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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong



District 9705, Chartered 26 March 1940.

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Club Meetings: Attendance & Apologies

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at **Highlands Golf Club**. (See below)

Contact: LEIGH ROBINSON of your attendance or apologies

Deadline is 5pm Friday. M: 0418 400 090 email: leigh@lrcoach.com.au

Please be considerate and respond. Unannounced members and guests may miss out on a meal.

Calendar

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist	Invocation & International Toast
27 July	Yass Golf Club	District Changeover		
29 July	Highlands Golf Club	Member Talk – Leigh Robinson	Ian Langford	Steve Escott
5 August	Highlands Golf Club		Barbara Humphries	
16-17 Aug	TBA	MHFA Youth Course		
28 Aug	Empire Cinema	Movie Night – Chariots of Fire		
5 Sept	Imperial Pizza Lunch	From 12 noon		
12 th Sept to 6 th Oct	Corbet Gardens	Tulip Time Festival		

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14 Oct	Highlands Golf Club	Rotary Hat Day	Ian Law	
19 Oct	Bowral	Bowral Cycle Classic		
21 Nov	Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse	Bong Bong Picnic Races		
2 Dec	Bowral Bowling Club	AGM	Leigh Robinson	

Rotary Meeting 22 July 2025

Journalist Trevor Fair

Sergeant Lynton welcomed all to our mid winter Assembly.

A warm welcome to our guest Theresa Leotta.

Invocation and Rotary Toast - Ian Law

Rotary Club of Singapore

The Rotary Club is in District 3310 and is the oldest club in Singapore. The projects include anti TB testing, a Holistic Kidney Health Centre, Artisan of the Year Award, Cricket Project for guest workers, and Food For The Elderly in rental Blocks. International projects include the construction of 7 eye hospitals, Nepal reconstruction, and in Nigeria limb replacements program. Funds come from Rotary Clubs, RI and the community.

The Club is 95 years old and has 175 members, 24% of members are women.

Would you please be upstanding and toast the Rotary Club of Singapore and its President Sonali Sinha.



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President Robbie

Welcome to our first Club Assembly of the year. We will be discussing the legal requirements (Constitution and bylaws) along with other topics.

Our new website is coming along. An event calendar as a recent addition. The site is nearly ready to go live.

Club Assembly

Project suggestions

- Twilight Tournaments - Leigh
- Walking Trails – Bob Miller
- Tennis Court at Boswell Park Mittagong
- Hat Day - 10 October
- Decals- Steve Hallis
- Bowral Classic BBQ Stall application and Food Business Notification - Bob Miller
- Club Constitution Leigh
- Club By-Laws Leigh

Leigh

Twilight Tournaments - the Council has been in discussion with Rotary and would like to get a program up and running. The Wollongong model was labour and financially heavy. The children had a maximum of 65 were fed before splitting into 3 groups for workshops. The topics covered many life skills education sports play.

The outcomes were phenomenal. As an example a young girl, after participating in the program was proud that she attended school, for the whole week. Others went to university based on the confidence gained from the program. Proposed venue is the PCYC and a BBQ for dinner.

Hat Day - 10th October is a Rotary fundraiser where attendees come to the meeting wearing a fun hat.

Bob Miller

Walking trails - recently have made the right contacts at WSC to enable to project to proceed. Next step is to meet with the Council to refine the details. This will create an opportunity to improve the walking trails.

Mt Gibraltar, Gibbergunyah, Boxvale & Mt Alexandra Track signage is either non existent or very deteriorated. Users of the tracks have raised the following issues, being the state of the track, the signage.

Signage means trail head signs where information includes difficulty, length etc. Additional signage would be incremental signs showing how far has been travelled or to the end.

Possible synergy with PCYC to assist with labour.

Katrina Luck, WSC is the key contact at the moment

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INTRODUCTION

With the health, safety and welfare of our community as a key driver, Rotary's vision is a development plan which embraces the potential for bushwalking and trail-based tourism connecting recreational areas in the Bowral Mittagong precinct.

Mount Alexandra Reserve itself covers an area of 2000 hectares bounded on the south by the urban areas of Mittagong, Welby and Willow Vale and extends north along the Nattai River Valley. Katoomba Lookout sits on Mount Alexandra and Nattai Gorge Lookout is at the end of the Boxvale Track.

The popularity of recreational walking and bush walking leads to a high demand for facilities to support these physical activities contributing to healthy lifestyles and the attraction of tourism to the natural beauty of the area.

BACKGROUND

Evidence exists that walking trails within the Mount Alexander Reserve have been allowed to deteriorate to a standard which does not meet the expectations of nature-based tourism to the area. Feedback provided by those visiting these trails, at times refers to poor track maintenance, but negative comment always refers to poor signage and absence of information impacting walkers confidence in their whereabouts. Signage does not meet AS 215 for walking trails or specify the five Grades of Walking Trails.

For some time, through consultation and on-ground site visits, the inconsistent, outdated and unreliable track signage has been identified by local community and visitors as a key issue on existing walking tracks. People compare the facilities at Moreton National Park at Bundanoon as a benchmark.

