



Report for May 17, 2022; Volume 83, No: 41 Rotary Club
of Bowral-Mittagong (Combined with Moss Vale)
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Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's theme for 2021-22,

Serve to change lives,

is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving other is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Future Events

May 24 - Bowral Bowling Club - Club Assembly

May 31 - Southern Highlands Wines - Chestnut Night - Luciano – Partners Night

June 7 - Bowral Bowling Club - Jane Crowley - Dirty Janes

June 14 - The Hermitage - Guest Speaker to be confirmed

June 21 - Bowral Bowling Club - Guest Speaker to be confirmed

June 28 - The Hermitage - Rotary Club Changeover - Partners and Guests

***** Confirm by Sunday for Tuesday Night**

Venue: Highlands Golf Club

Journalist: Ian Langford

The Highlands Golf Club is getting ready to open its restaurant at the beginning of June. **Luciano Liberale** had arranged that our Club could sample a meal prepared by their new chef **Will Chan**. Will used to be in the Mill and known as Billy Chan the Dumpling Man! He then opened "Will's Kitchen", a Dumpling Restaurant in Wingecarribee Street behind the ANZ Bank specialising in his famous dumplings and other Asian specialities. Sadly the restaurant was burned down in the fire last year when the bank also was destroyed.

President Will Eddowes opened the meeting at 6:30 by welcoming the guests from the golf club's Board who were interested in what our Club is up to at the moment. They are also keen that we consider returning to the Highlands Golf Club as our regular venue.

Guests: The guests were Michael Hyland, Rob, Scott, Angela, Arthur and Robyn Liberale.



It was good to see **Brian Elliott** again and President Will invited him to recite the Invocation which he proudly did.

International Toast: Rod Aistroke was then invited to present the International Toast which he had only just prepared without time to give that job to another member.

Today is the National Day of Norway commemorating the declaration of the Constitution in 1814 which maintained the independence of Norway from Sweden after the defeat of Napoleon the first time around.

Norway was the land of the Vikings for a thousand years of the middle ages and by the 14th Century AD was united with Sweden, Denmark and part of Finland in various combinations of kingdoms. After 1814 Norway maintained its separate identity under a shared King with Sweden.



Constitution Day is celebrated across the Country and is marked as Russ Day by graduating high school students with street marches and other naughtiness.

Norway has a population of 5.1 million and borders Sweden along its eastern frontier and Finland and Russia in the far north.

It has a very high standard of living and very high degree of equality of wealth distribution based largely on North Sea oil.

Brevik is a small town 115km south west of the capital Oslo on the Telemark coast. It was established as an export port for timber and ice and is regarded as one of the best preserved towns from the sailing ship era. It has a population of 2700.



The Rotary Club of Brevik was chartered in 1965 in District 2290 and has 31 Members led by President Rolf Larsen.

In recognition of the National Day of Norway Rod then asked us to stand and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Brevik.

President Will invited **Luciano Liberale** to introduce the guests and Chef Will Chan and to explain a bit about the current plans for the Highlands Golf Club.



Notices:

President Will explained that numbers were down partly due to fact that Trevor Fair, Carolina Torregrosa and Leigh Robinson all have or recently had Covid-19. Also Denise Coad was suffering with a cold or flu.

Rosemary Kelly has had her knee replacement operation and has returned home to hobble about.

David McCosh is still suffering with sciatic nerve pain plus he is having ongoing treatment at the local Cancer Centre. He left St Vincent's Hospital with the good news that the tumour that had been removed from his bladder had not spread.

Democracy Barbecue: Rod and Will have been in the shed fighting off the mice to get things ready for the Election Day barbecue to be held this Saturday at the East Bowral Community Centre (next to the Scottish Arms) from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Rumours that the sausages would be coloured Red, Blue or Green depending upon your preference were vehemently denied.

Model United Nations Assembly: Robert de Jongh explained that all was in hand if the schools respond in time. Volunteers are asked to be at the Wingecarribee Council Civic Centre by 8:30am on Saturday 28th May.

Science & Engineering Challenge & Discovery Day: For the benefit of our guests, Ian Langford described the Science & Engineering Challenge events to be held on Monday 30th May and Tuesday 31st May at the Mittagong RSL Club. Progress is on track (just!) and it looks as though we will have a full complement of students on both days.

Brochure – See attached brochure for this year's Science & Engineering Challenge

Tulip Time Festival: Will Eddowes and Ian Langford will be attending the Tulip Time Festival launch on Friday when the first bulbs are planted. We hope to learn what our involvement might be this year which might be very different. Most of the usual Tulip Time Council staff members have left due to the reorganisation of many aspects of the Council over the last 12 months. All ticketing will be pre-booked and pre-paid for on line so entry requirements could be altered from what we are used to in previous years.



