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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
24 th June	Annesley Bowral Retirement Village	Richard Lane Vocal Muster	Barbara Humphries	Steve Escott
1 July	Annesley Bowral, Retirement Village	Club Changeover	Trevor Fair	TBA
8 July	Bowral Bowling Club	Dr David Browning	Will Eddowes	Don Graham
15 July	Bowral Bowling Club		Catherine Laws	David Rees
18 July	Imperial Hotel	Birthday Pizza June/July		
27 July	Yass Golf Club	District Changeover	na	na
2-3 Aug	TBA	MHFA Youth Course	Leigh	
5 Sept	Imperial Hotel	Birthday Pizza Aug/Sept		
12 th to 30 th Sept	Corbet Gardens	Tulip Time Festival		
29 Sept	Corbet Gardens	Food & Wine Festival		
19 Oct	Bowral	Bowral Cycle Classic		
21 Nov	Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse	Bong Bong Picnic Races		

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Venue Annesley

Journalist Will Eddowes

Sergeant **Rosemary Kelly** opened the meeting. The occasion was to celebrate the Rotarians, past and present, who have been in Rotary for at least 35 years. She welcomed:

Ken Adams, Brian Pattinson with his wife Liz, **Dominic Williams, Tony Glenn, Rod Aistroke** and wife Min, **Jim Gasson, Brian Elliott, Ian Langford** and **Graham Hicks** with his wife Jan. Missing were **Lynton Kettle** who is away in Japan and **Darryl Flegg**, also unable to be with us.

Also welcomed were visitors Catherine Laws and Dawn Simpson

She then introduced **President Bob Miller**. He explained that all those who celebrate 35 plus years in Rotary will receive a small token of appreciation. After receiving that, each will be asked to comment on the impact that Rotary has had on their lives – for just 2 minutes! **Rosemary** will be watching the time!

Bob commended **Robbie Allen, our president elect**, for holding her first Board Meeting on Wednesday 18th acknowledging the important impending program. There is a lot of activity in the first half of Robbie's year, Tulip Time, Bowral Classic, Bong Bong Races as well as other BBQs.

The Mental Health in Youth Training has enough candidates to go ahead. The course will accept two more candidates – contact Leigh Robinson. The first aid course is under subscribed and needs at least two more to proceed. It will be cancelled if no more candidates come forward. Contact **Leigh or Steve Escott**.

Congratulations to **Tim Bowland** for work on updating our website. This will be a big improvement and part of the drive for Rotary to become better known in the community.

Bob has contacted **Jesse Fitzpatrick's** PA to see if Jesse would support some publicity for Shelter Bags. So far the number of enquiries and sales has been impressive.

Bob thanked **Denise** for preparing?/organising the cake, to be shared for dessert.

Rosemary Kelly took over the mike and reminded us about the changeover in two weeks time. She wants a 'Bling' theme (for partners as well) for a lighter touch.

David Stranger gave the Invocation and the International Toast.

Rotary International is one of the largest service organisations in the world. The self-declared mission of Rotary, as stated on its website, is to "provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. It is a non-political and non-religious organisation. There are over 46,000 clubs worldwide, with a membership of 1.4 million Rotarians.

Rotary International is the organisation of service clubs with the largest membership in the world, 1.9 million when Rotoract and Interact are included in the Rotary family. Australia has a membership of 34,000 in 1,164 clubs of which our club is a very active example.

The toast was to Rotary International.

Dinner was served – pork belly with mashed potato and broccoli.



President Bob called up our longest serving Rotarian, **Ken Adams** who joined in 1967. He was secretary of 3 Rotary conferences including 1000 delegates in Clubb Hall, Mittagong. He represented Rotary as secretary of RYLA which included visiting Hong Kong. In 1996, Ken represented Rotary in China and then again in 2006. The comparison was remarkable.



Brian Pattinson joined in 1972. He joined at the start of Dubbo West club. This comprised around 40 members and many activities, camping trips etc. He was chairman of the world Community Service committee. This involved overseas trips to many countries, in particular building an airstrip in New Guinea. He linked Rotary to the Science and Engineering Challenge with Newcastle University leading to its great success over 25 years. His other great achievement was the introduction of Dream Cricket which has since spread internationally.



