

Tulip Times Club Bulletin: 10-6-25
Volume 86 No 45

Stephanie A. Urchick
2024-25 President
Rotary International



Bowral-Mittagong
Rotary
District 9705
Chartered 26 March 1940



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

Board of Directors

President:

Bob Miller

President Elect:

Robbie Allen

Directors:

Trevor Fair - Treasurer

Leigh Robinson - Secretary

Don Graham – Immediate PP

Mary Crammond

Rod Aistrope

Robbie Allen

Will Eddowes

Rosemary Kelly

Tim Bowland

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
17 th June	Annesley Bowral, Retirement Village	35 Year Service Award	Will Eddowes	David Stranger
24 th June	Annesley Bowral Retirement Village	Richard Lane Vocal Muster	Barbara Humphries	Steve Escott
1 July	Annesley Bowral, Retirement Village	Club Changeover	Trevor Fair	TBA
8 July	Bowral Bowling Club	Dr David Browning	Will Eddowes	
18 July	Imperial Hotel	Birthday Pizza July/August		
27 July	Yass Golf Club	District Changeover	na	na
2-3 Aug	TBA	MHFA Youth Course	Leigh	
5 Sept	Imperial Hotel	Birthday Pizza Sept/Oct		
12 th to 30 th Sept	Corbet Gardens	Tulip Time Festival		
29 Sept	Corbet Gardens	Food & Wine Festival		
19 Oct	Bowral	Bowral Cycle Classic		
21 Nov	Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse	Bong Bong Picnic Races		

ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL-MITTAGONG TULIP TIMES BULLETIN

June 10, 2025

JOURNALIST – Denise Coad

VENUE – Bowral Bowling Club



Acting Sergeant Allan Falvey opened the Meeting and welcomed Members and Guests. He thought he had done a bad job in the past, and was surprised he was asked again. Members all agreed he had done a good job.

Guests were Richard Ernst who has moved from Moss Vale Rotary, and Catherine Laws who joined our evening of Poetry last week.

Guest Speaker is our Member - David McCosh – sharing another chapter of his life story.

Graham Castle will deliver the Invocation and International Toast.



President Bob welcomed Members, and particularly Catherine who we will get to learn about over the coming weeks.

Invocation and International Toast – Graham Castle



Have you heard of Pooh Sticks?

Invented by Winnie the Pooh back when. The object of the game is to throw coloured sticks on one side of the road bridge with a river running underneath them then run to the other side of the bridge and see whose stick comes out first. This has become so popular that there are now world championships held in the UK and possibly elsewhere in the world.

In May 2025 the 42nd world championships of Pooh Sticks was held in the small town of Abingdon.

This event is run by the Rotary Club of Abingdon.

www.poohstickK.uk

www.abingdonrotary.org.uk

The President is Steven Axtall. The Secretary is Carol Harris.

The Treasurer is Richard Charles.

President Bob –General Business

Poetry Night – Thank you Robbie for your home, and for the ladies assisting with the evening.

Volunteer Expo – On this occasion the Club was showcasing our Shelter Bag community project. Tim, Robbie and I took note of the fact that few in the Community are fully aware of what we actually do.

Steve Hallis will be on the Board next Year as Public Relations Director. Robert de Jongh will be also be on the Board as Youth Director.

Bob and Leigh updated Members on **Shelter Bags**. There are 58 homeless people in the Southern Highlands. We have a shipment of 600 bags, and orders from Queensland and South Australia. In late August we will have another shipment of 1000 bags. The growth is phenomenal. **Mary Crammond** is off to the UK.

Tim Bowland and his team have been hard working on a new Website, and the outcome at this stage will certainly get the recognition we need. The decision to create a new web site came out of the Futureproofing survey. You can view the draft at <http://www.bowralmittagong-rotary.org.au>

Model United Nations Assembly – All credit goes to **Robert de Jongh** and the organising committee for the many hours of work. A resounding success which was well publicised within the community and Rotary District. Thanks also to the Rotary Ladies and David Rees for morning tea and a great lunch.

Science and Engineering Challenge – Thanks to Ian, Rod, Will and the team where we showcased our capability in organising and supervising the two day event.

Mental Health First Aid Training – Planned for 2nd and 3rd August. Members were encouraged by Leigh Robinson to register, and we now have got to 10 with Barbara Humphries joining.