This includes trailhead signage providing information about the features expected along the trail, way making signage providing users with reassurance that they are following the correct alignment, direction signs directing users to and from the trailhead allowing users to choose between different routes, interpretation signs conveying educational material about natural or cultural features along the trail and management and warning signs advising users of risk or management policies

STRATEGY

To ensure that those Rotarians who show interest in being involved with the project, are familiar with the challenges presented by the task you will read the 90 Page report ' Wingecarribee Shire Recreational Walking Tracks Strategy 2020- and 45-page Appendix along with the WSC Volunteer Handbook and Volunteer Management Policy. There are currently 160 Bush Care and River Care volunteers assisting Council with planting 5,000 native plants over 30 remnant bushland reserves and riparian areas in the Highlands. We worked with a representative group at our Bundanoon BBQ earlier in the year.

We have been requested to join Council for a 'face to face' meeting including Katrina Luck and Michael Hamilton with Krischan Keller representing PCYC, all to gain and understanding of the expectations of the WSC with respect to the new standards adopted for Boxvale Track, Work on the northern extent of the trail has recently commenced in making walking safe through the removal of fallen trees, collapsed railway cutting walls and improved signage. We can anticipate the meeting will determine what standard is expected to be achieved following the remedial work is completed at Box Vale.

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TIMEFRAME & RESOURCES

A recommendation at this preliminary stage is that Rotary's project scope be restricted to supplying and installing signage for walking tracks on Mount Alexandra Reserve which included Box Vale Track. Commitment to improvements of trails outside this scope is likely to incur significant costs. This is based upon the figure contained in the 2020 consultant report as \$755k for Boxvale and \$298k for Mount Alexander. We seek a couple of members keen to try a little bushwalking to understand the work required and be willing to become part of a committee.

I am aware that Judy Hannan and her staff (Sandra Harlor) through their interest in eco-tourism in the northern extent of the Southern Highlands will be keen to provide some support to accessing some of the community building partnership grants. A rough estimate of the cost to Roary through meeting the commitment to signage alone is 75 poles at \$200 each equal \$15,000.



Steve Hallis

Decals is a one part of the broader strategy to reach out to the community. Tim Bowland did. Great job in getting the decals to the print stage.

The decals will be used as a conduit to assess businesses to be able to outline the roles and of Rotary.

Public Relations - all Rotary projects have a PR component and therefore there will be much cross pollination.

Steve Escott - Membership. possible areas for recruitment are the Men's Shed and the Botanical Gardens.

Leigh Robinson

Boswell Park Tennis Courts - it was suggested that it was a nice half day project to tidy up the court. The courts are at Mittagong Oval.

Club Constitution and Bylaws

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The changes (in red) are those proposed. The RI constitution has been adjusted to comply with local regulations as well as the RI document.

Comments Article 9 Club Membership - retirees are not listed. An alternate view is interest etc. Rotary is a vocational club and therefore the designation is relevant. Agreed to continue to use occupation/previous occupation.

19 August is the planned extraordinary meeting where the changes will be voted upon.

Bylaws

Bylaws can be changed at will and do not require the formality of the Constitution.

Edits included some typos.

Article 6 membership *will be* terminated to be changed to *may be* terminated.

Article 13 Corporate Membership - to date no comment has been received.

Comments

Is it possible to change or omit the membership dues and change to at discretion of the board?
Yes.

Bob Miller Bicycle Classic BBQ.

David Wood Playground opening day will not require a BBQ as it is now scheduled to be a low key afternoon event.

Bunnings BBQ MHERV due to scheduling of Tulip Time and available slots it does not seem possible with current commitments.

Ian langford

Rotary Downunder Magazine - members can either have it in hard or soft copy. Please see Ian Langford

Vocal Muster about 10 Rotarians attended the recent event at Robertson.

Raffle draw - Bob Miller Queen Clubs

Quiz with a difference

Ben Quilty was the first half however the chocolates belong to the second part of the quiz. Tim Scarrier was the answer.

Lynton Kettle

Food Bank please bring things along.

Park Run 8am Saturday morning followed by drinks at Paul and Theresa Leottas.

Following up on the recent talk by David Browning would like the Board to consider a major contribution to the Barbara May Foundation.

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Welfare

Tony Glenn is having major surgery on his neck at Liverpool Hospital Wednesday
Rod Aistrope has had skin cancer surgery

Sergeant Session

David Stranger as the only true local

Allan Falvey for lumber jacking

San tie wearers

Brian Pattinson for attempting to break into the wrong car.

NEXT WEEK – Highlands Golf Club

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ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL-MITTAGONG PRESENTS A COMMUNITY SCREENING OF



THURSDAY AUGUST 28

6:00 - 6:30PM

ALL TICKETS \$30

(includes light refreshments)

Available from Empire Cinema

Box-Office or Online



www.empirecinema.com.au



Birthdays

July Birthdays:

10 July - Mary Ramsay

31 July – Dom Williams

Aug Birthdays:

6 Aug - Ray Coulton

18 Aug – Ian Donges

23 Aug – Ian Cropper

25 Aug – Michael Lendrum

25 Aug – Beverley Coffee*

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Quote of the week

1. "Only the wisest and stupidest of men never change." – Confucius.

"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves." – Viktor Frankl.

2. "Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them; that only creates sorrow." – Lao Tzu.

Gallery

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
