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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

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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
27 Aug	Bowral Bowling Club	Krischan Keller/PCYC – Police Citizens Youth Clubs	Denise Coad	Dom Williams
03 Sep	Bowral Bowling Club	Julie Allen/Domestic Violence	Ian Law	Beverley Coffey
06 Sep	Imperial Hotel	August/September Birthdays	N/A	N/A
10 Sep	Bowral Bowling Club	Chris Coates/Paratrooper	Ian Langford	Bruce Sutton
12 Sept-30 Sept	Tulip Time Festival	Roster members on gates	N/A	N/A
17 Sep	Annesley	Rachel Spratt/Bell Ringer	Graham Castle	Robbie Allen
24 Sep	Moss Vale Services Club	Combined Rotary Clubs Bowral Mittagong+Moss Vale	Trevor Fair	Jeff Mann
01 Oct	Bowral Bowling Club	TBA	Tim Bowland	Brian Pattinson
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
25 Oct-27 Oct	Mittagong RSL	District 9705 Conference	N/A	N/A
22 Nov	Bong Bong Racetrack	BB Races BBQ & Car Parking Organiser Don Graham	TBA	TBA

Venue **Annesley**, Journalist **Will Eddowes**

**Sergeant Lynton** opened the meeting and welcomed the visitors:

District Governor **Rob Uhl**,

**Ellery Martin**, Youth Exchange student will be going to Finland,

**Yuna Uemura** our current exchange student,

**Meg Paviour** and **Chloe Ward**, BHS Interactors,

**Jackson Pridgeon**, BHS Interactor

**Henry Rees**, recent attendee at the United Nations conference,

**Julie Buchanan** and partner **Andy**

**Ian Hannaford**, Guest of Janine,

**Joan and Jerry Power**, guests of Ian Johnson

**Ria McCosh**, **Mara de Jongh**, **Antonia Stranger** and **Eric Conley**

**Jim Gasson** and **Mary Ramsay**, Honorary members.

**President Bob Miller** also welcomed all the visitors, Particularly **Rob Uhl**, a former member who will be speaking later and presenting an award.

**President Bob** extended an apology on behalf of our intended guest speaker Chris Coates who has contracted Covid. Hopefully he has a quick recovery and will address a later meeting.

**Trevor Fair** gave the Invocation and the International Toast

When researching a date as a start to prepare this toast a number of national days appear. Being:

National Bacon Lovers Day

World Mosquito Day

International Hawaiian Pizza Day

National Radio Day

However following convention, today we are going to toast a Rotary Club in Senegal.

The country of Senegal is bordered by the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau and Guinea to the south, Mauritania to the north, Mali to the east, and the Atlantic Ocean to the west. Senegal gained independence from France in 1960. Dakar is the capital city of Senegal whose economy is based on agriculture, along with tourism, and trade in textiles and African art and craft. Cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, and other livestock, fish and shrimps, millet, beans, sweet potatoes, and cassava, are farmed in Senegal for sale in the domestic market and for export to countries abroad. Senegal's main mineral and resource deposits include crude oil, aluminium and calcium phosphate, and titanium ore. Major industries in Senegal include aluminium, phosphate, textiles, cement, cigarettes, drinks, leather, fish, peanut, and sugar refining, plants, along with oil exploration and ship repair.

The climate of Senegal is tropical, with an average temperature of 30oC. It occupies a total landmass of about 196,723 square kilometres.

The Rotary Club of Dakar – Millenium Senegal is in D9101 is the only Rotary Club in Daker. However, Dakar has 3 Rotaract Clubs. Maybe a reflection on the demographics of Western Africa?

Dakar – Millenium Senegal has 48 members who meet weekly in person as well as by Zoom. French is the language of choice. The club is ably lead by Pierre Diatta. Some of the Club activities include supporting local schools with the provision of furniture, the Dept Health with 5 motorcycles to assist with emergency management, as well as supporting orphanages in the country.



Would you all be upstanding and toast the **RC of Dakar Millenium Senegal**.

**President Bob** informed us that **Barbara Humphries** has returned home and will be going to Liverpool tomorrow, **Rose Conley** volunteered to drive her for a specialist appointment.

**Des and Nerida Rudolf** are apparently recovered and back at work.

**President Bob** then announced developments on two initiatives.:

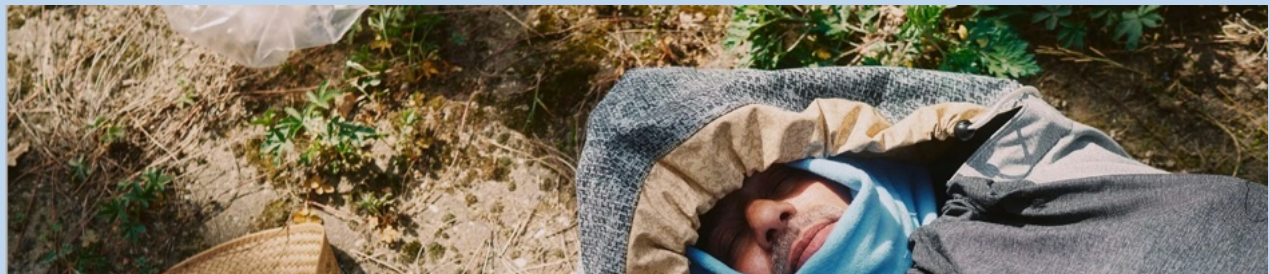


In the lead-up to the **District Conference**, our meeting on 24 September will be combined with RC Moss Vale at the Moss Vale Services club and **DG Rob Uhl** will be our guest.

We still need a volunteer to carry our flag at the District Conference. **Robbie Allen** – put her hand up!

