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### Club Meetings: Attendance & Apologies

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

Contact: TREVOR FAIR of your attendance or apologies

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Please be considerate and respond. Unannounced members and guests may miss out on a meal.

# "What's On?"

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist	Invocation & International Toast
8 April	Board Meeting			
9 April	Bowral Bowling Club	John Askew & Denise Ogden."Kids in Care"	Bob Miller	Vanessa Aylett
16 April	Annesley	Honorary members night	Will Eddowes	Beverly Coffey
23 April	Bowral Bowling Club	Club Assembly	Trevor Fair	Robert de J..
30 April	Bowral Bowling Club	Ian Mander brain tumour survivor	Ian Langford	Ian Donges
7 May	Bowral Bowling Club	Lucy Earl, Uniting Church.	David McCosh	Will Eddowes
14 May	Annesley	Member Talk David Patton	Pamela Brown	Trevor Fair
17 May	Imperial Hotel	Birthday Pizza gathering	NA	NA
21 May	Robbie's house	Poetry night	Bob Miller	Ian Johnson
24/25 May	Wingecarribee Shire Council	Model United Nations	NA	NA
27 May	Mittagong RSL	Science & Engineering Challenge (High School)	NA	NA
28 May	Mittagong RSL	Science & Engineering Discovery Day (Primary Schools)	NA	NA

28 May	Bowral Bowling Club	Tandom Speakers	Will Eddowes	Ian Law
4 June	Bowral Bowling Club			Paul Leotta
11 June	Annesley			Bob Miller
18 June	Bowral Bowling Club			David Rees
25 June	Bowral Bowling Club			Bruce Sutton
2 July	TBA	Club Changeover Function	Trevor Fair	
13 Sept- 30 Sept	Tulip Time Festival	Roster members on gates (Ian Langford)	NA	NA
25-27 Oct	Mittagong RSL	District 9705 Conference	NA	NA
22 Nov	Bong Bong	BB Races BBQ & Car Parking	Don	

MEMBERS, CAN I HAVE DATES FOR THE CALENDAR PLEASE. Tim

The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong Meeting held Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.

**Night Reporter:** Tim Bowland.

**Sergeant Lynton Kettle** opened the meeting and welcomed guests. Luciano introduced his guests from Italy

**Tony Glenn** gave the Invocation and the International Toast.

### International Toast

With the passing of another Christian Easter celebration, I thought it poignant that the International Toast reflect upon and recognise the part played two Rotary Clubs in the events currently taking place in the Middle East.

The **Rotary Club of Jerusalem** in Israel was chartered on 11 March 1929 while the **Rotary Club of Bethlehem** in Palestine was chartered on 20 May 2013.

Neither has a large membership, being 17 and 20 respectively.

The Rotary Club of Jerusalem has a rich history and was chartered during a period when the region, including the future state of Israel and what would become the occupied Palestinian territories in Gaza and the West Bank, was under British colonial rule.

Since its inception, the club has focused and prioritised promoting peace and understanding.

The club has been actively involved in various peacebuilding projects, notably any initiative involving a peace education program designed and led by Arik Gutler Ofir, a former Rotary Peace Fellow.

In this program, students from Jewish and Arab backgrounds participate in activities that help them understand each other's cultures, food, and music.

Given the historical and political complexities of the region, the Rotary Club of Bethlehem, while a young Club, plays a similar crucial role in fostering understanding, dialogue, and peace.

The Club's core driving force is directing its projects and energy into youth development projects to meet local needs, to promote education, and support vulnerable populations. Again, the emphasis is directed at both Arab and Jewish youth.

There are approximately 60 Rotary Clubs in Israel and only 3 Rotary Clubs in Palestine.

Please be upstanding and toast the Presidents and members of the Rotary Clubs of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. May their efforts contribute to a lasting peace in the region.

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**Pres Don** also welcomed the guests to the meeting.

#### **Pres Elect Bob Miller**



spoke about his experience at PETS in Cootamundra. Bob introduced the members to the new logo for 24-25 "THE MAGIC OF ROTARY". He also spoke about the Code of Contact for clubs and many other things that he had been informed about at the seminar.

**Ian Law** updated members about Brigadoon and the need for two extra volunteers to take down lights on one of the stands.

**Ian Langford** spoke about the roster for the Science and Engineering Challenge seeking volunteers.

**Pres Don** asked for board members to start thinking about their annual reports. And also asked if any members wanted to put their hand up to be a Community Leader for our District. Don mentioned that there will be a club assembly on the 23<sup>rd</sup> so think about issues you would like to discuss at that meeting.

#### **Tim Bowland –**



Just before Easter we received a request from our district YE Committee asking us if we would sponsor an outbound student from Frencham school.

This was an extra ordinary request as the student comes from Darwin. So our club will not be required to host an inbound student in return. The Darwin based family will be hosting an inbound student for a Darwin based RC. The student we have been asked to sponsor is Ellery Martin, she is currently 14 and will be 15 when she goes out in January.

Robert de Jongh, my wife Alison and myself interviewed Ellery and her mother this morning as the family had been down at Kiama for Easter and they were delivering Ellery back to Frencham before returning to Darwin.

