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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
13 Aug	Bowral Bowling Club	Ian Donges/Undisclosed!	Graham Castle	David Rees
20 Aug	Annesley	Chris Coates/A Paratrooper experiences in two armies0	Will Eddowes	Bruce Sutton
27Aug	Bowral Bowling Club	To be advised	Denise Coad	Dom Williams
03 Sep	Bowral Bowling Club	To be advised	Ian Law	Beverley Coffey
06 Sept	Imperial Hotel	August/September birthdays <b>**No meeting in August**</b>	N/A	N/A
12 Sept-30 Sept	Tulip Time Festival	Roster members on gates	NA	NA
04 Oct-07 Oct	Southern Highlands Garden Party	Roster Members on the gates	NA	NA
19 Oct-20 Oct	Bowral Classic	Organiser Mary Ramsay	NA	NA
25 Oct-27 Oct	Mittagong RSL	District 9705 Conference	NA	NA
22 Nov	Bong Bong Racetrack	BB Races BBQ & Car Parking	Don	

**Venue:** Bowral Bowling Club. **Journalist:** Trevor Fair.

**Sergeant Lynton Kettle** called the meeting to order, welcomed guests **Kathryn Baget-Juleff, Ian Hannaford, Dennis Cohan, Ria McCosh,** and **Steve Hallis,** then invited **David McCosh** to propose the Invocation and International Toast.

## International Toast.



Tonight, I would like to propose a Toast to - **The Rotary Club of Bulawayo**, the first Rotary club in the city in which I spent my youth, and two years of my working life.

The first name on the club's chain of office is that of Major Robert Boomerang Gordon, First President of the club, which held its first meeting of the twenty founding members at a luncheon at the Selbourne Hotel on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1931. The club was formally chartered

on January 27<sup>th</sup> 1932, when the President of Rotary International, Sydney Pascall, visited from London to present the charter.

Snippets from the club's 92-year history include a luncheon meeting in October 1932, in which, and I quote, "instead of the usual address we had an exceptionally interesting demonstration of the long-distance telephone. Several members spoke to Rotarians in Pretoria". It was the occasion of the opening of the first telephone circuit between South Africa and Rhodesia.

From very early years the club maintained an African Welfare Committee. Its members became the virtual watchdogs for any improvements that could be made to the lot of the African people by both the Municipality and the Government.

My introduction to Rotary was a luncheon meeting in 1955, in the Selbourne Hotel, at which the Head Prefects of the high schools in and around Bulawayo were invited to attend. One of our names had been drawn to give a short speech. I remember being relieved it was not mine. There was no Interact or Rotaract in those days.

When the club membership exceeded 100 members, a second club, Bulawayo South was formed and chartered in 1967.

In 1970 the club admitted Black Africans to its membership. This was a significant step in the club's history, reflecting broader changes in society and Rotary International's evolving policies on racial inclusion.

Following Independence in 1980, - the transition of Rhodesia to Zimbabwe and the government from majority white to black, - President Mugabe launched "*Gukurahundi*", a series of massacres including torture, executions and widespread human rights abuses perpetrated by his infamous Fifth Brigade, primarily targeting the Ndebele people in the Matabele region around Bulawayo. An estimated 20,000 were killed. This had a significant impact on the Rotary Club of Bulawayo. *Gukurahundi* remains a sensitive, painful, and contentious issue in Zimbabwean politics and society in Zimbabwe's even more tragic history. Calls for justice, reparations, and reconciliation are still being debated.

The Rotary Club of Bulawayo, in District 9210 has survived all this and continues to work within the community, last year partnering with the Health and Child Care Ministry for an out-reach programme to cater for less-privileged communities in the township of Mzilikazi, Bulawayo.

