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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong





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Christmas in July 23rd July – please RSVP ASAP to Denise or Trevor

While Mittagong RSL is catering APOLOGIES are required by Monday noon SHARP!!

Next Meetings	Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Tuesday 30 th July
Location	Glass Cafe	Highlands Golf Club
Program	Christmas in July	
Speaker	Robert de Jongh	
Intro / Vote of Thanks	Robert de Jongh	
Dinner Fee Duty	Trevor Fair	
Journalist	Trevor Fair	
Regalia Duty	-	

If you are unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Trevor Fair by email: trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au



UPCOMING EVENTS

RSVP as soon as possible to either Denise or Trevor.

TULIP TIMES ROSTER – please be generous with your time and fill as many spots as possible before the roster is sent to our support networks.

Journalist: Ray Williams

Past President Lynton welcomed Members and in particular our 60-year-old Birthday Boy Darryl Flegg who, as a wag said, had been "out of sight" for a while; and Rod Aistrope who's returned from Europe (more about that later). PP Brian Elliott did the invocation and we were away.

International Toast prepared by Rod Aistrope, delivered by Ray Coulton

French Polynesia consists of 5 island groups in the South Pacific between New Zealand and South America including the Society Islands of which Tahiti is the largest and is home of the Capital Papeete.

The islands were populated during the Great Polynesian Migration between 3000 and 1000 BC and were annexed by France in 1842 when they were made a protectorate.

In 1946 they became an overseas territory and the people were made French Citizens. In 2004 French Polynesia became the only Overseas Country of France with its own President with limited powers.

It celebrated its **National Holiday last Saturday** on 14th July. It is believed that the holiday commemorates the occasion of the storming of the local Police Lockup some years ago after a particularly lively Saturday night when a few drunken revellers were busted out.

Coincidentally the holiday is on the same day as the French celebrate **Bastille Day** which marks a similar event in Paris some years before.

The Rotary Club of Papeete was Chartered in District 9920 in 1959 and has 29 Members led by **President Patrice Beuscher**.

The District includes part of the North Island of New Zealand, Tonga, Kiribati, Samoa, American Samoa, Fiji and the Cook Islands. The District Governor has an enormous area to cover and

has already made his official visit and met with the four national Clubs last week.

In recognition of the National Days of French Polynesia and its European partner France would you please be upstanding and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Papeete.

Announcements for the Good of Rotary:

Denise C: 42 acceptances for Christmas in July at Glass Café next Tuesday, 6 for 6.30, first drink waiting for you.



Ray C: BBQ at Corbett Plaza next Saturday. Ray has a crew but why not call in if you're in town?

Ian J: RC of Wagga has generously donated up to \$10,000 for the FAIM trip, to be used for Capital items when identified.

Don: How good are the kids in Interact? Robbie

works hard with them through weekly contact. There are 40 of them (that's never been so high) and they have real and worthwhile projects to maintain enthusiasm - recycling, books to Sth Africa and they even applied for a \$5,000 grant and won it. Our Youth portfolio is looking good!

Mary: please fill the roster for Tulip Time (nearly there).

Darryl, who's been in Rotary since he was 25 and was the Club's youngest President, has been to Supercar Heaven in Canada as a gift to himself for the Big 60. He drove the Nissan GTR (Godzilla), a Honda NSX, the Mercedes AMG GT, a McLaren, a Porsche GT4, a Lamborghini and a Ferrari 459. We're not sure which one he's ordered! He also saw Paul McCartney at Las Vegas and admired how Americans support and recognize people who do heroic things.

Rosemary: is looking for suggestions for Community Service projects for this year.

Ray W: has a few health issues: (currently out of control) Hypertension and Sleep Apnea. He's currently not allowed to drive pending treatment. He encouraged everyone to take control of their health. **Ken A** knows of two people whose cause of death was untreated Sleep Apnea.

Will: there are still seats available for the Bus to Blackheath on Sunday July 28.

David: will put out the next term Breakfast Club roster soon.

Vicki: has been talking to two potential new members (this is good!)

Trevor:

Dinner fees – especially next week please transfer \$40pp to account

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Next Monday is the first meeting of the new Board – Agenda items to Trevor by COB Friday please.

After another great dinner from our caterers for now, Mittagong RSL, we moved onto

Member Show and Tell.

First up was **Will** with original historical items from visiting the old Adelaide to Darwin telegraph line.



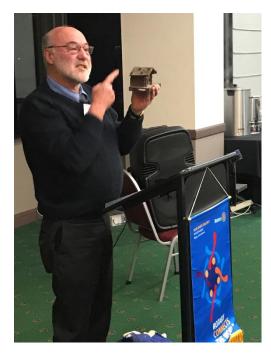
Little known facts: there were long gaps during construction where the telegrams were carried by horses and camels; the lines were limited to 300 km; and the Japanese cut the line before they bombed Darwin to prevent messages from going South.

