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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
23 April	Bowral Bowling Club	Club Assembly	Trevor Fair	Robert de J..
30 April	Bowral Bowling Club	Ian Mander brain tumour survivor	David McCosh	Ian Donges
7 May	Bowral Bowling Club	Lucy Earl, Uniting Church.	Ian Langford	Will Eddowes
14 May	Bowral Bowling Club	Member Talk David Patton and Interactors	Pamela Brown	Trevor Fair
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	Ian Law
4 June	Bowral Bowling Club			Paul Leotta
11 June	Bowral Bowling Club			Bob Miller

18 June	Annesley			David Rees
25 June	Bowral Bowling Club			Bruce Sutton
2 July	Annesley	Club Changeover Function	Trevor Fair	
13 Sept-30 Sept	Tulip Time 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

[CLUB ASSEMBLY](#) next week:

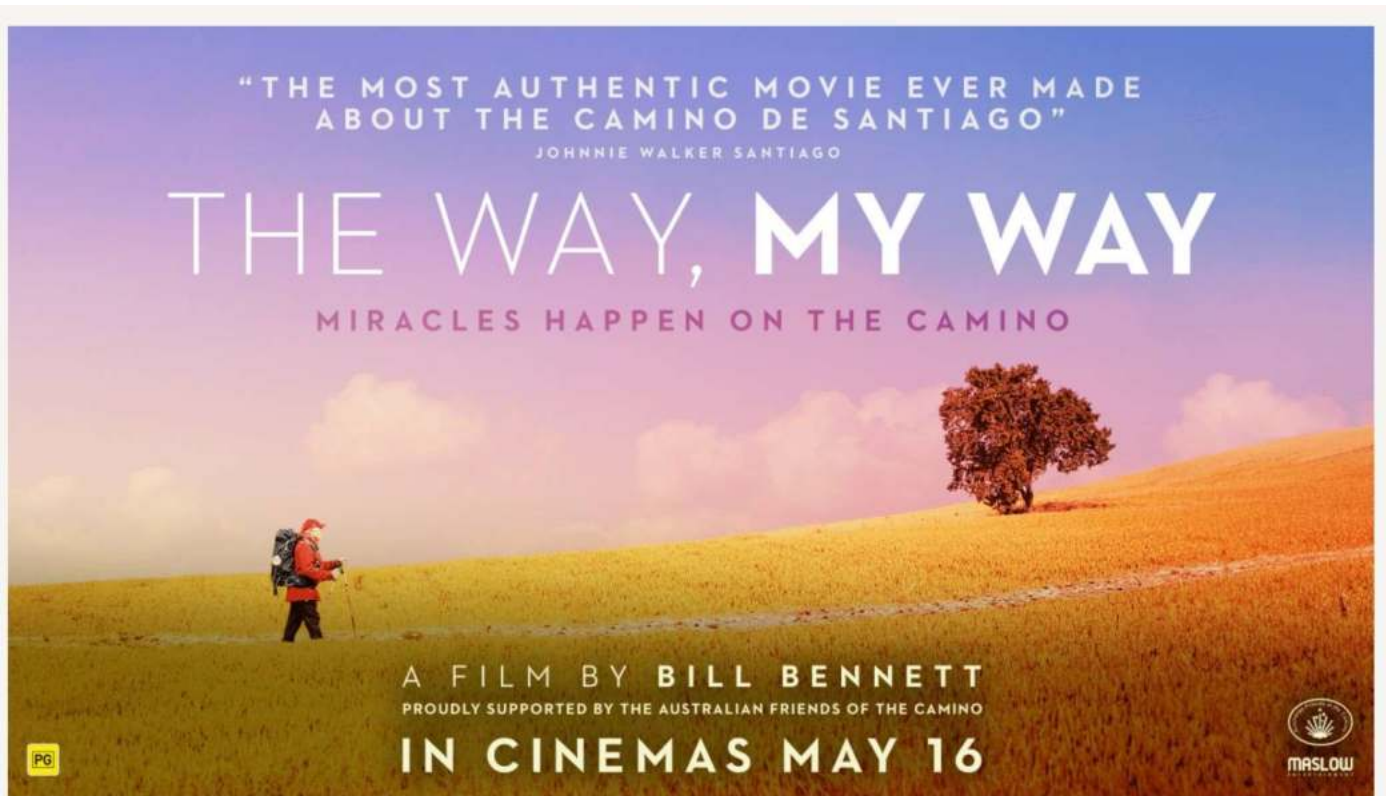
Come prepared to contribute.

If we can do something better -Speak up

Got some positive ideas for new project:.. Put them on the table.

What causes would you like the club to support financially?

The proposed movie night needs 200 people to attend to make it a goer. Can we do it?



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Notes for RCBM meeting 16 April 2024

Venue: Annesley

Journalist: Will Eddowes

Sergeant Ian Donges introduced the Honorary Members who are our guests, **Michael Lendrum, Mary Ramsay and Ray Coulton** and also introduced **Robyn Luciano** before handing over to **President Don Graham**.

President Don welcomed the honorary members and introduced the International Toast.

The International Toast was read by **Will Eddowes** – prepared by **Rod Aistrope**



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President Don advised that we have been offered a movie night at the Empire on the 16 May We have the potential to make good money but there's a catch. We have to get enough people to fill the seats!

