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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 Trevor Fair.

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
18 Apr	Annesley	Wobatised/Tanya Clancy	Pamela Brown
25 Apr	NO MEETING	ANZAC Day	
02 May	Kookabar	Member Story/Tim Bowland	Trevor Fair
09 May	Bowral Bowling Club	Jay Allen/Skin Care Foundation	Pamela Brown

International Toast & Invocation - Ian Law – Rotary Club of Fontainebleau

On 11 April 1814, during the Napoleonic wars, Napoleon was facing an invasion of France by forces bent on his overthrow and, pressed by his own officers, abdicated unconditionally at Fontainebleau.

To put it in perspective Château de *Fontainebleau* is located 55 kilometres southeast of the centre of Paris, in the commune of *Fontainebleau*. By an extraordinary coincidence, 11 April also happens to be National Submarine Day. One can only surmise what France may be doing to celebrate this auspicious day.

There is one Rotary Club located in Fontainebleau which comprises a population of about 17,000. The Rotary Club of Fontainebleau has 33 members with President Antoine Verdon at the helm.

The Club has two unique fund-raising activities:

• A horse race named Prix Rotary Club de Fontainebleau which is for hurdlers last held on 21 February 2023; and • The popular and more broadly known Canard Course (or as we know it "Duck Race") which is held in June each year.

In 2022 there were 10,000 canards at 5 Euro each – do the sums! Prizes included a car, eBike, Smart TV, computers and iPads.

Let us put behind us the chaos of Napoleon's abdication and the cancellation of the French submarines and toast the President and members of the Rotary Club of Fontainebleau.



10,000 canards sur le Grand Canal!



Journalist : Trevor Fair

Venue : Bowral Bowling Club

Welcome: Sergeant Lynton Kettle welcomed all, especially since tonight is Club Assembly.

President Leigh gave the Acknowledgement to Country and listed the received apologies.

Announcements

District 9705 Conference is on 20-22 October at Queanbeyan. Diary entry the date.

EH Holden Rally

Will Eddowes provided an update of the weekend catering which went off well. Approximate costs of \$4700 expenditure and income of \$12600 giving a net profit of \$7852 for the whole weekend. There was some left over food. Some of which was kept and some due to the use by date was scrapped. Any surplus went to the Uniting Church pantry.



One of the best cars built in Australia.

Men's Health Caravan

The caravan will be in Bowral 19th and 20th April. Seeking 4 volunteers per day to assist the nurse. The van will be located at the Bowral Pool.

Science and Engineering Challenge - still looking for volunteers 256 students coming. two high schools are still to respond, Bowral HS and Steiner School are yet to respond.

Website - Tim has done some significant work on both the website and the Club's Facebook page. It promotes the Club's profile when members like the posts, so please utilise this free opportunity. Members are also encouraged to read the weekly Tulip Times Bulletin. **Service Hours** - Leigh is slowly accumulating service hours on all projects. YTD there has been 1,275 face to face hours and another 325 hours in preparation totalling \$56k in volunteer hours.

Club Assembly was held followed by the Raffle where Jim Gasson finally found his winning ticket. However the Joker remains up Jo's sleeve.



Two women doing the work of seven men!



Next Week:

Venue: Annesley Guest Speaker: Tanya Clancy Topic: Wombatised

