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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

Deadline is 5pm Friday. T: 02 4861 6917 M: 0403 176 958 email: trevorfair5@bigpond.com

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 th May	Annesley Bowral, Retirement Village.	Nurses Award Night PARTNERS NIGHT	Barbara Humphries	Leigh Robinson
23 rd May	Imperial Hotel	Imperial Pizza Birthday Lunch from 12:00 Noon.	N/A	N/A
24 May	Wingecarribee Shire Council	Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA).	N/A	N/A
25 th , 26 th 27 th May	Mittagong RSL Club	Science & Engineering Challenge & Discovery Day	N/A	N/A
27 th May	NO MEETING			
3 rd June	Robbie’s home	Poetry Night	Ian Langford	David Stranger
10 th June	Bowral Bowling Club	Dr Andrew Browning	Denise Coad	Graham Castle
17 th June	Annesley Bowral, Retirement Village	Quiz night	Will Eddowes	Allan Falvey
24 th June	Bowral Bowling Club	Richard Lane	Barbara Humphries	Steve Escott
1 July	TBA	Club Changeover	Trevor Fair	TBA
8 July	Bowral Bowling Club			
2-3 Aug	TBA	MHFA Youth Course	Leigh	
12 th to 30 th Sept	Corbet Gardens	Tulip Time Festival		

29 Sept	Corbet Gardens	Food & Wine Festival		
19 Oct	Bowral	Bowral Cycle Classic		
21 Nov	Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse	Bong Bong Picnic Races		

NB The journalist and International Toast Roster may have changed. Check for your name.

Sergeant Lynton quietened the attendees and welcomed everyone on this cool and damp evening.

Welcome to Richard Earnst as well as guest speaker Aaron Malouf. Also welcome back travellers Rosemary Kelly, David Patton and Ian Donges.

Invocation and International Toast - Rod Aistrope

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Tomorrow is the Independence Day of Paraguay marking its declaration of Independence from Spain in 1811.

Paraguay is in southern South America with Brazil to its east, Bolivia to its north west and Argentina to its south. It was named for the indigenous Guarani people who occupied the land for over a thousand years before the explorer Espinosa stumbled into it in 1516 followed by Spanish colonisation in 1537. Over time Portugal got Brazil and Spain got the rest of South America. By 1800 the population of the colonies had grown mixed with African slaves and native Amerindians and had their own identities and aspirations and little loyalty to Spain.

In 1807 Napoleon invaded Spain and placed his brother on the throne. This was the catalyst for the rejection of French rule of the South American colonies and eventually the loss of all of those territories to Generals Simon Bolivar in the north and Jose San Martin in the south between 1811 and 1814.

Regrettably the history of Paraguay since then has been full of dictatorships, civil and external wars and coups with attempts to establish a utopian society and democracy meeting with varying degrees of success. The population halved over the 19th century due to the wars, loss of life and emigration.

After a split with what became the ALP a hardy band of 238 socialists from Australia set up a utopian settlement in Paraguay in 1893 with the encouragement of the government keen to replace population. It was called New Australia.

They had a strict ethos which included white racism and a colour bar on sex, common hold over all property, life marriage, teetotalism and communism.

All very popular concepts you might think. But when a second influx of settlers arrived the whole cooperative thing broke down and many left. The Paraguayan government gave those who remained their own land and over a hundred years later some 2 000 descendants remain.

The village, Neuvo Australia still remains about 110 km east of the capital, Asuncion. You can find it on Google Earth.

10km further to the east is the city of Coronel Oviedo, population 52 000 which is where they did their shopping. It is now the home of the Rotary Club of Coronel Oviedo which was Chartered in District 4845 in 1954 and has 32 Members led by President Guillermo Villalobos.

The Club recently delivered equipment and supplies to the neo-natal department of a local hospital and computer equipment to their town college.

Tonight we make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Coronel Oviedo.

President Bob - Announcements

Member welfare

Jim Gasson is targeting to return to circulation by next week's Pizza Friday for his 87 birthday. Slowly recovering.

Ian Langford - slowly recovering from the operation and pain management.

Wingecarribee Volunteer Expo - the club has committed to attend. Visitors are invited to attend. Moss Vale Rotary will also be promoting their activities.

The Nurses Award - seeking confirmation from Bowral Hospital regarding the club donation of \$2,000 which is for the welfare of staff and patients.

MUNA - schools are locked in as are judges. Robert de Jongh visited the Council Chambers today and has sorted the logistics of the room. The Theatre has been booked for catering. Visitors can book for catering purposes \$12 for MT and lunch. Online booking essential.

