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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
14 May	Bowral Bowling Club	Member Talk David Patton and Interactors	Denise Coad	Trevor Fair
17 May	Imperial Hotel	Birthday Pizza gathering	NA	NA
21 May	Robbie's house	Poetry night	Bob Miller	Ian Johnson
24/25 May	Wingecarribee Shire Council	Model United Nations	NA	NA
27 May	Mittagong RSL	Science & Engineering Challenge (High School)	NA	NA
28 May	Mittagong RSL	Science & Engineering Discovery Day (Primary Schools)	NA	NA
28 May	Bowral Bowling Club	Tandom Speakers	Will Eddowes	David Rees
4 June	Bowral Bowling Club	Kathryn Smith INZOZI Hills School Rwanda	Trevor Fair	Paul Leotta
11 June	Bowral Bowling Club	Michelle Bulloch. Adoption	Ian Langford	Bob Miller
18 June	Annesley	Members Talk TBA	Denise	Ian Law
25 June	Bowral Bowling Club	Brooke McGee. Raise a counseling programme for troubled kids	Ian Law	Bruce Sutton

2 July	Annesley	Club Changeover Function	Will Eddowes	
12 Sept-30 Sept	Tulip Time Festival	Roster members on gates (Ian Langford)	NA	NA
4 to 7 Oct	Food & Wine Festival	Roster members on gates (Ian Langford)	NA	NA
25-27 Oct	Mittagong RSL	District 9705 Conference	NA	NA
22 Nov	Bong Bong	BB Races BBQ & Car Parking	Don	

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

The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong Meeting held Tuesday 7th May 2024.

Venue: Bowral Bowling Club.

Journalist: Ian Langford.

Sergeant Lynton Kettle called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests and members. Guests were **DGE Rob Uhl**, **Lucy Earl** from the Uniting Church, **Tamoi Sutton** and **David Stranger**.

Sergeant Lynton Kettle welcomed **President Don Graham** to the microphone who after welcoming the guests invited **Will Eddowes** to recite the Invocation and propose the International Toast

International Toast.

Will Eddowes told us that tomorrow is VE Day or Victory in Europe Day and it is the day celebrating the formal acceptance of Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on Tuesday, 8th May 1945. It marked the official end of World War II in Europe, with the last known shots fired on 11th May. Russia and some former Soviet countries celebrate it on the 9th May, as Germany's unconditional surrender entered into force at 23:01 on 8th May Central European Summer Time; this corresponded with 00:01 on 9th May in Moscow.

The German Instrument of Surrender was a legal document effecting the unconditional surrender of the remaining German armed forces to the Allies. The signing took place at 22:43 CET on 8th May 1945 in Karlshorst, Berlin at 22:43 local time and the surrender took effect 18 minutes later. Field Marshall Wilhelm Keitel signed for Germany.





Upon the defeat of Germany, celebrations erupted throughout the Western world, especially in the United Kingdom and in North America. More than one million people celebrated in the streets throughout the UK to mark the end of the European part of the war. In London, crowds massed in Trafalgar Square and up the Mall to Buckingham Palace, where King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by their daughters and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, appeared on the balcony of the palace before the cheering crowds.

Tempering the jubilation somewhat, both Churchill and Truman pointed out that the war against Japan had not yet been won. In his radio broadcast on 8th May, Churchill told the British people, "We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing (as Japan) remains unsubdued". In America, Truman broadcast at 09:00am and said it was "a victory only half won" and it was another 3 months before VJ day after the dropping of two atomic bombs.

The Rotary Club of Berlin was founded in 1929 and is the oldest and largest in district 1940. It is now one of 12 clubs in Berlin, many of which were founded through this club. They have been involved in building a school for AIDS orphans in Mozambique; they have been helping young students with reading and writing among various local projects.

Please be upstanding and drink a toast to the Rotary Club of Berlin.

President Don Graham then made some announcements.

The Board was considering donating \$2,000 to Australian Rotary Health and Rod Aistrop from the floor proposed a motion that the Club recommends that the Board goes ahead and makes that donation. This was supported by the members present.

