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District 9705
Chartered 26 March 1940



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Club Meetings:

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at various Southern Highlands venues. (See below)

Meeting apologies by Sunday for the following Tuesday. Please text Trevor Fair.

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
27 Jun	Annesley	Changeover Dinner	Tim Boland
04 Jul	Bowral Bowling Club	** Club Assembly**	TBA
11 Jul	Kookabar	TBA	TBA
18 Jul	Bowral Bowling Club	TBA	

International Toast.

Oxford in England was a centre of learning from the 11th Century being a cathedral town close to London, the major population centre of that time. The University of Oxford received its charter on 20th June 1214.

The University comprises 36 Colleges and 3 Societies. The Colleges of University, Balliol, and Merton were established in the thirteenth century as a result of riots between students and townsfolk to provide safe accommodation. Henry VIII re-established Kings College as Christ Church in 1534. The most recent College, Temple Green, was established in 2008.

Each college is autonomous being independent and self-governing, having a charter approved by the Privy Council under which it is governed by a Head of House, elected and appointed by the governing body directly.

The University has a similar structure to Rotary where all Rotary Clubs are autonomous but dependent on the charter presented by Rotary International.

The first meeting of the Rotary Club of Oxford was in November 1922 and the Club received

its Charter on 26th February 1924 and is in District 1090



There were 20 Charter Members. In the 1990's membership almost reached 100, but has dropped since then through changing work practices and the decline of private businesses in Oxford City and is now 59.

The outgoing President is Tim Pocock and the incoming President is Kalpama Morris.

The Club's primary fundraising activity is the Oxford Fun Run.

Would you please rise and make our International Toast to the **President and Members of the Rotary Club of Oxford**

Venue: Bowral Bowling Club.

Journalist: Ian Langford.

Acting Sergeant Will Eddowes called the meeting to order and welcomed President Leigh Robinson to the microphone for his penultimate meeting as President.

President Leigh acknowledged the Gundungurra People, the traditional owners of this land where we meet and paid respect to their Elders, past, present and future.

President Leigh welcomed guest speaker David Marshal and his wife Linda. He also welcomed Graham Castle and Robyn Liberale.

Apologies had been received from Robbie Allen, Lynton Kettle, Paul Leotta, Ian Law, Robert De Jongh, Barbara Humphries, Ian Johnson, Mary Ramsay, Bruce Sutton and Tony Glenn.

Rod Aistrope recited the invocation and then presented the International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Oxford.

Announcements:

Changeover Meeting

All were reminded that bookings for the Changeover Meeting to be held next week at Annesley close tonight. Let Sec. Trevor Fair know that you are coming if you haven't told him already.

First Club Assembly Meeting : 4th July - Matters for discussion to Don or Trevor

Club Support for the Rotary Foundation



RI has informed the Club that we have achieved Level 1 Club Annual Donor for 2022 as we have donated at least US\$100/member.

Annesley Retirement Village Tour

President Leigh informed us that the Club had been invited by Annesley Retirement Village to make up a party of at least 15 members to tour the facilities at Annesley after which Annesley would make a donation to the Club.

Firewood Sales

Sales are going well with 6 deliveries in the last 10 days. President Leigh has been surveying local homes for those with chimneys to try and drum up business. It was noted that the Kookabar Café was cosy with its Rotary log fire blazing away this morning.

Science & Engineering news

Ian Langford announced that the Chevalier College Science & Engineering Challenge team's winning score was high enough to earn the team a place in the State Finals in August at the University of Newcastle. As has happened in the past a donation was given to the College towards transport costs to the State Final. Ian read out a letter of thanks from Mr Greg Miller, the Principal of the College.

2023 Tulip Times

Ian Langford announced the launch of the 2023 Tulip Time Festival roster for staffing the Corbett Gardens Gates. 2023 Tulip Time Festival starts on **Tuesday 19th September and finishes on Labour Day Monday 2nd October 2023.**

Shorter by four days compared with last year. Gates open 9:30 am to 4:30 pm each day with three evening sessions. Three Gates will be manned. All entries are either prepaid (to be scanned) or free for locals.

This is an important fundraiser for the club and the more shifts that are covered by us, the more we raise without paying out to other clubs who help. Last year the average number of shifts per volunteers was over five with some volunteers helping well into double figures. All members were asked to be generous with their time. It's an opportunity for fellowship with the other volunteers and the general public and experience in previous years shows it can be a lot of fun. Please invite friends and partners/spouses to help.

The Rotary Sundials of the Highlands.

Will Eddowes gave a very interesting talk about two sundials that Rotary had installed: one in Corbett Gardens Bowral and one in Winifred West Park, Mittagong. However, vandals had in the past removed the gnomons (the projecting piece on a sundial that shows the time by its shadow) from both dials so Will Eddowes (aka Mr Millimetre) set to and designed and had made two new gnomons. He then had to drill new bolt holes to secure the gnomons. This was viewed by a local resident in Mittagong who called the police thinking that Will was destroying the sundial!



The Sundial missing its Gnomon



Two new Gnomons.



Finished Sundial.



Testing Will's Watch!

The finished dials now look very smart and show that Will's watch is correct! Next time any member is in Corbett Gardens or Winifred West Park, please take the time to admire Will's handiwork.

