



**Report for May 10, 2022; Volume 83, No: 40 Rotary Club
of Bowral-Mittagong (Combined with Moss Vale)
District 9705 Charter Date 26 March 1940
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Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's theme for 2021-22,

Serve to change lives,

is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving other is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Future Events

May 17 – Highlands Golf Club. Normal Club Meeting \$35 a head

May 24 - Bowral Bowling Club - Club Assembly

May 31 - Southern Highlands Wines - Chestnut Night - Luciano

June 7 - Bowral Bowling Club - Jane Crowley - Dirty Janes

June 14 - The Hermitage - Guest Speaker to be confirmed

June 21 - Bowral Bowling Club - Guest Speaker to be confirmed

June 28 - The Hermitage - Rotary Club Changeover - Partners and Guests

***** Confirm by Sunday for Tuesday Night**

Venue: Bowral Bowling Club

Journalist: Trevor Fair

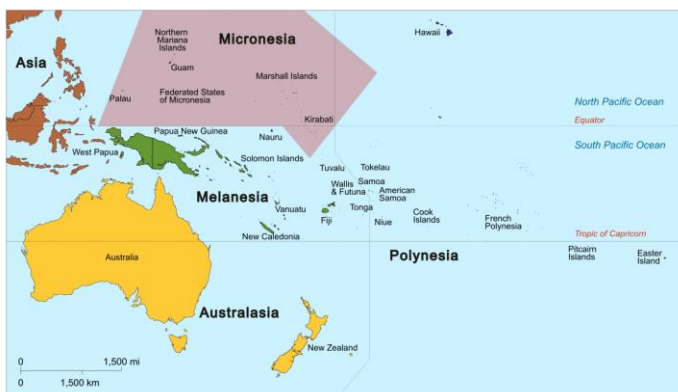
Welcome: President Will welcomed guests including Peter & Narelle Hales, Pamela Brown, Stephanie Robinson, Robyn Liberale and Neridah Rudolph.

Invocation: Robert de Jongh

International Toast: Denise Coad

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The islands were controlled by Germany before the First World War and were a trust territory of Japan awarded by the League of Nations afterwards. One of those islands, Truk was the biggest base for the Japanese Navy until they lost it in a fierce battle in the middle of 1945.

Today Micronesia celebrates its Independence from the United States in 1979.

One of the atolls, Truk, now known as Chuuk Island has a population of 36 000 and is home to the **Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon.**



The Club was Chartered in 2001 in District 2750 which covers part of metropolitan Tokyo and the western Pacific.

It has 10 Members led by **President Christina Stinnett**



One of their continuing projects supported by the Rotary Foundation is the provision of simple fresh water distillation plants to the islands as they have very limited means of catching and storing sufficient water for their needs on the low lying sandy islands.

Would you please be upstanding and join me in making our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon in Micronesia.



Announcements:

Democracy BBQ - East Bowral Community Centre. 21st May - 9 am - 2 pm. Two shifts 9-11:30 and 11:30 -2:00. Also set up and pack up. See Rod if you are able to assist.

MUNA - Registration Desk - Trevor, Catering Gwenda. TryBooking registration is being used. \$10 for lunch and morning tea. Starts at 8:30 - 4:00 pm.

Students register and enter the Chambers, observers can sit in the gallery. It will be an interesting MUNA as both Russia and Ukraine have been selected. Also seeking assistance for some wrist tab monitors.

Science & Engineering Challenge – On track, all spots filled – May 30 & June 1 2022.

Wendy Lotter walk - rescheduled for 18th June. See Will for more details.

Leigh - Looking for some additional committee members - including a Speaker and Event Manager, Fund Raising Director, Media Co-ordinator and Webmaster.

Pie Eating Competition - Samuel Gee - on the long weekend - First Prize \$1000, Second Prize \$500, Third Prize \$250. Entry fee \$20 - Proceeds to Rotary.

Appleton Ladies Potato Race - Great reviews - Especially Carolina who was the only actor who did not swear apparently.

Brian Ritson's Yard Sale @ 14 Jasmine St Colo Vale - All this week and weekend:

- * Plenty of outdoor and older style furniture
- * Pot plants
- * Books-true crime, autobiographies, travel, garden, cooking
- * Plus lots more

Welfare:

Lynton is a Covid contact, and will be away for a while.

Faye Christie - has had a long stay in hospital. As she has had previous hip replacements, the bone is a bit fragile. Faye is not able to put any weight on it until the end of the Month.

