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"What's On?"

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
8-10/ Mar	Batemans Bay	PETS Training	
12 Mar	Bowral Bowling Club	Trivia Night. Induct new members	Trevor Fair
14 Mar	Joadja	Tour of Joadja. Morning tea z& Lunch	Rosemary K
15 Mar	Imperial Hotel	Birthday Pizza Lunch	Denise
19 Mar	TBA	Social Night	Ian Langford
22/24 Mar	Cootamundra RSL	PETS Training	
26 Mar	Bowral Bowling Club		
2 April	Bowral Bowling Club		
9 April	Bowral Bowling Club		
16 April	TBA	Social Night	
23 April	Bowral Bowling Club		
30 April	Bowral Bowling Club		
24/25 May	Wingecarribee Shire Council	Model United Nations	
27 May	Mittagong RSL	Science & Engineering Challenge (High School)	
28 May	Mittagong RSL	Science & Engineering Discovery Day (Primary Schools)	

2 July	TBA	Club Changeover Function	
25-27 Oct	Mittagong RSL	District 9705 Conference	
22 Nov	Bong Bong	BB Races BBQ & Car Parking	Don

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

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President Don Graham opened the meeting at 6.30.

He welcomed our guests: **Anna Zaranski** (speaking later), **Jo and Tim Goodacre**, **Helene Jessep** (also speaking later), **David Patten**, **Janine Brundle** and **Robyn Liberale**

Barbara Humphries delivered the International Toast followed by the Invocation:



Today's international toast stays within the African Continent as 6 March 1958 is the Independence Day for Ghana when it achieved independence from the United Kingdom.

The administrative capital city of Ghana is Accra and the metropolitan Accra has a population of approximately 300,000 residents but the Greater Accra Region has a population of approximately 6,000,000 residents. This is relevant because there are 38 Rotary Clubs with the name "Accra" included in the club names and with address' in Accra.

The name Accra is derived from the Akra word meaning "ants" as the region is famous for its ant nests which are seen as sacred places, and particularly the soldier ants. Culturally, people saw a connection between the martial qualities and migratory behaviour of the local ants and those of the local Ga people.

Ghana experienced decades of corruption, mismanagement, and military rule which stymied growth and achievement. However, by the 1990s the country's state of affairs began showing signs of improvement, and today Ghana is held up as an example of successful economic recovery and political reform in Africa.

The Accra Rotary Club was the first Rotary Club in Ghana, chartered on 24 October 1958, shortly after independence. The President is Sarah Smith and there are 42 members. The establishment of the Club was driven by Dan Quist, Chief Accountant of the giant American petrochemical company, Texaco.

The Club went on to sponsor 7 other Rotary Clubs, an Interact Club and a Rotary Club. Its website is creative and up to date with what is happening.

By comparison with the story around Khartoum Rotary Club, Accra Rotary Club is definitely not in isolation nor decline, and is part of a strong and healthy presence of Rotary in this part of the world.

Please be upstanding and toast President Sarah Smith and the members of the Rotary Club of Accra.



David Rees asked if the club would support a small project at Mittagong Public School. It entails tidying up/weeding the playground which is currently run down. A show of hands indicated that there would be plenty of volunteers.

President Don mentioned that **Ian Donges** (currently in Tasmania) has proposed upgrading the Rotary signage in the area. He will be asking for volunteers.

President Don told us of two Rotarian cyclists on a tandem who will be coming through Bowral in May and looking for accommodation. They are raising money for 'End Polio Now' and will also be looking for a donation from the club.

Rosemary Kelly addressed the visit to Joadja on 14 March for a \$59 package comprising morning tea, a tour of the shale mine ruins and a lunch. The minimum number is 20 and Rosemary only had 15. However, she had coaxed the numbers up to 20 by the end of the evening! It should be a fun day.



Rosemary also mentioned a trivia night next week (12 March). Instead of the raffle there will be a \$5.00 entry and a small prize. All proceeds will go to Rotary Health.

