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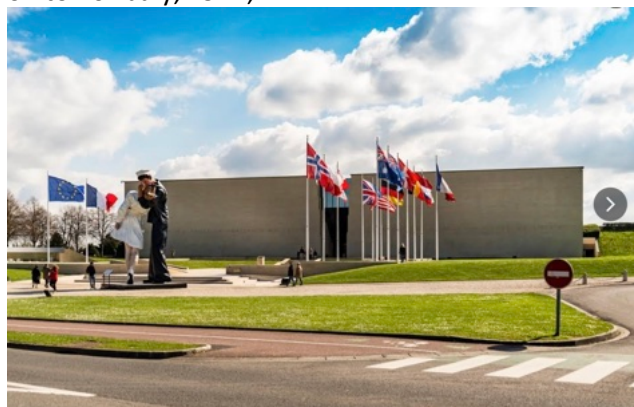
Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at various Southern Highlands venues. (See below)

Meeting apologies by Sunday for the following Tuesday. Please text Trevor Fair.

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
13 Jun	Annesley	Trivia Night	Tim Boland
20 Jun	Bowral Bowling Club	David Marshal/Ruby's House for Youth	Ian Langford
27 Jun	Annesley	Changeover Dinner	Tim Boland

International Toast.

Today, 6 June 2023 is the anniversary of D-Day.
79 years ago, The Battle of Caen was fought from
6th to 20th July, 1944,



D-Day Memorial, Caen

The city of Caen is situated on the Orne River approximately 14km from the Normandy coast. The city was a key road and rail hub in the region and an important operational objective for both sides. It was identified by the Allies as an early goal for troops coming ashore during the D-Day invasion. Rather than quickly falling, the struggle for Caen became a bloody, grinding affair. It lasted for seven weeks due to intense German resistance strengthened by the Panzer Group West.

While a costly struggle, the fighting around Caen pinned down German troops facilitating Operation Cobra. This saw the Allies breakout of the beachhead and move to encircle German forces in Normandy. Caen was literally destroyed by Allied bombing. It took until 1962 to rebuild.

Caen is also famous for the contributions made by William the Conqueror and his wife, Matilda of Flanders as each commissioned a grand abbey, -the Men's Abbey for William and the Women's Abbey for Matilda, both of which remain hugely impressive places to this day.

The city has a population of approximately 110,000. The RC of Caen was chartered on 30 October 1935 and is now in its 88th year. The membership is 36.

The President is Jean Marc Beiner.

This year it has sponsored Louise for her Youth Exchange year in Taiwan, and it continues to participate in the youth exchange program annually. In January the Club participated in a substantial Musiques D'Opera, a concert to raise monies for the people of Madagascar, which suffered two major cyclones in 2022.

Please be upstanding and toast the **Rotary Club of Caen**, it's President and members and **Rotary International**.

Venue: Bowral Bowling Club

Journalist: Will Eddowes

The meeting was opened by **Sergeant Lynton** who then welcomed our visitors:

Robert Shore, lately of Parkes but now Bateman's Bay, looking after Membership, Innovation and Shelter Box for the District.

Howard Paix from Alexandria, Victoria, **Graham Castle**, **Eric Conley** and Area Governor **Adam De Totth**. We were also delighted to have **Bryan Foertsch** and **Mike McCallum** from the RC of Incline Village, Nevada who had come to Australia for the International Convention.

Oddly they were staying in Burradoo in a house owned by a member of their club in Nevada!



Lake Tahoe, Nevada

Apologies were Robbie Allen, Denise Coad, Robert De Jongh, Carsten Prien and Ian Donges.

Sergeant Lynton congratulated **Des Rudolph** as Samuel Gee has won an award for the best Cornish Pasty in Australia and called the Club to welcome President Leigh.

President Leigh acknowledged the Elders, past, present and emerging of the Gundungurra people on whose land we meet.

The International Toast was given by Mary Ramsay

Announcements.

Shelter Box

President Leigh, after congratulating our guest **Robert Shore** on his Shelter Box Volunteer Impact Award, announced that Club members had donated \$2,100 to **Shelter Box** and this had been doubled by a matching contribution from the Club.

Firewood sales

He encouraged members to help sell firewood for themselves or others. **Don Graham** is looking after this while Lynton is away for 6 weeks.

2024 Charity Dinner

Leigh was very disappointed by the lack of canvassing for sponsors by members for next year's charity dinner. Please approach any local businesses. He would like to send out applications by the end of this month (before the end of the tax year).

Rotarian of the Year

Please send proposals for 'Rotarian of the Year' to **Brian Pattinson**.

Membership and Diner fees

After some discussion by the Board, membership fees and meeting(meal) fees and remain unchanged for the coming year.

Bulletin Editor and Pres. Elect nominee

We still need volunteers for next year's Bulletin Editor, and for a President Elect nominee for 2024/2025.