A donation to ROMAC is also being considered. ROMAC is the acronym for "Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children" and it is a project of Rotary Districts in Australia and New Zealand and has been in operation for over 35 years. Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise to run this Rotary project. This humanitarian project has provided life giving and/or dignity restoring surgery to over 500 children from more than 20 countries, with medical treatment not available to them in their own countries. It is assisted by many eminent Australian and New Zealand surgeons who generously donate their time for the treatment of patients. ROMAC is quite a rare not-for-profit humanitarian organisation run entirely with volunteers. It has no paid staff and no leased offices and so, it has minimal fixed costs. Generally, every dollar donated goes to patient care and our small running expenses are recovered from our investments.

The two Dutch students from the Netherlands who will be teaching at Oxley College are due to arrive at the end of August or the beginning of September and will be in the Southern Highlands for 5 months. They will need to have accommodation and the call goes out with who can help with accommodating them for some of the time. They are twenty year old females who can look after themselves unlike the Rotary exchange students who are only 15 or 16 and need to be cared for. These women will want to get involved in community work and it will be around the time of the Tulip Time Festival, Food and Wine Festival and Bowral Classic so they will be able to assist the Club with those projects.

Janine Brundle is contacting some possible volunteers that have shown interest on our web page. She has 6 names and so far 2 and maybe 3 would be available to help at Tulip Time Festival etc.

Ian Donges had previously raised the issue of the condition of local signage both referring to Rotary signs and general signage indicating direction on walks. **Don Graham** has found a Rotary direction sign from 1993 up at Mt Alexandra lookout which needs a refurbish and paint. Ian Donges and Ian Law offered to help with the task once there was better weather.

Leigh Robinson reminded members that the District Changeover is to be held at Young Ex-Services Club on 22nd June 2024 (6pm for 6.30pm). Cost: \$50 per person. To register see link with the email all members received from Jane Whitten, District Secretary on Monday 6th May.

Leigh Robinson says the District is looking for hosting for two incoming exchange students. A boy from Argentina and a boy from Japan hope to arrive in July but this is dependent upon getting hosts and accommodation from within the District.

Leigh Robinson invited anyone who would like to help with the organising of next year's Charity Dinner to join the committee. The dinner will be 2nd May 2025. Please see Leigh if you can help.

Rosemary Kelly said that the "Poetry Night" will be a partners' night and asked that people let her know what food they are bringing so that she can ensure there is an even distribution of dishes.

Rod Aistrop talked about a project to build a two classroom block in a school in North Efate, Vanuatu which he has put to the Board as a possible job for our Club. The school has 300 students and has been affected by cyclones and needs a bit of the Rotary cyclone proof strapping process. Although the project will be under the auspices of RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) the materials have to be funded and purchased. The cost is being assessed currently and could be up to \$60,000 but hoped to be less. The School Parents & Friends group has prepared the footings; the Vanuatu group SHaRM (see <https://www.sharmfoundation.com/>) is involved, the Rotary Club of Balwyn, Victoria and the Rotary Club of Redlands Bay, Queensland are donating \$10,000 each. A District Foundation grant has been applied for but is likely to be restricted to \$5,000 although we are looking for \$10,000. The Bowral Mittagong Club will need to donate up to \$15,000 which the Club apparently does have in its reserves.

Luciano Liberale gave thanks for the help from the Australian people for their support for the Antony David Liberale School that was built in Cividale del Friuli in northeast Italy. It was also needed after the earthquake which Cividale suffered in 1976.

Guest Speaker - Pastor Lucy Earl.

Brian Pattinson introduced our guest speaker **Lucy Earl**. **Lucy** is the mission development worker at the Uniting Churches in Bowral and Mittagong. Lucy coordinates the church's community engagement ministries and is active in many other ways across the life of the church.

Lucy and her husband Minister Michael Earl have been in the Southern Highlands for about 12 years. She thanked the Club for the help the Club has provided in some of the Churches community projects.





Lucy described how the “Pantry” operates on Tuesday and Wednesday for about 60 customers. They can have up to 6 non-perishable items per week for no charge and some fresh produce, some of which comes from OzHarvest. The Community bathroom and laundry is a boon for homeless people who can get a shower and wash their clothes. More are living in cars or small campervans these days.