After dinner **Ian Donges** introduced the guest speaker **Mr David Marshal AM**.

The Ruby's Home Program



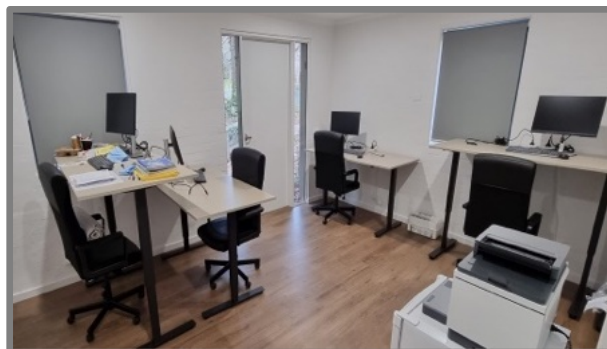
David Marshal has been a member of Rotary since the early 1980's, joining after he was a member of a Group Study Exchange team travelling to India. He is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Berri in South Australia and is a Paul Harris Fellow. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Canberra since 1988.

He now chairs the Rotary District 9705 Vulnerable Youth Project, a program that acts as a circuit breaker to families experiencing challenging circumstances where their child is on the verge of becoming disengaged with their parents and potentially slipping into homelessness.

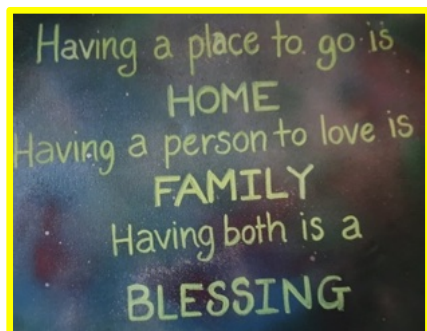
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The Rotary Vulnerable Youth Project emerged from a meeting four years ago during a discussion on a legacy project to mark Rotary's 100th Anniversary in Australia in 2021. The aim is to establish 'Ruby's homes' across the District to reduce the spiralling surge of youth homelessness.

The Ruby's Home program assists dysfunctional families with 10- to 17-year-olds. It assists teenagers wanting to move out of home but prevents them sleeping rough or couch-surfing. It stops kids using drugs, being abused, disappearing, or ending up committing suicide. Referrals come from various sources including doctors, government agencies, police, and schools.



The system works by letting the kids stay at Ruby's Home for three days and then return home for the rest of the week. They still attend school as normal. This is repeated for up to six months. Up to 15 teenagers can be accommodated weekly and the home is manned 24 hours per day by a social worker. Health professionals work with the kids and parents. The good news is that 85% of the kids return to live full time with their family. Ruby's Home is a normal family home and not an "institution". They are well looked after with new furniture and kept clean and well maintained. This engenders pride with the occupants who treat the homes with respect and care.



The first six months of the Ruby's Home in Canberra has resulted in 86% of young people supported returned home, 95% remained connected to their family; family safety improved for 81% of families and engagement with support services increased 100% and engagement with education improved for 77% of the youths.

David outlined how the project has received support from all levels of Government, all levels of Rotary and how well Rotary can work with the professional agencies. He described how the aim is to spread the Ruby's Home concept throughout the District and suggested how it could work in our Wingecarribee Shire area.

After a questions session **PE Don Graham** gave a vote of thanks to David and Linda and said that the 85% return to home figure was what he would take away from the talk.

The winning Raffle ticket was picked out by Linda and **David Rees** was the lucky recipient of a bottle of wine.

Acting Sergeant Will Eddowes then ran a very successful fines session having told President Leigh he had never been Sergeant before. I think incoming President noted a possible back up sergeant in the making. Fines were scattered throughout the membership including all Poms for the cricket, all without solar panels, Rod for his revising the International Toast, Leigh because it was the last opportunity to fine him as President, all those that hadn't had Covid, Leigh again for counting chimneys, Ian L for Sci. & Eng and Tulip Time, Allan for going on the holiday of a lifetime just to get out of helping at Tulip Time and Jeff for his aversion to locks.

President Leigh Robinson then closed the meeting and thanked all members for his year as President which he has enjoyed immensely.

Next week is the Annual Changeover meeting. It's at the Annesley Cafe, 10 Westwood Drive Bowral at 6:00pm for 6:30 start. Cost is \$55 pp for 3 course meal and there will be a bar in operation so no BYO.



The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong
Annual Changeover Dinner
27 June 2023

Outgoing President Leigh Robinson and members of the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong warmly invite club members and guests

To our annual Changeover Dinner and the induction of incoming President Don Graham and the Board of Directors for 2023/2024

Where: Annesley Cafe, 10 Westwood Drive Bowral
When: 6:00pm for 6:30 start
Cost: \$55 pp for 3 course meal
There will be a bar in operation – no BYO

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20 June 2023

Mr Ian Langford
Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong
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Dear Ian

Re: Donation towards travel for NSW Science and Engineering State Finals

Thank you for the generous donation of \$1000 towards the travel expenses for our students to attend the Science and Engineering Challenge State Finals to be held at the University of Newcastle.

The College is very proud of its students winning the Southern Highlands Science and Engineering Challenge and looks forward to our continued association with the event.

Please pass on to the Rotary Club members our sincere appreciation for their generous support.

Yours sincerely



Greg Miller
Principal

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