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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 |
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| 16 Jan | Mittagong Lions Oval | 11.00am BBQ for 300 Scouts | NA | NA |
| 21 Jan | Annesley | Domestic Violence interview with Cecila McKenzie | Will Eddowes | Rod Aistrop |
| 24 Jan | Imperial Hotel | Pizza Birthday Lunch | NA | NA |
| 26 Jan | The Donges | Australia Day Celebration | NA | NA |
| 28 Jan | No Meeting | | | |
| 4 Feb | Bowral Bowling Club | Club Assembly | Trevor Fair | Robert de Jongh |
| 11 Feb | Bowral Bowling Club | TBA | David Patton | Will Eddowes |
| 18 Feb | Annesley | TBA | Denise Coad | Tony Glenn |
| Feb 22/23 | Annesley | Mental Health Training | NA | NA |
| 25 FEB | Bowral Bowling Club | TBA | David McCosh | Ian Johnson |
| 1 July | Annesley | Club Changeover | TBA | TBA |

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

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The Bowls day was washed out.

Venue: Bowral Bowling Club

Journalist: Tim Bowland

Sergeant: Lynton Kettle. Called the meeting to order.

Lynton congratulated the new members who were given a Rotary Cap (Dennis Coysh, Steve Escott & Steve Hallis



Congratulated Will Eddowes On His Paul Harris Fellow award.

Leigh Robinson gave the Invocation and International Toast.

For good food, valued friendships and the privilege to serve our community, we give thanks.



Bundaberg in Queensland is well known for its Ginger Beer and its rum. It is also the birthplace of the pioneering aviator, Bert Hinkler. He was born on the 8th December 1892, at the age of 19 he built 2 gliders the second of which had its design based on his own observations and analysis of ibises in flight. He was rejected by the Australian Army's new aviation section and toured Australia and New Zealand with an American airman as his mechanic. Travelling to England he worked in the Sopwith aircraft factory before joining the Royal Navy Air Service where he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

There were many other adventures, including having his aeroplane overturned by high winds while attempting an emergency landing while landing at Sydney.

The thought of flying from England to Australia never left him achieving his only successful attempt in 1928. On 7th January 1933 (192 years and 7 days ago) he left Heathrow enroute to Australia in his Puss

Moth aircraft and subsequently disappeared. More than 4 months later, his aircraft was found on the slopes of Pratomagno in the Apennines with his body nearby. His closest associates described Hinkler as a man without fear, an ideal aerial companion, a man without pretensions who achieved without fuss, and a flying genius. His name is commemorated by parks and streets in Queensland and elsewhere and in an occasional air race centred in Queensland. A monument stands on Pratomagno and his aircraft are displayed in the Hinkler Museum in Bundaberg and in the Queensland Museum.

There are 5 Rotary Clubs and one Rotaract Club in Bundaberg and the RC of Bundaberg is the oldest, being chartered in August 1928. Currently there are 20 very active members. Their Club activities include: Agro trend Farm Days, The Rotary Rodeo, The Amber Ranch Rodeo, the Volunteer Marine Rescue Family Fishing classic and a vocational training Barista van.

Please stand and raise your glasses to the President and members of the Rotary Club of Bundaberg Queensland.

Then Lynton Handed over to **President Bob**.

1. Bob announced it is with extreme gratitude and privilege that Robbie Allen has accepted the role of President Elect for 25-26.
2. Robbie is currently in the USA visiting her brother who is ill.
3. No meeting for the 28th January due to Australia Day celebration at the Donges.
4. Club Assembly best suited to Annesley site and what date will suit without members losing interest in the Future Proof findings.
5. Scouts barbecue expecting buses to arrive 1.30pm at PCYC Mittagong. Email sent to volunteers on final arrangements for the event.

Request includes that that we start setting up with small team at the Shed at 11am.

6. Rugby Club has accepted or costing of \$22/hour to provide labour. Work list and programme to be determined but likely to include:
 - Checking tickets on shuttle buses
 - Gate entry parking
 - Bus drop off/departure – taking payment for those without tickets
 - Restocking field bars
 - Canteen/snack bars
 - All roles and numbers yet to be confirmed
7. Janine Brundle – a sad time for our Club with Janine moving away to start a new chapter in her life in the Manning Valley. Her new home is on 7 acre farmland on Oxley Island with a jetty to the Manning River. In her short term with us she brought a wealth of experience in particular to her initiatives with fund raising committee.

She was certainly a busy lady with the running her own business through the week and spent the weekends with the Alpaca Centre at weekends.

She has chosen not to attend any more meetings asking to be given time to concentrate on her move north. She is comfortable with me speaking of her at today's meeting and we all wish her a great new chapter.

She has wished us all the best

Committee Reports

Rod gave a report on Vanuatu and the progress on construction and the possible delays because of the earth quake.

Ian Law Request for additional support for the 'fund raising committee' given Janine's departure and difficulty with WSC planning requiring a DA for Car Boot Sale'. Ian outlined that the project is a Car Boot Sale and fair to be held at the Bong Bong race course. See Ian if you can assist with the project.

Bob Has been having meetings with councilors to discover the way forward with permits if needed.

Tim Bowland spoke about the follow up we plan to do at the next club assembly meeting. There are 5 main subjects to be addressed: The intension is to workshop the topics so improvements can be implemented.

