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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong



District 9705, Chartered 26 March 1940.

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Club Meetings: Attendance & Apologies

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at various Southern Highlands venues. (See below)

Contact: LEIGH ROBINSON of your attendance or apologies

Deadline is 5pm Friday. M: 0418 400 090 email: leigh@lrcoach.com.au

Please be considerate and respond. Unannounced members and guests may miss out on a meal.

Calendar

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist	Invocation & International Toast
22 July	Annesley	Club Assembly	Trevor Fair	Ian Law
27 July	Yass Golf Club	District Changeover		
29 July	Bowral Bowling Club	Member Talk – Leigh Robinson		Steve Escott
5 August	Highlands Golf Club			
16-17 Aug	TBA	MHFA Youth Course		
28 Aug	Empire Cinema	Movie Night – Chariots of Fire		
12 th Sept to 6 th Oct	Corbet Gardens	Tulip Time Festival		

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19 Oct	Bowral	Bowral Cycle Classic		
21 Nov	Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse	Bong Bong Picnic Races		
2 Dec	Bowral Bowling Club	AGM	Leigh Robinson	

Rotary Meeting 15 July 2025

Journalist Catherine Laws

. **Sergeant Lynton Kettle** opened the meeting and welcomed the members and our speaker **David Stranger**.

The **Invocation and International Toast** were delivered by **David Rees**.



It is now 6:45 pm 15th July EST. Just under 17,000km from Sydney it is 9:45 am 14th July. At this time 236 years ago the atmosphere was electric. Economic hardship and famine, political injustice and cultural shifts converged to ignite one of the most seismic uprisings in history. The local population rose up against that royal authority in Paris; the medieval fortress, armoury and political prison, known as the Bastille. Its fall was the flash point of the French Revolution.

The establishment of a Rotary club in France was first investigated by American, Frank L Mullholland and Englishman Thomas Stephenson with the support of Paul Harris, in 1913. Initial contacts were interrupted by WWI.

A new opportunity appeared with the influx of American Rotarian officers during 1917-1918. By the end of the "Spanish Flu" epidemic, pessimism was rife amongst those who had hoped the Great War would end all conflict, however, the ideal of "Peace through Understanding" found a favourable voice amongst those who had suffered from, or witnessed the effects of conflict. The