Post meeting Covid / Alert:

After 2 prior negative RATs, I, Carolina, tested positive on a Covid RAT test on Wednesday night. I advised those I spoke to, but to be safe just putting this note in. I hope you are all well and apologise for any discomfort this may cause. Awaiting PCR test result.

Presentation Night:

Thank you to Peter Hales, Bong Bong PRC and Neridah from Samuel Gees.

Brian Ritson: Spoke about the support from local supporters.

Neridah – Samuel Gee - provided food and training for numerous events throughout the year.



Peter Hales - Car Rally - made the venue available as he does with Bong Bong Race meeting and other events.

Woolworths - Mittagong - Discount on goods for catering. They also gave the club vouchers to spend as required for events.

Mittagong RSL - cooked food for the First Responders. **President Will** added that as well as catering for the First Responders they make a significant contribution for our Science & Engineering Challenge (free room hire). Craig Madson has been away and apologies for not being able to attend. He is looking to continue the relationship.

Neridah addressed the Club - It has been a tough 2 years with fires, floods, Covid, floods etc. We are both very proud to be part of this community.



Rod Aistrop also thanked several of the apologetic supporters. Rentquip/Kennards have been great supporters. Be it a cool room, compactor, etc.

Gubbins Pulbrook, Mitre 10 are also great supporters of Rotary projects. Also when travelling overseas Gubbins have been keen to provide tools.

Raffle: Dom Williams

Next Week: Highlands Golf Club - Please use the main entrance - the Nth Sliding Door Entrance

A few of you may be curious in filling in the positions available in the club so that this Club can continue to flourish and grow from strength to strength. Please find attached article for more information about each of the following vacant roles:

Speakers – organising speakers for Club meetings

Venues –After securing a permanent home again, this role will become a lot easier.

Fund Raising –identifying and managing suitable ways in which to raise funds

BBQ's – Planning of BBQ events, the procurement of food and equipment and managing the logistics – these roles can be different people working as a team

Community Service – Involves becoming aware of need in the community in areas where we, as Rotarians can assist.

New position:

Social Organiser to identify and organise Club social events.

Club Committees

At the Club AGM in December 2021, there were 5 members elected to the Board (Trevor Fair [Secretary], Jo Chalmers [Treasurer], Carolina Torregrosa, Ian Law, Leigh Robinson {President-Elect}. With Will Eddowes automatically joining the Board as Immediate Past President, this generated a Club Board of 6 members. To properly manage the Club, its administration, events and other activities, as President for the 2022-23 Rotary Year, Leigh has assigned various committees and roles to assist in the management of the Club. These committees are: Club Service, Speakers & Venues, the Environment, The Rotary Foundation, International/RAWCS, Fund Raising/BBQ's, Welfare, Membership, Youth/Schools/Interact, Historian, MUNA, Newsletter & Publicity, Community Service, Tulip Times Event, S& E Challenge, Dream Cricket, Sergeant, Media, Webmaster, (who would have thought that we have so many things to do).

Unfortunately, for various reasons, some members who had committed to committee roles have indicated that they will be unable to undertake the roles that they had put their hand up for. These committee positions are: Speakers & Venues (these can be separated), Fund Raising/BBQ's (these also can be separated) and Community Service.

A bit more on these roles:

Speakers – organising speakers for Club meetings – speakers are not needed for every meeting, but we need to have a special speaker at least once a month and sometimes twice. Assistance will be given by other members in identifying possible speakers, but it is necessary to manage the invitations to speak and then co-ordinate the how and why of their appearance.

Venues – at the moment, the Club does not have a permanent home! We move between various venues and this needs to be co-ordinated by informing the venue of our needs and numbers and any special requirements that may pop up. In the hopeful event of shortly securing a permanent home again, this role will become a lot easier.

Fund Raising – this role entails identifying and managing suitable ways in which to raise funds for our charitable donations.

BBQ's – Brian Ritson has for some time organised the planning of BBQ events, the procurement of food and equipment and managed the logistics on the day of the event. Some events are already booked and with the use of site facilities, catering will be easier in practical terms.

Community Service – this role can be as broad or as narrow as demanded by the community. It involves becoming aware of need in the community in areas where we, as Rotarians can assist. For example, the Pop In Centre was a community service project.

Another position that was not previously listed is that of a social organiser to identify and organise Club social events.

Always remember that a Committee Chair does not necessarily have to do all the work themselves, there are always numerous hands available to do the lifting and carrying. The success of the Bowral-Mittagong Rotary Club depends upon the active involvement of all members.

If you are able to assist with filling one of the shortlisted roles, please give Leigh a call or text on 0418 400090 or email him at leigh@lrcoach.com.au. Remember! Service above Self.