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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
4 March	Bowral Bowling Club	Adam – Capernwray	Ian Langford	Tony Glenn
8 March	Bong Bong	Greyhound BBQ	N/A	N/A
11 March	Bowral Bowling Club	Lucy Hopgood Brown	David Patton	David Stranger
15-16 March	Annesley	Mental Health Training	NA	NA
18 March	Annesley		Will Eddowes	Steve Hallis
23 Mar	Bundanoon	WSC planting BBQ	N/A	N/A
25 March	Bowral Bowling Club		Denise Coad	Rosemary Kelly
1 April	Bowral Bowling Club	Mayor-Jesse Fitzpatrick	Trevor Fair	Allan Falvey
8 April	Bowral Bowling Club		Barbara Humphries	David Rees
15 April	Annesley	Judy Hannon MP Wollondilly	Ian Langford	Don Graham
24 May	WSC	Model United Nations	N/A	N/A
25-26-27 May	Mittagong RSL	S&E Challenge & Discovery Day	N/A	N/A
1 July	Annesley	Club Changeover		
Late Sept	Corbet Gardens	Tulip Times		

29 Sept	Corbet Gardens	Food & Wine Festival		
19 Oct	Bowral	Bowral Cycle Classic		
21 Nov	Bong Bong	Bong Bong Races		

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

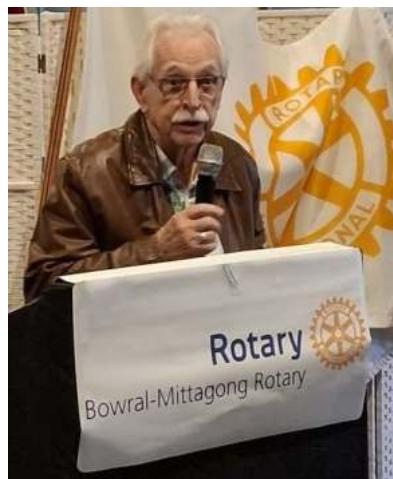
Meeting commenced at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at the Bowral Bowling Club.

**Sargeant:** Lynton Kettle

**Journalist:** Barbara Humphries

**Invocation and International Toast:** Leigh Robinson

**Slightly edited version of speech given by DG Rob Uhl to celebrate 120 years of Rotary**



### Celebrating 120 Years of Rotary and you

Yesterday, 23rd February we celebrated 120 years of Rotary—a milestone that reminds us of the remarkable power of service, fellowship, and leadership.

Today, we continue to celebrate the history of this incredible organisation and recognise the immense value each Rotary member brings to their community and the world.

In 1905, Paul Harris and three friends met in Chicago with a vision to form lasting friendships and serve their community. From that small meeting, Rotary has grown into a global force for good, with more than nearly 1.2 million members in over 36,000 clubs worldwide. Over the past 120 years, Rotary members have led initiatives that have changed lives, eradicating polio, bringing clean water to communities, promoting peace, and supporting education.

However, Rotary's success is not measured by numbers or achievements alone—it is measured by the people behind every act of service, by each of you.

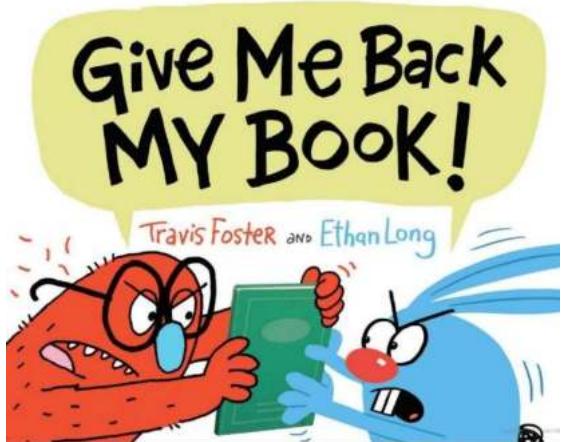
It's measured by the Rotarian who sees a need in their neighbourhood **and takes action**, the volunteer who spends countless hours raising funds for life-changing projects, the leader who inspires others to believe in the power of service, and the friend who simply listens and offers support when it's needed most.

Every Rotary member is a spark that ignites the flame of change. Together, these sparks form a bright and lasting beacon of hope in our world. Your commitment, kindness, and unwavering quest for a better tomorrow, embody the true spirit of Rotary.

As we celebrate 120 years, let's look ahead with fresh energy and purpose. There's still work to be done, communities to uplift, and lives to transform. With each of you by our side, we are unstoppable.

So, today, we honour the past, celebrate the present, and commit to the future. Let's continue living Rotary's motto: Service Above Self. The world needs Rotarians like you now more than ever.