Futureproof survey Topics

1. Community Project

Identify a new community project of significance

2. PR Program

Discuss PR opportunities to create community awareness of Rotary, which would assist with membership recruitment.

3. Communications

Discuss how we can improve internal communications and membership engagement.

4. Sustainability

Review our ability to continue manning fundraising projects

5. Rotary costs

One of the items raised a few times in the survey was cost associated with being a member. (annual fees, Meal costs, visitor levy, raffle,) Review the costs and explore the alternatives

Bob spoke about Yuna. She is currently staying with the Aylett family in Canberra but she will be back soon to resume school at Bowral High School. Yuna will be staying with Leigh and Stephany until Easter when she

will be going on a safari with the other inbound students in our district. When she returns from Safari she will need a new family to stay with. If you can help with hosting please let Bob and Robbie know asap.

Tim told the meeting that he and Alison met returning exchange student Asher Aylett at Canberra airport on the 10th January. See photos. Asher will be attending Dickson College in Canberra this year. Asher will come back to the club to give a presentation of his year in Japan.

Raffle won by Will Eddowes. Jack of Diamonds

Lynton did a fine session. And the meeting ended at 8pm

Birthdays

JANUARY: Des Rudolph 10/1; Brian Ritson 5/1.

FEBRUARY: Denise Coad 9th, Allan Falvey 10th, Graham Castle 11th, John Hoelle 24th, Steven Hallis 27th.

MARCH: Tony Glenn 1st, Vanessa Aylett 9th, Luciano 22nd, Bruce Sutton 24th.

A LATE EMAIL MESSAGE TO BOB – A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Dear Bob,

Southern Highlands Landcare Network is working with Wingecarribee Shire Council and Birdlife Southern Highlands to revegetate an area around the new Nattai Creek Bird Hide. The bird hide is the result of 10 years of work by Birdlife and is a community resource a few hundred metres off the Old Hume Highway at Welby on the banks of the Welby Weir.

The Council have organised 500 local plants and will be digging holes. We are looking for volunteers to help with the planting which will take place on Tuesday 4th March. We are finalising details, but it will probably be a morning activity from 9 to midday. Would your Rotary group be interested in supporting this activity?

Warm regards,

Heather Kemp

Secretary

Southern Highlands Landcare Network.



Youth Report

Our outbound exchange student Asher Aylett returned home, on Friday the 10th Jan, after 12 months in Osaka Japan. He was greeted by His parents Vanessa & Daniel and inbound exchange student Yuna (from Japan. And Tim & Alison representing our club.

We look forward to Asher coming back to the club to give us a presentation on his year away.



Returning students: Aylish, sponsored by the [Rotary Club of Tuggeranong](#), Ada, sponsored by the [Rotary Club of Bathurst Daybreak](#), Sam, sponsored by the [Rotary Club of Canberra](#), Asher, sponsored by the [Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong](#), Nicholas, sponsored by [Murrumburrah-Harden Rotary](#) and Penelope, sponsored by the [Rotary Club of Canberra Sundowners](#)!



Security was tight for Ashers return

The Dinner Bell Story

The Rotary Dinner Bell

Rotary Clubs have a Club bell or gong. The gong or bell is used to bring dinner meetings to order or to indicate that a speaker's time is nearly up. Bells vary in shape, size and sound but they all have a distinctly loud ring when struck with the hammer.

While it is dissimilar to bells in some other Clubs, the dinner bell that belongs to the Bowral-Mittagong Club is unique in its construction. The 'bell' is tubular brass that is hung from a full circle frame on a pair of springs. This design enables a clear 'ring' that is different to most 'fixed' bells.

The bell was presented to the Rotary Club of Bowral on the occasion of its Charter Date by the Sponsor Club, The Rotary Club of Wollongong. Incidentally, Wollongong Rotary has 2 bells, one is the traditional fixed bell as seen on the table at the meetings of most Rotary Clubs, and the other is also a tubular bell but is about twice the length of the (now) Bowral-Mittagong bell.

The stainless steel ring that supports the 'Presidents ring' has the inscription

**“PRESENTED TO
THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL
BY
THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOLLONGONG
(SPONSOR CLUB)
CHARTER NIGHT MAY 25TH 1940”**

While the Club was originally known as The Rotary Club of Bowral, due to the urging of the many members living in Mittagong, the name was changed to The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong. This name change occurred during the 1968-69 year and transpired with the approval of Rotary International.

Our bell is a record of the Club's history and has the name of every President between the 1940 and 1972-73 Rotary Years engraved on one half of the copper circle that suspends the 'bell'. The other half of this circle is engraved with the names of the club Secretaries between 1940 and the 1985-86 year. The names of all Presidents and Secretaries who held office between the 1975-76 and 2012-13 Rotary Years, are engraved on individual slides on a brass platen on the wooden base. The reverse side of the platen is inscribed with:

**“ROBERTSON VILLAGE ENGRAVING
PRESENTED
TO
BOWRAL MITTAGONG ROTARY CLUB
26-1-95”**

The names of Club Presidents and Secretaries from the 2012-14 Rotary Year to current (2024-25) are inscribed on badges fixed to the sides of the circular base of the assembly. It will be interesting to see what happens in about 20 year's time when the base becomes full of badges. Will the Club then add a further base for future the names of our Presidents in future? That also begs the question of how many of our present members will still be here to see it!



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Quote of the day

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If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.”

Napoleon Hill