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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
17 May	Imperial Hotel	Birthday Pizza gathering	NA	NA
21 May	Robbie's house	Poetry night	Bob Miller	Ian Johnson
24/25 May	Wingecarribee Shire Council	Model United Nations	NA	NA
27 May	Mittagong RSL	Science & Engineering Challenge (High School)	NA	NA
28 May	Mittagong RSL	Science & Engineering Discovery Day (Primary Schools)	NA	NA
28 May	Bowral Bowling Club	Tandom Speakers	Will Eddowes	David Rees
4 June	Bowral Bowling Club	Kathryn Smith INZOZI Hills School Rwanda	Trevor Fair	Paul Leotta
11 June	Bowral Bowling Club	Michelle Bulloch. Adoption	Ian Langford	Bob Miller
18 June	Annesley	Members Talk TBA	Denise	Ian Law
25 June	Bowral Bowling Club	Brooke McGee. Raise a counselling programme for troubled kids	Ian Law	Bruce Sutton
2 July	Annesley	Club Changeover Function	Will Eddowes	

12 Sept-30 Sept	Tulip Time Festival	Roster members on gates (Ian Langford)	NA	NA
4 to 7 Oct	Food & Wine Festival	Roster members on gates (Ian Langford)	NA	NA
25-27 Oct	Mittagong RSL	District 9705 Conference	NA	NA
22 Nov	Bong Bong	BB Races BBQ & Car Parking	Don	

MEMBERS, CAN I HAVE DATES FOR THE CALENDAR PLEASE. Tim

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**ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL MITTAGONG TULIP TIMES BULLETIN**

**MAY 14, 2024**

VENUE – Bowral Bowling Club

JOURNALIST – Denise Coad

**Charity Dinner Dance Committee**

The Committee met at 5.30pm and plans are proceeding for our Dinner Dance on May 2, 2025.

**Fellowship**

Members enjoyed their 6.00pm get-together at various tables in the Dining Room prior to our Meeting.

**Sergeant Lynton Kettle**

Lynton welcome all Members to the Meeting, and organised seating as there was once again a good turnout.

A special welcome to one of our new Members, David Patton, who is giving a Member Talk.

Also Robyn Liberale, and Honorary Member Mary Ramsay.

Also our Member Pamela Brown, who is moving to Yass, is back again.

**Trevor Fair - Invocation and International Toast -**

International Toast 14 May

There were numerous worldwide events that occurred on 14 May. I decided to skirt around some of the more contentious ones, due to current conflicts in the middle east.

It was on this day 14 May 1796 that Edward Jenner tested his small pox vaccine for the first time. Edward Jenner was a country doctor practicing near Gloucester UK. It was here that he noticed the link between cow pox and small pox.

It is highly unlikely that this would happen today, with Ethics Committee restrictions. However Jenner chose James Phipps, the son of his gardener to test his theory regarding small pox vaccinations. Jenner deliberately exposed master Phipps to cow pox, and then on 1 July to small pox. As anticipated, and to his great relief the boy did not develop small pox.

The Rotary Club of Gloucester Severn, District 1100 was chartered in 1983. President Adrian Smith leads an active club of 45 members. The Club supports local, national and international causes through a program of fundraising. Gloucester Severn Rotary has a very active sporting and social calendar. This month they run the Dragon Boat Festival, followed by a Sporting Dinner and a charity golf day in September.

Would you please be upstanding and toast Edward Jenner and his vaccinations, as well as the Rotary Club of Gloucester Severn.

### **President Don Graham**

Welcome Mary, Robyn and all Guests. Also David Patton who is giving a Member Talk. Robert de Jongh will be called up to do a Psychologist joke at the end of the Meeting.

Don has been discussing sponsoring people caught up in Vanuatu with DGE Rob Uhl. If all Clubs in our District were involved we could raise \$30,000.

He also asked Members to support a Rotary Project by donating \$400-\$500 for a Health Program for 16-17 year olds.

Members all showed support.

### **Robbie Allen**

Updated Members on MUNA Saturday May 25.

Our incoming Exchange Student from Japan is arriving on July 17 or July 18. She will be starting 3<sup>rd</sup> Term at Bowral High School. Her first home-stay will be with Vanessa and Daniel Aylett.

### **Leigh Robinson**

Has garbage bin decals for Domestic Violence for Members to put on their bins – 3 bins = 3 decals.

There will be BBQ held for the Domestic Violence walk. David Rees offered to cook.

