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Club Meetings: Attendance & Apologies

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at various Southern Highlands venues. (See below)

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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 June	Annesley BYO	Members Talk Beverley Coffey. Poem: Ian Johnston	Denise	Ian Law
25 June	Bowral Bowling Club	Brooke McGee. Raise a counseling programme for troubled kids	Ian Law	Bruce Sutton
2 July	Annesley	Club Changeover Function	Will Eddowes	
12 Sept-30 Sept	Tulip Time Festival	Roster members on gates (Ian Langford)	NA	NA
4 to 7 Oct	Food & Wine Festival	Roster members on gates (Ian Langford)	NA	NA
25-27 Oct	Mittagong RSL	District 9705 Conference	NA	NA
22 Nov	Bong Bong	BB Races BBQ & Car Parking	Don	

MEMBERS, CAN I HAVE DATES FOR THE CALENDAR PLEASE. Tim

11th JUNE MEETING, Bowral Bowling Club.

Lynton Kettle opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in his inevitably humorous way with advice to "Maintain social distancing". Lynton then welcomed our guests: Michelle Bullock, Eric Connelley, Robyn Liberale, Mary Crammond, David Stranger, & Robert Shaw.

Bob Miller gave the International Toast and the invocation:

Today, June 11, marks the day Nelson Mandela was committed to imprisonment for 27 years following being charged with treason.

Born in 1918 to a Thembu tribe Mandela lost his father at the age of 7 and became adopted by a high ranking Thembu agent who had plans for him professionally and domestically. It was some years later when Mandela learned that his guardian had arranged a marriage for him, he fled to Johannesburg and took a job as a night watchman; but he had managed to squeeze in a formal education in the meantime. Mandela needed his night watchman job to earn money and he moved to study Law at Johannesburg's University of Witswatersrand and qualified as a lawyer in 1942 at the age of 24.

The 1948 election victory of the African dominated National Party brought about the Apartheid system of racial classification and segregation. The white minority rule Apartheid meant that by law the basic rights of non whites were restricted to the extent they were unable to serve in any form of government, allowed to live in the same areas, go to similar schools or share public transport.

In retaliation the African National Congress (ANC) launched a campaign calling for boycotts, strikes and civil disobediences with Mandela travelling across the country to organise protests leading to his arrest in 1956 on a 'trumped up' charge of treason and 5 years imprisonment. Charges were dropped upon his release.

The ANC became a banned organisation while Mandela was behind bars but once released he joined other ANC leaders to set up a secret military group called 'Spear of the Nation', the decision proved fateful once police found weapons and documents relating to the secret group.

They were charged with plotting to overthrow the government and each was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Over the following years he became one of the worlds most famous prisoners with international campaigns to free Mandela as South Africa came under increasing pressure to abolish the Apartheid system. By the mid 1980s the country found itself subject to economic, sporting and cultural boycotts that affected almost every aspect of life.

In 1989 President PW Botha suffered a stroke and the reforming FW de Klerk who had previous talks with Mandela in his cell, took his place first as party leader then as president.

Knowing that apartheid was leading to economic and political bankruptcy de Klerk was bent on reform and as president released the political prisoners in 1990 including Mandela, lifted the ban on the ANC and began to systematically dismantle Apartheid.

With Mandela president of the ANC in 1991 and working with de Klerk to bring an end to Apartheid introducing equal rights for all, the pair were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.

The country's first all race election held in 1994, saw the ANC win a majority of seats in the new National Assembly with Mandela as president and de Klerk as his deputy.

An iconic figure around the world symbolising peace, equality and determination, Mandela retired from politics in 1991 claiming "I have retired, but if there's anything that would kill me is to wake up in the morning is not knowing what to do next".

He died of a lung infection in 2013 at the age of 95 and the world mourned his loss.

The Rotary Club of Johannesburg

On 18th January 1921 the Rotary Club of Johannesburg was chartered, the first club on the African continent. Rotary has grown to a formidable organisation today comprising 1,485 clubs and 33,650 members.

