



Report for Jan 18, 2021; Volume 83, No: 24 Rotary Club  
of Bowral-Mittagong  
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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**

January 25 – Meeting CANCELLED

January 26 - Brian Ritson's home - Australia Day Lunch for Members & Partners

February 1 - The Hermitage - Guest Speaker - Wendy Lotter - Aboriginal Bush Walk Tours - Platypus Dreamin' - Wendy will bring along Bush Medicine for looking and smelling

February 8 - The Hermitage – Tina McPherson (Still holds the ODI Bowling Record 1973 at Lords)

February 15 - Club Assembly

**Please Note: Apologise by Friday noon, attendance is the default position**

**Venue:** Kookabar Restaurant, Bowral

**Journalist:** David McCosh

## **“Pascal’s Parlor”**

Tonight’s meeting was essentially a Club social meeting held in the comfortable, hospitable, and well frequented Kookabar Coffee Shop, and in the care of Rotary’s favourite chef, Pascal. Twenty members and guests enjoyed a fine chicken meal in a gourmet cream sauce with cheese and biscuits, cheese tart, fruit, and real coffee to follow. Some nostalgic chatter as overheard about other buffet meals prepared by Pascal in our previous home in the Highlands Golf Club. Club guests included Mara De Jong and her sister Frances, Eric Conley with Rose and their neighbour Barbara, and Sadie, Luciano’s guest now a familiar friend of the Club.



*Pascal and Abby – our excellent hosts.*

## **Welcome**

President Will opened the meeting by welcoming all the guests and congratulating Rod and Min on the arrival of their grandchild in Queensland.

Their sudden departure up north to welcome the new member of the family was an excuse why tonight there would be no International toast! Will then called on Ian Langford to deliver the Invocation.

## **Announcements**

1. Rotary Men’s Health Caravan. Bowral & Mittagong 3rd and 4th February.

- 3rd February Information Centre Mittagong 9.30am to 4.00 pm
- 4th February Bowral Swimming Pool Car Park. 9.30am to 4.00 pm

The Club has been asked to assist with the advertising and some clerical duties over the 2+ weeks prior to and including the scheduled days. Will circulated a list calling for volunteers. Anyone not at the meeting who can help, please contact Will.

This is a Mental Health initiative aimed particularly at men who tend not to seek advice from doctors.

## **Raffle tickets - Clown Doctors initiative**

Will has books of \$5 raffle tickets for the Clown Doctors initiative to raise funds for training additional Clown Doctors in the hospital system in Australia.

There are 87 Clown Doctors operating in 22 facilities in Australia and Will reminded us that it was the late Dr Peter Spitzer, a former resident of the Southern Highlands, who started the Clown Doctors movement (The Humour Foundation) that is now worldwide.

Several books of tickets were sold at the meeting. Contact Will for tickets.



## Next week's meeting and Australia Day

**Note:** There will be NO meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Next week's meeting is the Australia Day lunch at Brian Ritson's home in Colo Vale.



*Will and Brian relaxing after an excellent meal  
(Let's hope Brian relaxes before hosting next week!)*

Below is a copy of Denise's email sent to all members, giving details:

*Dear Fellow Rotarians, Partners and Friends,*

*Brian Ritson has generously offered to Host this Year's Australia Day Celebration at his home at 14 Jasmine Street Colo Vale - starting at 12.00 so we can enjoy the Day in his beautiful Garden.*

*Over the years we have enjoyed some wonderful Australia Day get-togethers with John and Peggy Leijer, Gerry and Miel Kroon, and our last Celebration with Vicki and Ian Kelley.*

*The cost will be \$15 a head for our Club supplying Meat, Sausages, Onions on the BBQ. If Members could bring along either Nibbles, Salads or Desserts, and of course Drinks.*

*For catering could you please email back to Rosemary or Denise what you will be bringing so we can co-ordinate the catering:  
[frankandrosemary@bigpond.com](mailto:frankandrosemary@bigpond.com)  
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*Please RSVP by return who will be attending so we can make this a happy Day, and an opportunity for us all to catch up in 2022 as proud Members of our Rotary Club.*

*Best regards,  
Denise Coad  
Director of Club Service 2021/2022*

## Member Update

Rose Conley reported on Ian Johnson's treatment. He has one more session of Chemotherapy and the prognosis for remission is very positive.

Ian is in good spirits and is looking forward to being able to see us all again as soon as his doctor gives him the green light.

There being no further business, a social time was had by all until Will closed the meeting soon after 8pm with thanks to Pascal and Abby for an excellent meeting.



*Members and their guests enjoy coffee*

**NEXT Birthday lunch will be 11<sup>th</sup> February!!!**



**\*\*\* Please see attached thank you letter from the Uniting Church \*\*\***





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18th January, 2021

Dear Bowral-Mittagong Rotary Members,

Greetings to you all from Bowral Uniting Church. I am writing on behalf of the members of Bowral Uniting, to express our sincere thanks for your continued support of the 'Bowral Uniting Pantry'. The donations of both non-perishable food items and money continues to greatly assist us in being able to offer this outreach to our local community.

We are also grateful for the generous donations of Christmas gifts to support local families in need. The gifts of toys, books, hygiene products and food we received from Rotary members in December were used as part of the Southern Highlands Hamper Drive. Bowral Uniting Church has been a part of the Christmas Hamper Drive for the last two years and this last year 518 families were blessed with a generous hamper filled with food, Christmas items like bon bons and gingerbread houses, as well as gifts for children.

Thank you for being a part of this Christmas community outreach in 2021. It has been a hard year for many families both practically, emotionally and mentally, making it all the more special to be able to be a part of the Hamper Drive.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Bowral Rotary Club in 2022.

Thank you again for your support.

Kind regards,

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