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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
12 Sept- 30 Sept	Tulip Time Festival	Roster members on gates	N/A	N/A
17 Sep	Annesley	Katheryn Smith, Uganda	Graham Castle	Robbie Allen
24 Sep	Moss Vale Services Club	Combined Rotary Clubs Bowral Mittagong+Moss Vale	Trevor Fair	Jeff Mann
01 Oct	Bowral Bowling Club	Rachel Spratt/Bell Ringer	Tim Bowland	Brian Pattinson
8 Oct	Bowral Bowling Club	Chris Coates, Parachuting		
15 Oct	Bowral Bowling Club	Club Assembly		
04 Oct- 07 Oct	Southern Highlands Garden Party	Roster members on gates	N/A	N/A
19 Oct- 20 Oct	Bowral Classic	Organiser Mary Ramsay	N/A	N/A
22 Oct	Annesley	Lucy Hobgood Brown, Congo		
25 Oct- 27 Oct	Mittagong RSL	District 9705 Conference	N/A	N/A
29 Oct	Bowral Bowling Club	Andrea Natalie, Heart Diseases research		
5 Nov	Bowral Bowling Club	TBA		
12 Nov	Bowral Bowling Club	TBA		

19 Nov	NO Meeting			
22 Nov	Bong Bong Racetrack	BB Races BBQ & Car Parking Organiser Don Graham	TBA	TBA

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JOURNALIST: Ian Law

VENUE: Bowral Bowling Club

Stand-in Sergeant Graham Castle called the meeting to order and introduced our Guests for the evening:

- Robert Shore, District 9705's Community Leader
- Steve Hallis – a prospective new member of our Club
- Our two Honorary Members, Mary Ramsay and Jim Gasson
- Julie Allen – our Guest Speaker who will talk on the work that her organisation, Australian Capacity Builders, carries out in the Domestic Violence space. Julie will be supported by Sharon Ford.

Stand-in Sergeant Graham then invited **Bruce Sutton** to present the **Invocation** and the **International Toast**.

INVOCATION

'For Good Food, for Good Fellowship and the opportunity to Serve, we give Thanks'

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Member Bruce Sutton has recently returned from a trip to Thailand where he visited - and was mightily impressed by - the *Bridge of the River Kwai* and *Hellfire Pass*, both of which played significant roles in World War 2 with many Australian lives being lost and now remembered on ANZAC Day.

Bruce reported that he had difficulty in accessing much detail of the **Rotary Club of Kanchanaburi**, which is in District 3330, but he did suggest that given the history of the area, we should all stand and raise our glasses to the President and all members of the Rotary Club of Kanchanaburi.

Stand-in Sergeant Graham then welcomed **President Bob Miller** who, in turn, welcomed all Members and Guests noting that Member Barbara will be accompanying Member Tim to one of our meetings shortly.

President Bob reported on some *current* activities: **Southern Highlands Future Forum BBQ on Saturday 7th September**. Attended and sorted by Robbie Allen, David Rees, David Patton, Graham Castle and Tim Bowland.



Interesting Photos – one working and others 'resting' !

- **Annual District Conference Dinner on Saturday 26th October** – Denise and Rosemary require names of those proposing to register for the event -ASAP
- **Shelter Bags** – we have received requests for purchase of the units from other Clubs
- **Leigh Robinson and the Boorowa Sleepover** - PP Leigh, with the help of some other members shared how he survived "Going off the Grid" following his commitment to a "sleepover" with Rob Uhl at Boorowa on Saturday. Sounds as though there were many mattresses and blankets in use!

Future Commitments

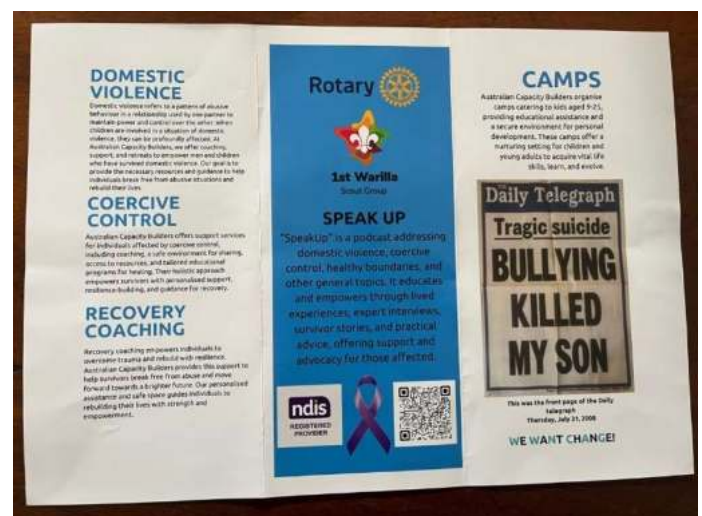
President Bob noted that the Club has many commitments in the near future:

