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Club Meetings:

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

If you are an apology please text or phone Denise Coad 0416009395 or email

denisecoad@bigpond.com by 5.00pm Friday before the Tuesday meeting. By default, it will be assumed that members are attending.

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
29 Aug	Bowral Bowling Club	Nurses Award	Ian Langford
5 Sept	Kookabar	Bruce Sutton, Member talk	Will Eddowes
12 Sept	Bowral Bowling Club	Peter Tyas (Retired dentist)	Tim Bowland

Journalist: Pam Brown

Venue: Bowral Bowling Club

We had a meal of Battered Fish & Chips with house salad and tartare sauce or Roast vegetable and ricotta filo with chips and house salad. Blueberry cheesecake or Citrus tart was for dessert.

Sergeant : Jim Gasson

Jim opened the meeting and welcomed the guests: Ray Coulton, Asher Aylett and his mother Vanessa, Aadi Ganesan and Eeshar Rajatopalar. He then welcomed our President Don.

Asher Aylett

Don welcomed all and introduced Asher our outgoing exchange student. He gave a brief talk on the events of next year when he will be going on the rotary youth exchange program to Japan. He thanked us for hosting



him and explained his training in Canberra about the do's and don'ts of this position. He is very excited and honoured to be participating in this. Hi mother Vanessa also thanked us and is looking to being part of rotary in the future.



Eeshar Rajatopalar

Eeshar a Rotarian and Rotaractor spoke to us about his Rotary and Rotaract experience where he has been very active. He and Aadi plan to pay us some return visits.

Internal Toast: Will Eddowes



22 August 1864 saw the adoption of the First Geneva Convention “for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded in Armies in the Field” and was signed by 12 nations. The Geneva Convention of 1906 reviewed and made

improvements to the first Geneva Convention, including protection for wounded or captured prisoners of war and protection for the medical personnel treating, evacuating and removing the dead and wounded.

Events in World War I proved that the amendments made in 1906 were not enough for humanitarian conduct in times of war, which led to the 1929 Geneva Convention to ensure a civilized treatment to the prisoners of war. Although Germany was one of the signatories of the Convention of 1929, it did not stop its fascist government from carrying out horrific acts on both on the civilian and military personnel during World War II. Thus the Geneva Conventions were expanded in 1949 to protect non-combatant civilians.

The Rotary Club of Geneva South was chartered on 8 June 1965 and President Francois Tissot oversees a membership of 85 – interestingly each of the Geneva Clubs has a membership in excess of 60 and each has a robust website.

Key projects include active involvement in the "Rise up Girls" project launched by the Geneva International Club, a project that offers training to young girls from rural areas in Morocco.

The Club also conducts the Rotarian Drivers of Classic Vehicles Challenge fundraiser which may interest Robbie Allen as it is next scheduled for 12 July 2024.

Please be upstanding and toast President Francois and the Members of the Rotary Club of Geneva South

Invocation: Pam Brown

Guest Speaker: Rod Aistrope
Fiji Trip:

2023 trip to Koroipita Village, Lautoka, Fiji

Our Team, Lynton Kettle, Construction Leader, Will Eddowes, Don



Graham and Robert de Jongh led by Rod Aistrope was away from Sunday 6th to 20th August staying at the Tanoa Waterfront Hotel in Lautoka on the north west corner of Viti Levu, Fiji.

Koroipita Village is a fully serviced suburb with proper roads, drainage, water supply, sewerage and electricity with 263 homes housing over 1100 people who would otherwise be homeless or living in the bush or in squatter settlements. It is a well run, safe place for people to raise their children with rules of residence including all children attending school, no roosters, paying rent and growing their own vegetables. It has a large community hall, factory units for cottage industries, kindergarten, shop and sports courts like any other town.

It was developed on leased land by our friend Peter Drysdale and the Rotary Club of Lautoka over the past 15 years with financial support from NZ Aid and great support, financial and physical from Rotary Clubs in Australia and New Zealand and other volunteers. This was our Club's fifth visit having built and maintained houses and other things and donated computers and other things in 2010, 2011, 2013 and 2018.

A fourth stage, K4 with another 105 homes is under construction and the first 20 of these was opened by the Minister for Housing, Mr Maciu Nalumisa last week.

At our meeting on Tuesday evening Rod and the Team, except for Robert who they gave to Fiji to keep (but is actually scuba diving on an outer island with Mara this week), described the project and the work that they did over 10½ days on site.

They had expected to be building one of the new houses but none were available so their first task was to partially demolish and repair a house damaged by a fire in its cook house. That took the first week with a new cook house with a new concrete floor built, damaged walls and roof structure replaced and re-roofed and painted out internally.

In the second week they poured a slab for a waiting area shelter for the medical centre, re-fitted doors to two of the factory units with parliament hinges to open outwards and demolished a garden structure and rebuilt a quality green house for use by the new residents of the new K4 houses.

The workers of Koroipita who built the new houses were enthusiastic supporters of the Team and did the roof work, banged a lot of nails and mixed concrete for the floors.

Out of work time the Team was constantly entertained by Robert drawing on his vast reservoir of dad and other jokes and really enjoyed each other's company, ate a variety of cuisines, took a cruise out to an island on the Sunday and a visit to a zip line park out of Lautoka and attended a small meeting of the RC Lautoka at the famous Northern Club which was the daily watering hole for rehydration purposes.

A selection of pictures of the activities of the Team follows.

A RAWCS Trip is recommended for all Rotarians.
Rod Aistrop.



Don thanked Rod for all his planning in organising the trip and the experience.

Announcements:

Ian Langford,

- The Club has been invited to staff the Bendooley St. gate at Corbett Gardens when the Food and Wine Festival is held in December.
The Festival will be on Friday 8th December (5pm to 9:30pm), Saturday 9th Dec. (11:00am to 9:30pm) and Sunday 10th December (11:00am to 11:00pm). The task will involve scanning prepaid tickets and issuing a plastic wine glass to each entrant (over 18yrs old) and should be a good fundraiser for us. The members at the meeting indicated by a show of hands that we should accept the offer and that there would be sufficient support at the time.
- The Raffle winner was Ray Coulton but no Joker drawn.
- Mary informed us that the roster for the Bowral Classic bike race on October 22

had only 3 positions left to fill and for consideration if we were able to fill these spots.

- Tony mentioned the Dream Cricket to be held on October 27 places were still open and for us to consider helping in this worthwhile event held from 9am – 2pm.
- Rosemary asked that next week which would be the Nurses Award Night that partners attend for the night.
- Ian Langford asked for a show of hands for support regarding the Food & Wine festival to be upcoming and held at Corbett Gardens currently planned for early December.
- Ian also announced that the Tulip Time Roster was now full and thanked us.
- Tim mentioned that the local business awards had been held and Samuel Gee pies won a Best Pie award and that First National Real Estate also won an award for most outstanding real estate agency in the Southern Highlands.
- Tim circulated some business cards for us to hand out when we are engaging someone in a conversation about Rotary. Tim emphasised that personal contact is the most powerful tool we have to increase membership of our Rotary club.
- Jim told a joke about an “Outstanding in Field Award” that was well received. He also shared with us “What a cashless society” would actually mean to us all.

The meeting closed after 8pm

Next Meeting 29th July at the Boawral Bowling club.



