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Club Meetings:

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at various Southern Highlands venues. (See below)
Meeting apologies by Sunday for the following Tuesday. Please txt Trevor Fair.



Next 4 Weeks	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
16 Dec	Imperial Hotel Bowral	Pizza Birthday Lunch	
 20 th December to 16 th January		Christmas Break	
17 Jan	Bowral Bowling Club	Lawn Bowls Meeting Partners welcome	Tim Bowland
24 Jan	Annesley	TBA	Pamela Brown
31 Jan	Bowral Bowling Club	TBA	Ian Langford
07 Feb	Kookabar	TBA	Trevor Fair

Wishing you a happy Christmas, keep safe, and let's hope for a better year in 2023.

From the Editor and Journalists of your favourite 🤔 weekly Bulletin !!,

David, Trevor, Ian, Tim, Will, and Barbara



Venue: Bowral Golf Club.  
Journalist: Trevor Fair



The Christmas tree with members gifts to underprivileged children for distribution by the Uniting Church.

Members, Honorary member, partners, and friends met in the spaciously refurbished Golf Club overlooking the 18th hole on a sunny Tuesday evening.

Sergeant Lynton called everyone to order and then invited Dominic Williams to say the Invocation.

President Leigh welcomed all and hoped we would all enjoy the evening.



There were a few formalities prior to dinner being served.

President Leigh presented dinner badges to recent Club members **Jeff Mann** and **Ian Donges**.

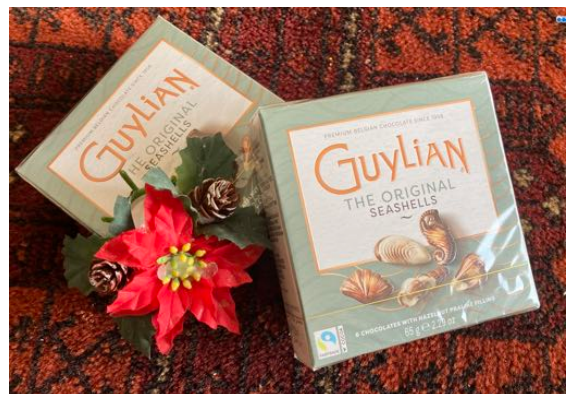


This was followed by the induction of **Barbara Humphries**



Barbara thanked **Tim Bowland** for introducing her to Rotary.

Leigh thanked **Garry Brown**, a member of Leigh's previous District, for the gift boxes of Guylian chocolates everyone received



The major presentation of the night was to **Des and Nerida Rudolph**.

President Leigh, in presenting them both with PHF awards commended them for not only their contribution to Rotary, but also their outstanding community work.

In reply, Nerida's said, "we work to help others". She continued that it is an honour to be part of this Club. When the shop was opened, we did not anticipate Covid, and we would not be here if it was not for our community. We love being a part of this amazing community.



International Toast

Tony Glenn - St Nicholas Day

St Nicholas Day is celebrated each year on December 6th the anniversary of his death in the mid 4th century. Contrary to popular belief, St Nick hasn't always resided in the North Pole, nor did he originate from Lapland in the north of Finland. The real St. Nicholas hailed from Greece, around 280 A.D. He was bishop of Myra, a small Roman town, renamed Demre since 2005 on the south coast of Turkey.



St Nicholas was a fierce and loyal individual who spent years in prison for his defence of church doctrines and is credited with several miracles - Nicholas stood up for his faith and protected those around him. Consequently, his fame lived on long after his death. Today, he is seen as the Patron Saint of Children and the bringer of gifts. 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 stick.

Across much of Europe and around the world, St Nicholas (*Sinterklaas* in Dutch, or *Nikolaus* in German) is remembered annually on December 6th. On the eve of December 5th my granddaughter Cully, whose mother is German, leaves a letter out for Nikolaus, alongside shoes left by the fireplace, on the windowsill or outside her bedroom. On St. Nicholas day, her shoes should be filled with fruits, sweets and other small gifts and treats. NOT sure her parents have heard about those limitations. The ruins

of Myra remain and are quite beautiful. Situate 139 km to the east is the nearest Rotary Club - Antalya International Rotary Club, which claims to be the first English speaking Rotary club in Turkey.

The Club was established in 1980 and is situate in District 2430. President Ali Celik presides over 23 members. The Club has in recent times participated in:

- The Aitolia Marathon – to create awareness on early age, involuntary child marriage; and
- Is committed to the support and assistance of Syrian refugees.

Please be upstanding and toast to President Ali Celik and the members of the Antalya International Rotary Club.

The Wrap up.....

Sergeant Lynton enjoyed extracting fines from the usual culprits, Trevor, Rod, Robert, Ian, Bob, Tim, Tony, and others



The Christmas party would not have been complete without carols from **Louie's** childhood.



He encouraged everyone to sing with him, - unfortunately they were all in Italian.

Encouraged by the crowd, **Rose** followed up with her version of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.



The Door prizes were drawn, and the lucky recipients were,

- 1st Ian Law
- 2nd Don Graham
- 3rd Kate Fair
- 4th Janetta Kettle

And finally,

Thank you to the staff of Bowral Golf Club
Thank you to Denise and her helpers for creating a terrific Christmas event, and thank you to everyone for their gifts to the United Church's Christmas giving.



.....and as a postscript, with thanks for all those who participated in the event for "Angels in our Town" last Saturday



"Dear Leigh and all the Rotary members,

Both Julie and I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you and Rotary for participating in the Parade and Concert on Saturday. It really did seem to have struck a chord with those watching who seemed so happy and excited to thank you for your wonderful work.

I received many calls on Monday and yesterday from people saying that they really feel connected to the community and one child said, "It was the happiest day of my life".

*Your contribution was really important to us, and we are so thrilled that you walked with us on our journey to more connection, joy, and gratitude in the Southern Highlands. Not to mention the fantastic sausage sizzle that you provided for our patrons. Thank you so much for helping make the evening a wonderful success,
Looking forward to next year,"
Warm wishes,*

*Antoinette Sampson
Founder*