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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

**Deadline is 5pm Friday.** T: 02 4861 6917 M: 0403 176 958 email: [trevorfair5@bigpond.com](mailto:trevorfair5@bigpond.com)

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
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Bowral Bowling Club	Asher Aylett My time in Japan	Denise Coad	Rosemary Kelly
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bowral Bowling Club		Will Eddowes	Lynton Kettle
6 <sup>th</sup> May		Fit 4 Life		
13 <sup>th</sup> May			Trevor Fair	Paul Leotta
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Annesley Bowral, Retirement Village.	Nurses Award Night <b>PARTNERS NIGHT</b>	Barbara Humphries	Leigh Robinson
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Imperial Hotel	Imperial Pizza Birthday Lunch from 12:00 Noon.	N/A	N/A
24 May	Wingecarribee Shire Council	Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA).	N/A	N/A
25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Mittagong RSL Club	Science & Engineering Challenge & Discovery Day	N/A	N/A
27 <sup>th</sup> May	NO MEETING			
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Bowral Bowling Club		Ian Langford	David Stranger
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Bowral Bowling Club		Denise Coad	Graham Castle
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Annesley Bowral, Retirement Village		Will Eddowes	Allan Falvey
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Bowral Bowling Club		Barbara Humphries	Steve Escott

1 July	TBA	Club Changeover	Trevor Fair	TBA
2-3 Aug	TBA	MHFA Youth Course	Leigh	
12 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Corbet Gardens	Tulip Time Festival		
29 Sept	Corbet Gardens	Food & Wine Festival		
19 Oct	Bowral	Bowral Cycle Classic		
21 Nov	Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse	Bong Bong Picnic Races		

**NB The journalist and International Toast Roster may have changed. Check for your name.**

**Venue:** Date: April 22,2025

Bowral Bowling Club

**Journalist:** Steve Escott

**Sergeant:** Lynton Kettle called the meeting to order and welcomed  
tonight's guest Matthew Neuhaus and spouse Angella.

Sergeant Kettle invited Steve Hallis to recite the Invocation and to propose the International Toast  
International Toast

Leeton rotary club in the Riverina area celebrating a birthday and the town was established in 1912, and  
designed by Walter Burley Griffen

Leeton is the Rice capital of Australia with the company Sunrise

And other crops including cotton, walnuts and grapes, plus wheat and citrus

**Invocation:** For good food, for good fellowship, for the privilege to serve, we give thanks.

The sergeant then invited President Bob Miller to the microphone.

Numbers down tonight

Excellent response with the local member for last week's meeting

Supporting youth and education

Range of debates for schools MUNA committee

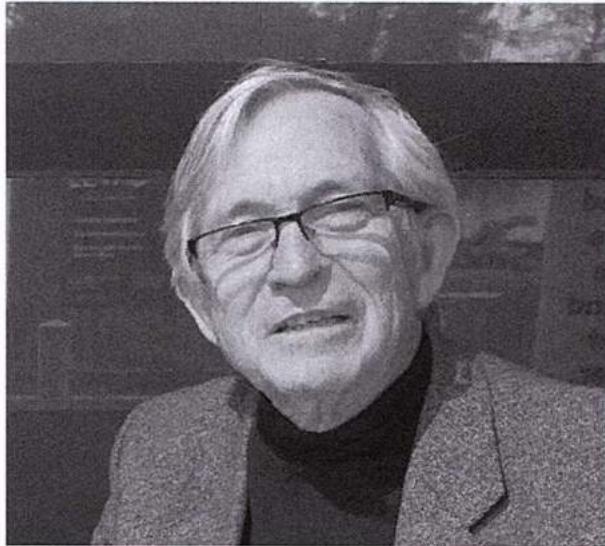
Science & Engineering challenge – 400 children

Fit 4 Life program require 2 volunteers for 2 hours

Tulip Times – 65k people through the gate last year with 246 shifts

Anzac day with rotary members represented

## **"A celebration of 50 years in Rotary"**



Dominic Williams, a dedicated member of the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong, has announced his retirement after an extraordinary 50 years of service. Throughout his tenure, Dominic has been a pillar of the Rotary community, embodying the organization's motto, "Service Above Self."

