



Report for May 24, 2022; Volume 83, No: 42 Rotary Club
of Bowral-Mittagong (Combined with Moss Vale)
District 9705 Charter Date 26 March 1940
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Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's theme for 2021-22,

Serve to change lives,

is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving other is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Future Events

May 31 - Southern Highlands Wines - Chestnut Night - Luciano – Partners Night

June 7 - Bowral Bowling Club - Jane Crowley - Dirty Janes

June 14 - The Hermitage – Alice Richards and Skye Leicester - Reframe and B.D.C.F

June 21 - Bowral Bowling Club - Vicki Kelley - Pop-In Update

June 28 - The Hermitage - Rotary Club Changeover - Partners and Guests

July 2 - Highlands Golf Club – District Changeover \$45pp

July 5 - Bowral Bowling Club

July 12 - Kookabar - Social Meeting

July 19 - Bowral Bowling Club

July 26 - The Hermitage

***** Confirm by Sunday for Tuesday Night**

Venue: Bowral Bowling Club

Journalist: Denise Coad

Program: Club Assembly

Sergeant Lynton:

Good Evening Members. Tonight is Club Assembly, and an opportunity for Members to take out their gripes to the President.

No Guests as it is Club Assembly.

President Will: He has big enough shoulders!!

(Izzy our Host tonight from the Bowral Bowling Club has put voting sheets on all tables for the Perfect Plate Awards "Schnitty" competition. If Members could vote on their Schnitzel meal please).

Invocation: Robert de Jongh

International Toast: Robbie Allen

On Thursday the people of **Georgia** will celebrate their independence from the Russian Empire in 1918. Unfortunately it was short lived and in 1922 the Red Army marched in and didn't leave until 1991.

Even then, in 2008 they set up an uprising in two provinces with a lot of Russian speakers and then intervened to keep the peace. If it sounds familiar it is exactly what they are doing in the east of Ukraine now.



The good thing is Georgia has qualified again for the Rugby World Cup Finals in France next year and Russia has not.

Georgia has a population of about 4 million and is bounded by the Black Sea to the west, Turkey, Armenia and Azerbaijan across the south and Russia to the north. The largest parts of its economy are mining and car manufacture.



In the south east is the fourth largest city, Rustavi which has 130 000 people.

The **Rotary Club of Rustavi International** was Chartered in 2016 and has 10 Members. It is in District 2452 with 89 other Clubs over a disparate group of countries including Armenia, Bahrain, Cypress, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Sudan and the UAE.



President Lengri Maghlapendze (*Mah - la - pen - dza*) leads the Club which has adopted World Mental Health Day in October as a major focus and since February has raised money in support of Ukraine.

In honour of the Independence Day of Georgia would you please be upstanding and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Rustavi International.

President Will:

Excellent Sausages at the Democratic BBQ.

Rod Aistrope:

Democratic BBQ was a great day – 300 Sausages. Australian Election



Commission got it wrong as there was also voting at Bowral Public School and Corbett Gardens.

Thanks to all who helped on the Day. Thanks also to Trevor Fair who got out of his sick bed with Covid to set up the Eftpos.

Cash \$659.15

Eftpos \$96.00

Donations \$58.05

Expenses (approx. \$300.00)

Left over Rolls went to Oz Harvest. There are also Chicken Schnitzels in the freezer if Members would like to purchase them.

Robert de Jongh:

MUNA next Saturday May 28. Gwenda Webb is doing the catering. Volunteers will have meals provided.

If other Members would like to come along for viewing they can purchase meals for \$10.00.

Bowral High School Breakfast Club with start again on May 31 on a Tuesday. Forms on all tables for Volunteers to complete.

Ian Langford:

Science and Engineering Challenge May 30 and 31. Some volunteers cannot make it.

256 Kids each day. Rod Aistrope is raising sponsorship.

President Will:

Wiring today at Pop-In for the Children’s Cabin.

Will, Ian Langford and Leigh went to Tulip Times planting. When Will was planting his bulbs he dug up some one else’s!!



Lorna is still at Council for the Tulip Times Festival, which has not been held for 3 years. She has indicated our Club will be manning the Gates.

BBQ at Marulan on June 19 – Breakfast and Lunch. It will be an opportunity to see if we will carry on with future projects.

We will also look at another First Responders Retreat in August.

Will sent in to the editor a photo of Eliza Ault Connell speaking (on election day). She is a Paralympian who survived meningococcal disease.



Mary Ramsay:

She saw Terry Mortensen at Kookabar, and he told her of his ongoing Cancer battles. Terry is a good friend, past Member since January 2001, and Past President of our Rotary Club.

Welfare – Rose Conley:

Frank Kelly is back in hospital with a Lung infection. Jo Chalmers has Covid. Wishing them both a speedy recovery.

Guest Speakers – Denise Coad:

We have the following Guest Speakers booked for June. Partners and Guests are always welcome to attend Club Meetings if there is a particular Guest Speaker they would like to hear talk.

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Club Assembly:

It was a good, robust Assembly with Members putting forward their thoughts, and “suggestions” for discussion.

The following were some items discussed at length:

Members who participate in Events should not be named. This has been raised before. Captains of the Events can be named, and the Captains can thank Members individually. We do not want Members who cannot participate in BBQ's etc. for various reasons not to think they are not contributing in serving the Community.

Members can come along to BBQ's and Fundraisers for fellowship.

Motion: Mary Ramsay

Accepted: Members at Meeting

Motion: Passed

We need to look at the image of our Rotary Club. We need to purchase an Eftpos Machine, and also a new Cash-Tin.

The allocation of funds into the General Account from Raffles, etc. to be reviewed.

President Will to discuss with Adam de Toth

Friends of Rotary – how do other Clubs operate?

The Club's Publicity Officer.

District Grants.

Sergeant Lynton – Fine Session

Both "Red Rousers" to pay for elections – Jim and Rod

Trevor Fair for vitamising celery for 9 days

Carsten for cycling straight past his Mates

Luciano for industrial accident on his finger

Teals from the elections in their Range Rovers and Jimmy Choo's

Denise having a death wish with the iPad

Rod bringing a chair to the BBQ and proceeding to sit in it

Birthday Pizza Lunch June 17 at the Imperial Hotel for May and June Birthdays.

May Birthdays:

Rod Aistrope 3/5

Jo Chalmers 16/5

Jim Gasson 22/5

Will Eddowes 26/5

Brian Pattinson 31/5

June Birthdays:

David McCosh 23/6

Robert de Jongh 24/6 **

Darryl Flegg 24/6

** Special Birthday

Raffle: No raffle this week

Meeting closed at 8.30pm



Next week's Meeting May 31 at Southern Highlands Winery – Partners Night – Chestnut Meeting

