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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 |
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| 24 Sep | Moss Vale Services Club | Combined Rotary Clubs Bowral Mittagong+Moss Vale | Trevor Fair | NA |
| 01 Oct | Bowral Bowling Club | Rachel Spratt/Bell Ringer | Will Eddowes | Brian Pattinson |
| 8 Oct | Bowral Bowling Club | Chris Coates, Parrachuting | Denise Coad | David Stranger |
| 15 Oct | Bowral Bowling Club | Club Assembly | Ian Law | David Patton |
| 04 Oct- 07 Oct | Southern Highlands Garden Party | Roster members on gates | N/A | N/A |
| 19 Oct- 20 Oct | Bowral Classic | Organiser Mary Ramsay | N/A | N/A |
| 22 Oct | Annesley | Lucy Hobgood Brown, Congo | Graham Castle | Rosemary Kelly |
| 25 Oct- 27 Oct | Mittagong RSL | District 9705 Conference | N/A | N/A |
| 29 Oct | Bowral Bowling Club | Andrea Natalie, Heart Diseas research | Mary Cramond | Steve Hallis |
| 5 Nov | Bowral Bowling Club | TBA | Allan Falvey | Mary Cramond |
| 12 Nov | Bowral Bowling Club | TBA | Steve Hallis | Robbie Allen |
| 19 Nov | NO Meeting | | NA | NA |
| 22 Nov | Bong Bong Racetrack | BB Races BBQ & Car Parking Organiser Don Graham | David Patton | Ian Law |

NB The journalist and International Toast Roster has changed. More members have been included to give most members a turn.

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JOURNALIST – Graham Castle

VENUE – Annesley 6:30 PM

Meeting opened by acting sergeant Bevery Coffey.

Welcome to our guest speaker Kathryn Smith, Steve Hallis future member, Steve Escott guest of Will Eddowes, Dennis Coysh guest of Ian Donges. Robyn Liberale, Honorary members Mary Ramsay and Jim Gasson. Special welcome back to Barbara.

Club Welfare and Appologies.

Vanessa called re site visits for Yuna.

Lynton Kettle.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST, Tim Bowland

Rotary Club Kigali Virunga RWANDA

The Rotary Club Kigali Virunga was chartered in 2000 As the only English speaking club in Rwanda, RCKV boasts a diverse membership, twenty Paul Harris Fellows, strong committees and a growing membership. The Club has initiated and seen the birth and growth of many Rotaract and Interact Clubs around Kigali.

The Rotary Club of Kigali Virunga is responsible for **2 flagship projects**.

“Kigali Public Library” and “Rotary House for Cancer Patients”

Kigali Public Library



Rotarians of the club sowed the seeds of creating a massive public library, which is now standing as Kigali Public Library testimonial to the efforts of club members.

Lack of access to accurate information and culture of reading tragically contributed to instigating and executing the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. Even after the genocide, the lack of open access to information persisted in Rwanda.

The club established the KPL project

committee in 2000 which was tasked to fundraise for the project. With the support of the Government of Rwanda, numerous institutional donors, and many individual philanthropists, the committee fundraised about 1.3 million US Dollars for the construction of Rwanda’s first-ever public library, to convert the tools of destruction into tools of construction and development. The overall project costed 6 million US Dollars and 12 long years to be completed. The rest of the funds for the KPL was contributed by the Government of Rwanda,



Rotary House for Cancer Patients



Cancer is a growing menace in all parts of the world and Rwanda,. It is estimated that there are more than 10,000 new cases each year in the Rwanda and more than 7,000 cancer deaths reported every year. In a bid to tackle this, The Government of Rwanda has established a State-of-the-Art Cancer Treatment Centre in Rwanda Military Hospital. This facility is currently operational and treats patients who come from all corners of the country. The treatment is done as Outpatients basis, which typically lasts about 30 to 45 minutes per day. The patients are expected to stay in Kigali for about 4 to 5 weeks to successfully

complete the cycle of radiotherapy treatment.

In 2019, the RCKV in partnership with Rwanda Military Hospital (RMH), Palliative Care Association of Rwanda [PCAR] and Kibagabaga District Hospital, [KDH] have initiated a shared project with an aim to renovate and transform and utilize a house as “Rotary House for Cancer Patients” to facilitate free accommodation to these less privileged patients.

As Rotarians committed to make this project a reality have done some fund- raising, they have made significant progress and have completed the actual construction work for the renovation. The old house which was having small rooms has been completely transformed to create dedicated wards which can house about 25 Patients, with facilities including critical care unit, counselling rooms, nursing station, dining and recreation facilities.

Please stand and charge your glasses and Toast the Rotary Club of **Kigali Virunga**

Tulip Time. Ian reported that all shifts are full. Now 2 weeks in and the Garden Party roster is now full.

Cycle Classic. Mary Ramsay has distributed the roster for the 19/20 October

Denise and Rosemary are requesting numbers for the District conference on the 26th October.

Request from Rotoract for the BBQ trailer at Bowral High School on Friday 20th Sept.

Dinner served.

Moss Vale Services Club has provided details for our next meeting with Moss Vale Rotary Trevor Fair to be notified of attendances before 5pm Friday

The Dinner is on Tuesday 24th September 2024 in Camelia Room (down the ramp) at Moss Vale Services Club, arriving at 6.00pm for one course dinner at 6.30.

Reports. Mary Ramsay needs more positions filled for the Cycle Classic.

Guest speaker Introduced by Ian Johnson.

Kathry Smith spoke about her and her family about the small African country of Rwanda. Rwanda is about half the size of Tasmania and was subject to a horrific genocide between the Tutsi's and Hutu's. Kathryn's daughter and Son in law, Sabrina and Nepo moved to Rwanda and are involved with the Mustard Seed Institute. This enterprise involves providing education and a number of other facilities for all local peoples.



(please see newsletter 2024)

Leigh asked questions about funding and suggested they contact Rotary International regarding future projects.

Ian Johnson gave thanks to Kathryn.

The raffle was drawn Blue A89 the joker remained hidden.

Ian Donges quiz a where am I. Beechworth Victoria

No Sergeants session this week with a surprise sergeant next week.

Next meeting at Moss Vale Service with Moss Vale Rotary.

Meeting closed 8:30



If your planning on attending the conference and the Saturday night dinner you need to register on the official web site. The sooner the better.

Birthdays

October: Rosemary Kelly 31/10, Ian Law 7/10

November Robbie Allan 25/11: Ian Johnson 26/11, Ian Langford 23/11: David Patton 28/11
October/November Imperial Hotel Pizza Birthday Lunch November 15, 2024

Funnies

A young couple who had never met found themselves in the same sleeping compartment on a train. They overcame their discomfort, discussed the situation, made suitable arrangement to get in to sleeping attire. The young man took the top bunk – the young woman the bottom bunk. During the night the young man leaned down and said, “It’s terribly cold and I was wondering if you could pass up another blanket?” “I have a better idea” the young woman said, with a glint in her eye. “Let’s pretend we are married”. The young man readily agreed “Sure!” the young woman said “Get up and get your own bloody blanket.”