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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
18 March	Bowral Bowling Club	Steve Escott – member talk	Will Eddowes Edit: Trevor	Steve Hallis
23 March	Bundanoon	WSC planting BBQ	N/A	N/A
25 March	Bowral Bowling Club	Club’s 85 th Birthday celebration	Denise Coad Edit: Will	Rosemary Kelly
1 April	Mittagong RSL Nattai Room 6:30pm	Mayor-Jesse Fitzpatrick	Trevor Fair Edit:Ian L	Allan Falvey
8 April	Bowral Bowling Club	Tina Tziallas	Barbara Humphries	David Rees
15 April	Bowral Bowling Club	Judy Hannon MP Wollondilly	Ian Langford	Don Graham
24 May	WSC	Model United Nations	N/A	N/A
25-26-27 May	Mittagong RSL	S&E Challenge & Discovery Day	N/A	N/A
1 July	?	Club Changeover		
12 Sept – 30 Sept	Corbet Gardens	Tulip Time Festival		
13-16 Nov	Corbet Gardens	Food & Wine Festival		
19 Oct	Bowral	Bowral Cycle Classic		
21 Nov	Bong Bong	Bong Bong Races		

NB The journalist and International Toast Roster may have changed. Check for your name.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL- MITTAGONG TULIP TIMES BULLETIN

Weekly Meeting held at Bowral Bowling Club on March 18, 2025

Journalist – Will Eddowes

Sergeant Lynton Kettle opened the meeting and welcomed guests **Richard Ernst**, Honorary Member and **Steve Escott** as our speaker this evening.

Jim Gasson gave the Invocation followed by the International Toast:

On March 18, 1965, Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov became the first person to conduct a spacewalk, exiting the Voskhod 2 spacecraft for 12 minutes and 9 seconds.

Leonov was part of the Voskhod 2 mission, a Soviet effort to achieve a "first" in the space race against the United States. At that time the Russians were ahead of the US by a few years. He exited the spacecraft using a primitive inflatable airlock and stayed outside for just over 12 minutes. However, his spacesuit inflated beyond recognition, making it difficult to re-enter the spacecraft. He had to release the pressure to squeeze through the portal into the Voskhod.

Leonov went on to command the Soyuz capsule in the Apollo–Soyuz Test Project in 1975, which was the first joint US-Soviet mission in space.

There was some confusion about the 'Rotary Club of Moscow' and President Tim Thomson – which turns out to be Moscow, Idaho in district 5080. The Rotary Club of Moscow International was chartered in 2001 and draws its membership from professionals in all walks of life. The club is one of 9 clubs in Moscow and 77 in District 2223. They English language (although many other languages are spoken).

Please toast President C. Burak CAN and the members of the Rotary Club of Moscow International.

Announcements:

President Bob appreciated the talk last week by Lucy Hopgood Brown giving insight into the Congo which we would not normally hear about.

On April 24, as a follow-up our speaker will be Prof Matthew Newhouse from the ANU School of Law. He was recommended by Lucy.

Catering / Venues

Bob noted that the minutes of the last Board Meeting have been circulated to all members. He updated us on the venue situation. The caterers at Annesley have left. Rosemary Kelly has been seeking other options but we may be able to use Annesley if another caterer can be found.

Meanwhile, the managers at the Bowling Club are leaving so we will have to monitor that situation.

STOP PRESS: Annesley catering has been resolved., and bookings have been placed until July. \$40 pp.

Shelterbags

Mary Crammond, Robbie Allen, Leigh Robinson and **President Bob** attended a hand over of 10 Shelter Bags to Interact. The money to pay for these has all been raised by Interact. Lucy Earl from

the Uniting Church was there as the church will be organising the distribution. A new reporter from the Southern Highland News was also there and has written an excellent article in the SHN. Leigh Robinson and Mary Crammond have also been packaging 50 Shelter bags for despatch to New Zealand.

MUNA

Robert De Jongh gave an update on MUNA. Seven High Schools are taking part providing 12 teams. All participants have been issued an Information Pack, the countries have been selected as well as the resolutions. Mary Ramsay is organising the catering.