The Way, My Way Movie is on at the Empire Cinema this Thursday. Janine Brundle has seen the Movie, and says it is well worth seeing. Check times with the Cinema.

### **Robert de Jongh**

Reminding Members who are attending MUNA on May 25 to let him know for catering. Mary Ramsay is once again organising the kitchen. There is a QR Code available to order morning tea and lunch.

### **Rosemary Kelly**

Updating Members on the Poetry Night next Tuesday at Robbie Allen's home. There will be 8 Poets. Members and Partners are welcome. The last Poetry Night was when Covid hit, and we had to be aware of the restrictions of Meetings.

Robbie Allen's address is The Majors, 5/99 Kangaloon Road, Bowral. There is parking available on the street. 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

### **Denise Coad**

A reminder of the April/May Pizza Birthday Lunch this Friday May 17 at the Imperial Hotel, Bowral. \$15.00 for person (cash) to be put on the table. It is a great time to relax with Members outside the meeting environment.

### **Tim Bowland**

Tim will be writing to local Businesses. If Members could pass on suggestions including the name of the Business Owners.

### **Tony Glenn**

If Members could put the Domestic Violence Decal on their Red Bins as it is the first bin, and people will see it.

The International Toast presenter's roster will be on Tulip Times.

Dream Cricket has not been held for 4 years due to Covid.

Moss Vale will be holding a Day on June 27 for 40 Children - if our Members could please go along. It requires 2-3 to run it, and oversee it.

It could be in the future 2-3 groups from various schools a couple of times a year.

### **President Don Graham**

Our \$35 Dinner costs at Bowral Bowling Club are \$30.00 to the Bowling Club and \$5 to our Club to cover Guest Speakers, etc. Don is going to talk to the Club to reduce it to \$25 with no coffee/tea station and no slices.

Thank you again to Pamela Brown as it is her last night at our Club before moving to Yass.

### **MEMBER TALK: DAVID PATTON – PART ONE!**



I have found this quite a challenging exercise – what do you say, where do you start, what would be of interest?

I sometimes ask my older patients to do a biography as it is a very powerful tool to reflect on your experiences, what you have achieved, and how you got through past challenges and how you can bring resources together to meet current difficulties.

The famous life span psychologist Erick Erickson said that people in late adulthood 65+ reflect on their lives and can feel either a sense of integrity or a sense of despair.

People who feel satisfied with their accomplishments feel a sense of integrity, and they can look back on their lives with few regrets. However, people who are not satisfied with this stage of life can focus on the woulda, shoulda and coulda and feel bitterness, and fall into depression and despair.

So hopefully I'm in the former camp.

I apologise in advance tonight if I say anything that might offend.

I come from a typical pioneering family that populated the central West of NSW in last 25 years of the 19th century. Great grandfather Alex grew up in the Kelly country in Northern Victoria and actually attended school with Ned and Dan Kelly. Younger sister Kate Kelly was left in the Patton family's care when the gang raided Jerilderie over the border in NSW in 1879.

My grandfather Frank Patton tells the story when he arrived in the district in 1895. I thought this might be of interest to you Bob as it's a gold mining story.

"We left Parkes in July 1895, arrived at Alectown and camped at Stumpy Gully, one mile south of the village. After unyoking the bullocks and spreading the tarp down for tea, a Gold-digger who had been drinking heavily at one of the local hotels came on the scene at the time in a bad way.

He asked for a butcher's knife to cut his own throat, but Dad, being a hard case and to humour him, said no, don't take your own life, give me ten shillings and I'll hit you on the head with an axe. But the chap would not have it on and eventually made for his own camp.

His mates found next day that he'd hanged himself in his shaft, using his braces for the purpose. Afterwards the lead was known as The Last Kick.

I grew up on family farm Pine Hill at Alectown West, attended the local one teacher primary school at Alectown that dad and my grandfather attended and then went to the local high school at Parkes.

I've had the benefit of a loving and stable family, have been married to my wife Liz for 43 years and she wanted me tonight to acknowledge her support which I gratefully do.

I have one son Tom, daughter in law Rebecca and two grandsons and another on the way.

We have two whippets. Winnie and more recently Wally the pup.

However my life and career has not been without its ups and downs and challenges. Career wise I've always been a bit of a risk taker and prepared to step out of my comfort zone to seek new challenges.

When I look back, each of these challenges has changed me in some way hopefully for the better – made me more resilient and a more compassionate person. Luck has also played its part in helping me fall back on my feet when things havnt worked out.

### **The 70s – university and first job as psychologist**

I had a bad motorcycle accident when I was 18.