Will you all please rise and toast President Arnold Mahonye and members of the Rotary Club of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

**Footnote:** "*Gukurahundi*" is a Shona word best translated as "the early rain that washes away the chaff before the Spring rains", referring to Mugabe's purge of the predominately Ndebele opposition PF-ZAPU party leaders headed by Joshua Nkomo, and largely based in the Bulawayo region of Rhodesia

**President Bob** took the microphone and gave a very special welcome to our guests.

### Announcements:

#### Member news

**Barbara Humphries** is back in the Highlands and will be discharged from hospital Wednesday.  
**Des and Nerida Rudolph** are still doing it tough.

#### District Conference – 25–27 October



Reminder of the upcoming conference. The Board is looking for a volunteer to be the Club Conference Flag-bearer.

**Board meeting** next Monday 12th August.

**DG Rob Uhl** has requested that we invite her to a cluster meeting and Bob is liaising with RCMV for a joint meeting.

**PCYC** – The Police Youth Club is seeking to create a joint venture with the Club.

**Reading initiatives** with schools to support students is being explored.

#### Tulip Time

**Roster** - 4 spaces left for Tulip Time and 1 on the Garden Party. Please contact **Ian Langford** if you can assist.

#### Science and Engineering



#### Science & Engineering –

Last week NSW Tablelands Science & Engineering Challenge was held. Rod Aistrop led a small team of our experienced supervisors to assist Goulburn deliver an excellent event. Boorowa Central School won the challenge



#### Shelter Bags

**Leigh** - Has borrowed a shelter bag for Temora Rotary who have identified a need for some support in their community.

#### Youth

**Robbie** - Yuna has settled in well  
Ellery Martin (outbound 2025) is due to talk to the club on 20th August.  
Chasing Asher for a report from Japan.

#### Meeting activities:

**Heads and Tails** – Won by **Rose Conley**.

**Quiz** - Who am I? run by **Ian Donges** – Answer “John Thornett”, rugby great.- Winner - **Tony Glenn**.

**Raffle** - **Tony Glenn** – (again!) Ace Hearts



## Guest Speaker- Kathryn Baget-Juleff, Manager Community Life and Libraries, WSC



Kathryn has worked in local government for 33 years. After a visit to New York Library decided she wanted to become a librarian.

Kathryn currently lives in the Wollongong area and has worked in many of the local councils.

Is responsible for libraries, aged care, disadvantaged groups. Also working on new housing developments and engaging the newer residents to the shire. The focus is community engagement and communication.

Kathryn's portfolio includes a Resilience Officer, who is a facilitator for natural disasters.

Kathryn opened her address by giving a brief outline of the scope her responsibilities in the Council. It sounded like she would need an army to accomplish it all, however she exhibited so much enthusiasm and drive that it all sounded quite possible!!

Having worked in various capacities in many local councils in NSW she commented that she is very impressed with the community of Wingecarribee for their ability to give back to the community. The villages have an opportunity to raise their individual concerns for their community needs.

The council has a podcast facility and is always looking for participants to talk. A mobile library has been refitted with air conditioning and all-weather protection.

Some new festivals are running this year. Mittagong Kaleidoscope, a Nepalese festival to name a few. Wingecarribee has a very high concentration of Nepalese in the community and Kathryn is charged with engaging this community.

Kathryn's team undertakes a multitude of plans to assist with the implementation of services. Arts and Culture and a youth plan 12-24 is the focus.



Kathryn is currently gathering ideas from residents of the Shire, and to that end circulated a short survey to each table. She referred to "Place", i.e. village setting, and to what extent all places (e.g. villages) are similar or have individual needs.

She is looking to see how Council can provide services for regional communities.

Vote of thanks from Rod Aistrop. He thanked Kathryn for her enthusiastic engagement within both our meeting and the community at large.

There was a short Sergeant Session before the meeting was closed by President Bob who reminded the attendees that we are meeting here at the Bowling Club next week.

*Speakers required!*

*Don't you know someone who has an interesting 'Life' story to tell?*

*Maybe you have one!*

*Ian Johnson would love to have a few more suggestions to fill the Speakers Roster. Give it some thought talk to Ian.*