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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

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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
20 Aug	Annesley	Chris Coates/A Paratrooper’s experience in two armies	Will Eddowes	Trevor Fair
27 Aug	Bowral Bowling Club	Krischan Keller/PCYC – Police Citizens Youth Clubs	Denise Coad	Dom Williams
03 Sep	Bowral Bowling Club	TBA	Ian Law	Beverley Coffey
06 Sep	Imperial Hotel	August/September Birthdays	N/A	N/A
10 Sep	Bowral Bowling Club	TBA	Denise Coad	Bruce Sutton
12 Sept- 30 Sept	Tulip Time Festival	Roster members on gates	N/A	N/A
04 Oct- 07 Oct	Southern Highlands Garden Party	Roster members on gates	N/A	N/A
19 Oct- 20 Oct	Bowral Classic	Organiser Mary Ramsay	N/A	N/A
25 Oct- 27 Oct	Mittagong RSL	District 9705 Conference	N/A	N/A
22 Nov	Bong Bong Racetrack	BB Races BBQ & Car Parking Organiser Don Graham	TBA	TBA

**Venue:** Bowral Bowling Club

**Journalist:** Graham Castle.

**Sgt Lynton Kettle** called the meeting to order. He welcomed **Ian Donges**, our **after-dinner speaker** and guests: Exchange student **Yuna Uemura**, **Ian Hannaford**, **Denis Cohen**, and **Ria McCosh**.

**David Rees** gave the Invocation and International Toast.

**Florence Nightingale :**

Born May 12 1820 in Florence Italy, was a social reformer, statistician and founder of modern nursing. She came to prominence whilst serving as manager and trainer of nurses during the Crimean War. She significantly reduced the death rates by improving hygiene and living standards. Her practice of making rounds and caring for the wounded, especially at night, earned her the appellation of “The Lady with the Lamp” and as such became an icon in Victorian England.



It has been suggested that this role was exaggerated by the media of the day but no one can deny or diminish the role she played in later work in professionalising nursing roles for women. Her achievements are too numerous to relate here.

She died, peacefully in Mayfair, London on this day in 1910, aged 90.



The Rotary Club of Mayfair, in district 1130 was chartered 2017. The club meets fortnightly as a hybrid meeting, meaning in person and via zoom. The club has around 35 members. The club is engaged in education projects, in promoting community engagement, sports mentoring and leadership projects to improve the lives of London youth, provides clothing to the homeless and funding for high value projects in Nigeria as well to the Sankara Eye foundation in India.

Please rise and toast the members of the Rotary Club of Mayfair, London England.

**President Bob Miller.**

Welcomed Honorary Members **Mary Ramsay** and **Jim Gasson**.

Thanked **David McCosh** for his work on the Bulletin.

Olympic Achievements with Australia finishing just behind Japan. With 18 Gold medals.

13 of which were won by women and now 23% of rotary are now women.

**Barbara Humphries** is now home but needs assistance on the 21<sup>st</sup> August with transport to Liverpool hospital.

**Rose Conley**, our welfare officer, needs to be updated on member status.

Apologies for late finish to the last meeting going over time.

Thanks to **Ian Johnson** for arranging guest speakers.

Next week at Annesley our speaker will be **Major Christopher Coates (Retd)**. Please read notes below before the meeting.

An email from **DG Rob Uhl** has requested an invitation to a joint club meeting with Moss Vale Rotary at the MV Services Club on the 25 September.

The **District Conference** is now less than 2 months away. Bookings are required.

**DG Rob Uhl** has requested local clubs to partner with the PCYC and has called a meeting at Mittagong RSL this Friday at 11:00 am.

**Reports:**

**Rod Aistrophe** explained how the PCYC was set up by Rotary.

**Mary Ramsay**, reported on the Bowral cycle classic and circulated the roster. There are many more shifts than last year so we need to fill as many as possible. Mary expects to involve other organisations to complete all shifts.

**President Bob** mentioned that there is a ‘Meet the Council Candidates’ for the 2024 council elections on 21 August at Park Proxi Bowral at 6.30pm. Booking is required.

Dinner served.

**Will Eddowes** spoke about the Fund raiser committee planning a Car boot sale. There is one at Lane Cove on 22 Sept and one at Narrabeen on 25 Sept. We should send at least one representative to each. Will also asked if any members wanted to buy a Rotary apron from RDU. There were four takers – Trevor will coordinate together with the Hi-Vis vests.

**Mary Cramond** spoke about **Shelter bags**. She ran this program when she was in RC Terrigal and gave some background. She asked if the members would support the program in our club and got a positive response. Mary is discussing detail with **President Bob and Leigh Robinson**.