Ellery is a very mature young lady and has been at Frencham for 2 1/2 years. We had no reservations about recommending her to the club and District to go on the YE program. So once the board has given the nod her application will go to District.

Ellery will have to go to Canberra in June for an interview and if successful will attend two training sessions before the end of the year.

**Robert de Jong** said he will be calling for volunteers to help at MUNA. Tony Glenn spoke about MUNA and encouraged members to attend and see what a fabulous program it is.

Dinner was served.

**Pres Don** introduced Ian Law our guest speaker.



Ian spoke about his life experiences saying that he called himself a Southern African in that he lived in several countries in the south of the African continent. His father was in banking and moved around. Ian said at the age of 8 he would catch the train to school which was over the border. His family had servants but Ian treated them as friends and shared some experiences of living with them. Ian spent most of his senior school life in boarding schools. Ian went to university in Cape Town and studied chemical engineering and told us some stories of his Zuni days, Pram Races, wooden matt challenges and Rigby.

Ian's first job was in a Nickel & Copper refinery, he became aware of the effluent from the refinery damaging the farming land around it and that got him interested water treatment. Ian then undertook more studies in water treatment and got a masters degree. He has applied his new skills in many countries working on sustainable water supplies, converting sewerage to drinking water. Ian was asked by the Singaporean government to establish an independent water supply so they didn't have to rely on other countries for their water. Ian has received "The Public Service Award" from the President of Singapore.

Ian acknowledged the support of his wife Sue during his working life which still goes on. Ian and Sue got involved in farming in NSW breeding South African sheep. They moved to the Bowral area to be near their family who then packed up and went to the UK. However, they will be back.

**Pres Don** thanked Ian for his talk.

**Lynton** conducted a another FUN fine session. There was a lot of laughter heard from the members as a few clever jokes were told.

**Pres Don** thanked the guests and all for attending and closed the meeting.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**April:** Don Graham 9/4, Janine Brundle 13/4, Pamela Brown 29/4.

**May:** Rod Aistrope 3/5, Jim Gasson 22/5, Will Eddowes 26/5, Brian Pattinson 31/5.

*The week that was.*



## *The Gallery April 2nd*



## *Asher in Japan. 2 Months in.*

Being a Rotary exchange student so far has been a very rewarding experience! It has now been 2 months since my arrival and I have learnt so many things.

I have become a part of the Sakaguchi/阪口 family who have been so incredibly kind to me and made feel part of their family. I am so grateful to them and their assistance while I have settled into my new routine. I am an only child back home, so being able to be part of a family with a brother and sister has been a lot of fun! And to have so many new friends as well has been so amazing!!! There is always someone to talk to and practice my language skills with.

Being a rotary youth exchange student means representing my country and upholding the Rotary values of spreading peace and being of service. I feel I have so much support as an exchange student behind me with my host counsellor Tokito and Rotary club and my counsellor back home, Tim and the Bowral Mittagong Rotary (thank you to Mike and Matt for ensuring we know who to contact and in what order). I know I am developing the tools to carry on the Rotary mission in the future.

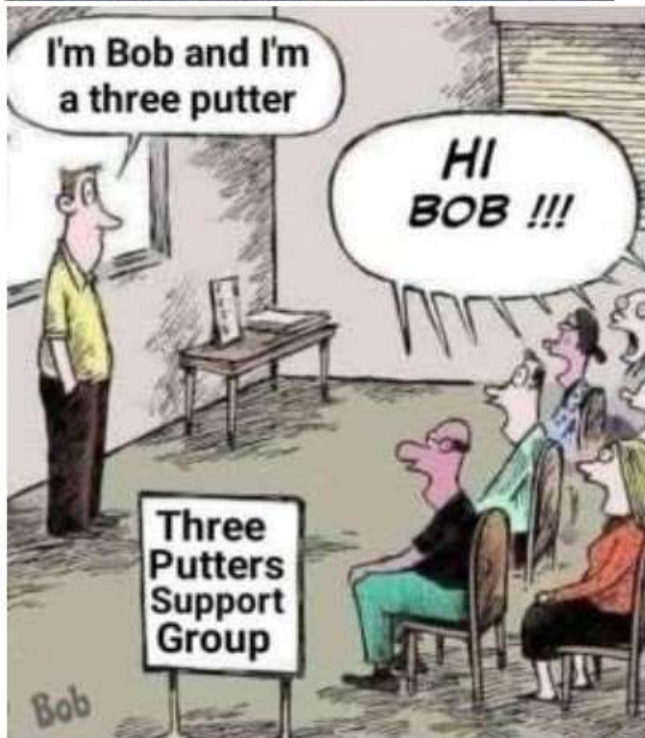
This week has been a bit of a challenge and I know there will be many more and I am thankful to everyone supporting me on my exchange journey! Thank you/ありがとう!!!



Meeting more of the family! We had a beautiful picnic among the blooming cherry blossom trees!!! I participated in so many fun activities with the family and enjoyed the picnic very much. I can't wait to do it again!!!

Ashers Facebook: Search "**Asher Ay**" if you would like to be his friend and see his posts.

**The Funnies** (courtesy of Bungendore RC)



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