Dominic Williams joined in 1975, and was president in 1981. In the centennial year, 1988, he started MUNA in the Forbes club. They then invited 330 districts to run their own MUNA events around the country and the world. Graham Hicks started the National MUNA in Canberra. Dom visited the UN headquarters (which included 7 Rotarians). Forbes club ran many FAME (now RAWCS) trips. A highlight for Dominic was involvement in building a school in Manus Island and a library in Kenya.



Tony Glenn joined the surf life savers at 13 through his father. At 24 as a young solicitor he moved to Yass - which has no life savers! He joined Apex and later moved to Bowral. In 1983, Ken Adams persuaded him to join Rotary. Tony talked about the stricter days of attendance when members were expected to be there every week or to attend another club when away. It was tough but it was accepted and probably better overall.

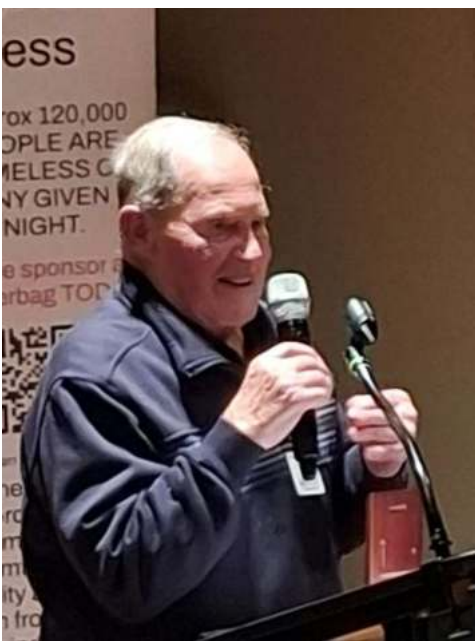
Ken Adams was then asked to cut the cake – which was subsequently cut into portions in the kitchen.



Rod Aistrop joined Rotary in 1983 in Port Moresby, the last year of his time there. Meetings were followed by drinking sessions till after midnight! Canberra was next and later Bowral. In Bowral, Rod employed a draftsman who happened to live next door to Ken Adams! In his early days, women were introduced to the club leading to some resignations which Rod did not regret! Rod welcomed the change and the club is much better for it. The highlights for Rod have been many RAWCS trips and his great involvement in the Science and Engineering Challenge over 16 years.



Jim Gasson joined in 1986. And managed to get Bob Miller to join. Jim has been a long term and stalwart member of RCBM for all those years and is very grateful for the experience and friendship.



Brian Elliott explained how he was reluctant to become president – but was persuaded and found he could manage it. However it was a challenge as the club was split over the vote to enrol women and some disgruntled members left. In addition, the Berrima District club started and some members were lost to it. Overall the admission of women was a great achievement and it happened during his presidency.



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Ian Langford came to Australia in 1982 to live and work in Geelong. He spent 6 or 7 years in Apex before hitting the 40 age limit. His wife, Sue's, father was a keen Rotarian in the UK and while visiting, signed up Ian for membership in 1990. That club Geelong had over 100 members and very active. He joined RCBM after moving to Bowral where he has had several roles including president. He has had great experiences on RAWCS trips to the islands and he has made huge contributions to the club over many years running the club's Tulip Time involvement, the Science and Engineering Challenge and Discovery Day.



Graham Hicks was asked to join Rotary in 1978 when running a large property in Cootamundra and was president in 1982/3. After moving to Canberra he joined a new sunrise club there and was looking for worthwhile projects. Graham had been involved in MUNA in Forbes so knew **Dominic Williams** and decided to run a MUNA in Canberra. The board supported him to the tune of \$2,000. Its success led to an invite from Hong Kong Rotary and they had a MUNA exchange for about three years. He and his wife Jan moved to Bowral in 2011 and he joined RCBM and made new friends.

Rosemary Kelly expressed her gratitude to the 35ers. She mentioned that Rose Conley was the first woman in our club, sadly not here tonight, and Rosemary herself was the first woman president. The speakers tonight are a great credit to this club and Rotary generally.

Barbara Humphries held a 'What Car am I' quiz. The answer was Ford Taurus.

