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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

Deadline is 5pm Friday. T: 02 4861 6917 M: 0403 176 958 email: trevorfair5@bigpond.com

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
8 April	Board Meeting			
9 April	Bowral Bowling Club	John Askew & Denise Ogden."Kids in Care"	Bob Miller	Vanessa Aylett
16 April	Annesley	Honorary members night	Will Eddowes	Beverly Coffey
23 April	Bowral Bowling Club	Club Assembly	Trevor Fair	Robert de J..
30 April	Bowral Bowling Club	Ian Mander brain tumour survivor	David McCosh	Ian Donges
7 May	Bowral Bowling Club	Lucy Earl, Uniting Church.	Ian Langford	Will Eddowes
14 May	Annesley	Member Talk David Patton and Interactors	Pamela Brown	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	Ian Law
4 June	Bowral Bowling Club			Paul Leotta
11 June	Annesley			Bob Miller
18 June	Bowral Bowling Club			David Rees
25 June	Bowral Bowling Club			Bruce Sutton
2 July	TBA	Club Changeover Function	Trevor Fair	
13 Sept- 30 Sept	Tulip Time 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 9th April 2024.

Venue. Bowral Bowling Club

Journalist. Bob Miller

Sargeant Ian Donges called the meeting to order and prior to introducing

President Don asked **Ian Donges** to run the quiz entitled "Who am I" and with the subject having family involvement in the Southern Highlands, **Robbie Allen** was quick to respond with the correct answer Andrew ('Twiggy') Forrest. It was noted that Robbie has become a regular winner of the quiz?.

Sargeant Ian then introduced

President Don who outlined the programme for the evening and welcomed our guests Heather Edwards and Robyn Liberale.

President Don invited Vanessa Aylett to deliver the International Toast and Invocation.



International Toast

In the Phillipines, April 9th is known as the Day of Valour.

Also known as Bataan Day, it commemorates the Filipino and American forces 'last stand until they were forced to surrender to the Japanese invaders during World War II.

At dawn on April 9th 1942, Major General King, of the United States Army was forced to surrender his forces of over 76,000 Filipino, Chinese and American soldiers to the Japanese.

Unprepared for the number of prisoners, the Japanese decided to walk the prisoners 150km to a prison camp in San Fernando. Over 20,000 prisoners died on this march either through starvation, exhaustion or at the hands of the Japanese. The trek became infamous as the 'Bataan Death March'.

While the holiday marks an event which was a victory for the opposing forces, the heroic defence of Bataan by those soldiers was seen as a key event in the war, as it allowed the allies time to prepare for later battles

which halted the Japanese progress in the Pacific and eventually led to a turn in the fortunes and allied victory.

Bataan Day first became a national holiday in 1961 through Republic Act No. 3022.

During World War II, meetings of Filipino Rotary members were only held if circumstances allowed. This period lasted from May 1942 until it was reorganised in 1945. Many other Rotary Clubs were subsequently established in the Philippines. There are now over 800 Rotary Clubs in the Philippines, and their members are among the most active when it comes to serving the Filipino community and helping those in need.

The province of Bataan is composed of one component city, 11 municipalities and 237 barangays, which are like suburbs. It has a total population of 853,373 persons as of May 2020, and its capital is Balanga.

Chartered in 1963, (May 1st) the Rotary Club of Balanga is the oldest Rotary club in the province of Bataan. It is composed of professionals from varied occupations who are imbued with the ideals of service, industry and camaraderie. Its mission is to bring hope to the marginalised people of Bataan and to empower them to lead better lives.

Please be upstanding and toast the Rotary Club of Balanga, its President Chie Dan-Marciel Galura, and its membership of around 125.

Vanessa's well prepared presentation received warm and enthusiastic appreciation from the members.

Pres- Elect Bob Miller shared the experience that he and Rotarians Beverly Coffey, Janine Brundle and Leigh Robinson enjoyed as guests at the home of Warwick and Katherine Smith of Burradoo when they joined an audience of 60 guests to hear a story of inspiration and hope drawn from their daughter and son in law's efforts to become co-founders of the Mustard Seed Institute in Rwanda, Africa. Jean Nepo Sibomana, now 41 years old was 11 years old when on 8 April 1994 he witnessed the commencement of a 100 day planned campaign of mass murder of Tutsi at the hands of the Hutu to become known as the Rwandan Genocide. He was the only family member to escape the killing and it was only at the end of the 100 days when the Tutsi backed Rwandan Patriotic Front under the control of the newly elected prime minister Kagame that killing ceased and fleeing Hutus took refuge in neighbouring countries.

Nepo and his wife Sabrina have settled in Rwanda and devoted their lives to the Institute's charter to improve the lives of rural communities through education, training and job creation.

This consistency in resources committed to education and training is delivering a rapidly improving economy to Rwanda. Warwick and Katherine are certainly proud parents due to their family's achievements in that country.



President Don & Ian Langford

made to reference to the meeting they attended at the Mittagong Tourist Centre. Don Graham, Ian Langford, Bob Miller from our club and ladies Angela, Trish and Claudia representatives of the Wingecarribee Shire Council where draft plans for the 2024 Tulip Time Festival were announced. The event starts on Friday 13th September and finishes on Monday 30th September with a 'Soft Launch'

scheduled for Thursday 12th September for locals only. This represents a total of 19 days as compared with 14 days in 2023 with gates opening between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm each day and 4 'After Dark' evening sessions extending from 6.00 pm to 9.00pm.

