It was also, from 1558, the first slave market in the New World.

Of the six Rotary Clubs in Salvador, the Club of Salvador-Itapagipe is the oldest being chartered on 19th December 1967 and it is also the largest, having 20 members at the present.

Unfortunately any web information dates back to 2013.

By comparison the Rotary Club of Salvador-Aratu, Chartered on 23rd March 1969 and comprising 11 members led by President Márcio Ricardo Guedes has a significant website spreading the Rotary word.



Meeting in Foz do Iguaçu to plan for the important South American Rotary event

The President recently met with other leaders of the 46th Rotary Brazil Institute, which will take place from August 24th to 26th, in the city of Foz do Iguaçu, Paraná, considered the largest and most important Rotary event in Brazil, which will bring together Rotarians from Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and Bolivia to discuss and plan joint projects.

Would you please rise and make our International Toast to President Márcio Ricardo Guedes and members of the Rotary Club of Salvador-Aratu.

PP Leigh Robinson announced that the charity dinner has been postponed to 12th October 2024 next year due to difficulties getting sponsorship. There is a possibility of a major sponsor coming on board which, if successful, could prevent the postponement.

Leigh has visited **David Rees** who seems to be recovering from his triple bypass operation quite well although he is still very fragile. The operation has been a success so far.

Leigh also told us how each year a Peace Pole is passed from one District Governor to the next and is erected in the DG's home town. Next year when DGE Rob Uhl is District Governor the Peace Pole will be situated outside the Wingecarribee Shire Council offices in Moss Vale.

PP Leigh Robinson is taking on the role of District representative for the current Rationalisation project.

Rod Aistrope brought the meeting up to date about the Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) trip that will be leaving for Fiji on Sunday 6th August and returning on the 20th August. The team will be working on the Koropita Rotahome project.

Will Eddowes asked if anyone knew the whereabouts of the Rotary barbecue aprons which have disappeared were could they please let him know. There are supposed to be nine good aprons (purchased about 18 months ago) Presumably someone has taken them home to wash and has forgotten to return them to the shed.

Barbara Humphries then formally introduced the guest speaker Hamish Ta-mé from "Bowral Beekeeping" who has kindly given us his time to tell about his beekeeping journey. He has formal qualifications in beekeeping and runs one of Australia's largest teaching apiaries.

Hamish Ta-mé has managed to turn a work "blip" into an enjoyable and very successful business. Three years ago Hamish was working for the Liverpool Council on a project about regrading team members. To achieve the regrading team members were temporarily moved onto contract and before the move back could be completed Covid19 hit. As they were contractors, the Council sacked them all and Hamish found himself out of work at 52 years old.

Hamish was lucky to have large property in Bowral, he had an interest in keeping bees and he started a Digital Marketing Business. He had heard about "Airbnb Experiences" and he listed his apiary as an experience and within days, he got bookings. Intimate groups of four to six people would visit Mr Ta-mé's and get dressed in a head-to-toe suit. He was recently told that his experience was the highest ranked on Airbnb Experiences in Australia.

See <https://www.bowralbeekeeping.com/> and Air Bee N Bee, <https://www.airbnb.com.au/experiences/195514>

Attendees also have the opportunity to taste honey and learn more about Flow Hive - a method that has allowed beekeepers to extract honey without disturbing the bees. He said his workshops have been the opportunity to inform others on how to keep bees at home, how to extract honey and the importance of the insect.



[Photographer, Hamish Ta-mé. Bowral Beekeeping].

Hamish teaches people how to set up their own hives and he also manages other people's hives.

Hamish talked about the importance of the bees to agriculture to provide pollination which is why it is devastating that a year ago it was discovered that Varroa mites had been discovered in the Newcastle area. They are the most serious pest of honey bees worldwide. The mites are tiny reddish brown external parasites of honey bees and the Varroa infects honey bees in every major beekeeping area of the world, except Australia. The mite is 100% fatal to a hive and their discovery has triggered the largest bio security response. It spreads like Covid! To try and contain the mite 22,000 colonies have been destroyed and it's five years before you can reintroduce new colonies.

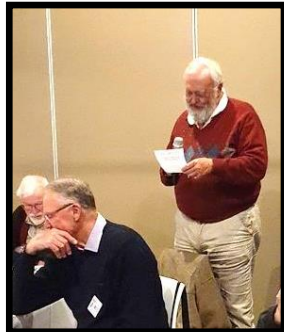
Hamish went onto explain the history and construction of a bee hive. The hive design used by all commercial operations and until recently used by back yard amateurs as well is a design that was patented 171 years ago. However 8 years ago a father and son in Byron Bay developed a new hive called a Flow Hive which allows you to drain the honey without opening the hive and disturbing the bees.



Hamish then described the structure of a colony with typically 75,000 female workers, 200 males whose only job is to find love and then die and the Queen bee providing the offspring. The males are all killed off in the autumn as they are not needed during winter and use up food resources.

Hamish was passionate about his hobby and feels he is so lucky have such an enjoyable business.

Jeff Mann gave the vote of thanks and commended Hamish on his educational and very lucid talk about how he had turned his cool hobby into a successful business.



Acting Sergeant Ian Donges then held a fines session. Dr Leigh was fined for being awarded his PhD recently (well done Leigh), Hamish for promoting yoga with a goat, Paul for being dressed up as the treasurer with a tie. Sport connections were mentioned with the swimming, women's football, cricket, etc. so Poms, Irish and anyone in range was fined. Anyone who had been scammed was fined which was a bit mean. Cross fines allowed



Sergeant Lynton to poke his head up feeling left out just because he'd been having a great holiday. When he returned Dr Robinson had gone and Don was President. Lynton then told an anecdote about Don, Will and himself trying to get their bikes in boxes through the Airport railway station barriers. All going well with the

boxes overlapped so the barriers stayed open until Don thought he would help by taking (I think) Lynton's opal card and tapping it so he ended up paying the \$17.80 even though the barrier was open! Of course Mary had to pay for the interest rates staying the same, Robbie for living next to a police crime scene and Bob Miller for something about being retired.

Raffle. Hamish picked out the ticket and Allan Falvey won the raffle but not the joker.

Don closed the meeting and next week we are at the Kookabar Café.