Fit For Life Program

President Bob joined Robbie Allen, Robert De Jongh and Krischan Keller for a meeting about the PCYC 'Fit for Life' program. Two police officers and two members of BHS staff also attended. The club would provide breakfast at 7.30am and is likely to be involved in mentoring the students as well. BHS has been chosen as a much more central location than the PCYC premises in Mittagong. The school has undertaken to organise bus transport.

Picton High School has been cited as an example to follow. They lost 4 students last year in a car smash which has motivated them to run a PCYC program and it is apparently going very well.

Mental Health First Aid Training

President Bob commented on the excellent Mental Health First Aid course which was run last weekend by Michele Ellery. It was attended by 10 members and discussed approach to possible sufferers as well some fascinating statistics. Michele is a Rotarian who has run many such courses and impressed all who were there.

BBQ

President Bob said the BBQ for the Council tree planting on Sunday March 23 in Bundanoon is planned with Graham Castle, Will Eddowes, David Patten, Mary Crammond and David Rees. Will asked for one member to assist checking supplies at the shed and loading ready for Sunday. Ian law offered to join Will and David Patton at 1.30 on Friday.

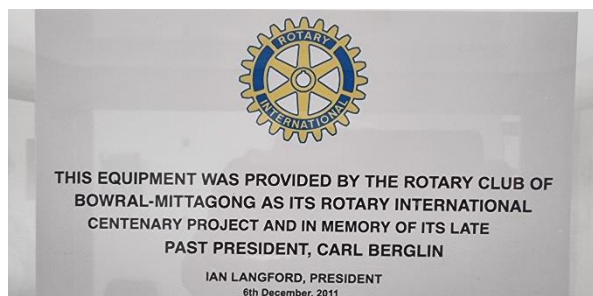
Brigadoon

Brigadoon will take place at Bundanoon on Saturday April 5. The organisers are looking for volunteers to assist. Contact Helene Jessep 0409 712826.

Bodybox



Ian Langford had cause to have a lung test at Bowral Public Hospital a few days ago. He was enclosed in a glass box with a breathing tube. This piece of equipment is called a "Barometric & Volumetric Total Bodyplethysmograph" or Bodybox 5500 for short! However, as the plaque says, it was donated by this club during Ian's presidency 2011/2012 in memory of Carl Berglin who was president in 2009/2010. It was a huge fund-raising effort at the time but it's good to see it is still a valued piece of equipment.



John Macpherson's funeral will be at St Jude's church at 1.00 on Thursday 20th. Unfortunately this was incorrectly reported as being at 11.30 at the meeting.

Guest Speaker – Steve Escott



STEVE ESCOTT:

I retired and moved to Bowral in 2019 from Turramurra in Sydney and experienced bush fires and Covid which was socially isolating in a new area. Contact was made with Rotary after a chance conversation with a fellow from the Friends of the Botanical Gardens who was taking down a possum electrified on top a power pole in the garden and I enquired about service clubs in the Highlands and given Will's mobile number.

My perception of service clubs was a meeting of professional people with the aim of networking not community support. I had attended a Lions club meeting in PNG where they roared before the meal! I was considering contacting toast masters for public speaking experience before joining Rotary as, although I have presented to boards of companies, I need more exposure as I remember presenting in a management course in the 80's to an auditorium of 300 people on the north west project and indulged in some wine before going on and slurring my speech.

I have had minimal community service through my 52 year working life with the emphasis of providing for my family. I make regular visits to Sydney for the grandchildren but relieved to leave Sydney once we are on the M5 returning home.

I come from a family of six siblings and was raised initially in North Balgowlah in Sydney. I am divorced after 20 years of marriage with three children and we settled in Castle Hill after returning from Papua New Guinea in 1975.

I remarried with my current wife, a retired nurse for 32 years who worked with Victor Chang at St Vincents hospital and have a blended family of five children and four grandchildren with another one due this April.

I played competitive tennis for 35 years in the Hills District and then the Hornsby Killara association- I want to resume tennis if I can find a one legged competition that exists in the highlands after hip surgery.

-I have followed Wests Rugby League side since 1958 and signed a petition against the merger with Balmain.

WORK HISTORY

My first job in 1967 was with the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission – using punch cards followed by Frankpile Engineering. I left Australia in 1970 for a five year job in Papua New Guinea

with a coffee & tea plantation located in Mount Hagan as an accountant plus managing a fuel depot – the original bean counter.