This year the Tulip Time Festival will be held from 16th September to 3rd October 2022. Put the dates in your diaries now.

Marulan Race Track Barbecue: PE Leigh Robinson and Will Eddowes are talking to organisers about supplying breakfast and lunch for about 200 people on Sunday 19th June in Marulan. We would be using their equipment and just supplying food and labour. Only drawback is the 45 minute drive to get there.

First Responders' Retreat: We are being asked again to cater for the First Responders Volunteers' retreat held probably in August in Penrose. It's a sort of debrief and counselling for volunteers who have experienced trauma in their work. We just keep in the background and provide the meals for them.

The Meal: We were then treated to an entrée of a selection of dumplings which certainly seemed to impress the members. Will Chan is well known for his dumplings. We were waited upon by a familiar looking waiter called Louie Liberale who handled his new job with professional flair.



After that the most impressive seafood paella arrived in an enormous pan that must have been over a metre in diameter with large prawns, mussels and saffron rice with various tasty ingredients.

This was much appreciated by members and many went for second helpings.



Wendy Lotter Walk: Will Eddowes said that the walk with Wendy Lotter has had to be moved again and is deferred until sometime in July.

Board Feedback: Will reported about the recent Board meeting where it was agreed to make donations to the Rotary Foundation (\$5,000), Lismore Rotary for Flood Help (\$2,000), Angel Flight (\$1,000), Oz Harvest (\$1,000), Your Angels (\$1,000) and the "Pop In" Centre (\$2,000). In addition a Rotary District Foundation Grant of \$4,300 has been approved by the District for the "Pop In" Centre project which will be used for electrical work (lighting and power) and further paving.

Breakfast Club: Robbie Allen reported that the Breakfast Club at Bowral High School had just started again today with about 150 students receiving a takeaway wrapped snack with a drink. This was handled by the Interactors and next week 200 students are expected. Robbie and Robert will deal with that until Robert can develop a roster for volunteers. It's expected that it will only be held once per week to start with.

Rotary Foundation Dinner: Luciano Liberale reported that funds raised at the dinner to be held on November 19th at Centennial Vineyards restaurant would be used to support Angel Flight. Angel Flight is a charity which coordinates non-emergency flights to assist country people to access specialist medical treatment that would otherwise be unavailable to them because of vast distance and high travel costs. All flights are free and may involve travel to medical facilities anywhere in Australia. Flights are provided by volunteer pilots using their own aircraft or aircraft they have hired at their own expense. Angel Flight volunteer pilots donate their time, their skills and the majority of their aircraft costs for each flight. To help offset the pilots' operating costs, Angel Flight Australia subsidises fuel used on flights, negotiates the waiver of landing fees at many supporting airports around the country, and arranges the credit of any air navigation charges, thanks to the support of Airservices Australia. Donations to Angel Flight are used to subsidise fuel costs.

Raffle: The raffle was drawn by Michael Hyland and guest Angela won the bottle of wine.

Wrap Up: Louie thanked the guests and venue staff including Will Chan and his helper Cheryl and then invited Michael Hyland to say a few words. Turns out that Michael had been a Rotarian for a couple of year way back about 1972. His main message was that he hoped that they would see us more in the future.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm.

May/June Birthdays – 17 June (TBC)

June Birthdays are:

David McCosh 23/6
Robert de Jongh 24/6 **
Darryl Flegg 24/6

**Special Birthday

Message from Leigh Robinson:

"I regret that I was not able to be at the meeting this week but the dreaded lurgy has knocked over a few of us recently.

The success of a community organisation of any description is dependent upon the involvement of the members of the organisation. It was said recently that every Rotary Club member should have a task to assist in the operation of the club. As such, we are still lacking in support for 4 committee chair spots. These positions are Speakers, Fund Raising/BBQ's, Club Service and Community Service. There will be assistance for anyone who takes on any of these roles.

Speakers are arranged for your interest at dinners. If there are not any BBQ's there will not be any fundraising and thus there will not be any funds to continue our service to the community and to Rotary.

Please think deeply about how you can assist our Club to function and to continue to grow, then give me a call"

Postscript: *This journalist has had word that Julie & Tony Glenn and Chris & Don Graham are having a great time in the red centre. Having spent time at and a circumnavigation of Uluru they are spending a few nights at Kings Canyon before continuing onto Alice Springs. Been very hot and Don has had Covid-19 but is better now, Julie has taken her usual artistic photos of the trip.*