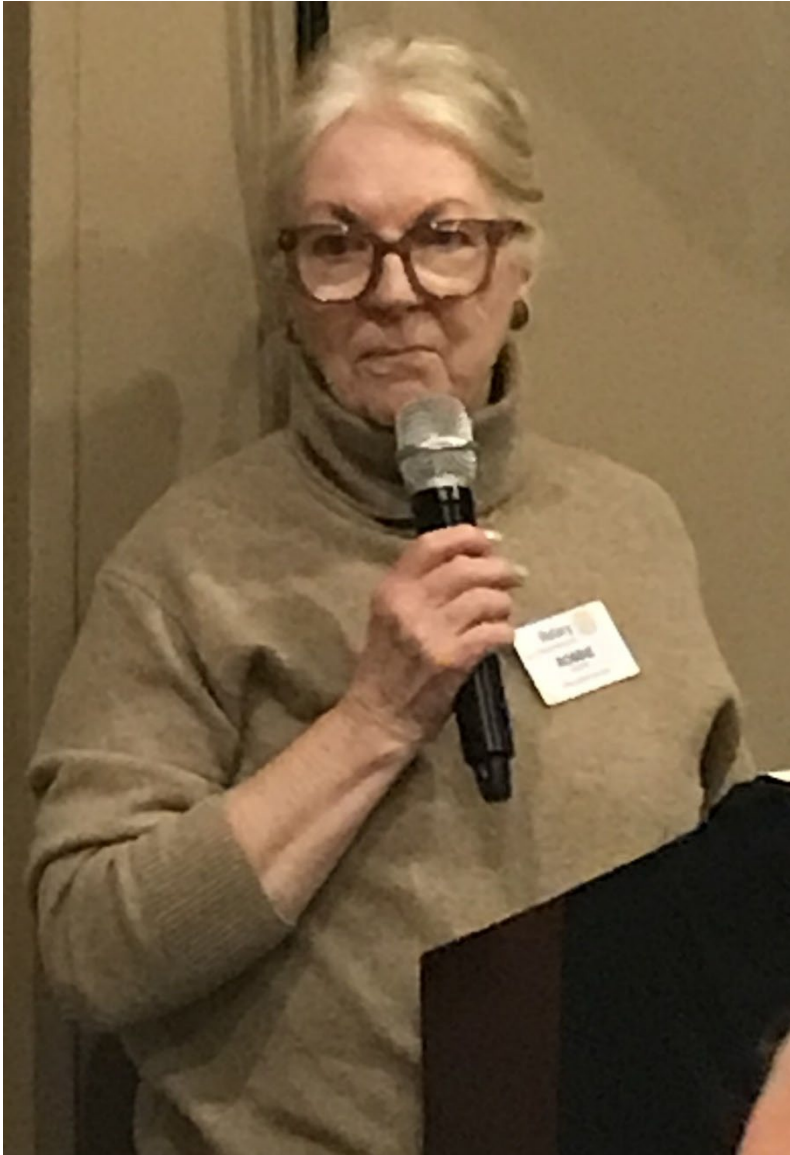
loke minded met in France, chartering the Rotary Club of Paris on 1st April, 1921. The chartering festivities almost bankrupted the 16 charter members. The club survives growing rapidly, 40 members in 1922 reaching 185 by 1939. Although banned during the German occupation, members emulated Paul Harris and the members of the band by meeting in small groups going from restaurant to restaurant. Hence the name "Rotary". The club resumed normal activities in 1945.

Over the last 80 years, the RC of Paris has sponsored several new clubs in other French cities, partnered 9 other clubs worldwide in service and support projects, is actively sponsoring a local Rotaract Club, supporting Polio Plus, women in Rotary, health and youth projects, to name a few.

Please stand and toast President Etienne Denarie and the 179 members o the Rotary Club of Paris.

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Lynton announced President Robbie



Good evening Rotarians. I sent a message to last weeks guest speaker David Browning thanking him for his inspiring talk. He returned a message:

I would like to extend to the whole club our thanks for your warm welcome at the Rotary dinner meeting on Tuesday. Daphne and I certainly enjoyed the company. It was good to renew some old acquaintances. With kind regards David Browning.

You may be excited we are moving our Rotary venue meetings. Rosemary has been in contact with the Highlands Golf Club at Mittagong and they are keen to welcome us back. After a refurbishment it is looking extremely smart and they are offering us a main course for \$25 or \$30 which would include dessert. A show of hands favoured a main course only. Coffee will be available at the bar for \$3.

Dream Cricket

We are resurrecting Dream Cricket under the guidance of Ian Donges.

Reminder that Birthday Pizza is this Friday at the Imperial.

Ian Langford spoke

Tulip Time this year is for 26 days from Friday 12 Sept to Monday 6 October being a 37% increase from last year of 19 days

Sun - Fri 09:30 – 16:30 with the last entry at 16:00.

Saturday 09:00 – 18:00 with the last entry at 17:30.

Where there are two volunteers on the main entrance and the Merrigang coach entry these are reduced to one person for the last half hour of each day. The same as last years layout for Bendooley St with half the road blocked with barriers so that queuing and entry is safer and separated from traffic.

This year we have four gate to be manned

- a) Bendooley St Main Entrance for prepaid visitors. Usually two people and three at weekends for part of the day.

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- b) Merrigang St Group Entry/Exit (buses etc) and local ratepayers who are free. Two volunteers required.
- c) Merrigang St (East gate) for Stall holders, entertainers, musicians etc for part of the day. One volunteer required.
- d) Wingecarribee St. Exit only. One volunteer required.