I had finished school in 1970 and I had just commenced a Commerce/Law degree at UNSW's new law school when I went back to the country to pick up my motorcycle.

On riding my newly repaired bike back from the mechanics shop at Forbes the engine seized and the car following ran over me. I spent 3 months in Orange Base Hospital.

The good thing was a year later I went back and enrolled in Arts Law majoring in psychology.

A few years later at the court case against the repairer I was offered \$20000 settlement on the first day but the barrister advised to decline. The next day my major witness the mechanic who inspected the repair failed to turn up and the case thrown out of court.

I had six months fill in before I could start my honours year in psychology having dropped the legal studies.

This worried my parents who encouraged me to apply for a government job.

I applied for a graduate clerk position and was invited to attend and interview for a psychologist role with the RAAF at Wagga.

Recall going for the interview with panel of Air Force office and Director of Psychology with long hair and a string bag. They asked me how I felt working for the RAAF and I replied I wasn't a pacifist if that's what they were concerned about.

Got the job. Found out later they couldn't get anyone to take the job and because I came from the country they thought they would give me a go.

Lived in the officers mess for 2 years.

Helicopter flight over aerodrome and the fox

Rumour in officers mess about apprentices engaging in perverse sexual practices – female underwear

Moved back to Sydney Recruiting.

Didn't have to worry about political correctness

'A simpleton with substandard personal presentation'

"Dead fish handshake"

### **The 80s – moved to Canberra**

Moving to Canberra initially with the RAAF as a psychologist but then in various public service departments in the staff development and training function. At the end of the 80s leaving the public sector to try my luck in the private sector.

After I left RAAF psychology worked at the Public Service Board

Personnel Development Program

Telstra 2000 Visioning Program

Tea lady put up sign "Welcome to my visionary tea room"

Working at the Tax Office

Change agent role

Trevor Boucher Commissioner

Rotary member

Spend \$1m in 6 weeks on leadership training in strategic planning.

I had left the public service to try my luck in the private sector in the late 80s. However the timing was not good.

The first company in Canberra I worked for was NZ owned and the banks foreclosed due to the financial crisis.

Remember one day when these guys turned up and repossessed the photocopier.

Mate got me a job with Apple Centre and I was selling Apple Macs. Ive been an Apple devotee ever since.

### **The 90s – moved to Melbourne**

Kennett and Keating era, business was doing it tough in the recession

Privatising the SECV

Retrenched from Applied Learning on Friday afternoon

Son 9 months old, just purchased a house

Remember walking up Collins St thinking everyone knew I had lost my job, paranoid thoughts

Wake up call; Vowed never to put trust in an employer regarding employment

Took on a series of contract roles to broaden my skill set to become HR Director

Spent several years doing contract roles

PWU outplacement psychologist

St Vincents Hospital HR Director on contract

EITC – HR manager reporting to CEO and MD of the board, had responsibility for all people aspects

Negotiated terms and conditions for transfer of 200 IT personnel to IBM

## **PART 2 TO FOLLOW IN THE NEW ROTARY YEAR!**

### **Tim Tam Quiz**

Won by David Rees – Allan Collins – ABC

### **Raffle**

Won by Pamela Brown – 7 Clubs

### **Fine Session – Sergeant Lynton Kettle**

All Members who enjoyed Shortbread from “A little piece of Scotland” were fined. Nerida has moved back to Sutton Forest if all Members could support her and Gary.

### **Robert de Jongh – Joke of the Day**

### **Next Meeting at Robbie’s – Poetry Night May 21**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**May:** Rod Aistrope 3/5, Jim Gasson 22/5, Will Eddowes 26/5, Brian Pattinson 31/5.

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## ***The week that was.***



Two Rotary members were seen hanging out with a younger man at a local club.

Andrew Humphries gave a 40 minute presentation to a local Probus club. You could of heard a pin drop for the full 40 minutes as Andrew told the audience, using video and words, how his passion for flying from a very young age took him through the RAAF and his now role as a chief instructor with TOLL rescue helicopters. Andrew served in Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.

# News from Japan.

Dear Bowral-Mittagong Rotary club,

Here is some more information about me, I am looking forward to my exchange and meeting you all!  
I enjoy watching movies and travelling.

I don't do club activities after school instead preferring to go out to eat with my friends or go to cram school for study or relax at home.

My favourite food is Fried pasta, cheese fondue and Melon Sukiyaki Yakiniku (grilled meat).

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I am looking forward to meeting you,

Yuna

## The Funnies (courtesy of a member)