**Guest Speaker:** Club Member, **Ian Donges**, gave a talk titled ‘A Fortunate Life’. Ian started life in Greenethorpe NSW on a property and for his early schooling. He described the amazing Landra castle, built in the early 1900’s by George Greene and after whom the village is named. Greene is credited with the introduction of share



farming in NSW. As a wheat farmer, Ian became heavily involved in agricultural politics and he regaled us with a number of anecdotes and some of the characters that he met along the way. He was in New York when the planes hit the World Trade Centre and witnessed some of the aftermath. He spoke of several prominent characters that he had dealt with including Tim Fischer, former deputy PM of Australia, for whom he had great respect.

A vote of thanks for **Ian** was given by **Ian Johnson**.

**Janine Brundle** ran the Raffle. Blue A52 was drawn but the joker kept hiding.

**Ian Donges** “Where am I” Qld 4820. Charters Towers, won by Don Graham.

**Sergeant Lynton Kettle** ran a ‘Sergeant’s Session’ fining all the usual suspects.

Meeting closed at 8:20

A report from our exchange student **Asher Aylett**:

Dear Bowral-Mittagong Rotary Club,

I hope you are all well and that the inbound student Yuna has settled into Australian life.

Life in Japan has been very busy over the last few months. School ended not too long ago and it’s currently the summer school holidays. It has also been very hot! Every day of the month so far has been above thirty degrees. I’ve found it difficult to adjust to, but I’ve managed to stave off the heat over time.

My language is improving and I am at the stage where I can understand more than I can speak.

Every day I am thankful for this exchange experience and would like to say a big thank you to the Bowral Mittagong Rotary.

I’ve been attending Rotary meetings here in Japan and the regular club activities at my school have continued, even into the holidays so I am never bored.

Recently, my host brother, Daigo, left for Australia. All his friends, family, and Rotary club were at the airport to see him off and he has touched down in Australia hosted by the Blayney Rotary club. I hope he enjoys his time here in Australia just like I am enjoying my time in Japan.

I am looking forward to visiting Tokyo soon! On the 15th of August, I’ll be going on a bus to Tokyo and meeting up with a friend, who I’ll spend a few days with. I’m very excited to explore the city, and I can’t wait to depart soon! I hope to visit the busiest and coolest areas, like the Shibuya district, which is known as the busiest square in all of Tokyo! It’ll be my first time visiting a megacity, with a population over 13

million! That makes it the most populated city in the world, and nothing like any Australian city, such as Melbourne or Sydney.

These last few months have been busy, and my exchange feels like it is going too fast. I'm very excited for my Tokyo trip, and I can't wait to experience even more! Thank you, and I apologise for the delay in my reports, Thanks for reading.

-Asher.

**Background for next week's speaker. Major Chris has been told that the Club will have read it prior to the meeting – so please do!**

BIO - CHRISTOPHER COATES (MAJ Retd)

MAJ Coates enlisted in the British Army in 1985, after leaving school at 15yo and starting his Army career as a boy soldier at the Army Apprentices College, Harrogate training as a Royal Signals Radio Telegraphist.

MAJ Coates' first adult posting was to the 5<sup>th</sup> Airborne Brigade, parachute selection training and a hectic 10 years of overseas operational deployments; Central Americas, Bosnia, Croatia and Northern Ireland and training exercises spanning the globe; many European countries, USA, Canada, Africa, and the Middle East.

MAJ Coates was promoted throughout this time and as a Corporal was posted to his first training establishment, which would see him experience great satisfaction over a course of jobs with both Junior and Adult entry recruits and as a Staff Instructor at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst training young Officers.

Promoted further, saw MAJ Coates back to operational deployments with the now 16<sup>th</sup> Air Assault Brigade (was 5<sup>th</sup> Airborne Brigade) conducting tours to Sierra Leone, Kosovo and multiple tours of Afghanistan and Iraq.

MAJ Coates commissioned from the ranks in 2007 to CAPTAIN and experienced more world travel as a Regional Careers Management Officer assisting soldiers better their own careers – visiting such places as Diego Garcia, Gibraltar, and Canada. This appointment was short lived as he promoted quickly to MAJOR, back to the Air Assault Brigade and back to Afghanistan in 2008.

MAJ Coates conducted a lateral transfer to the ADF in 2010 with his first posting to the 1st Brigade in Darwin. A wonderful and busy experience, seeing many parts of the NT and Northern QLD training areas and a deployment back to Afghanistan!

MAJ Coates was posted to Special Operations Command in 2013, seeing more world travel, another operational deployment to Iraq and a multitude of great experiences. MAJ Coates remains today with SOCOMD as an Army Reservist at the ADF Parachute School after his retirement from the regular force in 2021.

MAJ Coates is married to Naomi, has 3 children, Sam (28), Audrey (8) and Boaz (3). Lives in the Southern Highlands and enjoying a Christian life to the full.





Photo Round-up:

