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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 txt Trevor Fair.

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
28 Mar	Bowral Bowling Club	Lee Kirkpatrick/Bee Hives	David McCosh
04 Apr	Kookabar	Interact team/Update	Will Eddowes
11 Apr	Bowral Bowling Club	Club Assembly	Trevor Fair
18 Apr	Annesley	Wobatised/Tanya Clancy	Pamela Brown

International Toast: Don Graham

The 21st March is Independence Day for the Republic of Namibia, independence being achieved on 21 March 1990. (AUD\$21,700) so a pretty good outcome for a small country with a small low-income population.

The economy is based largely on agriculture and on the production and export of diamonds (30% of the world supply), uranium oxide, and base metals - gold and natural gas are increasingly significant as is oil production however the issue is the cost of developing and accessing many of the resources.

The population is about 2.7 million, - one-sixth of native Namibians have adequate incomes and up to two-thirds live in poverty with limited access to public services.

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In recognition of the Clubs contribution to a struggling community and society please be upstanding and toast **President Rainer Ritter** and the Members of the **Rotary Club of Windhoek**.

Venue : Annesley.



Journalist : David McCosh

Sergeant Lynton called the meeting to order and welcomed **President Leigh**.

The acknowledgement of the Gundungurra People was given.



President Leigh welcomed **Mary Brell** and **Rob Uhl** our guest speakers, and partner guests **Rosemary Eddowes** and **Susan Law**.

The International Toast and Invocation were delivered by **Don Graham**.

Eddie, our host at Annesley welcomed us and announced a door prize under one of the plates. This was won by **Ian Law**.

Announcements:

Men's Health Caravan 20-21 April

Accommodation is required for the three night the team is in Bowral. Leigh asked anyone who could help to call him.

Leigh's reminder- next **Club Assembly** will be held on the 11th April. Please email Trevor with any points for discussion - in good time for inclusion.

Uniting Church Food Basket

A reminder that the basket is at the meeting every Tuesday – it was half-full tonight.

Rotary Adopt-a-Tree:

Woodlands Planting Saturday **25th Mar.**

Rotary Adopt a Tree Planting at Woodlands - Sunday



The property is less than 15 minutes from Mittagong.

Leigh will be on the corner of Wombeyan Caves Road/Old Hume Highway at 8.45am. Bring own lunch, hat, sunscreen and sturdy shoes. Holes are pre-dug for planting!

Can and Bottle collection

Ian Johnson has volunteered to receive Cans and returnable bottles to return for cash as a Club fundraiser.

Tuesday was "World Happiness Day."
Don't let it fade!.....

Science and Engineering

Ian Langford will have the roster with him at the next meeting. Check your calendars for 22/23 May. Rotarian partners who also volunteer come back year after year. It is a real Buzz!!

EH Holden Car Rally – Easter Weekend



EH Holden All State Run 2023

Allan Falvey still needs volunteers over the Easter weekend for the catering for the EH Holden Car Rally. We will be catering as follows:

1. Thursday 6th April, Dinner at Springs Resort Mittagong 5pm to 6pm,
2. Saturday 8th April, Breakfast at Glebe Park Bowral 6am to 8am, Sunday 9th April,
3. Breakfast at Pheasant Wood Raceway Marulan 6am to 8am
4. Monday 10th April, Breakfast at Springs Resort Mittagong 7am to 9am.

This is an excellent fund-raiser for the Club. Allan will have the roster at the next Club Tuesday meeting so for those who can, please come ready to participate.

Guest Speakers : Mary Brell with Rob Uhl.



Tony Glenn introduced Mary Brell with an overview of her enormous contributions to society as a professional educator and a leader of aid programs both within and outside Rotary that have been deservedly recognised with an OAM award. Rob Uhl needed no introduction as her considerable involvement in Rotary, - including RAWCS and other projects in our own Club, - are well known here.

Mary's presentation covered a decade and more of active engagement with multiple programs and projects in the mountainous countryside of Nepal. Starting in 2011, when the Wahroonga Rotary Club in Sydney asked her to develop and run a teacher-training program for a village it supported, she described how her Nepalese interpreter (Prakash) on this project asked her to bring her training program to his village Maidi, in the mountainous District of Dhading. This was the start of ten-year involvement with the village which included a 2022 RAWCS project, - the team of which included Rob Uhl.

The slide from her presentation, shown below, gives some idea of the contribution of the wide range of medical services, education, disaster relief, Australian group visits, fund and materials sourcing, that Mary has managed to deliver over the ten+ years since 2011.

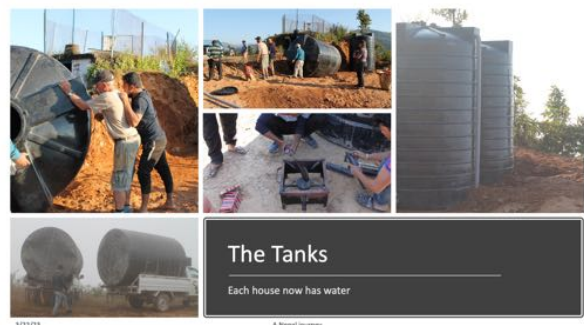
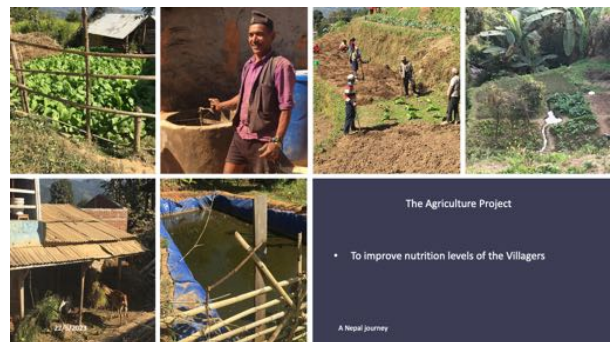
**VERY brief History
2011 - 2021**

- Teacher Training
- Mental Health Camps
- Dentists, Physios, Optometrists, Nurses
- Hygiene Kits
- Scholarships
- Tour groups, Rotary Groups
- Schoolies
- Builders post EQ
- Dream Cricket



- Note EQ = Earthquake

The depth and scope of the projects described by Mary were awesome. The best that this journalist can do for this bulletin is to leave you with a selection of the slides from the presentation.



Vote of thanks: Ian Langford delivered the vote of thanks noting that this is a fantastic example of Rotary in Action.

Raffle and Close : Rod won the raffle, the Joker still hides!

President Leigh closed the meeting with special thanks to Eddie for a great meal.