The tortuous political years which followed these humble beginnings, constantly challenged the capability and resilience of Rotary on the African continent and particularly in South Africa. Time has taken its toll with only six clubs remaining in Johannesburg, with only one exceeding 20 members. Club leaders in the region have launched a campaign exploring opportunities to reverse the trend.

Please be upstanding and toast the survival and ongoing success of Rotary in Johannesburg and 197 countries. 33,100 clubs with 1.2 million members throughout the world.

The Invocation: For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve.
We give thanks.

Pres Don welcomed our guests and invited Mary Crammond to come forward and be Inducted as our newest member. Mary has been attending our meetings for some time and was previously with Terrigal Rotary Club on the Central Coast. Mary is a willing volunteer and a worthy Rotarian. Mary responded hoping that she will be a benefit to our local community.



Announcements:

Don advised we have made the following donations recently.

- Rotary Health \$5000
- ROMAC \$2000
- End Polio \$1000
- UN National Conference \$500 (sponsorship of Student)
- Vanuatu Project \$15000 (Project deferred to May 25)

Don also reminded us that **Tulip Times & The Food & Wine festival** are coming up in September and that we will need everyone available to go on the roster. If everyone does 6 shifts, over the period, we will have it covered.

Don advised that Ian Langford was going into hospital on the 21st June for a double heart by pass and that in the mean time Will has volunteered to keep the spreadsheet of roster times for TT in front of the members.

Don Advised that the board meeting has been rescheduled for Monday 17th at Trevors office. 5pm start.

Leigh advised that the District Changeover is on the 22nd June at Young. Registrations close this week. There are a number of members going and if you want to go you need to organise accommodation and register.

Leigh also advised that he is standing down as the chair of the Dinner Dance Committee, So we are looking for a new chairperson. Give it some thought and put your hand up.

Don.introduced Robert Shaw who has come up from Batemans Bay today and is driving back tonight. Robert is our District Membership Director and DG Nominee.

Robert gave us a brief history about Himself and his background. School headmaster, newsagent owner and wildlife photographer. Robert is taking on a lot of roles in Rotary all with the aim of getting new members. Robert recently attended the world conference inb Singapore where he spend his time going to all the membership workshops and finding out what other clubs are doing. He has come back with a number of worthwhile ideas which he will publish in the near future.



At Tims request Robert also spoke about two plans that will be conducted locally to increase membership.

One involved creating new clubs where the population base was warranting it. And the other was called "Fit for Purpose" where good clubs can embark on a two year program to make their club go from good to better. A program that would suit our club.

Don introduced Rose who will introduce the guest speaker. Don let the meeting know that Rose thru her driving people to the airport has raised \$1070 this year. Well done Rose.



Rose introduced her daughter Michelle Bullock who is going to speak about her experience of adopting a child from South Korea. Michelle is an Interior Designer and Project Manager and currently works at Wingecarribee Council.

At 15 Michelle went to Japan on exchange.

Guest Speaker Michelle Bullock

Michelle and her Husband Andrew decided to adopt after trying unsuccessfully to have a child. It was a complex path to go down.

Michelle talked about the different pathways to adopt a child and their pros and cons. They chose the Inter-country pathway and the bilateral path.

In South Korea the child lives with a foster parent until adopted which is a more loving environment than an orphanage. Michelle talked about adoption statistics and how they have declined by 90% in recent times. While local adoptions have increased.

Michelle said there are many steps and hurdles to jump thru in the adoption process and it took 36 months for them to navigate them before receiving their baby boy. There are many long periods where you are just waiting without any information, so you have to be patient. It was a very confronting process she said.

There were many checks of the adopting parents like your health, financial position your mental health and many confronting questions about relating to the health of the baby.

The process cost \$22000 US dollars in fees plus the cost of airfares and accommodation.

Michelle told us of the trying flight home and how the airline hostess carried the baby for two hours on her back to help him sleep. She then showed the members photos of the boy now and also told us of some of the strange questions that they have been asked since getting home. Michelle also fell pregnant naturally two months after getting the adopted son home.

Happy endings!!!



Ian Law gave a vote of thanks.

Lynton ran a fine session and also reminded members that the **Dream Cricket event will be held at Moss Vale primary school on the 27th June.** Lynton invited members to go along and observe what goes on. If you intend going please let Lynton know asap as there is paperwork that has to be filled in re child protection.

