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Club Meetings:

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

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.

"What's On?"

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
2024			
9 Jan	Southern Highlands Winery		David McCosh
16 Jan	Bowral Bowling Club	Chris Benton Lawn Bowls meeting Partners and friends welcome	Tim Bowland
23 Jan	No Meeting	Transferred to the 26 th Jan	N/A
26 Jan	Ian & Bev Donges	Australia Day gathering 85 McCallum Road, Colo Vale.	
30 Jan	Bowral Bowling Club		Ian Langford
6 Feb	Café Annesley		
13 Feb	Bowral Bowling Club		

The Week That was.

The **BHS Interact Club** put on a BBQ at Bowral High School for the **BHS Christmas Fair**.



Figure 1 David, Robbie & Tukker Lewin



Figure 2 Tukker & Josh

The Food & Wine Festival 8th, 9th, & 10th December
This Man said "I HATE DANCING" . Its amazing what a wine festival will do.



Figure 3 I said look happy and smile.

Figure 4 Thats better



The Week that was before the week that was



Figure 5 Sorry Rosemary here's your photo.:-)

Christmas party at the Bowral Golf Club

Main Course: Ham, Turkey, Potato, Carrot and Pumpkin plus Green Salad

Dessert: Plum Pudding with Custard and Strawberry.

Sergeant Lynton opened the meeting and gave the Invocation.

He welcomed all guests without naming them - as there were probably more guests than members.

President Don Graham also welcomed the guests and urged everyone to mingle and talk to as many as possible. All formal proceedings will be over by 7.00pm, (so he thought). He quoted Rod Aistrope from an ancient Bulletin saying that "Presidents can run meetings as they see fit!" In the same Bulletin, Tony Glenn said the 1.5 hours gave plenty of time for meetings and social interaction.

President Don called up **Asher Aylett** and **Robbie Allen**. Asher is our exchange student who will leave for Japan on 20 January 2024. Robbie gave him a blazer



then **Don** gave him a Akubra hat, as a gift from the club, its for him to wear while representing Australia in Japan.



President Don told us that, apart from playing his violin as background music for the evening, he had raised several hundred dollars busking for the Shelter Bag campaign against homelessness and domestic violence. Don also gave him credit for taking time to study the language and culture and eat the food of the Japanese ahead of his departure and took the opportunity to wish him well.

President Don conducted inductions of **Vanessa Aylett** and **Beverly Coffey** to the club. Vanessa is well known to many of us after attending a number of meetings and helping with projects. She was in Melbourne but managed to escape the "Daniel Andrews Gulag". She works for Social Services as a case worker and has a degree in psychology. She is the proud mother of Asher and Daniel, his father, is also here tonight.



Beverly Coffey is the principal of a primary school in the Liverpool area. The school has 900 students mainly migrant children. Beverly's previous school in North Sydney consistently came in the first five schools in NAPLAN – no mean achievement.

President Don spoke about the Rotary aspiration of 'Service above Self' and introduced them to the four way test before giving them both dinner badges and a package of Rotary information.

Tony Glenn read the **International Toast:**

In the International Toast last year the origin of St Nicholas was addressed. He came from Greece, around 280 A.D and was the Bishop of Myra, a small Roman town, on the south coast of Turkey.

Through the ages, the image of Saint Nicholas changed as he took on aspects of different deities, and as such features like the white beard and the magical power of flight began to be the norm.

That change occurred in many ways, one of which was encapsulated in the Christmas poem penned in 1822 by Clement Clarke Moore, an Episcopal Minister, for his three daughters entitled "An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas".

It is more popularly known as "'Twas the Night before Christmas."

Six stanzas, so here we go.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through
the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,

While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;

And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

Clement died at age 83 in Newport, Rhode Island.