Robbie Allen showed an article in the Southern Highland News about the Interactors at Bowral High. It showed a photo of them at the 'Angels in our Town' event. The article was previously published in the District magazine.

President Don mentioned that we have committed to accepting an international student next year. We have 9 months accommodation offered but still need another 3 months.

Tim Bowland has been working with Allan Falvey on a mail-out package to new residents to inform them about Rotary. Tim produced 108 prepared envelopes, divided into about 10 packages. By the end of the evening all packages had been taken by members for hand delivery.

Rosemary Kelly has proposed a revival of the 10 pin bowling competition against Moss Vale – who currently hold the trophy. They are keen and a date will probably be set in May.

Trevor Fair and **Bob Miller** took part in a Zoom meeting with the other members of our pilot 'Community Group'. This is their report.

Rotary is divided into Zones and below that Districts and Clubs.

Our Zone, Zone 8 is about to pilot a Rotary Community Group.

Our Group, the "Coast and Highlands Group" includes the Clubs of Batemans Bay, Bega, Berry, Bowral-Mittagong, Gerrigong Sunrise, Merimbula, Milton Ulladulla, Moyuya, Moss Vale, Narooma, Nowra and Pambula.

- Pilot is for 2 years starting July 2024
- Each Community Group elects a Community Leader. Similar role and skills that a DG should have. (Maybe in the future they will replace DGs)?
- Each Community Group develops its own growth plan.
- Will have access to Rotary specialists – experts within Rotary who are willing to offer support to other clubs.
- Looking at a Zone wide accounting software package.
- Possible Hub and spoke structure with the RCL as the hub and club/clubs acting as spokes. Some clubs currently have partnerships with other clubs when running events.
- One possible outcome is a new entity called Rotary Australia which may hold a DGR status for example.

My comments: General resistance (change?). Too much focus on events and not on some of the other things like marketing and membership ideas.

My summation is that our club is open to all suggestions and ideas.

Some members will embrace and others will find it difficult.

Attendance and Payments

Firstly that you for assisting in the transition of advising me of your attendance and whereabouts. I have my dart board dusted off and we will see how we go. Possible fundraiser is to link with Sports bet to see how close I can get to the exact numbers.

Payments. Currently our dinner fee receipts are approx. \$2600 lower than costs. Equates to 75 meals. Without going into much detail moving forward we will be keeping a close eye on payments and this is where all members can assist.

When making the payment for dinner fees please indicate your name and date of meeting, if there is sufficient space "Dinner" however we will be able to work this out by the amount. If you are all able to pay within a few days either side of the meeting that would also assist.

Return and Earn:

- There is a new app to use when depositing containers.
- Possible to select charity of choice – Bowral-Mittagong Rotary is listed.
- The Moss Vale Facility has now opened in Red Fields Rd, off Lackey Road on the other side of the train tracks past Steptoe & Sons (Resource Recovery)
- Trevor collected coke cans from his office and earned \$12 for Rotary. If each member does this \$450 can be used for our projects or paying for guest dinners. Takes the pressure off subscriptions.

Barbara Humphries asked if anyone wanted to buy two tickets to Tom Jones from **Rose Conley**. Rose is unable to use them but she will donate the money paid to Rotary. LATE NEWS, YOUR TOO LATE THEY ARE GONE.

Dinner was served and for the first time a platter of dessert slices was put on each table instead of individual servings. This helps to keep down the price of the meals.



President Don introduced **Helene Jessep** to talk about 'Bundanoon is Brigadoon' which is coming up on 6 April. This is the 44th year of the event which has raised over \$2million for various charities. This year the recipient will be 'Kids with Cancer'.

They are looking for **volunteers**, typically on 3 hour shifts for various jobs including making sandwiches and parking. Parking is a problem with up to 10,000 attendees. The organisers provide all material required and they pay \$16.00 for every hour worked by volunteers to the charity. They allocate jobs and volunteers get **free entry** to the event. A dance is held from 6.30pm until midnight.

