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### Club Meetings:

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

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Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
10 Oct	Bowral Bowling Club	Richard Kroon (Winzero) Rotarian BBC	Pamela Brown
17 Oct	Annesley	: Gale Edwards (Theatre Director)	Trevor Fair
24 Oct	Bowral Bowling Club	Eleanor Sainsbury, Adult Day Care	David McCosh

**Journalist: Will Eddowes**

**Venue: Kookabar**

**Sergeant : Lynton Kettle**

### Welcome:

Sergeant Lynton Kettle welcomed members and guests. BHS Interactors Meg Paviour, president, Tayla Bass, vice-president and Daniel Smith, chair-person accompanied by staff member Chris Sands.

Lynton also welcomed Beverley Coffee, Christopher George and Joe Chalmers.

He then welcomed Ian Langford back to the land of normality after 2 weeks of total dedication to Tulip Time.

**The Invocation** was delivered by Barbara Humphries

**The International Toast** was delivered by Jim Gasson:



German Unity Day is celebrated on 3 October as a national holiday. It commemorates German reunification in 1990 when the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) joined the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany), so that for

the first time since 1945 there existed a single German state.

The reunification of Germany was significant - It marked the end of the more than forty-year division of the continent into two rival ideological blocs, epitomized by the liberal democratic capitalist Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) on the one side and the communist dictatorship of the German Democratic Republic (GDR) on the other.

Initially, many predicted the revival of German assertiveness in Europe. However, neither

German unification nor the growth of the German economy a decade later led to an increased assertion of political and military power.

After the fall of the Berlin Wall and reunification in 1990, many Rotary clubs were founded on the territory of the former GDR, where there had been no service clubs until then. In 1995 there were already 30 new clubs, so that it became necessary to establish a separate District 1940, which today unites 90 clubs with around 4000 members.

The eastern border of District 1940 is also the border with neighbouring Poland. There, too, Rotarian life was not able to develop until after 1990.

The oldest club in District 1940 is the Rotary Club of Berlin, which was chartered on 11 March 1929 and today has a membership of 144.

But this evening our attention falls on the Rotary Club of Berlin-Checkpoint Charlie a club of 43 members chartered on 24 June 2017 and led by President Anja Pfeffermann. This Club was one of those formed in an area that formed part of the former GDR (East Germany). You will be aware from recent literature produced for the proposed regionalisation of Rotary in this region where partnership relationships are being promoted to undertake projects and deliver services.

Last year the Rotary Club of Brussels and the Rotary Club of Berlin-Checkpoint Charlie signed documentation for a joint partnership to co-operate in common interest service projects and regular interaction between the clubs to promote Rotary.

Please be upstanding and toast President Anya and the members of the Rotary Club of Berlin-Checkpoint Charlie, who appear to be one step ahead of the regionalisation plan on the need of partnership relationships.

It happens that Jim ran in a marathon from East to West across Checkpoint Charlie to mark the reunification and purloined some samples of the Wall at the time!

**Ian Langford** reported on Tulip Time. There were 62,000 visitors apart from Kids (and some kids were of questionable age!). Compared to last year there was extra Council labour and the support from the Ticketmaster staff as very good although there were problems



for visitors getting bar codes, largely due to slow internet response.

**Governor General, David Hurley** and wife Liz graced Tulip Time with their presence although they probably didn't

have to battle with bar codes! Ian said he had enjoyed the friendship of members and interaction with the public and apologised if he had upset anybody! – never!

**The Interactors** then spoke.



They started by introducing themselves.

**Meg** then reported the sale of Legacy badges which raised \$4,000. The club had helped the CWA tea house during Tulip Time. They ran a BBQ

with the Rotary trailer for the school community and they have recently started a Koala committee. The latter has rescued 2 koalas so far and encourage Rotarians to join them on Council sponsored Koala Conservation Walks.

**Tayla** spoke about their Environmental committee. They are collecting used batteries for recycling and are talking to Ian Law about removal of noxious weeds.

**Meg** explained how their club was helping to fight domestic violence. They have been raising money for 'Polished Man', a charity dedicated to helping DV victims. They raised \$3,000 last year by painting finger nails blue. Most of our members ended up with (at least) one blue finger nail for a suitable donation.

**President Don** thanked them and thanked Chris Sands for her vital contribution. Several Rotarians said how impressed they were by these year 10 students.

**Robbie Allen** has received a reminder from the District Youth Protection Officer the Working With Children (WWC) registration is required if dealing with students. While not all our projects require this, it is club policy for all members.

**Ian Law** announced that the SHOWN Bush Dance had sadly been cancelled due to very poor response.

**Tony Glenn** has good numbers for the Bowral Classic BBQ. He will email volunteers to confirm.

**Rosemary Kelly** reported that the Annesley tour on 15 Nov is currently undersubscribed. With insufficient numbers we will forfeit not only the visit but their \$500 gift to the club. Please let Rosemary know if you can go.

The Bong Bong race meeting on 24 Nov needs someone to take charge of the BBQ. Luciano and Will volunteered.

Rosemary announced a Shed Committee comprising herself, Tony Glenn, Graham Castle, Will Eddowes and Robbie Allen.

Rosemary is checking a Christmas party venue, possibly Bowral Golf Club, and also proposing to use the hamper raffle to raise money for the Uniting Church food program. This needs checking with Lucy Earl.

A Car Rally is being planned and members were asked for a weekday or weekend preference. After discussion, mid-week was the verdict.

**Mary Ramsay** has emailed a final roster for the Bowral Classic and she urged everyone to check their details before its imminent despatch to the race organisers' 4.00pm 6 Oct meeting.

**President Don** opened the discussion about **Regionalisation**. It seems

the pilot will go ahead regardless but the main issue for members now is how it will be implemented and how clubs can be linked to other clubs where there is a common interest.

The overall driver is the steady loss of membership. Several members expressed doubt about the ability of Regionalisation to achieve gains in membership, notably Louie, Rod and Tony Glenn. Tony felt it was a fundamental change in society. Brian Pattinson compared diminishing church congregations.



**Leigh** indicated that there would typically be 8 clubs in a group although the final direction is still unknown. He urged us to complete the survey, particularly Section 9 multiple choice questions. Don has to report to the Regionalisation committee.



#### **Sergeant's Session:**

Ian Langford penalised for doing too good a job. Jo Chalmers for being there.

Jim Gasson for running East to West in Berlin when the opposite would have been more in line with his politics.

Mary Ramsay for RBA keeping rates on hold.

Jim Gasson for getting a real letter from Illinois following Bob Miller's return to membership.

**The Raffle** was drawn by Ian Langford. Lynton won – not only the wine but he finally pulled the joker and won \$500.

**President Don** closed the meeting with a final plea to complete the Regionalisation Questionnaire.