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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
18 Feb	Annesley	Club Assembly	Trevor Fair	Robert de Jongh
25 Feb	Bowral Bowling Club	Roma Dix Brail Musisions	Barbara Humphries	Ian Johnson
4 March	Bowral Bowling Club	Adam – Capernwray	Ian Langford	Tony Glenn
8 March	Bong Bong	Greyhound BBQ	N/A	N/A
11 March	Bowral Bowling Club	Lucy Hopgood Brown	David Patton	Allan Falvey
15-16 March	Annesley	Mental Health Training	NA	NA
18 March	Annesley		Denise Coad	Steve Hallis
23 Mar	Bundanoon	WSC planting BBQ	N/A	N/A
25 March	Bowral Bowling Club		Will Eddowes	Rosemary Kelly
1 April	Bowral Bowling Club	Mayor-Jesse Fitzpatrick	Trevor Fair	David Stranger
8 April	Bowral Bowling Club		Barbara Humphries	David Rees
15 April	Annesley	Judy Hannon MP Wollondilly	Ian Langford	Don Graham
24 May	WSC	Model United Nations	N/A	N/A
25-26-27 May	Mittagong RSL	S&E Challenge & Discovery Day	N/A	N/A

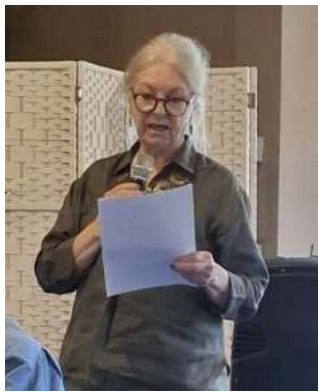
1 July	Annesley	Club Changeover		
Late Sept	Corbet Gardens	Tulip Times		
29 Sept	Corbet Gardens	Food & Wine Festival		
19 Oct	Bowral	Bowral Cycle Classic		
21 Nov	Bong Bong	Bong Bong Races		

NB The journalist and International Toast Roster may have changed. Check for your name.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL- MITTAGONG TULIP TIMES BULLETIN

Weekly Meeting held at Bowral Bowling Club on February 11, 2025

Journalist – David Patton



Sergeant Robbie Allen opened the meeting and welcomed guests Patrick (Mary Crummond), Stephanie (Leigh’s partner), Fabia (Louie’s niece) Jim Gasson (honorary member), and special welcome to Yuna, our exchange student.

Will Eddowes, displaying his scholarship and the romantic side of engineering, delivered the evening’s Invocation and International Toast as follows:

“Next Friday will be Valentine’s Day. There are a few theories about the origin – particularly as there were several Valentines canonised. The one most canvassed says that he was a Christian priest of exceptional learning in the times of the Roman empire. His big mistake was to marry Roman soldiers who were forbidden to marry. I suppose that left them free to rape and pillage their conquests without breaking marriage vows. Valentine was jailed by the emperor Claudius for his misdemeanours and, while in jail, he fell in love with the jailer Asterius’ daughter, who was blind. The fact that Valentine was able to make her see again conveniently provided a miracle which, no doubt, assisted in his canonisation. Unfortunately, however, Claudius was displeased, as was the Asterius, and Valentine died a martyr after his head was severed on February 14, 269CE.

Valentine’s Day was originally celebrated as a Christian feast day and, through later folk traditions, has come to be celebrated in many countries by people of many faiths. It became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries. In 18th century England it grew into an occasion for couples to express their love for each other by presenting flowers and sweets and sending cards.

Last year about this time, literally millions of roses were imported by air into the United States for Valentine’s Day distribution. Where did they come from? – Columbia. Only a cynic would think that this had nothing to do with Columbia caving in to Trump.

Valentine lived most of his life in Rome, but he was born in Terni, approx. 100 kms to the north-east.

The Rotary Club of Terni is in District 2090. President Luca Cipiccia leads 73 members. There are several activities including Peer Tutoring, a social club to support the 'new poverty' and a swimming competition. There's more but my Italian is not up to par".

All rise and toast the Rotary Club of Terni.

President Bob Miller welcomed all to another evening at the Bowling Club including members and guests and then proceeded to provide the following updates and information:



- Next week's Club Assembly at Annesley will be an important event to determine the club's future direction and Bob encouraged all to participate and make the most of the opportunity. Important points on the process:
 - Annesley will be requested to serve dinner at 6.30pm.
 - Club members will arrive and be seated at one of the syndicate tables with even numbers encouraged.
 - The subjects drawn from the results of the 'future proof survey' will be issued to each group seated at the table.
 - The process will be outlined by Leigh who has offered to act as facilitator for the session.
 - The process for the forum will be outlined by the facilitator with documentation provided as support.
 - Each group will elect a leader prepared to document the findings of the members and then present those action plans to the wider group at our meeting.
 - Timing will be tight, and participants need to get involved early in the process and then retain ownership for the decisions and recommendations for improvement.
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- A proposal has been sent in response to a request from the WSC to hold a sausage sizzle on Sunday, 23rd March at Bundanoon to celebrate a public planting day. Expect 2 hours long catering for 60 ticket holders updated this afternoon to 70. They are requiring us to quote on supplying 70 meat sausages and 20 vegetarian sausages, sauce and onions on sandwich bread. Graham Castle has offered the use of his 'car club's single hotplate barbecue. We will conduct a site inspection to identify the best spot for our facilities.
 - A request has come via Rosemary from Bong Bong racecourse to put on a BBQ for 200 people on 8 March. Bob mentioned time is short to organise but should be straightforward as no council approvals required and can be based on last year's numbers.
 - Call for candidates as simulated patient program for University of Wollongong's Graduates School of Medicine. Leigh and Eric Conolly have been through the experience.
 - Confirmation that the Mental Health first aid course rescheduled to 15-16th March 2025 at Annesley. Club member entry will be free. About 15 members indicated that they would attend.
 - Bob also canvassed interest in a First Aid Course at some stage in the future. This would be at member's expense.

- Date and location for MUNA has been confirmed for Saturday 24th May at WS Council Chambers with the combined Rotary Clubs of the Southern Highlands running the event. Schools in the region have been contacted. Thank you to Robert for the advance notice.
 - Reminder from Leigh about bringing in old mobile phones and laptops and the Shelter Bag project.
- Ian Johnson** then introduced our member speaker **Steve Hallis** who joined us in December and brings a wealth of business and Rotary experience.

Member Talk: Steve Hallis



1. Personal

Steve was born in the UK and is the eldest of four children. His father was a doctor and his mother a nurse. His mother died just before his 18th birthday and his father passed 14 months later. Steve was pleased to tell us that all his siblings are happily living in the southern UK.

Steve is married and has four children. Leah lives in Melbourne, Tristan in London, Zac in Sydney and Oscar in Canberra. The apple of his eye is his 6-year-old granddaughter who lives with her mother in Melbourne.

Steve and his family first lived in the Southern Highlands from 2007 to 2017. They were on acreage at Sutton Forest in an 1840s home. They moved back to Sydney finding it was not working for the boys having to board at Scott's College (a family tradition for males in his wife's family).

2. Professional

Steve has spent 45 years in the HR industry. He was with ADIA from 1978 to 1989 where he formed his own company Hallis Recruitment specialising in the contingent workforce in technology, finance, project management and service management from 1989 to 2023. The company had significant relationships with IBM, Telstra, AMP, ANZ and Australia Post, employed up to 50 people internally and 3000 contractors, and had offices in Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra and Brisbane.

3. Rotary

Steve first joined the Central Melbourne Sunrise Rotary Club – a breakfast club. It met in the RACV building on Elizabeth Street and has membership from 65 to 75 members. Terry Cox was the charter president, and Steve became a board member in 1993 as the club's services director. There was a very strong board business presence in the club.

Steve mentioned a couple of moments he recalls well. The first was a project called "Paint Your Heart Out," where the club would identify a house, paint it, and address any other necessary tasks. Steve remembered a specific house with two sisters who came with sponges throughout the day to assist. They mentioned that the house had not been painted for over 60 years!

We worked on another project to paint a house, but the owner didn't want the Rotary banner visible, preferring not to appear as if he was receiving charity. We respected his wishes and kept the banner away. However, we still involved friends from other projects, including one led by Pastor John Smith. This group, known as the God Squad, preached the gospel on motorcycles, and had about 20 riders joined us. "I'm sorry," he said. "I am going to say that it is my family assisting". The tools were all arranged at an angle, accompanied by several Rotarians. He came out and observed these individuals removing their levers and German helmets. There is nothing quite like completing a project!

Steve was club president from 2000-01. He recalled how the club was very much a business club with a sense of purpose and the board was incredibly active with strong leadership. Steve related a project that is still running today that involves police officers being mentored by experienced Rotary leaders. This program was held in such high regard that it was widely known that a police officer would be unlikely to make Commissioner if they had not done the course. Steve is proud of his time as president and leading that project and walked away with a sense that leadership is not about authority, it's about influence.

Steve then fielded some questions from members and provided more details on how the club was organised and operated especially its focus on cultivating relationships and engaging with business leaders in the community.

David Stranger gave a vote of thanks to Steve noting the early tragedy in his life, sharing his story and professional life and stimulating ideas and discussion about leadership.

Raffle – Graham Castle

Won by Mary Crummond - 6 of spades.

Don Graham has had a request as to whether Rotary would be interested in hosting two more mature age students from the Netherlands this year. Would need four families to take them for one month each. If anyone is interested to let Don know at the next meeting.

Will Eddowes announced a fundraising concert at 2.30pm on the 1st of March at St Jude's Church Bowral to support the National Braille Music Camp for blind children aged 13 to 17. Cost \$40. Details attached.

Robbie Allen thanked Vanessa and Daniel for hosting Yuna for 6 months and that we are looking for a host family for last two months she is here - May and June.

President Bob closed the meeting around 8pm announcing WSC Mayor Jesse Fitzgerald would be our guest speaker on the 1st of April and Judith Hannan who is our local state MP on the 15th of April.