**Denise and Rosemary** have undertaken to organise tables at the District Conference. Please enrol and let one of them know assuming you want to sit together with members of our club.

**Rosemary Kelly** asked those who are going to be at the District Conference dinner on Saturday evening to let her know so that she can organise tables. There is a web site for the conference, <https://www.discon24.com> for information and booking.



## SHELTERBAGS FOR THE HOMELESS AUSTRALIA

Providing Comfort and Dignity for the Homeless in Australia

**Mary Crammond and Bob** joined two board members of the Moss Vale club to visit the **Police Citizens Youth Club** at 7.00am this morning to meet **Krischen Keller**, the organiser, and witness breakfast for members. A few short conversations with members were very informative. **Krischen** will attend our next club meeting.

**Bob, Leigh Robinson and Mary Crammond** held a meeting to discuss the logistics and finance of **Shelter Bags** with a view to taking on the project. It's now looking good, and a proposal will be put at the next Board meeting.

The club appears to have gained a “best BBQ cookers” reputation and have received various BBQ requests. We may need a **BBQ Committee** to assess requests and possibly obtain new equipment.

**Ian Langford** and **President Bob** have been asked by Highland Fm to prepare a podcast about **Tulip Time** tomorrow morning (21<sup>st</sup>).

**Mary Ramsay** spoke about the Bowral Classic and the need for volunteers from our club to respond before we ask other organisations. She expressed disappointment that the BDCU is not supplying hoped-for volunteers. She has sent out the roster sheets for marshalling volunteers and asked everyone to commit to the various shifts by tomorrow.

**President Bob** then invited DG Rob Uhl to present Interact awards to **Chloe Ward** and **Meg Paviour**.



**DG Rob** outlined **Chloe's** very impressive 4-year involvement with Interact in many projects. She has a particular focus on environmental issues and has been chair of the environmental committee as well as having a major contribution to fund raising

**DG Rob** also outlined the equally impressive Interact career of **Meg Paviour**, the current president.

Both girls were then given the **District Interact Service Awards** by **DG Rob**.

**Meg** then spoke briefly, thanking our club for support and inviting us to visit the cake stall they will be holding at Tulip Time.



**Robbie Allen** asked **Henry Rees**, also from Bowral High, to come to the microphone following his recent attendance at the United Nations Youth Day Conference. Following a successful initial experience, he was invited to attend the national conference in Brisbane where he spent 7 days.

**Henry** lived in Vietnam for several years and attended a UN school for expats before moving back to Australia and attending Bowral High. He already had experience of representing other countries during that time. The experience in Brisbane was clearly very informative and led to meeting many interesting delegates from around the country. He thanked Rotary for sponsoring this trip.

**Robert De Jongh** pointed out that MUNA that we run is a different operation but with some parallels. **Robert** outlined our MUNA and the value for attendees. This year's winners were Chevalier and Frensham.



**Bowral High School Interactors (l to r)**

**Jackson Pridgeon,**

**Chloe Ward,**

**Meg Paviour**

**Henry Rees**

and (Joshua McKay absent) were then asked to speak about their recent experience at RYPEN. **Chloe** spoke of her recent experience at RYPEN, giving critical but useful comment on the selection of candidates for this course.

They were grateful for the experience but, unfortunately, they had been told it was a leadership camp and it is really a personal

development experience. **Chloe** described one attendee who was there because of his 'in trouble'! He responded well to the activities, made new friends and loved his time there. **Chloe** thought he was probably the ideal candidate. They were disappointed that it was not leadership but were still grateful to have the opportunity.

**After dinner – duck with spinach and potato followed by a brownie slice with ice cream.**



**Yuna Uemura** told us how she went to Canberra last weekend with **Robbie** and is very grateful for the opportunity that Rotary has given her – all in perfect English!



**President Bob** then introduced **Ellery Martin** who is only 14 and going to Finland on exchange next year. She is very grateful for sponsorship by our club. She is at Frensham but her home is in Darwin. She went to Canberra last weekend for orientation and met some lovely people. They played various games which were fun but designed to help bonding with each other. Ellery finished with a few words in Finnish.

**President Bob** mentioned that **Lynton Kettle** has made contact with Tangara school to organise a Dream Cricket Day on their site. It will be run on the same pattern as the recent Moss Vale event although there are more severely handicapped children at Tangara.

The raffle was won by **Ian Donges** who did not draw the joker.

**Janine Brumby** ran a 'heads and tails', won by Graham Castle

**Ian Donges** ran two 'who am I' quizzes. The first was Anna Mears, won by **Robert De Jongh**

The second was Bill Clinton, won by one of the tables.

**Sergeant Lynton Kettle** ran a session. Don Graham for catching his dog in a wombat trap. Louie Liberale for a car accident in Italy. Graham Castle for his four post hoist. **Rosemary Kelly** for being opinionated!

**Robert De Jongh** had a X-fine to show off his proficiency in French.

**DG Rob Uhl** asked for sponsorship for a sleep-out at Boorowa showground raising money for Shelter Box

**President Bob** thanked the visitors for coming and closed the meeting.



#### STOP PRESS

Leigh Robinson is joining DG Rob Uhl in going OFF THE GRID and sleeping out at Boorowa Showground to raise money for Shelterbox ([Shelterbox.org.au](https://shelterbox.org.au)). This will happen on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September and Leigh will sleep rough in a Shelterbag ([shelterbags.org.au](https://shelterbags.org.au)). He is hoping that you will support this fund raiser for Shelterbox by generously sponsoring him. Your contributions can be placed online at <https://offthegrid.raiselysite.com/leigh-robinson>.