



Bowral-Mittagong  
**Rotary**  
District 9705  
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**Club Meetings:**

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

**Meeting Apologies by Sunday for the following Tuesday. Please TXT Sec. Trevor.**

Next 4 Weeks	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
08 Nov	Bowral Bowling Club	Member Stories/Tim Bowland & Robert deJongh	David McCosh
15 Nov	Annesley	The Environment/Ian Law	Tim Bowland
22 Nov	Bowral Bowling Club	Doug Taylor/The Smith Family	Trevor Fair
29 Nov	Kookabar	Foundation Presentation	Pamela

## Dinner & Dance

*A feel-good evening of laughter, music, and dance with a line-up of top talent!*

Bring your friends and come and enjoy our fund-raiser of the year, in support of.....

**Sat 19th November**

6.30 pm

Dress code -  
Cocktail

**Two course meal  
with drinks  
\$150 per person**



The charity which co-ordinates non-emergency flights to assist country people to access specialist medical treatment that would otherwise be unavailable to them because of vast distance and high travel costs.

An evening of dinner, music, and dance at the Centennial Vineyards.

*Hosted by the lovely,*



*Julia Zemiro*

## *Listen and dance to the music of the John Field Band*



The John Field band is a high octane, eight-piece Sydney cover band featuring the vocal talents of John Field and Bronwyn Mulcahy; a dynamic three-piece horn section featuring Dom Lindsay, Dan Fallon and Roy Ferin, talented Mark Rohanna on Piano and the most sensational rhythm section in the

country comprised of the amazing Matt Morrison on drums and Rowan Lane on bass guitar. The John Field band perform a wide variety of music styles from their extensive playlist including Rock, soul, blues, jazz, and modern pop - they can and do play it all.

## *Be enchanted by local young rising star Joss Walsh*



Hi! I'm Joss. I'm 13 and live in the Southern Highlands of NSW.

I have always loved telling stories—in my earliest memories, I would weave stories about my day to entertain my family and friends. It wasn't long before I turned to song when I joined a choir at 5 and it is here where I kindled my love of performing.

## *.....and a Q & A session with Angel Flight's CEO Marjorie Pagani to test your general knowledge!*

Marjorie is Chief Executive Officer and a Director of the charity Angel Flight Australia, having helped to set up the charity as an aviation lawyer and volunteer pilot, in 2003: she holds a commercial pilot licence with instrument rating and twin-engine endorsement, and flies her own aircraft (having previously owned and managed an air charter and road-train business in Townsville).



**Journalist: Trevor Fair**

**Venue: Kookabar**

**Welcome: Sergeant Lynton** welcomed all to our French Restaurant.

Guests included Barbara Humphries, Ian Dinges, Jeff Mann, Eric Conley, Susan Law, Mara de Jongh.

**President Leigh** provided the Welcome to Country.



*"Executive Table"!*

**Announcements:**

**Angels in Our Town** – Our Club has been asked to participate in the parade and concert in the gardens. In early December.

**Conference update** - Zone 8 conference in Canberra last weekend.

**Disaster Aid** - Water Filters. Defibrillator-single use unit for \$350.

**Rotarians helping Timor** - provision of books for children under 15, preferably new. Moss Vale Rotary - met at the show ground - running a raffle.

**Rotaract power** - the Zone 8 conference combined Rotary and Rotaract, resulting in a powerful presentation.

**Sunflower seeds for Ukraine**- have already collected \$60 and another \$42 from Moss Vale Club.

**Angel Flight Dinner –**



Only 10 members of the Club have bought tickets. Only 80- tickets have been sold. Aiming at 150 attendees.

Why not buy now?



Scan QR code to purchase your tickets

**Small Business Expo - at RSL 17th November - Leigh and Trevor will be on the stand.**

**Raffle for Dinner Dance** - Need items for the baskets by next week, please. - See Rosemary Dinner - Live auction - items include cruise, golf weekend, helicopter flight, numerous wines to be silently auctioned as are cosmetic baskets.