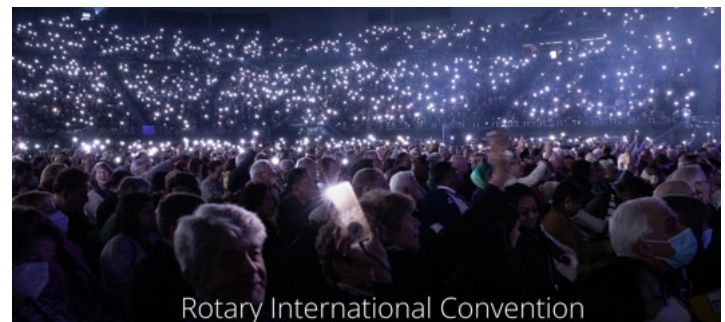
Outgoing Rotary Youth Exchange student

The Board has offered to sponsor an outgoing student from St Paul's School, currently offered Taiwan. For obvious reasons, consideration is being given to the suitability of this destination.

The Club's Facebook page

Tim Boland has been working on our Facebook site. It is important for all members to see that and give a 'Like' so that the information spreads to each member's network.

International Rotary Convention, Melbourne



Rotary International Convention

Ian Langford spoke about the International Convention in Melbourne. A total of 11 members attended, three having full registration. All attended the 'House of Friendship' at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC). Most went to the 'Streets of Melbourne' where there were many food choices from local restaurants and the same group went on a special train to Flemington where they wine and dined, betted on a Rotary adapted race call and made a team fascinator (expertly modelled by **Jo Chalmers**).

Those who went to the Rod Laver Arena heard many excellent speakers on many topics including several relating to 'End Polio Now'. There were also numerous break-out sessions on various Rotary Action Groups, - applying for grants, water filtration etc etc. Ian took many photos an excellent selection of which were shown on rotation during the meeting. (Photos on page 4)

Science and Engineering Competition

Ian Langford has the full Science and Engineering results and has circulated them to those involved. He was able to meet Mick Cassey, Events Manager, Newcastle University S&E program, in the House of Friendship and discussed various aspects of our recent event.

AG Adam De Totth spoke briefly encouraging members to volunteer for the Bulletin. He announced that he has suffered from heart problems in recent times and will not continue as Area Governor after change-over.

Club Trivia Night - Annesley

Mary Ramsay alerted us to the Trivia night next week which she is organising. It'll be a partners meeting, minimum entry \$2.00 and will include an auction for a \$200.00 gift voucher to His and Hers.

Mary also announced that the Board had approved the donation \$1200 to the Uniting Church to replace their freezer which had 'died'.

Words from our visitors.

Bryan Foertsch thanked the club for its hospitality.

Robert Shaw stressed the importance of having a published program of speakers/events. In Parkes the Club produced regular U-tube videos which have had 30,000 views to date. In his recent presidential year 16 new members joined the Club. A three-month program of speakers was published in the community, with open invitations to the public.

Late news flash:

From Mick Cassey, Events Manager, University of Newcastle,

We're delighted to announce that Chevalier College have qualified for the NSW State Final of the Science and Engineering Challenge. You will be competing on **Wednesday 23rd August** at the [Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre](#), Callaghan, University of Newcastle.

Congratulations Chevalier!!

Lynton Kettle was then invited to the podium to give a 'Member Talk'.



Lynton was born in the UK of Aussie parents while his father worked as a surgeon. At that time travel to Australia was segregated so his parents came out on different ships. Although his father was a surgeon, he was passionate about aviation and started a photogrammetry business in Albion Park. As an adolescent Lynton helped in the business and took a progressively more active part.

Lynton did a building degree at UNSW and was drawn to the Southern Highlands when he won the contract to build Mount Eymard retirement village where he teamed up with Ken Adams, long time member and now honorary member of our Club.

Earlier he had been a member of Apex in Wollongong until having to leave at age 40. He transferred to Rotary in Wollongong and to our Club after moving into the area.

RAWCS trips have been a highlight and he has completed around 20. He also did a site inspection in Hanoi for a Fred Hollows proposed interocular lens factory – although this unfortunately did not go ahead. Another highlight was leading a trip of five medical professionals on a Rotary Group Study Exchange to the Mississippi. Several other contributions were mentioned.

He was president of the club in the 1990's and again in 2018/19.

Lynton then donned his Sergeant's hat and held a fine session. The following were fined:

Robert Shaw, Eric Conley, those who attended the Convention in Melbourne, **Des Rudolph** for the Samuel Gee Cornish pasty trophy, **Bryan Foertsch** and **Mike McCallum** probably for being Americans.

Bryan gave a very generous fine of US\$100!

President Leigh reminded us about the Trivia night next week and closed the meeting.

The Girls weekend at the convention.....



At the Rod Laver Arena



At the Monet Exhibition at The Lume



A quick lunch with Ian



"No Rosemary, no free samples here!"



Jo models the "fascinator" that did not quite win honours!



Captain of our table at "The Race That Stops a Nation"