Mary Ramsay has liaised with the cinema and urged all members to get at least three or four others to join the audience. The film is **The Way, My Way** about an octogenarian walking the Camino Track. It's billed as one of the best movies about the Camino. **Leigh Robinson** has offered to collect the money and coordinate.

President Don is proposing a donation to **Kids in Care** and suggested \$3000. **Rosemary Kelly** thought \$5000 would be more appropriate and this appeared to have general support. A decision will be finalised at the next Board meeting.

President Don also proposed a \$1000 donation to End Polio Now. This attracts a further \$2000 from the Gates Foundation. To be progressed at the Board meeting.

Dinner was served including a delicious rack of lamb.



Ian Langford asked for everyone to complete the **Science and Engineering Challenge** roster with a 'Yes' or 'No' on their availability. We still need more volunteers and Ian wants to identify anyone who has still not seen the roster.

Tim Bowland was grateful for a few volunteers to distribute letters for new residents in the Southern Highlands, inviting them to be a Rotary Volunteers. Tim reported that six people had responded so far to a Facebook ad for Rotary volunteers. He also reported that a reference had been prepared for Asher for Oxley College. **President Don** congratulated Tim for his initiative.

Rod Aistrope introduced the three honorary members. Rod has been in our club for 25 years, come September, and therefore has known many past members.



Michael Lendrum was in the club for 23 years up to 2020 and during that time has been a willing volunteer on many projects. A keen vintage motor cyclist, he makes parts for himself and other enthusiasts. He was involved in building the weird vehicles for the Mad Max films. Michael says he now works part time for Mitre 10 delivering landscape supplies – often to multi-million homes in the area. He said he was delighted to be at the meeting and is still willing to help with suitable projects.

Mary Ramsay has made a huge contribution to the club and continues to do so. She has organised marshalling rosters for four Bowral Classic cycle races, film nights at the Empire, a couple of trivia nights and two years on the Tulip Time organising committee. She has organised the catering for MUNA students and staff and is doing that again next

month.

Mary told us how she was born a Glaswegian and spent her early years in a tenement. She worked helping SP bookies as a child and spent the money on the pokies at the corner shop instead of banking it! Clearly the beginnings of her interest in the financial world! Her grandfather worked for John Brown, shipbuilders on Clydeside, and enabled her to watch ships being launched. She came to Australia as a 10 pound POM and spent two somewhat depressing years in a hostel before getting established. She has 2 adult children and 5 grandchildren.

Ray Coulton was a member of our club from 2003-2020 and in his working life was a teacher and headmaster. He ran many firewood raffles, ran many BBQs and a couple of trips to Lake Cargelligo after floods had damaged many fences.

Ray then spoke extensively about the many FAME overseas projects that he worked on and this was clearly a highlight of his time in Rotary. He listed a hospital in Port Vila, a regional college in East Timor, constructing pre-fab houses in Tanna (a Vanuatu island), 3 trips to Koripita in Fiji building cottages. A later trip involved building cook houses separate from the cottages after a few fires resulted from cheap kerosene cookers!

Ray urged anyone who hadn't been involved in a FAME (now Rotary Australia World Community Service, RAWCS) trip to enrol in the trip to Vanuatu in August. He displayed a number of photos of the trips that he had been on.

The Raffle was drawn by **Mary Ramsay** and won by **Ian Johnson**. The joker is still lying low!

Sergeant Ian mentioned a few events that had occurred on 16 April including the first flight of a woman across the English Channel by Harriet Quimby in 1912. Alan Hoffman snorted or swallowed LSD, national orchid day and, most importantly, it is National Eggs Benedict Day. This was followed by a 'Where Am I' quiz. The answer was **Guyra**, won by **Trevor Fair**

A Sergeants Session was conducted by **Ian**. Victims were Michael Lendrum, David Rees, Beverly Coffey (looking happy as it's school holidays), Tony Glen, Jeff Furneaux-Mann (sewer problems), Ray Coulton (an ex school teacher regretting banning of the cane), Luciano (watching the golf)

Rod Aistrophe plugged the August RAWCS trip to Vanuatu. It will be very rewarding and more volunteers are needed.

President Don endorsed Rod's message and also urged everyone to call Mick Lendrum when he's not there to hear his voice message. More importantly, there is an **Assembly next week** and please check the numbers you can get to **make the film night happen**, as it could be a good fund raiser. He then closed the meeting.

BIRTHDAYS

April: Don Graham 9/4, Janine Brundle 13/4, Pamela Brown 29/4.

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

The Gallery April 9th



The week that was.

BOWRAL HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB



Serving Cross Country runners

Serving Gozlieme on Harmony Day

First Nations students serving Kangaroo Koftas and Crocodile Chipolates on Harmony Day

Asher in Japan.



Asher writes:

Another speech (in Japanese) at my second Rotary orientation here in Japan! I compared the differences between Australia and Japan and gave my district committee an update on how things were going for me! Everyone seemed to love my speech and could perfectly understand it!!! Next time I'm looking to write my speech in Japanese Hiragana rather than English characters for an extra challenge!!!

Ashers Facebook: Search "Asher Ay" if you would like to be his friend and see his posts.

The Funnies (courtesy of Bungendore RC)



My 6 year old brothers teacher asked the class what's their favorite season and he said garlic powder 🤔🤔🤔



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