Next was **Robbie** who, 15 years ago, heard from her husband that she could have free golf lessons. At her first 9 hole game, using one of several new clubs offered by the Pro, she fired away and the ball disappeared (this is not unusual for most of us). You guessed it!



Vicki has been typing up the beautifully written and detailed diaries that her father-in-law hand wrote while serving in Burma and at the Battle of Mandelay in 1945. Not only are the stories real, it's important to capture histories before it's too late.

After WWI, **David**'s Grandfather left the Army and worked as an upstairs Footman. His personal quarters were tiny with room only for a round table. David showed the gorgeous tablecloth made by his Grandmother. Later, they ran a hotel with he the barman and she the accountant. David displayed a beautiful little wooden inkwell with various lift-up lids and receptacles that the Barman bought for the Accountant in 1920.



Trevor visited his Dad recently, aged 89. Dad had a fall not long ago but there he was, rounding up the sheep assisted by his Zimmer frame. You can't keep an old bloke down.

Mary, mother of sons, has been thinking about who should have her grandmother's 1906 wedding ring. Aha! Her niece, aged 18 is the lucky recipient. She echoed Vicki in how enthralling it is to learn about life during the war. She's been talking with her Mum about it.

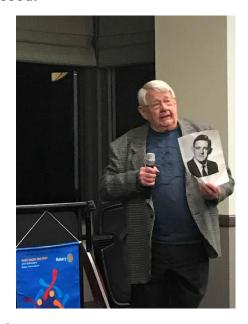
Denise had her Mum write a diary before she passed away, that includes her achievements, regrets, recipes and jokes (Joyce loved a joke). Denise gains solace from reading the diary.

Ken won a trip on the destroyer HMAS Vampire, sailing with HMAS Vendetta. The plan was to

return to Melbourne, just in time for The Cup. The cruise to NZ fought through 45' waves; everyone was crook. Luckily due to operational issues, Ken was dropped off in Hobart and flew to Melbourne to see the Cup run.

The National Lampoon Vacation Award goes to recently returned Rod. He got to London, then Eurostar to Paris where he was to join another train to Milan. Eurostar arrived late so overnight in Paris; then, due to misadventure, his passport and ticket went missing. Luckily in Milan the Australian consulate could supply him with an Emergency Passport. Rod enjoyed his time with Luciano in Cividale.

John's Dad was a Runner in the war who earned a Military Medal. In Fiji, where he was raised, anyone who was German was interned for the duration of the war and John's father, then a man of the cloth, visited one of the internees for a weekly whisky. It transpired that during WW1, both were shooting at each other in the 1918 Battle of St Quentin. They agreed that they were glad that each missed.



Finally, **Graham Hicks** revealed that Point Hicks, below Eden, is named after an ancestor who was on Captain Cook's boat.

(Your Scribe's note: Graham also seen with Jan last night on https://iview.abc.net.au/show/escape-from-the-city at 3 minutes in).

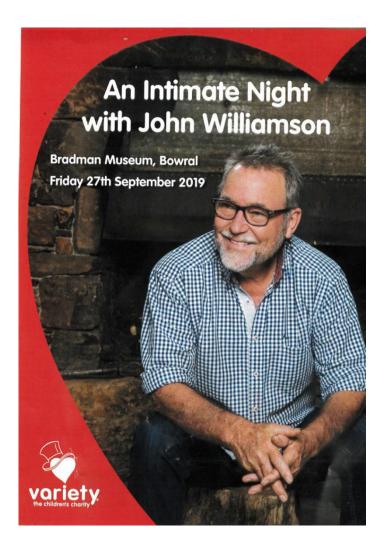
Final Scribe's Note. I found this really interesting – let's do it again?

Oh, and thanks to Darryl for drawing my ticket, I

won the bottle of wine, drawing the 5 Diamonds. .

EVENT DIARY

July	20 th	BBQ - RAWCS - Corbett plaza
	23 rd	Christmas in July - Glass Cafe - Mittagong - RSVP soon
Sept	24-th to 7 Oct	Tulip Time Festival
Oct	20 th	Bowral Cycle Classic







VOCATIONAL VISIT TO "ROASTERS WITH ALTITUDE" COFFEE ROASTERY

Fundraiser for the RC of Blackheath's RAWCS Project 33/2014-15 Timor Learning Centre



BUS FROM THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

25 PERSONS ONLY

COST \$60.00 PER PERSON Sunday 28th July, 2019

DATE/TIME: Tour from

Leave Southern Highlands around 10 am

Lunch then tour of Roasters with Altitude 71 Evans Lookout Rd, Blackheath (Libby & Chris's home)

COST: \$45.00 FOR THE TOUR + \$15.00 FOR BUS FARE.

Rob Uhl Approx 2 1/2 hour bus trip to Blackheath



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