**National Braille Music Camp
Chamber Music
Fund Raising
CONCERT**

Catherine Barnett Cello	Edwina Carter Flute
Ben Clarke Piano	Myee Clohessy Violin
Richard Gawned Saxophone	Nicole Hammond Violin
Ethan Ireland Doublebass	Lisa Kawai Piano
Emma Knott Flute	John Martin Piano
Julian Paviour Trumpet	Judith Rough Soprano
Peter Scott Trombone	

**St Jude's Anglican Church
Saturday 1st March 2.30pm**
Adults: \$40 under 18: \$20
Tickets: www.trybooking.com
or at the door (cash or card)
Further information:
romadix@gmail.com or 0432 466 882

Birthdays

FEBRUARY: Denise Coad 9th, Allan Falvey 10th, Graham Castle 11th, John Hoelle 24th, Steven Hallis 27th.
MARCH: Tony Glenn 1st, Vanessa Aylett 9th, Luciano 22nd, Bruce Sutton 24th.

Youth Report

Rebound students and Inbound Students got together in Canberra recently for a Debriefing session.

Asher and Yuna were there. Asher share his experiences from his 12 months in Japan. Yuna is now living with the Robinsons at Braemar until Easter



Rouges Gallery

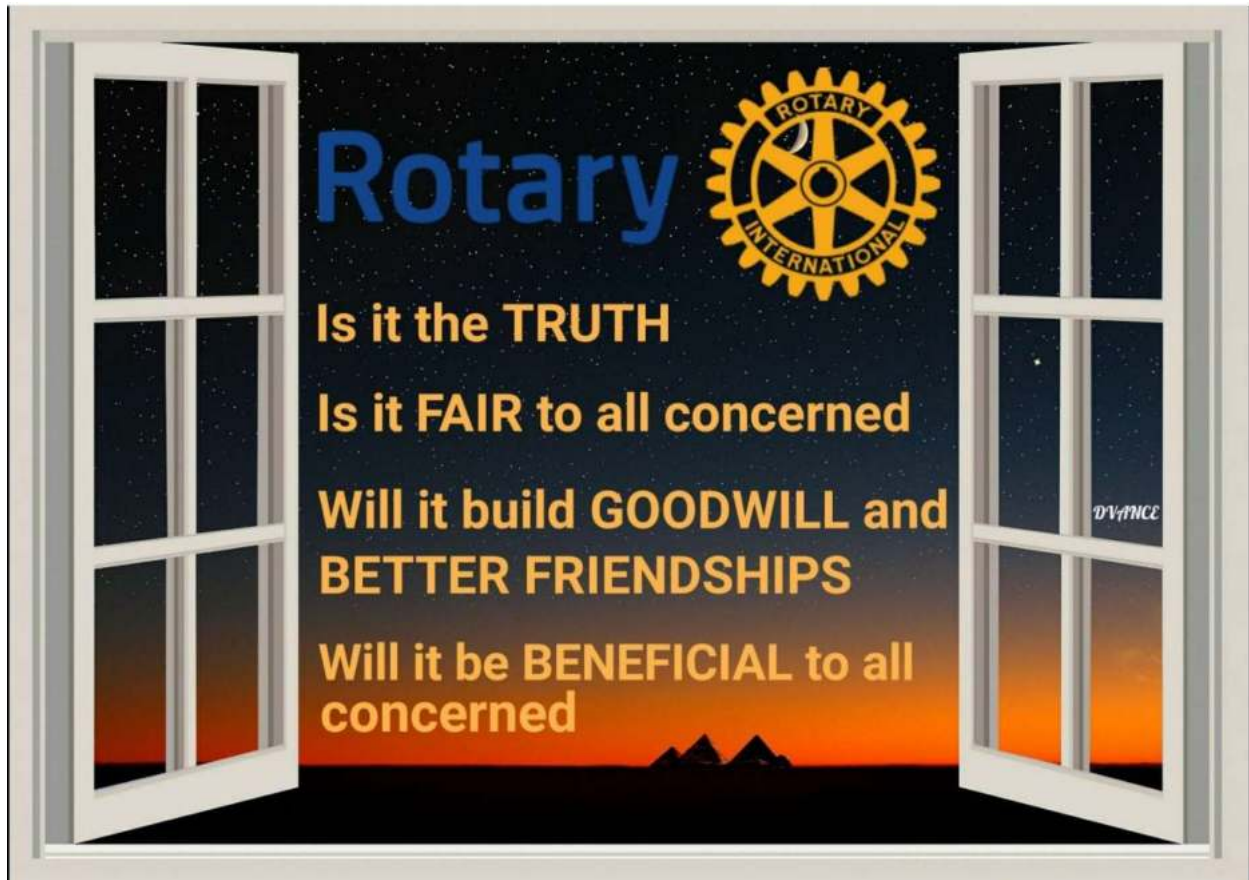


Quote of the day

"Try and make a positive difference in others' lives and your life will be enriched beyond words"

The 4 Way Test

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do is a test used by Rotarians world-wide as a moral code for personal and business relationships. The test can be applied to almost any aspect of life.



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