Dominic's journey with Rotary began in 1975, and over the past five decades, he has held numerous leadership positions within clubs at Forbes, Sydney Cove and now Bowral-Mittagong. Dominic was instrumental at setting up MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) when he was at Forbes club. He has taken MUNA teams to the USA, just recently Dominic passed his MUNA jacket onto Robert de Jongh who will carry on Dominic's passion for MUNA.

His commitment to service is evident in his active participation in FAIM trips to various parts of the world helping to make a better life for the underprivileged. Another notable achievement is that Dominic holds the world altitude record for gliding when he flew a glider to an altitude in excess of 30,000 feet. Dominic has recently written a book where he shared insights on the situation in Gaza.

Dominic's contributions extend beyond speaking engagements. He has been instrumental in mentoring new members, organizing community service projects, and fostering international goodwill through Rotary's various programs. His leadership and dedication have left an indelible mark on the club and the broader community.

As Dominic steps back from his official duties, the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong and the entire Rotary community express profound gratitude for his unwavering commitment and exemplary service. His legacy will continue to inspire current and future Rotarians to uphold the values of fellowship, integrity, and service.

Thank you, Dominic, for your remarkable 50 years of service. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and your presence will be deeply missed.

Enjoy the new chapter in your life with your wife Faye, and we will have you back to celebrate your 50 years Rotary life in the appropriate manner.

**Guest Speaker:** Ian Johnson introduced Matthew Neuhaus

#### **GUEST SPEAKER – MATHEW NEUHAUS**



Matthew Neuhaus has been Honorary Professor (International Law) at the Australian National University College of Law since November 2022.

He was **Australian Ambassador to the Netherlands** from August 2018 to October 2022, and Permanent Representative to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague. He represented Australia at the ICJ, ICC, PCA and other international legal bodies.

Mr Neuhaus has previously served as **Australian Ambassador to Zimbabwe** (2011-15) - accredited also to DRC, Zambia and Malawi - and **High Commissioner to Nigeria** (1997-2000) - accredited also to Ghana, Sierra Leone, The Gambia and Senegal. He has also held senior positions in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Prime Minister and Cabinet, covering Africa, the Middle East, the Pacific, UN and Multilateral Engagement, and international law. He was **Assistant Secretary for Africa**, then First Assistant Secretary for the Middle East and Africa from 2015-18.

Mr Neuhaus was Director of the Political Affairs Division of the **Commonwealth Secretariat** in London 2002-2008.

His previous postings with DFAT include Kenya (1983-1985), Papua New Guinea (1988-1989), UN New York (1991-94) where he represented Australia on the First and Sixth Committees, and was Vice Chair of the Sixth Committee in 1993-94.

Mr Neuhaus has a B.A. (Hons) LLB from the University of Sydney and a Master of Philosophy (International Relations) from the University of Cambridge. He attended Harvard University Kennedy School Leaders in Development Program in June 2006, and was a Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at Cambridge University in 2015.

He is President of the Royal Commonwealth Society ACT Branch, Chair of the Friends of St John, Council Member of the UN Association of Australia (ACT), and Member of the International Advisory Board of the Round Table Journal.

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Members found Mathew the most interesting due to the historic significance behind the scenes from having senior diplomatic postings.

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Tim Bowland gave vote of thanks

## **Chair and Board Announcements**

Board Member Reports and comments

Leigh Robinson confirms the need for members to read the Board minutes

**Raffle** Graham Castle

**Quiz** Ian – not conducted

**Fine session** Lynton

**Close 8.30pm**

**Next week guest speaker** Asher our Rotary Exchange Student

Speaking on experience in Japan over the  
past year

## Interact on Anzac Day

Robbie you do a great job with these young people, congratulations.



The Dawn service Mittagong.



Bong Bong Street Bowral

## Did you know!

The Four-Way Test (the Test) encourages us to consider four questions in relation to what we think, say, or do.

1. **Is it the truth?**
2. **Is it fair to all concerned?**
3. **Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**
4. **Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

The Test was developed in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor, who later served as President of Rotary International.

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## 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*

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**May Birthdays:** Rod Aistrop 3<sup>rd</sup> Will Eddowes 26<sup>th</sup>, Jim Gasson 22<sup>nd</sup>, Brian Pattinson 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Imperial Pizza Lunches:** 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 12 Noon

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## Rouges gallery





*The Easter Bunny, caught on web cam. He is real.*