Raffle was won by Rosemary Kelly King of clubs

Don wrapped up the night at approx. 8.15pm.

BIRTHDAYS

June: Robert De Jongh 24/6, Darryl Flegg 24/6, Jeff Furrneaux-Mann 7/6, David McCosh 23/6.

July: Mary Ramsey 10/7, Dom Williams 31/7

Gallery



Japan report

From Asher Aylett

Recently, on Saturday, the fellow inbounders and I visited Hiroshima as part of a Rotary trip!

We visited two key areas: Miyajima, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and the last surviving structure left from the atomic bomb.

I woke up at 5:00 am 😊 and proceeded to ride to a major train station before meeting up with my Youth Coordinator Youki. Then we boarded a few trains

until we arrived at Shin Osaka, and there we regrouped with the other inbounders and departed on a Bullet Train! It was my first time using the Shinkansen so I was extremely excited! To me it felt like a plane!

Once we arrived at Hiroshima, we hopped on a ferry to Miyajima Island, taking in the beauty of the mountains and the Torii gate itself! There were beautiful temples all around and a nice little traditional town!! We took a lot of photos of the Torii gate together and enjoyed ourselves with some oysters (can't say I'm the biggest fan unfortunately).

Once we finished up on the island, we headed back to mainland Hiroshima and left to see the last building left from the atom bomb: The A-Dome. It was quite mesmerising and the view all around was beautiful.

After we finished up there, we headed to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, which depicted the consequences of using such bombs of destruction. Mainly showing reports of children who had died, and photos that would make anyone's heart burn. I refrained from taking many photos in there to respect the survivors and victims.

Overall, it was amazing!!! Hiroshima was so beautiful with the tall mountains in the distance! And there was just so much to see! I do hope to come again someday!!!



Funnies

✿♥✿ Very very strange information..... But it is useful in our daily lives: ✿♥✿

- 1- To get rid of ants: Place the cucumber peel in the place where the ants come out from
- 2- to get pure ice cubes... Boil the water first
- 3- To make mirrors shine ... Wipe it off with spirito....
- 4- Let's take gum off clothes ... Put the clothes in the fridge for an hour...
- 5- to whiten clothes ... Put it in boiling water with a slice of lemon for ten minutes, then wash it
- 6- To make lemons give the most juice.. Put it in hot water one hour before its time..
- 7- To remove the smell of cabbage while cooking... Put a piece of bread over the cabbage in the pot...
- 8- To remove the smell of fish from the hands.... Washing hands with a little apple cider vinegar...
- 9- To prevent tears when peeling onions.... Chewing gum...
- 10- To make sure the mushroom is valid.... Sprinkle a little salt on the mushrooms, if it turns black, it is good, and if it turns yellow, it is poisonous.
- 11- To boil the potatoes quickly... Peel the potato on one side only before boiling
- 12- To boil the eggs quickly..... Add a pinch of salt to the water.
- 13- To thaw the frozen chicken.... Put it in cold water and add 2 tablespoons of salt...
- 14- To know fresh fish.... Put it in cold water, if it floats on the surface, it will be fresh ...
- 15- to know about fresh eggs.... Put the egg in water, if it is boiled horizontally, it is fresh, if it is hatched inclinedly, it is 3-4 days old, if it hatched vertically, it is 10 days old, and if it is floated, it is rotten
- 16- To remove ink from clothes... Put amount of toothpaste on the ink stain, leave until completely dry, then rinse as usual
- 17- To quickly peel sweet potatoes... Put it in cold water immediately after it is ripe...
- 18- To prevent milk outbreaks..... Wash the bowl with cold water (from the fridge) before boiling the milk....
- 19- To remove weeds from the sides of the road.... Sprinkle salt on it.... .
- 20- to get rid of the rats.... Spray black pepper in places where rats would likely be present, then you will find rats running away quickly!.
- 21- Keep mosquitoes away especially at night... Put a few fresh mint leaves near the pillow and around the room.



Thought of the day

“Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen.” – Conan O’Brien.