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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 Sec. Trevor.

Next 4 Weeks	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
30 Aug	Bowral Bowling Club	Andy Butterfield and Josephine Bridge Climb	Tim Bowland
06 Sep	Kookabar	Laurence Mooney The funny side of being a comedian	Pamela Brown
13 Sep	Bowral Bowling Club	Anatoly Rosenfeld	Ian Langford
20 Sep	TBA	Peter Jennings -Life as a Missionary in the Phillipines under P. Marcos	Trevor Fair

Social evening. No International Toast

Venue: The Scottish Arms.

President's Post:



For nearly three years we have seen constant change. The COVID lockdowns caused immeasurable change to probably all of the world's population. It caused dislocation to the way in which the meetings of our Rotary Club were conducted. Rod and Will spent probably more than half of their terms as President in front of a computer screen and they did not even get a proper Changeover. I was lucky, I

started coming to the RCBM meetings in between lockdowns and I was able to meet most of you in those few weeks. Since the end of the last lockdown, I have been further fortunate to gradually better get to know the members and hopefully you have got to know me and how I operate. Some great person once said something like the only constant is change and we are again experiencing change in our local environment and in the way our Club is operating. Some previous programs that were halted due to COVID are being reinstated (such as the Food Basket) and some others (such as the School Breakfasts) are preparing to come back on-line. We have major projects such as Tulip Time, Bong Bong Races, the Bowral Classic and the Charity Dinner coming up. The next few months will be a busy time and I am sure that all of us will assist the Chairperson of each event as much as we can. I look forward to the enjoyment to be gained from the rest of this Rotary year and the opportunity to provide service to the community while enjoying the companionship of our fellow Rotarians.

Journalist Will Eddowes

Welcome:

No formal meeting was held, the meeting was a social at the Scottish Arms in East Bowral. Instead of the normal prepaid arrangement, everyone bought their own food and drink at the bar. Approximately 18 people attended including guests Ria McCosh and Mara De Jongh – impressive given the cold wet weather!

The fare at the Scottish Arms being well known to most of us, each chose their favourite. Rod enjoyed his pie once he had negotiated his way under the pastry, to Mara amusement!



Les was happy to contemplate his until the camera had moved away.



Bowral High School Interact Club:

- A report from Chris Sands, the teacher at Bowral High School overseeing the school's Interact Club was discussed and is worth printing here for the interest of those who have not read it.
- The club has an impressive group of students and Chris Sands also deserves credit for mentoring them to such a level of achievement.

- Members have filled Domestic Violence Bags (Escape Bags) which they will deliver to Pop In this week
- There has been fundraising for "Polished Man" (Men standing up for Domestic Violence – Replacing White Ribbon Day)

The Breakfast Club.

An application has been submitted to Clubs' NSW for a grant of \$6000 to run the Breakfast Club.

The teachers at the school have decided that anyone can come to Breakfast Club and be fed. Until the Grant money comes through, a gold coin donation is in order. The Interactors are running the Breakfast Club, buying the food etc and doing a good job. Rotarians are welcome. Currently breakfast is served only on Tuesdays. Anyone wishing to come into Breakfast Club will have to attend the Front Office to fill out forms and provide ID - (3 pieces, Drivers Licence, Medicare Card and a Bank Card) also a current Working with Children certificate is required.

- The Interact Club has around \$10,000 in their Bank Account! Consideration is being given to the donation of a Shelter Box.
- During the School holidays the club entertained students from St. Mary's College from California. The students were so impressed with the club's achievements that they donated \$1,000 to the club!
- The club has bought Strawberries and made strawberry jam for the CWA Tulip Festival Tea Room where they are also offering their services.
- *(They would like to borrow the Rotary BBQ for their PBS Day on Wednesday 21st September)*
- A Blue Finger Day was held at the school – Blue nail polish for a 50 cent donation.
- A Cake Stall was held at school on Friday 26 August.

The Wombat Mural has been completed on one of the Building Walls. (This was a project from 2020) Looking very bright and cheerful.

The school is looking very smart with a lot of new improvements outdoors, - seating grass etc

All the School Captains and Vice Captains for next year are Interactors. All but one of the Prefects are Interactors.

And here is some more great Youth achievement news coming out of Southern Highlands Rotary programs.

.....We should be proud of the opportunity we give students in our region to experience MUNA, and then go on and win the National MUNA in Canberra. Just read this report from Robert de Jongh!.....

You may recall that at the Southern Highlands Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) held in May this year, in the WSC Chambers, teams from Oxley College came first (representing India) and second (representing Saudi Arabia) while Southern Highlands Christian School (representing Germany) won the Peace Prize. Last weekend these teams attended the National MUNA at Old Parliament House, Canberra.

A total of 45 students in 16 teams competed in the National MUNA. These teams came from QLD, NSW, VIC and the Australian Capital Territory. All teams were very enthusiastic about the event and their participation.

The results of were:

1st India Oxley College, Burradoo, NSW

2nd Australia Balwyn High, North Balwyn VIC

3rd Ukraine Trinity Lutheran College, Ashmore, QLD

**Totenhofer Peace Trophy –
Sweden St Peter’s Anglican College, Broulee, NSW**

The Oxley College winning team representing India



Saudi Arabia (Oxley College Team 2) making a quiet point



Germany (passionate point)

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Final note:

An enjoyable evening, some left after eating, some lingered. It was cold outside but the snow had melted!

Editorial error in 16 August Bulletin

Dream Cricket is on the 28th October not 18th November as published