Some one-up-man-ship was then on display between **President Don** and **Trevor** when they both claimed to have joined the British aristocracy as Lords. Unfortunately for them, Helene pointed out that the estates were each about the size of a pocket handkerchief and money had changed hands to secure them!

Helene can be contacted: email: helenejessep@hotmail.com Mobile: 0409 712 826

Shifts:

Making Sandwiches: 6.30am to 9.00am

Helping with Raffle: 7am to 2.30pm

Just helping: 7am to 5pm

Ceilidh: 6.30pm to 1am



Dominic Williams introduced **Anna Zaranski** who, he said, was a great survivor of WW2.

Anna was born near Kiev in what was then Poland, now Ukraine, before WW2. In the time of the USSR there were no borders between Poland, Ukraine and Russia. Stalin managed to eliminate 30 million people by sending to gulags, starvation and shooting. Anna's father disappeared on 1 June and she was born the following 31 July. German soldiers later found a mass grave with 5000 bodies. Anna's mother and aunt saw 1200 of these and found a friend of her father who had sewn his name into a lapel but they never found her father. All the bodies had their hands tied behind their backs and had been shot in the back of the

head. They never got over this experience and never spoke about it. Anna eventually managed to escape to the West after a couple of near misses. She was 8 years old.

President Don thanked Anna and hoped she would return at a later date to tell us more of her story.

Trevor Fair reminded us to let him know about meeting attendance – in most cases it is assumed that you attend unless you notify otherwise. **This must be done by 5.00pm the previous Friday.** When paying into the General Account, please add a message to indicate which days you are paying for as this simplifies auditing.

The raffle was picked by **Anna** and won by **Robbie Allen**. The elusive joker escaped discovery for another week!

Robert De Jongh told us that planning is well under way for **MUNA** on 25 May. The countries selected are: UK, Japan, South Korea, Fiji, Russia, France and India.

Luciano Liberale informed us that Joadja was the first soccer club in Australia – a bit of history that most of us never knew!

President Don thanked the guests for coming and closed the meeting.

A VERY BIG THANKYOU TO ALLAN FALVEY for sponsoring the mail out to new residents in the Southern Highland



February: Graham Castle, Denise Coad, John Elder, Allan Falvey, John Hoelle
March: Vanessa Aylett 9/3, Tony Glenn 1/3, Luciano Liberale 22/3, Bruce Sutton 24/3

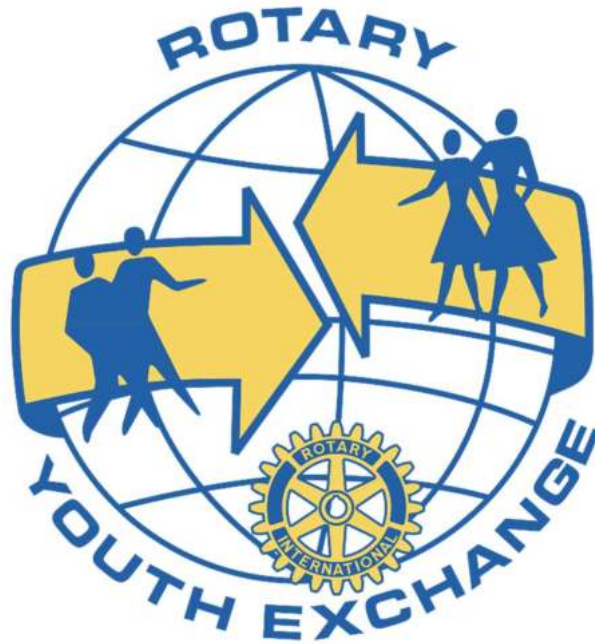
The Gallery



Asher in Japan.



Figure 1 Asher's new friend



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