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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
1 July	Annesley Bowral, Retirement Village	Club Changeover	Trevor Fair	TBA
8 July	Bowral Bowling Club	Dr David Browning	Will Eddowes	Don Graham
15 July	Bowral Bowling Club		Catherine Laws	David Rees
18 July	Imperial Hotel	Birthday Pizza June/July		
27 July	Yass Golf Club	District Changeover	na	na
2-3 Aug	TBA	MHFA Youth Course	Leigh	
5 Sept	Imperial Hotel	Birthday Pizza Aug/Sept		
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		

## ROTARY MEETING TUESDAY June 24<sup>th</sup> 2025

### Meeting held at Annersley

Meeting commenced at 6.30 pm

**Acting Sargeant:** Alan Falvey

**Journalist:** Barbara Humphries

**Invocation:** Steve Escott

**International Toast:** Mount Hagen Papua New Guinea Rotary Club



Mount Hagen is the third largest city in PNG established as a patrol post in 1936 with a population now of approx. 46k and is the capital of the Western Highlands Province and located in the large fertile Wahgi Valley in central PNG at an elevation of 1677m

Industries include tea, coffee and timber

The Rotary Club of Mount Hagen founded in 1967 (District 8600) engages in various service initiatives including:-

- Youth Leadership Development – seminars and workshops
- Community Health Projects – develop community health clinics and education on hygiene and wellness with some outlying areas malaria, polio and leprosy still exists
- Water Access Projects – Improve access to clean water in local communities and provide infrastructure to support health and sanitation

I worked in PNG from 1970 to 1975 and the current president of the Rotary Club of Mount Hagen invited me to visit to see the changes in last 50 years and asked if we can become sister clubs which I mentioned I will take it up with Bob Miller.

For good food, for good fellowship, for the privilege to serve, we give thanks

Would you please be upstanding and toast with me the Rotary Club of Mount Hagen PNG

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Acting Sargeant commenced the meeting at 6.30 p.m. He welcomed the members and in particular Rosemary Eddowes, Mara de Jongh and Susan Law.

He gave a special welcome to our guest speaker Richard Lane from the Vocal Muster.

He wished Rob de Jongh a Happy Birthday.

This is the last night for Bob Miller as President.

He then called Bob to the microphone.

## President's Report:



1. Bob also gave a warm welcome to Richard Lane our guest speaker. Richard comes as an accomplished artist and has mentored some of the world's leading opera professionals and at the same time teaching at a number of institutions and schools.

2. Bob would like to thank everyone for making last weeks meeting a memorable event where we recognized the contribution made by 11 of our Rotary members. We had 9 members attend the night and we received a lovely email from Ken Adams our longest serving member.

3. We have received a surge in demand from New Zealand with their requirements for Shelter Bags exceeding all expectations prompting us to review our strategy on how to manage this increase. This will be sorted out in the next couple of weeks.

4. The latest from the Nurses Awards night where winner Lynn Wickenden from Bowral District Hospital announced that the \$2000 donation made by Rotary will go towards acquiring a Therapy Dog. Well Riley has arrived and with David his owner have started to bring smiles to the faces of patients and staff.

5. Our Mayor Jesse Fitzpatrick has agreed to take part in the promotion of the Shelter bags. He is on leave for the next two weeks and upon his return will be happy to do a video should we wish.

6. The dates have changed for the Mental Health First Aid Course from beginning of August to the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August. There are still spaces available. Contact Leigh Robinson for details.

7. Next week is the Club Change-over dinner which will be held at Annersley. Attendance includes members, partners and guests. Special guests will

be Erin Foley Deputy Mayor, Louise Edgecombe Chief of Staff for Judy Hannon Member for Wollondilly and Rob Uhl District Governor 9705.

8. Bob invited Leigh to comment on the huge interest from New Zealand re the distribution of the Shelter Bags. Thanks goes to Steve Hallis for his involvement with marketing. Leigh also thought that a direct shipment of bags to New Zealand would be the best way to go and he thanked everyone involved for their help.
9. Bob also asked Rosemary to give an update on the changeover dinner. The theme for the night is to wear some BLING. It is a partner's night and costs \$45 per head.



## DINNER SERVED

GUEST SPEAKER Richard Lane was introduced by Robbie Allen. Richard is the Founder and Creative Director of the Vocal Muster. Richard is a recognized and accomplished artist who has performed extensively in Australia including Opera in the Valley, Opera in the Vineyards and Wollongong Symphony Orchestra to name a few.

Welcome Richard.



A summary of Richard's talk is as follows:

Richard commenced his talk by saying he prefers to sing and not talk. He used to be a front row forward playing Rugby League and Rugby Union until one day he saw a team mate tackled and ended up a paraplegic. That changed his mind about playing and he turned to singing which he enjoyed doing.

He found a singing teacher and it was suggested to him to ring Opera Australia and try to find someone there to mentor him. After phoning 24 times he finally had his chance to show off his voice. He enjoyed singing

Vagner and Beethoven. He was mentored by some of the world's leading opera professionals. He was asked to go to Cardiff to study and was taught by Dame Kiri Te Kanawa who showed him the Pavarotti method. He also branched out into other performance genres and teaches at a number of musical institutions and schools.

One day Richard came across a young boy busking outside IGA Moss Vale and this was the start the charity he has begun by encouraging children to sing. After talking to the boy he realized that he had a natural talent but his family did not have the means to pursue this gift. He realized that whilst many young people are given the choice to participate in sporting activities, very few have the opportunity to follow their passion for music. This is how Vocal Muster came about.

Most of the students he teaches have disabilities. The Vocal Muster does not charge participants who are still at school but they do approach parents who can afford it to donate on a yearly basis.

The Vocal Muster has the assistance of many entertainment professionals, volunteers, the utilization of grants and tax deductible donations. They perform once a month. It has performed at Fairground Follies and The Venue Bowral. They don't get much help from the Government for their workshops and it was discussed at the meeting that maybe organisations like Rotary could help. A school holiday workshop costs approximately \$9000 and a grant is usually only \$5000.

They have had successful students over the last 8 years with 13 going to University.

Richard sang for us. He sang "I'll see you again" and asked everyone to join in. As well as classic music, he likes Heavy Metal and Country Music. Vocal Muster has helped 400 kids in the Highlands. They also sing on the first Sunday of the month at the Robinson Bowling club. He mentioned a special event at the Robinson Bowling Club on 23<sup>rd</sup> November and hope Rotary members will attend. For more information re performance dates please contact [richardlane@wvmuster.com.au](mailto:richardlane@wvmuster.com.au)

Richard led the members in singing Happy Birthday to Rob de Jong.



Ian Johnson thanked Richard for his inspiring talk and singing.



Raffle won by Susan Law.

Tim Tam Quiz by Leigh Robinson (What Musical am I – The Fiddler on the Roof)

A successful fines session was held by Alan Falvey Acting Sargeant.

President Bob closed the meeting around 8,10 pm

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## ***Birthdays***

**July Birthdays:** Mary Ramsay 10/7, Dominic Williams 31/7

**August Birthdays:** Beverly Coffey 25/8, Ian Donges 18/8, Ray Coulton 6/8, Michael Lendrum 25/8

## *Quote of the week*

- “Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?” — George Carlin

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## *Pun's of the week*

16. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
17. A backward poet writes inverse.
18. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
19. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
20. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.

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## *Rogues Gallery*







RILEY THE COMPANION DOG

*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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