Taking into account the number of Garden entries to be manned in performing the functions of visitor entry and exit scanning and monitoring access by stall holders, entertainers and musicians, there are approximately 240 shifts to be staffed, an increase of 60% over last year. The 150 shifts required last year were filled by Rotary members and their families, and, should we have 40 volunteers in 2024 attending 6 shifts over the 19 day period, it earns \$20,000 for the Club.

The Food and Wine Festival is scheduled to be held over 4 days from Friday 4th October to Monday 7th October and on this occasion will be managed by the Council utilizing the infrastructure and facilities employed at Tulip Time. There will be further meetings with WSC to confirm arrangements.

Rod Aistrop reminded all that August is the time to set aside 2 weeks for the RAWCS project trip to Vanuatu.

Tim Bowland

I want to talk to you about local community service projects.

We physically spend many hours working to raise money for the club. At:

- Tulip Times,
- The wine and food festival
- Bong Bong Races
- Bowral Cycle Classic
- Annual Dinner Dance
- Various BBQ's

There are other projects that we undertake locally that don't raise money but contribute significantly to our community, like:

- The Science & Engineering Challenge
- The Science & Engineering Discovery Day
- The Model United Nations Assembly
- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- The Rotary Youth Exchange Program
- Dream Cricket Day

You have put in all this time and effort supporting these local projects that help make our town more prosperous by attracting visitors and helping youth..... That is a great, an enormous contribution.

The question is how can we then go further and use the funds we raise to further help our local community?

What community projects or groups would you like to support with those funds. Is there a project we can do ourselves?

There is a club assembly in two weeks (23rd April) Give it some thought and talk about it over the next two weeks and put forward your ideas.

Vanessa Aylett shared her thoughts with the members regarding an opportunity she envisages Rotary support for persons experiencing housing difficulties who find themselves living in caravan parks. Statistics indicate there is a genuine case for further discussion regarding the matter.

Leigh Robinson reported that the advertised position for Rotary Community Leader only attracted two eligible applicants.



Rotary
Jerrabomberra



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President Don then announced our guest speakers for the evening and handed the formal introduction of John Askew and Dennis Ogden to Leigh.

John and Dennis are members of an organisation known as '**Kids in Care**' whose operations are primarily based in the Australian Capital Territory and functions as a community based service offering information, advice, support and accommodation to women, children and men who have been caught up in the expanding footprint of domestic or family violence and in particular providing support without discrimination to any at risk children and those living in poverty within the ACT and neighbouring regions.



Rotary Jerrabomberra (Canberra) provides the mainstay of support to families by way of gifts to children, gift vouchers, back to school provisions and 'Go Bags'

Income and fund raising is through raffles, stalls, BBQs, donations from organisations and the Public.

Janine gave the vote of thanks

President Don acknowledged the contribution made to our meeting by John and Dennis followed by Janine Brundle, on behalf of the Club, expressing our appreciation for their presentation and their leadership roles in 'Kids in Care' making a 'real' difference.

Pres Don reminded the audience of the Club Assembly to be held on 23rd April requesting that members should make prepare for issues they may wish to clarify at that meeting.

Ian Law announced that Brigadoon has been rescheduled for 3rd August.

Pres Don thanked our guests and all Club members for their contribution to making it an enjoyable evening and closed the meeting.

BIRTHDAYS

April: Don Graham 9/4, Janine Brundle 13/4, Pamela Brown 29/4.

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



HAPPY
Birthday

Happy belated birthday

The following letter has been developed to deliver to new residents in Bowral as part of our campaign to attract Volunteers and potential new members.



Email: rotarybm@acenet.com.au
Website: bowralmittagongrotary.com

Dear Resident,

Welcome to your new home in the Southern Highlands! We hope you're settling in well and getting to know your new community. We're reaching out to extend an invitation for you to become a Friend of Rotary and join us in making a positive impact on our community.

Rotary is more than just an organization; it's a community of individuals dedicated to service and making a difference. As a **Friend of Rotary**, you'll have the opportunity to **volunteer** at various events and functions where your assistance would be greatly appreciated. From community projects to fundraising events, there are plenty of ways to get involved and contribute to the betterment of our area.

But it's not all about work! **Volunteering** with Rotary is also a fantastic way to meet new people and forge meaningful connections within the community. Whether you're new to the area or a longtime resident, you'll find a welcoming and supportive group of like-minded individuals who share your passion for service and community involvement. Your participation is totally obligation free, there is no cost and it is your choice as to when you are able to lend a helping hand.

We've included a brochure detailing some of the activities and projects our club is involved in. Take some time to read through it and see how you can make a difference as a **volunteer** with Rotary.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'm here to help and would be happy to chat with you about how you can get involved.

Thank you for considering **volunteering** as a Friend of Rotary. Together, we can truly make a difference in the Southern Highlands community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Graham".

Don Graham
Club President Phone: 0409 714 818



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The Gallery April 2nd



Asher in Japan. 2 Months in.

 Asher Ay
★ Favourites - 5 April at 00:03 - 🌐

Tonight I attended my host club rotary meeting. I did my second speech and had a meal with the members of the club. Everyone was able to understand my speech and loved hearing my Japanese. I think I am improving at pronunciation, however I'm still working on remembering lines rather than reading them.

The club has been helping the community by investing in the future of technology. They are planning on upgrading the trains, public areas, and more!

Here is a short clip from my speech:



The video thumbnail shows Asher Ay standing at a podium, speaking into a microphone. Behind him is a large projection screen displaying a presentation slide. The slide features the Japanese characters '登校日' (Dengakujitsu) and a photo of a young man in a suit. The setting appears to be a formal meeting or presentation room.

Ashers Facebook: Search "Asher Ay" if you would like to be his friend and see his posts.

The Funnies (courtesy of Bungendore RC)