- I. Tulip Time gatekeeping roster - Ian Langford will send out the updated roster. If changes are required, please swap with someone and notify Ian – don't expect him to do all the work.
- II. Garden Party gatekeeping roster - Ian Langford advised that the roster was complete.
- III. Bowral Classic - race roster – Mary Ramsay needs one more person to complete the roster.
- IV. Bowral Classic – BBQ: Mary needs volunteers for both Saturday (19/9) and Sunday (20/9) – please respond if you can help.
- V. Attendance at the District Conference dinner on Saturday 26th October – Denise and Rosemary to be advised if planning on attending.
- VI. “Mental Health First Aid” – to be discussed by President Bob

Don Graham – Dutch Teachers’ availability. Don advised that the two Dutch teachers can be used to fill rosters and he can send out their email addresses if required.

Guest Speaker – Julie Allen, CEO of Australian Capacity Builders Domestic violence is a scourge on our society with many men, women and children being impacted and while there are many organisations involved in trying to improve the situation and reduce the incidents of Domestic Violence, there is still much to do.

Australian Capacity Builders is in this category and actively promotes ‘recovery coaching’ as a means of helping those impacted, particularly children, to get on with their lives. The organisation has collaborated with Rotary in its endeavours in other areas of Australia.



Julie mentioned that assisting one child through its camps and retreats costs some \$2,000.

After a number of questions, Julie was thanked for her presentation by President Bob.

Raffle Winner

Our Guest Speaker drew the Raffle and Tim Bowland was the winner.

Fine Session – per kind favour of Graham Castle

Three members were fined; David Rees, David Patton and President Bob – did the above photos have anything to do with this ?

There were no cross fines and the meeting closed at 8.20pm.



Interact News

Interactors Jackson Pridgeon, Meg Pavior and Chloe Ward have been seen on the streets of Bowral selling Legacy badges Congratulations on your community service.



Septembers Birthday Pizza Lunch

Thirteen members and one guest (Denis) attended the Imperial Hotel Pizzeria for a delicious selection of Pizza's on Friday 6th September.



Sleeping Rough for Shelterbox

Rotarian Leigh Robinson recently participated in a sleepout event in Boorowa to support ShelterBox, an organization that provides emergency shelter and essentials to those affected by disasters around the world. This impactful initiative raised \$12,000 (and still increasing), contributing significantly to the mission of ensuring that those in need have access to safe and secure shelter during times of crisis.



If you see a man sleeping rough, don't kick him, it might be Leigh

You can still Donate

Your contributions can be placed online at <https://offthegrid.raiselysite.com/leigh-robinson>.

The BBQ Champions

A great way for Rotarians to support their community! The BBQ at the Southern Highlands Future Forum not only provided a meal for attendees but also contributed funds for Rotary projects, showcasing the commitment and generosity of the Bowral-Mittagong Rotarians. Kudos to the BBQ team for their hard work and dedication!



Our Mary

Did you know that Mary is a quiet achiever, she is the team leader of “**Shelterbags for the Homeless Australia**”. Check out the great work they do at www.shelterbags.org.au . Now that she has joined us at Bowral-Mittagong our club will continue to support her work.



MARY CRAMMOND

Mary is the Shelterbags Team Leader. She has been with the Rotary Club of Terrigal for 6 and a years, and was President in 2019 and 2020. She was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship for her work on her Pamper Project which helped women in abuse relationships. She has also been the Youth Director, and has supported short-term youth exchange.



Funnies

An Irishman was buried at sea and four of his mates were drowned digging his grave.

“My Dad is so fast he can fire an arrow and catch it before it hits the tree.” “My Dad is even faster – He can drop a brick from the 8th floor and catch it before it hits the ground.” “My Dad is faster than both- he works for the Wingecarribee Shire, knocks off at 5pm and is always home by 2,30.”