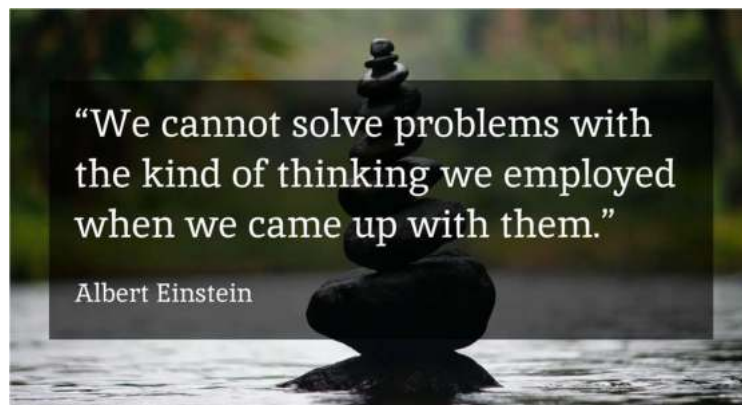
President Bob ran a quiz for one who has been in Rotary for well over 35 years – answer the BBQ trailer.

President Bob then closed the meeting.

Birthdays

June Birthdays: Jeff Mann 7th, David McCosh 23rd, Robert de Jongh 24th, Mary Crammond 26th.

Quote of the week

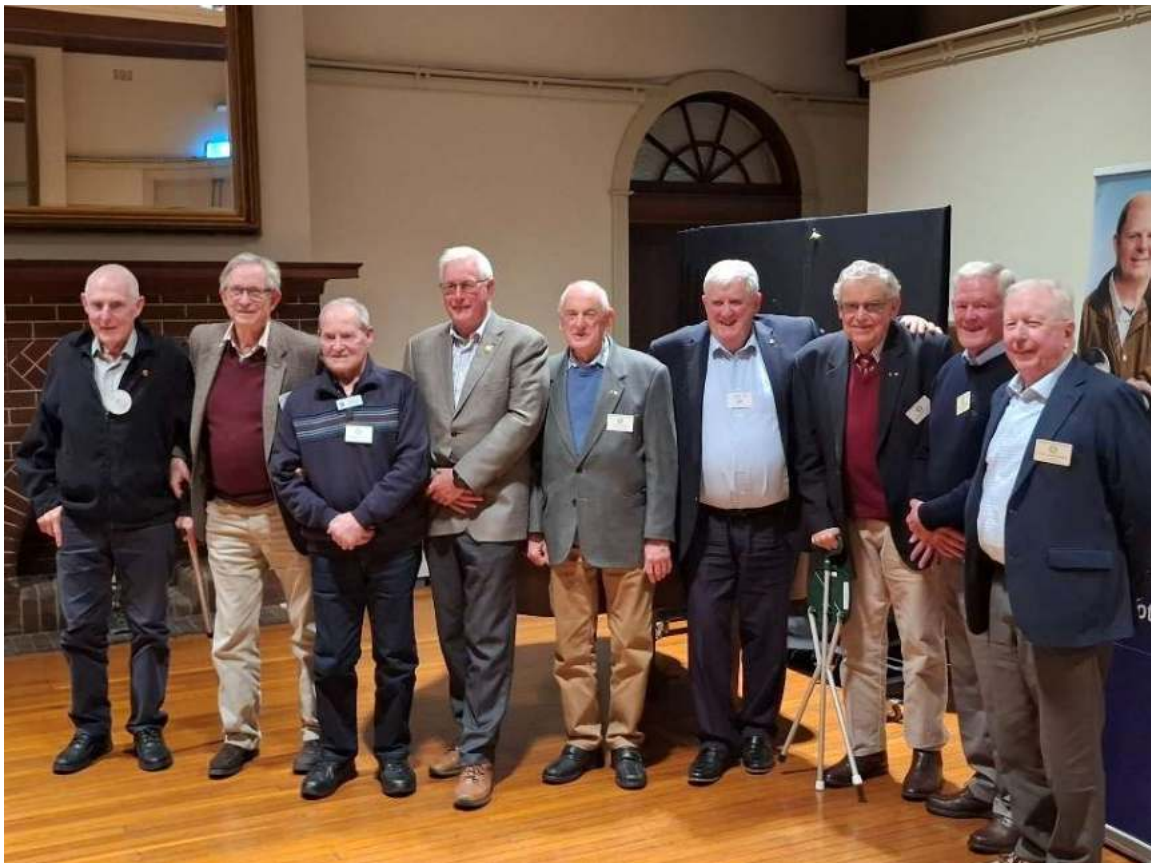


Now that we are starting to plan for the new year this quote is quite relevant

Pun's of the week

11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
 12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
 13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
 14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
 15. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
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Rogues 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