Science & Engineering Challenge - 26th & 27th May. Looking to fill the remaining roster spaces. It is important to ensure we can fill the duties to ensure that the event runs well. Waiting for the Newcastle Uni to send out the activities which will be run on the day.

Fit For Life program at Bowral High School is continuing. Requires 2 volunteers per day. 32 participants were involved today including two females. Please see Robbie if you are able to assist.

Tulip Time Festival. Our Club will be looking to fill 25 days of rosters.

Gerringong Rotary is looking for donations to support an Ultrasound Machine for Kenya. Board has approved \$2,000 donation.

Inclusive Sports Program is continuing at Frensham. This program's aim is to encourage people with disabilities to participate in sport and the community.

Mental Health Youth Training program is planned for 2&3 August. Need at least 10 attendees. Please contact Leigh for additional detail or to book your place.

Defibrillator has been acquired by the Club. This equipment will travel with the BBQ. Please review the video and training manual prior to formal training.

Parkrun catering assessment . Looking for some attendees to participate in the run and then review whether catering is possible. 8 am every Saturday from the Botanical Gardens Car Park. While it is called a run, everyone is welcome. You can walk, bring your dog, push a stroller etc.

Next week's Nurses Award Meeting please bring along partners, friends and guests. Looking to fill the room at Annesley. \$40 pp. **Please advise Trevor by Friday if you are attending.**

Poetry night 3rd June at Robbie's. Have identified 9 orators. Attendees to please bring along finger food already heated to share with others. Contact Rosemary for more detail and guidance on food plate.

Guest Speaker

Aaron was ably introduced by Rod Aistrophe, a current board member of Challenge Southern Highlands.

Aaron Malouf is the General Manager of Challenge Southern Highlands, a not-for-profit organisation that provides meaningful employment and support services for people living with disability. With a background in Crisis Management, Corporate Communications, Business Development and philanthropy, Aaron has worked in Aged Care, Community Services, Education and Commercial Property. He was busy travelling

between Sydney and Canberra working on the constitutions for a number of not-for-profit organisations when Challenge nabbing him from the Hume Motorway late last year.

He has been blissfully married to Marion for 34 years, has a son Marcus who is completing his final year of Law and International Relations at ANU, and owns a labrador named Bailey and a Tabby Cat whose name is too embarrassing to mention in such good company.

Aaron is passionate about creating inclusive, sustainable opportunities that empower individuals and strengthen regional communities. In this evening's presentation, titled *"Future Proofing Challenge Southern Highlands,"* he will share insights into the organisation's strategic direction, growth opportunities, and how the community can play a vital role in its ongoing success.



Businesses need to be transactional to survive.

Challenge SH is less known than the Garden Centre. The Garden Centre was started by parents of disabled children to give them a future.

SLES - School Leavers Employment Supports Program is funded through NDIS and provides support for young people with disabilities who are finishing school, or have recently left, helping them transition into the workforce.

It aims to build skills, confidence, and practical experience needed for meaningful employment.

Most of the plants sold at Welby Garden Centre are propagated on site.



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102 disabled employees plus support workers are employed at Welby. As with all not for profit organisations there is a need to be a very efficient organisation.

NDIS was set up to be the best disability service in the world. Unfortunately some people saw it as a quick way to greed and profit. It seems there will be some instability and uncertainty while the program is reviewed.



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30% of workforce have diabetes, 18% have weight issues. Therefore the focus on quality of food and nutrition is important for the employees. The construction of the Café will assist with reinforcement of healthy eating.



Vote of thanks was given by Ian Johnson. The scope of the challenge at your organisation is immense . Thank you for an enlightening presentation and coming at short notice.

Age range from 18-78 with an average age of 45.

Joker Draw - drawn by the guest speaker Aaron. Scored a bottle of red.

Quiz by Ian D. Who am I. Keith Urban. Aaron's night as he went away with the Tim Tams as well as the wine.

Next Week: Nurses Award 2025

Annesley \$40

Please confirm with Trevor before Friday

Birthdays

May Birthdays: Rod Aistrope 3rd Will Eddowes 26th, Jim Gasson 22nd, Brian Pattinson 31st.

Imperial Pizza Lunches: 23rd May from 12 Noon

Quote of the Week

Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of.

C. S. Lewis

Can you help out here?



Bring in your old laptops and phone (with Chargers) so they can be recycled to help our domestic violence campaign.

Also, Bring in some items each week to add to the Uniting Church basket

Non Perishable food, Toiletries ETC

Thought