Fit 4 Life – Robbie and David Rees represented us at the Fit 4 Life Program conducted at Bowral High School earlier today joining volunteers from the teaching ranks, NSW Police and PCYC. Robbie sent around a Roster for volunteers.

Tulip Times – Rachel from Destination Southern Highlands has confirmed Tulip Times this year will extend from 12th September through to 9th October. Tulips After Dark will not be conducted this year, and there will be Twilight Opening Hours until 6.pm each Saturday.

Over 35 Years Service Recognition Evening - Denise and Trevor are congratulated for the work performed in planning this evening with a total of 7 Active Members and 3 Honorary Members.

Denise Coad – It is next Tuesday June 17 at Annesley. It will be a Partners night honouring Members and Honorary Members who have been Rotarians for over 35 years, and still active in our Club. Members who joined Rotary in 1967, 1972, 1976, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1990,

Dinner Served – Beef and Guinness Pies with Mash and Peas.

Video of Zoll Defibrillator shown during Dinner.

Don Graham - Updated Members on Blazaid, which is on 22nd August. Don will be volunteering for 2 weeks, and possibly are building a fence in Northern Rivers. Members are welcome to join him in the project.

Upcoming Events – Club Changeover July1 at Annesley. Partners Night. Special Guests DG Rob Uhl, Deputy Mayor WSC Erin Foley and Louise Edgecombe, Chief of Staff, the Office of Judy Hannan Independent Member for Wollondilly.

Many thanks to **Rosemary Kelly** for all her work in organising the Changeover.



Jim Gasson introduced our Guest Speaker – **David McCosh & Ria**

Some of you may have been here for my previous member talk in 2014. It related to a part of my bachelor life and ended with Ria and I marrying in what was then Salisbury. A bit of recap first, and then what led us to Australia.



Here is a brief summary of David's Member Talk:

Born in Umtali – Southern Rhodesia -to English Parents.

Obtained a Bachelor of Science majoring in Chemistry and Physics.

Studied for a Post Graduate Certificate in Education – London University.

In 1964-65

Fell into a love affair across continents with a Dutch Physiotherapist.

Left teaching.

Started a new career in the very early days of computer industry.

Moved to the capital city Salisbury.

Got Married in 1965 and we were 26.

Was designing and writing a market survey for Univelier, the first of the non-government customers to do business with the NCR Data Centre.



The Data Centre continued to grow and late in 1967, just 2 years after I started, I became the Data Centre Manager with a staff of 30.

The following year NCR was developing its new generation computer – called the Century.

I was selected as the Rhodesian candidate. Ria with our then 18 month-old daughter Saskia, came with me as far as Amsterdam.

Returning to Salisbury, economic sanctions were beginning to bite. By the middle of 1969, NCR under United Nations direction, stopped all exports to Rhodesia and my work dried up. We were transferred to Johannesburg.

Throughout the 8 years I lived in Johannesburg, life was very good for the “Whites” and in general dealings with the “Blacks” were trusting and amicable. Over time Ria and I recognised that we could not make our permanent home in South Africa.

On a business trip to the USA in November 1977 I arranged to return via Sydney, stayed with my cousin who lived in St Ives and who with another contact I had, helped with arranging a week of interviews. Mostly the response received was essentially "Get here and we will talk again".

By Easter the next year in 1978 I had resigned from the Perm, we had sold the house, loaded all our stuff in a container, and were on our way to Australia with \$10,000 to start again.

Questions and Answers from many Members.

Vote of Thanks – Denise Coad - Our best Speakers are our Members who we get to know in their talks.

Raffle – Graham Castle – won by Richard Ernst – 8 Hearts

Tim Tam Quiz – Barbara Humphries – won by Robbie Allan – David Beckham.

Sergeant Fine Session – Allan Falvey

Fined Rotarians:

Bob Miller

Will Eddowes

Graham Castle

Robbie Allan

Steve Hallis

Don Graham

Cross Fine – Ian Langford

Bob Miller - Thank you all for a good night. Thank you Richard and Cathy for joining us. Thank you all for contributing to Brian's Basket.

See you at Annesley next week.

Birthdays

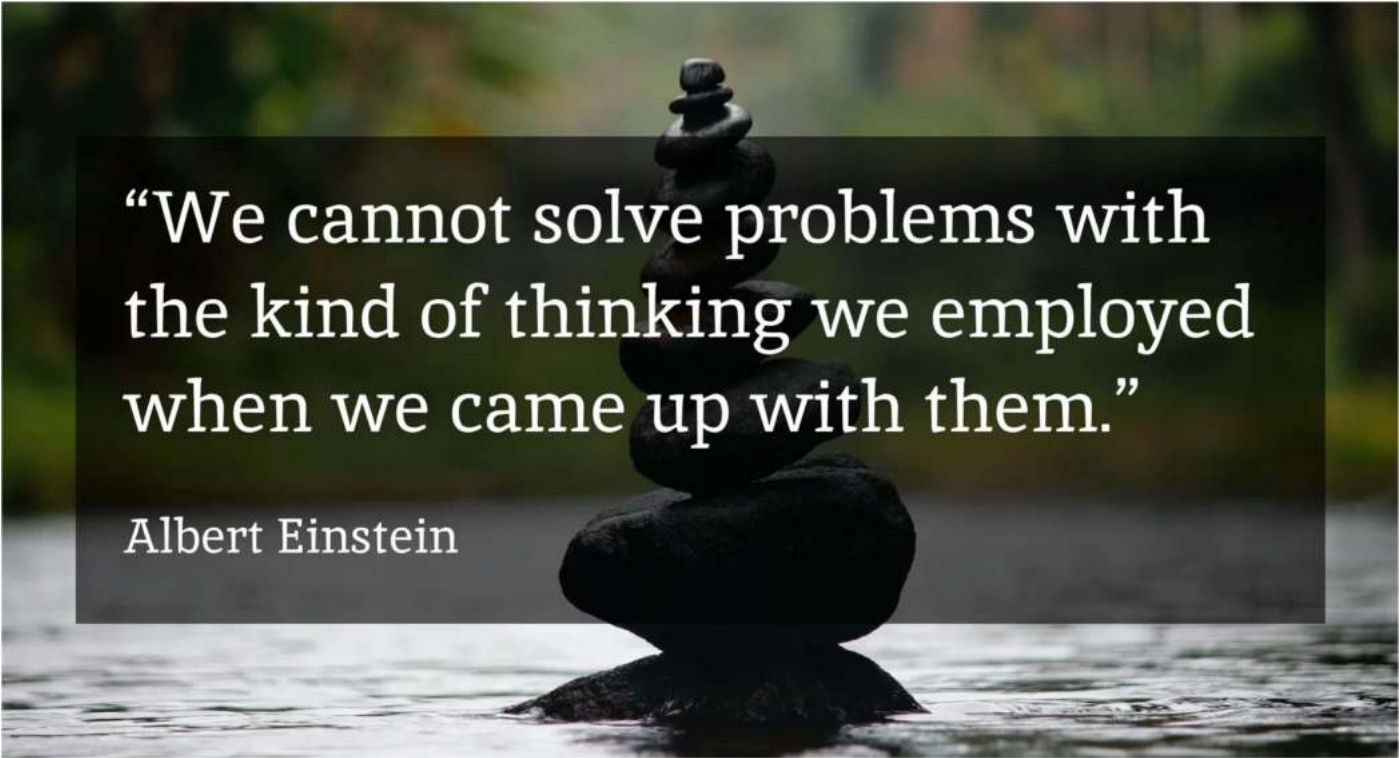
June Birthdays: Jeff Mann 7th , David McCosh 23rd, Robert de Jongh 24th, Mary Crammond 26th.

The week that was.



Was a blur.

Quote of the week



“We cannot solve problems with the kind of thinking we employed when we came up with them.”

Albert Einstein

Pun's of the week

6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
 7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
 8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
 9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
 10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
-

O

Our club supports the Braille Music Camp.
Details of the music concert are on this poster.



National
Braille Music Camp Inc.

CAMP CONCERT

Campers and staff perform
after a week at camp

Friday 4th July 7.30pm
Clubbe Hall, Frensham
Cr. Range Rd and Waverley Parade.
Enter from Waverley Pde.

Tickets
Humanitix
Search: Braille Music Camp Concert
\$30 - kids free
Or
cash or card at door
Or
a donation



romadix@gmail.com

Rogues Gallery



Nothing like a BBQ to bring us together. Rotarians are happiest when working.



Can you help out here?



Bring in your old laptops and phone (with Chargers) so they can be recycled to help our domestic violence campaign.

Also, Bring in some items each week to add to the Uniting Church basket

Non Perishable food, Toiletries ETC