



Bowral-Mittagong
Rotary
 District 9705
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RI President:

Gordon R McNally

Club Meetings:

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at various Southern Highlands venues.

If you are an apology please text or phone Denise Coad 0416009395 or email denisecoad@bigpond.com by 5.00pm Friday before the Tuesday meeting. By default, it will be assumed that members are attending.

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
18 Jul	Bowral Bowling Club	Justine McKinlay; Community Cooking	Will Eddowes
25 Jul	Café Annesley	Member Talk/ TBA	David McCosh
01 Aug	Bowral Bowling Club	Hamish Ta-me /Beekeeping	Tim Bowland

International Toast – Tony Glenn

Journalist: Pamela Brown

Venue: Kookabar café – Pascale. The meal as always was tasty and plentiful. A beautiful risotto and braised chicken in a light gravy was well received.



Sergeant Ian Donges opened the meeting and welcomed the guests: Susan Law, Bev Donges and Eric Conley. He then welcomed President Don.

Rod Aistrop acknowledged the Gundungurra People and presented the International Toast:

Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland was born on this day in 1274.

He was notable for having freed Scotland from English rule in the Battle of Bannock which led to a confirmation of Scottish independence in the Treaty of Northhampton.



Today, Rotary International is led by the Scot, Gordon McNally a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry which was chartered on 14 July 1977 – it has its 46th anniversary on

Thursday. The President is Neil McKinlay and there are 29 members. Heaven forbid, the Club meets of an evening 6.45pm to 9.00pm, well past our bedtime!

The Club runs an annual Christmas Appeal, in November held an auction fundraiser to raise funds for the Pakistan Flood Relief, recently refurbished a memorial garden at the Echline Primary School and in April held their annual

photographic competition (funds raised went to the Freedom from Fistula Foundation. Please be upstanding and toast RI President, Gordon McNally, President Neil and the members of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry.

The Invocation was spoken by David Rees.

President Don introduced Rosemary Kelly



who was the speaker for the evening and her topic was the “10 Pound Pom”. Rosemary told us the story of her and her husband Frank and their decision to come to Australia. Initially Rosemary was hesitant but they both emigrated and were flown to Australia and were taken to the migrants hostel in Coogee.

The scheme was changed in 1972 to £75 but the slogan didn't change as it wasn't so catchy. She told of the conditions, the discrimination but also of the opportunities offered.

Of the people that emigrated 75% stayed and 25% returned back to their home land. Of these 25% half ended up returning to Australia. These were given the moniker of Boomerang Poms. There were several hostels that were occupied at the time.

Rosemary named many now famous people that emigrated on this scheme. A lot were to become our famous musicians and well-known members of the community.

It was an interesting and enlightening discussion. Mary then mentioned that Rosemary was in the posh digs and she told stories of not-so-great conditions where she was placed at the age of 17 with her parents. Other Rotarians spoke up about being “imports”. A hands up of the attendees was shown that out of 26 there were 11 not originally from Australia

David Rees came in 1964 and by ocean liner which took a month. His best memory was that it meant no school for a month.

Announcements:

Don asked for more volunteers on the roster for the upcoming Tulip Time event as it was a major fundraising event for Rotary. There were 17 unfilled places still available.

On this Saturday volunteers were requested to **BBQ at the Bradman Museum**. From 8.00 – 11.00. Sunrise, the TV program, would be broadcasting and this could be an exposure opportunity for us as well. Don needed about 5 members and they were asked to contact him they were to be there for 8.00 am

A BBQ for Chevalier student athletics on August 5 was mentioned. There would be about 400 kids to cater for and requests for helpers for this event.

A request for people to add their names to the new committee lists was made and these were passed round for action.

Denise asked members to please email her by Friday night at 5pm with apologies or if they were bringing a partner. See note under Club Meetings.

Don noted with humour that **Bruce Sutton had actually forwarded an Application for Leave** for the four weeks he was away and this was a great idea. This would be good for Denise, with a copy to go to Trevor and Don.

A formal resignation from Jo Chalmers has been received with a request to be kept in the loop with events and that she may re-join at a later date.

President Don asked that the bottle and can collection continue. He tried out the system at the Mittagong Hub but found that the option to select Rotary as the organisation that benefited was very difficult and included downloading an app and that the option to channel these donations to the Food Hamper each week instead was easier.

The Raffle was drawn and Robbie Allan won - but no Joker drawn. It was noted that only members can win the card prize.

SH News were doing a feature interview on Brian Pattison for his 50 years as a Rotarian.

Allan Falvey said he is planning a monthly column in the SHN plus regular spots on 2ST and community radio.

An update on the Fiji trip would be given when they get back.

Sergeant Ian Donges ran a fines session. Fines were issued to Jeff and Graham for their support of the Bowral Blacks. Allan, Ian and Mary were given a Rotary travel tax. Brian was fined for the notice of his daughter's wedding.

Cross fine was given by Rose who said that those that were being chauffeured to the airport were going first class after all.

A mention that today in **Column 8 of the SMH there was a mention of Pascale** from Kookabar of his delicious Lambs Fry meal and for people to go to the Southern Highlands for this treat.

Sargent Ian ran a Quiz with the title "Where Am I" (answer Kangaroo Valley) and **President Don** closed the meeting with a Thought of the Day: It's good to do nothing sometimes – the only problem is that you don't know when you've finished!

Next meeting 18th July would be at the Bowral Bowling Club and the Speaker would be **Justine McKinlay about Community Cooking.**



Tulip Time Roster: 18 spaces left to fill. The latest roster will be sent out hot on the heels of the Bulletin. Please let Ian Langford know if you can fill one or more slots.