The manager of the company in PNG was Neil Latimer who played rugby for Australia. I also met Danny Leahy at 93 years old was one of the pioneers in the late 20's and 30's opening up the western highlands in PNG to the world. Also he mentioned he had nine native wives.

I was asked to be the pencil man for the local SP bookie in Mt Hagan where, unknown to me, there were delayed broadcasts of the races from Port Moresby where locally bets were still being taken – the PNG government terminated this practice. I left PNG in 1975 after independence and arrived back in Australia to the Whitlam sacking controversy.

Other incidents in PNG were the disappearance of our two dogs a boxer and cattle dog and I accidentally ran over a pig on the Lae highway with natives waiting for us with bows and arrows – suggested I leave the country quickly.

Also I took my ex mother in law on a visit to the Sepik River and stopped at a small airstrip in Liagam where the engine konked out on the Cessna single engine before a 200 metre drop where the mother in law shouted I will catch the next plane.

Also in 1956 television came to Australia with my first show I saw in Balgowlah being Jungle Jim with Johnny Weismiller of Tarzan fame and I remember him giving orders to the chimp OMGOWA which the chimp followed him so I tried it in PNG with no response.

I started work in Australia with Ampol and Wormald in 1975 and worked in a variety of industries and government departments with full time and contract positions. I met Arthur Morris at Wormalds in the 80's who opened with Donald Bradman in the 1948 ashes tour.

Another character I met was the Irish priest who was involved with Robbie Waterhouse in the Fine Cotton scandal and mentioned he would have got away with it if the white paint had not melted in the race. I also worked for a French company who nicknamed me escargot. While I was working with Lexmark the American manager showed me the internet for the first time in 1996 with live events of the Atlanta Games.

I worked with a range of government departments including the Premiers Department to Planning & Environment plus Justice and Lands & Property. Also I worked in a number of not for profit organisations including Wesley Mission and Good Samariton Office – the catholic nuns were great with a nip of scotch each Friday.

I formed a company in the early 90's for future contracts with occasional breaks between contracts. I needed to keep up to date on my computer skills with training in software such as SAP and Oracle to smaller applications as each new contract required a different skill set.

The legacy of my work involved project management expertise and business analysis on improvements in processes and procedures as well as developing reporting packages. I would have had over 70 interviews in the 52 years of work and was accused by one agent of being too laid back in the interview process.

THE FUTURE

I plan to travel to the UK to complete the family tree with the connection to John Escott who arrived on the "Supply" with the First Fleet as a marine and was sent home in disgrace as a member of the Rum Corp in the colony. The Escott family crest is an ostrich with a golden ring surrounded by sea shells and originated in Cornwall – I was expecting something more regal like a lion.

I hope to continue with Rotary and contribute to the projects that we run.
Thank you.

Graham Castle gave a vote of thanks.

President Bob reminded us that next week is the 85th birthday of the club so longer term members can reminisce about their experiences.



The raffle was won by David Rees.



Rosemary Kelly announced that she has found a new caterer for Annesley. The cost will be \$40 for the third week of the month.

The RSL will provide a two course meal for \$49 on the 1st April. This is the meeting with Mayor Jesse Fitzpatrick. Feel free to bring your partner, colleague or neighbour. Guaranteed to be an interesting night.

In both cases one week's notice is needed so notify Trevor at the previous meeting.

President Bob and **Leigh Robinson** have visited Adam at Highland FM and he has arranged for a 30 sec ad for Rotary several times per day. They played the audio.

The quiz 'Who am I?' was Jessica Mauboy, guessed very quickly by **Rosemary Kelly**.

Sergeant Lynton showed a picture of the mental health participants each holding the name of a drug type in order of prevalence. They were all fined.

Birthdays

APRIL: Dennis Coysh 3rd, Don Graham 9th, David Stranger 12th,

MAY: Rod Aistrophe 3rd, Will Eddowes 26th **, Jim Gasson 22nd, Brian Pattinson 31st.

Imperial Pizza Lunches: 28th March from 12 Noon 23rd May from 12 Noon

Rouges Gallery



Quote of the week

I can tell you a true Scotsman will never tell you what he wears under his kilt.

He will show you at the drop of a hat!

The 4 Way Test

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do is a test used by Rotarians world-wide as a moral code for personal and business relationships. The test can be applied to almost any aspect of life.



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