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Club Meetings:

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

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
12 Sept	Bowral Bowling Club	Peter Tyas (Retired dentist)	Trevor Fair
19 Sept	Annesley	DG Andrea Grosvenor AG Haseena Tweedle	Tim Bowland
26 Sept	Bowral Bowling Club	Marjorie Pagani (Angel flights) BBC	David McCosh

Journalist: Will Eddowes

Venue: Kookabar

Sergeant : Ian Donges

Invocation: Luciano Liberale gave the Invocation in Italian (subsequently translated to English).

Sergeant Ian Donges called the meeting to order and welcomed guests Haseena Tweedle (Area Governor), Bob Miller, Mara De Jongh and Robyn Liberale.

This day is International Charity Day, instigated to commemorate the death of Mother Theresa. Ian also reminded us that it is National Cheese and Pizza day in the USA!

President Don Graham told us that Brian Ritson and Darryl Flegg had resigned from the club. Brian due to distance and Darryl due to farming commitment. Both have made great contributions to the club in the past.

The AGM will be held on 28 November at which Board positions for next year can be put to the vote. The date for the Charity Dinner has been deferred again to 24 October 2024.

The next Club Assembly will be held on 3 October, all members will have the opportunity to raise issues of concern.



District Governor Andrea Grosvenor will attend the Annesley meeting and will talk about Regionalisation and District issues. A Shed Committee is being formed under Rosemary Kelly.

International Toast: Leigh Robinson

The International Day of Charity is an international day observed annually on 5 September. It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012.

The prime purpose of the International Day of Charity is to raise awareness and provide a common platform for charity related activities all over the world for individuals, charitable, philanthropic and volunteer organizations for their own purposes on the local, national, regional and international level.

As members of Rotary International we know well the significance of charity, philanthropy and volunteering by reason of our association with one of the worlds great charities, The Rotary Foundation.

Please be upstanding and toast Rotary International for its foresight and ongoing success in delivering charity across the world in an effort to resolve some of the many health and humanitarian issues; and A further toast to the Members of each of the autonomous Rotary Clubs who fund, support, assist and volunteer to fulfill the goals of The Rotary Foundation.-



Bob Miller was inducted to the club by President Don. Bob was a member of this club about 20 years ago but lapsed due to extensive travel for mining projects. Now retired, Bob is rejoining the 1.2

million Rotarians worldwide.

Bob told us how Jim Gasson had twisted his arm to rejoin but he has respect for the Bowral-Mittagong club and has great pleasure in rejoining.



The Naughty Table

Rosemary Kelly reminded us that the tour of Annesley is arranged for 15 November and anybody interested needs to let Rosemary know.

Ian Langford said that there had been a cancellation on the first day of Tulip Time. Leigh offered to fill the gap. There will be a Ticketek demonstration nearer the time for those who want instruction.

Denise Coad told us they will further the membership of committees at the upcoming Assembly so please think about that in advance.

Area Governor Haseena Tweddle was introduced



by President Don. After a few years as a Rotaractor she was invited to join Rotary in 2014. She has been a president of the Berry Club. She ran a music shop and she is currently president of a group that purchases musical instruments for schools in poor socio-economic areas

to encourage the learning of music and the resulting overall benefits to the students.

Haseena said Rotary appealed as an opportunity to 'make a difference' and she stressed the need to look after the members.



Bruce Sutton was the main speaker for the evening. He proposed to speak for 5 minutes about himself and the rest about Rotary.



His great grandfather came to Australia in the 1890's, his great-grandfather and grandfather were plumbers and his father was the manager at the Maltings in Mittagong until it burnt down! Bruce was born in 1955 at the Strathmore Hospital, near the Bowral Police Station in Wingecarribee St. His mother was a midwife – for Rugby League fans, she delivered Nathen Hindmarsh along with many others. Bruce has 6 children, now aged between 25 and 41.

Bruce trained as an accountant and joined KPMG. He worked with them for 40 years, 10 years in Australia and 30 years in Fiji. Subsequently he set up his own business. He joined the RC Suva East 30 years ago and was president in 1999/2000. When George Speight took over the government in 2000, meetings of more than three people were outlawed. The club did hold a changeover that year in the Australian High Commission but it was almost impossible to continue. Speight is currently in jail for overthrowing the government!



ROTARY PACIFIC WATER FOR LIFE FOUNDATION
WATER FOR LIFE



Bruce has since been involved with 'Rotary Pacific Water'. This was started by two members, the head of Vodafone in Fiji and head of a bottled water company. They have \$10 million invested and work on water supply from artesian bores and sanitation. The operation is much more efficient than government as their maximum overheads are 15%. This work is ongoing. Money is not a problem as they are funded by the NZ Aid and others. Rotary is required to raise some relatively small funding per annum but total grants and donations amount to around \$1million per annum.

Luciano Liberale recently travelled to Port Macquarie to celebrate Ian Cropper's 80th birthday. Good to be there but Ian is not in good health.

Mary Ramsay told us that the Bowral Classic course had been affected by road closures. The 12 marshals affected have been emailed by Mary with details of the change. Please respond to Mary if affected.

The Raffle was drawn by Haseena. Pamela Brown won the wine but not the joker

Tim Bowland said that some interest is being shown by potential members and encouraged everyone to follow up any leads. Tim is getting 1500 club Brochures printed at a cost of \$300 for members to distribute.

Ian Donges set a 'Who am I' quiz that turned out to be Vicki Brady, the CEO of Telstra. Nobody guessed! Ian then ran a Sergeant's Session.



David Rees was fined for being fast asleep when his wood was delivered and again when his lost phone was returned.

Lynton embellished David's sleeping and x-fined Mara De Jongh. He urged

members to support Darryl Flegg, optometrist, who has been a great member in the past.

President Don closed the meeting.

HAPPY *Birthday*

Ken Adams 19/9
Tim Bowland 23/9
Trevor Fair 14/9
Graham Hicks 17/9
Lynton Kettle 16/9 **
David Rees 28/9
** Special Birthday