The Men’s Shed is located on the church site and there is a Kid’s Ministry playgroup. Students from Bowral High School, BHS Interact Club, Oxley College, Chevalier College and Southern Highlands Christian School help with community lunches where they are learning to serve.

Lucy thanked the Club for the donation from our Christmas Raffle funds to purchase a new freezer.

Lucy then answered the many questions from members before **Rosemary Kelly** gave a vote of thanks to Lucy for her talk and visit to our Club.

Ian Donges presented his Tim Tam quiz which was won by **Jim Gasson**.

Rosemary Kelly asked Tamoi to draw the raffle which was won by **Robbie Allen** but she didn’t pick the Joker.

Sergeant Lynton Kettle held a fines session which caught the accountants for the interest rate staying the same, **Will** for keeping a low profile, **Rod** for his work for the RAWCS projects and an anecdote about cheap air travel. Fines were decreed for **Ian** Langford for his cyclone proofing of a Vanuatu medical centre, **David** Rees for wanting an exchange student who could cook and a whole raft people who appeared in the High Life magazine. **Rob Uhl** was fined for accepting the Rotary Club of Moss Vale’s invitation to their Changeover Dinner half an hour before she received Bowral Mittagong’s invite for the same night and had to refuse.

A number of cross fines followed and **Tony** brought the session to an end with an honour fine on Lucy for our Club not having a Uniting Church minister as a member after we have had a long line of ministers in the past.



President Don Graham thanked our guests and closed the meeting and reminded all that next week’s meeting is at the Bowral Bowling Club (\$35). Let Trevor Fair know if you are an apology.

BIRTHDAYS

May: Rod Aistrop 3/5, Jim Gasson 22/5, Will Eddowes 26/5, Brian Pattinson 31/5.

The Gallery



The week that was.

Thank you to the Journalists & photographers who do such a good job reporting on our meetings.

News from Japan.

Dear Bowral-Mittagong Club,



This month has certainly been a quiet one, however I am glad to have spent most of my time engaging with my host family, the Sakaguchi family.

Recently, I visited my host father Hirokazu's friend's family and enjoyed a relaxing barbeque with them. I was able to strike a cool pose on a vintage motorbike and play some video games on the Nintendo Switch with the friend's little kids! We also enjoyed a few card games like Uno and a memory game where you remember the names of specific cards. I also enjoyed a picnic with the same friends again a week later, and we played some sports as well.

The highlight for this month, however, is the school trip to Kyoto! My host brother, Daigo, and I hopped on a train, and I was able to experience the most

squished moment I've ever had! The train carriages were absolutely packed and there was no end to the seemingly infinite waves of people boarding! Eventually we were able to escape to our final train heading directly to Kyoto and rest for the two-hour trip.

Once we arrived at our station, we proceeded to a nearby temple to participate in a traditional Zen Buddhist Ceremony! We would fold our legs, close our eyes, and listen to the repetitive sounds of two wooden sticks clacking together. Once the meditation was finished, the monk would use a wooden club to beat the backs of the boys four times! Luckily the monk went easy on me and gave me a 'normal' beating (Still a *little* painful).

We then split into our designated groups and headed to our destination, Kinkakuji Temple. Our mission? To interview foreign tourists in English! We took another train and then a (Very bumpy) bus to the temple. Kinkakuji Temple was very busy that day, and it was quite hot! I was amazed when I saw the 'golden house' and the beautiful lake that surrounded it (I took quite a lot of selfies)!

After tossing some coins and missing the tiny bucket, we proceeded to the main tourist area. The market was quite busy, and we grabbed a few souvenirs before scouting out our targets for



the interview. Our interviewees were two French couples, one Spanish couple, and an Israeli couple. My group mates were very good at English but still had a little trouble, so I helped each of them out with the difficult parts.

And before we knew it, the day was over, and we returned to the station and swallowed some Ramen down before going our separate ways and taking the trains back home. Kyoto was a very beautiful area, and I hope to return to experience even more of its beautiful sights!

Again, another month in Japan never ceases to amaze me. I hope you enjoyed reading my little report, and I promise the rest will be just as descriptive!

Kind Regards,
Asher Aylett

The Funnies (courtesy of Bungendore RC)



This Sunday