All entries either prepaid or (please scan) or free for locals.

We are only dealing with people who hold tickets and Ticketmaster and booking company representatives will be on hand to deal with any scanner issues.

This year there are 315 shifts to be staffed (30% increase). Last year 100% staffing was filled by members and their families so all earnings went to our Club. Let's keep the record going. Shifts vary from 2 to 4 hours with an average of 3.

Last year 43 volunteers averaged 5.5 shifts ranging from 1 to 19. Let's get 40 volunteers to do an average of 8 shifts in the 26 days so we will earn over \$26,000 for our Club.

Leigh talked.

Please make sure you apologise by midday the Friday before otherwise you will be invoiced for dinner. Please pay for your meal the Friday before our meeting and include the date of which your meal is for. Trevor is not a mind reader.

Next week the Club assembly is at Annarsley and the following week at Bowral Bowling Club. 5 August will be at our new venue at Highlands Golf Club.

There will be a QR code on the website and three managers to keep it live.

Member Talk - David Stranger.



I was lucky to grow up in the Highlands and am third generation local. I am married to Antonia and have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

I grew up on Comptan Park which is a property at Berrima. It was the days of being self sufficient. We also had prison gangs come out and cut wood for the jail.

I attended Bowral Public School, Tudor (which was then a boys school) followed by boarding at Kings. I was sports orientated and enjoyed Rugby, Rowing, Sailing, Windsurfing, Tennis, and Golf I played Polo at Burradoo where I was President for 3 years.

I joined Moss Vale Rotary in the 90's and was Club President from 1997 to 1998 where "Gold Day" and "You Turn the Wheel" started. I served on various committees.

In the late 70's I started as an assistant to Max Raine who had six company offices and a vision to franchise the business. In those

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days a run down Paddington Terrance was \$75K so there was money to be made in restoring and reselling.

I ran the Moss Vale L J Hooker franchise for 25 years.

The raffle was run by Graham Castle, picked by Robbie and won by Steve Escott.

Ian Donges ran the Quiz and Rod Aistrope finally won with the answer of Peter Garrett.



Sergeant Session

Lynton did a very entertaining job of fining our members

Bob Miller for the cycle group. Turns out some of the members are under the impression it is a drinking group that rides their bike to the pub.

Ian Langford for getting the Council to agree to the TT conditions.

David Stranger G force

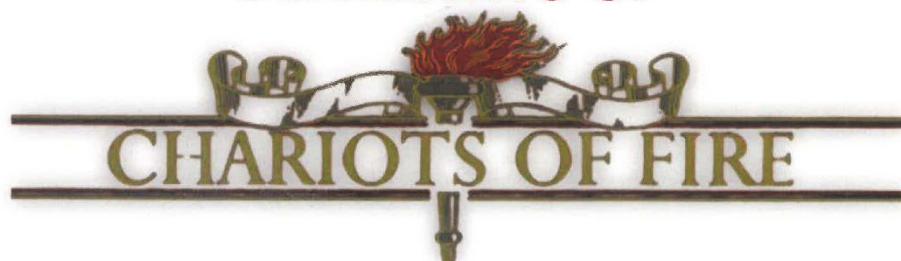
Mary The reserve bank to hold interest rates steady.

Robert de Jongh with his entertaining story about unmentionables in the deep end of the pool.

The meeting was closed by President Robbie.

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ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL-MITTAGONG PRESENTS A COMMUNITY SCREENING OF



THURSDAY AUGUST 28

6:00 - 6:30PM

ALL TICKETS \$30

(includes light refreshments)

Available from Empire Cinema

Box-Office or Online



www.empirecinema.com.au



Birthdays

July Birthdays:

10 July - Mary Ramsay

31 July – Dom Williams

Aug Birthdays:

6 Aug - Ray Coulton

18 Aug – Ian Donges

23 Aug – Ian Cropper

25 Aug – Michael Lendrum

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Quote of the week

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away.

Gallery

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