**BlazeAid - Don Graham** - Bridgewater near Echuca. The camps will be ready for March 2023. Best if you can come for a week.



*"A moment" caught at the start of the meeting*



## Presentation - Youth Protection Training

Speaker: Trevor Fair



*No, Trevor is not being distracted by Pascal's biscuits while speaking, it is just his notes he is reading!*

The RI statement of Conduct for Working with Children includes-

**“Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary Activities”.**

To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarian’s spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they encounter and protect them from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

When in doubt apply the following test-

What would I expect for my child (grandchild)?

Youth protection compliance can be complicated, and different entities/persons interpret and enforce different standards. For example, Dept Education’s requirements differ from Rotary’s. The Definition as determined by Rotary states the following -

Rotary’s interpretation of Volunteer when relating to Youth includes Adult involved with a Rotary Youth Program,

- Direct interactions, either supervised or unsupervised,
- Being in a one-on-one situation, or
- Being alone with a young person for a period of time.

“Please do not get stuck on the sexual abuse, also focus on physical and emotional abuse”. The policies are created to cover all areas of abuse.

Volunteer definition regarding Youth Protection includes any adult person who might be in a position of being alone with a young person for a period of time.

District 9705 Policy includes the following steps for compliance with Youth Protection Policy.

- A working with Children Check NSW and/or Working with Vulnerable People ACT.
- Complete a Volunteer Information and Declaration Form
- Meet RI and district eligibility requirements for working with youth.

A WWC check is not sufficient, it makes the person eligible to complete the Declaration Form.

Not all club members are required to complete the Volunteer Declaration. Please refer to above definition.

### Rotary Insurance Expectations

- Clubs will provide training (hence tonight’s session)
- Molestation Cover has an excess of \$25,000. That is nearly the total balance of our General Account. Ie Member subscriptions would need to include a surcharge to cover the Excess.

## Club Compliance

All Clubs provide annually to District a signed compliance statement - stating that the club is operating its program in accordance with District and RI policies.

Also, confirmation that volunteers will be prohibited from contact with program participants until a written application, interview, reference check and criminal background check have been conducted and clearance for unsupervised contact with program participants has been issued.

### Rotary Youth Volunteer Information and Declaration Form

1. Personal Details - name DoB, contact details.
2. Rotary Programs involved with
3. Referees -3 with only 1 Rotarian
4. Police Check details - including WWC Number
5. Signed declaration

The Referee check includes suitability for the Volunteer to participate in Rotary Youth Programs

Questions asked may include

- How long have you known the applicant?

- In what capacity do you know them?
- Do you think the applicant is well qualified to work with youth?
- Do you have any reservations / comments in recommending this person for Rotary Youth Programs?

As Club Protection officer I keep a confidential file containing all WWC details and can check a Volunteer's WWC currency with NSW Government. If anyone would like to chat about the WWC process, please feel free to contact me. I can guarantee discretion.

Members may think this is an overkill. However, we have had in recent times a couple of close calls with inappropriate behaviour by Rotarians.

Just remember - What would I expect the duty of care to be for my child / grandchild?

### Resources

- I have copies of the Declaration if anyone would like one.
- Please contact me if you would like guidance to complete the WWC check
- RI Youth Protection Guide
- District Youth Protection Policy

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**Raffle** – The Raffle was won by Tony Glenn after the first ticket drawn went unclaimed. Only after Sergeant Lynton had completed his round of fines did an embarrassed Don Graham sheepishly admit that he was a “fiddler”! He had been fiddling with a ticket on the table, screwed it up, and discarded it. It was not even his!! It was Susan's! It was the original winning ticket no less!! Tony did the honourable thing and handed over the winner's bottle of wine.

Next Week - Bowral Bowling Club - “**GIVING TUESDAY**” and Member Talks.