The Rotary Club of Newport was chartered 21 August 1923 and has 15 members. The Club has two of primary interests:

- The Newport Rotary Club is proud to support the [Women's Resource Center](#) which has developed the knowledge, skills and resources to safely remove women and children from abusive households. Need I say more about our Clubs involvement in this cause;
- The Rotary Citrus Annual Fundraiser in its 26th year where the Club boxes and sells fruit as a fund raiser BUT also, they donate fruit to a variety of local organizations, meal sites, and food pantries. It takes me back to our Honorary Member, John Leijer and his Batlow apple orchard which was a source of fundraising by this Club over many years.

I mentioned change earlier in this toast, yet here we see a lot of similarity between our Club and the Newport Rotary Club and its projects.

Please be upstanding and toast:

- the members of the Newport Rotary Club;

- the common purpose and benevolence of Rotarians around the world; and
- the need to respect and exercise intolerance toward each other.

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"



Rosemary Kelly, Robbie Allen and Rose Conley led us singing a collection of old favourite Christmas carols. Without accompaniment they were sung in a variety of keys! Rosemary showed her prowess in the classics by singing O Come All Ye Faithful in Latin.

Sergeant Lynton invited **Luciano** to sing (not much prompting required!) and his colleague joined him for a couple of numbers.

Ian Donges proceeded with a multi-part quiz albeit with one packet of TimTams for a prize. The subjects were Justin Trudeau, Frank Sinatra, Bill Nighy and Dionne Warwick. Ian also asked the total number of Australian Prime Ministers (31) and the number still living (7).

The raffle was then drawn by Bob Barrett, won by Chris Graham.

Second prize drawn by Beverley, won by Mary Ramsay (in absentia).

Third prize drawn and won by Vanessa Aylett.

Fourth prize drawn by Asher Aylett, won by Mary Crammond.

Sergeant Lynton ran a short fine session, penalising the new members among others. Don Graham cross-fined Will Eddowes.

With that, **President Don** thanked Rosemary Kelly, Robbie Allen and Denise Coad for organising the event, wished everyone a very **Happy Christmas** and closed the meeting after a very enjoyable night.



Figure 6 Asher on Violin

Membership Minute

“Building a stronger club”

I don't know of any member who has not volunteered in some capacity during the year.

From my perspective I am happy to have members do as much as their circumstances and abilities will allow

Our club not only provides an opportunity to serve others but provides members with friendships and support by including them as equals and being inclusive.

It is important for all members to feel part of our Rotary community. I see that, as important as being president, or holding any other role. We are all equal in Rotary.

Let's recognise that we are not all the same, so let's embrace the difference, be mindful, flexible and build a stronger club community.

TIM BOWLAND

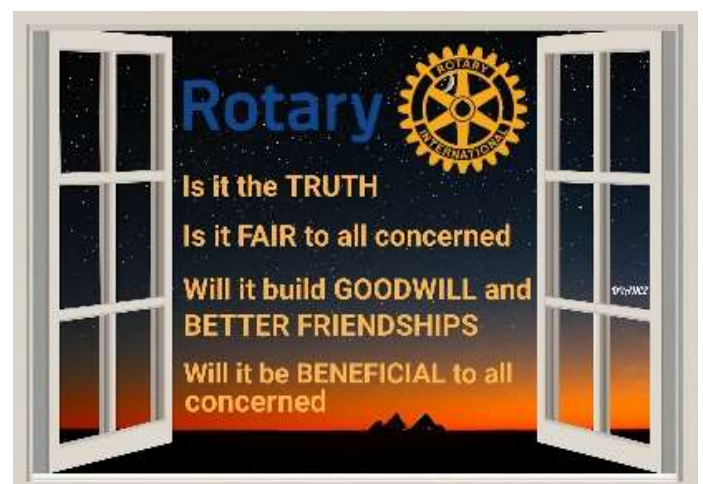
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Figure 7 Winner of the Festive Tie Award



Figure 8 Santa Claus look alike



ROGUE'S GALLERY

