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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong



District 9705, Chartered 26 March 1940.

Board of Directors

President:

Robbie Allen
Bob Miller (Immed. Past Pres)

Directors:

Leigh Robinson – Secretary
Trevor Fair - Treasurer
Steve Hallis
Ian Donges
Robert de Jongh
Rod Aistrophe
Rosemary Kelly

Club Meetings: Attendance & Apologies

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

Contact: LEIGH ROBINSON of your attendance or apologies

Deadline is 5pm Friday. M: 0418 400 090 email: leigh@lrcoach.com.au

Please be considerate and respond. Unannounced members and guests may miss out on a meal.

Calendar

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist	Invocation & International Toast
8 July	Bowral Bowling Club	Dr David Browning	Will Eddowes	Don Graham
15 July	Bowral Bowling Club		Catherine Laws	David Rees
18 July	Imperial Hotel	Birthday Pizza June/July		
22 July	Annesley			
27 July	Yass Golf Club	District Changeover	na	
16-17 Aug	TBA	MHFA Youth Course	Leigh	
12 th to 30 th Sept	Corbett Gardens	Tulip Time Festival		
19 Oct	Bowral	Bowral Cycle Classic		
21 Nov	Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse	Bong Bong Picnic Races		

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2025 Changeover

Master of Ceremonies Rod Aistroe called the 2025 Changeover to order and welcomed all to this special event celebrating another successful year as Rotarians.

Welcome to PDG Rob Uhl, Deputy Mayor Erin Foley and Judy Hannon's Chief of Staff Louise Edgecombe.

Also welcome to Robbie's guests Casey & Iain Scott, Dylan Hobbs and Geraldine Broderick. Honorary members also welcomed included Mary Ramsay, Jim Gasson, Daryl Flegg and soon to be Honorary member Rose Conley with husband Eric.

And also a special welcome to the husbands, wives, lovers and friends.

Invocation was provided by Rod Aistroe

Toast to Rotary International Steve Hallis.

Response on behalf of RI - D G Rob Uhl

Dinner - the main course comprised Baked Barramundi with Seasonal Vegetables. Special meals also looked divine. Dessert of Baked Ricotta Cheesecake and ice cream followed.

Presentations

President Bob tabled his Annual Report and briefly outlined some of the key events and players of the past year.

The Annual Report which you will receive shortly; its content reflects a year of challenges and our achievement.

All credit goes to our Board members and committee chairs who have dedicated countless hours steering our Club through these demanding times. Your wisdom, passion, resilience and yes, even our disagreements, have made us stronger.

I am grateful to our army of volunteers who have unselfishly committed thousands of hours towards the success of our projects. You remain the heartbeat of our organisation.

We owe a lot to our newer members for their fresh perspective and enthusiasm; your questions and ideas challenging us to think differently and encourage us to grow and further improve.

To our long-term members, your loyalty and institutional knowledge is so much treasured as you remain keepers of our history and the guardians of our Rotary values.



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A special thank you to my wife Sue for her support, patience and understanding over the past year. It has been a privilege to have served as your President, the role has taught me so much about leadership, teamwork and about myself.

What fills me with most pride is not what we have done, it is what we have become, a membership diverse in backgrounds and opinions, but united in purpose.

We have arrived at the point in our Rotary year where we move from the Magic of Rotary to Unite for Good.

You are all very special.

Induction of Rose Conley as an Honorary Rotarian.

Prior to presenting Rose with her Honorary Rotarian Membership, Liz Pattinson cited an Ode to Rose, which was beautifully written and presented.



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Presentation of the Rotarian of the Year - David Rees.

The Rotarian of the Year is awarded to a member who best personifies the ideals of Rotary and has proven to be an unfailing asset during this past year. This honour is rarely awarded, and joins Trevor Fair, Ian Langford and Tony Glen as our celebrated members.

Our recipient this evening is a constant contributor to our Club's mission and values. We know him for his tireless commitment to volunteering, whether it be to gate rostering, supporting community events, all the barbecues, involvement with youth and education programs and a range of fundraising projects. His name is always first on the work roster.

His contribution to strengthening the camaraderie within our membership is reflected in his integrity, reliability, consistency but not all times his predictability. Back 18 years to his year as President reflects these traits.

Further evidence to the calibre of this man, he was on the road at 7.00am this morning to honour his commitment to us partnering the 'Fit4Life with the PCYC and Bowral High School in support of disadvantaged students.

Our award this year goes to David Rees.



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Induction of Club President for 2025-2026 Robbie Allen.

We have arrived at that point in the Rotary year moving from *The Magic of Rotary* to the year of *Unite for Good*. President Elect Robbie, you have been chosen by your fellow Rotarians to be President of Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong for the year 2025/2026.

The appointment is the highest honour within the powers of the Club and is made in recognition of your service to Rotary and in particular to this Club. With the Presidency comes new duties, obligations and responsibilities all which make significant demands upon your thoughts, time and energy. We are all confident you will carry out the tasks with the enthusiasm you have always shown knowing you are assured of the utmost cooperation from every one of the members.

You have the opportunity to further extend the contribution this Club has made in improving the welfare of those in communities locally, within Australia and overseas. With this

Collar which bears the name of all the Presidents of this Club including your own, I induct you as President of the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong for the year of 2025/26.

This is the badge of your office and I also present you with President's lapel pin. On behalf of Club members and those who have joined us this evening, I congratulate you on this appointment and wish you and your Board an enjoyable and rewarding year in office.

Guests and fellow Rotarians I present you your new President, Robbie Allen.



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President Robbie outlined her vision for this upcoming year and presented her Board comprising;

Bob Miller - Immediate Past President

Leigh Robinson - Secretary and Foundation Director

Trevor Fair - Treasurer

Rosemary Kelly - Community & Vocational Service Director

Rod Aistrope - International Service Director

Robert de Jongh - Youth Director

Ian Donges - Club Service Director

Steve Hallis - Public Relations Director



Looks like it is going to be a FUN YEAR!



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Stop Press

On May 20th the Nurses Award was presented to Lynn Wickenden. The award prize of \$2,000 was used to reinstate a therapy dog at the Bowral & District Hospital.

Riley seems to enjoy the interaction as do the staff and patients.



Birthdays

July Birthdays:

Mary R 10th

Dom W 31st