I thank you for your dedication, your service and your commitment to making a difference.



**Leigh Lent "someone" who we will not name  
a book by former club member Leg Price.**

**Can "Someone" please return it to Leigh.  
Thanks**



**Sargeant Lynton** called the meeting to order and welcomed tonight's guest speaker Roma Dix from the National Braille Music Camp who is giving an insight into how the Camp works,

A special welcome to Rosemary Eddowes, Blake Macguire a guest of Rosemary Kelly and Honorary member Jim Gasson.

Bob Miller was invited to the microphone.

**Bob** also welcomed the guest speaker Roma and the other guests,

He thanked Leigh and Will for their assistance in tidying up the BBQ trailer and storage facilities in the shed.

**Bob and Rosemary** met with the Bowling club last week to discuss opportunities to improve function of the meeting. Hence the different table layout at this meeting. Future dinners will consist of a main course only costing \$25 per evening. Future funding for dinner events will be an item on next month's Board meeting. Raffle tickets will cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5 to make it easier for Graham to fold up tickets as there won't be as many.

**Bob** also reminded members to enrol in the Mental Health First Aid course at Annesley on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. There are currently 11 members who have registered. There is room for more members to attend. Contact Leigh.

Preparation is underway for the BBQ lunch for those attending the Adopt a Greyhound day at Bong Bong Race Course on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Waiting to hear whether Rotary will be accepted to conduct a BBQ at Bundanoon for the tree planting festival on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Thanks to Graham for carrying out an inspection to ensure safe and efficient access to the site.

A reminder to members about the Nepal festival to be held in Corbett Gardens this Saturday between 2 and 4 pm. Members should wear Rotary badges and shirts etc.

Date and location for MUNA has been confirmed for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May at WSC office in Moss Vale. Last week was the first committee meeting (reports sent to Tim). Rob de jonge has drawn some talent for the judging panel.

Finally Bob said he received an email from Rafaelle Frisna from NSW Police Youth Command seeking our interest in partnering with them in a "fit for life" program targeting high school age students and utilizing the facilities at Bowral HS. Details have been sent to Robbie.

**Leigh** was then invited to the microphone to give an update about future-proofing our club. Results from the forum are being collated and will be circulated to members. He said he was disappointed that no one suggested a project that they are willing to take on.

Luciano expressed disappointment about Yuna being returned home. Robbie gave an explanation about this matter. The final decision was made at District level.

#### BREAK FOR DINNER



**Guest Speaker Roma Dix** was introduced by Will Eddowes. Roma used to teach Music at Frensham (now retired) and was widely involved in this area for decades for inspiring students and adults with music. She is one of the founders of the Southern Highlands Symphony Orchestra. Since 1986 she has been running the Braille Music Camp,



Summary of Roma's heartwarming talk:

Louis Braille invented the reading and writing system used by visually impaired people which was named after him. Photo of Braille attached.

She briefly explained Braille which consists of 6 dots

giving 64 combinations of letters. Braille books were handed out to members to view. Every blind person learns literary braille.

Blind music students are known to have perfect pitch, Every child learns the piano.

The student choir sing together 3 times a day.

Two blind teachers from Melbourne go to Frensham each year for camp which is held in July. Students come from all over Australia. The Camp organisers aim is to keep fees as low as possible. Roma explained how camp works and in the week they stay at the Camp they are taught independent life skills. Past students are now helping to run the camps.

Roma handed around an instrument which shows how braille works. Computers are used today.

Cost of these camps is high to run as there are airfares and boarding fees.

Future fundraising activity is a concert at St Jude's church on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Staff involved in concert and camp are all volunteers.

On 4<sup>th</sup> July campers put on a wonderful concert. Rosemary Kelly talked about her experience at one of these.

Roma also handed out a book for members to view called "Read, Sing and Play""

Tony Glenn was then invited to thank Roma for her compassion, passion and energy.

#### Final Reports:

**Tim** talked about handing out the Rotary brochures and cards which were available on the tables.

**Shelter Bags:** There has been a lot of local interest in purchasing them including Bowral HS.

**Louis** mentioned Brigadoon at Bundanoon where help may be required. Further details to follow.

**QUIZ** was presented by Barbara and was won by Rod Aistrophe (Jimmy Barnes)

**Mary Crammond** won raffle (can't remember what card was drawn but is wasn't the joker)

#### FINES

Rod, Will, Ian Langford, Don, Trevor and Roma

## CROSS FINES

Rod



Bob and members are sending prayers to Louis for his wife Robyn who is unwell.

Bob closed the meeting approx. 8.15 pm.

## ***Birthdays***

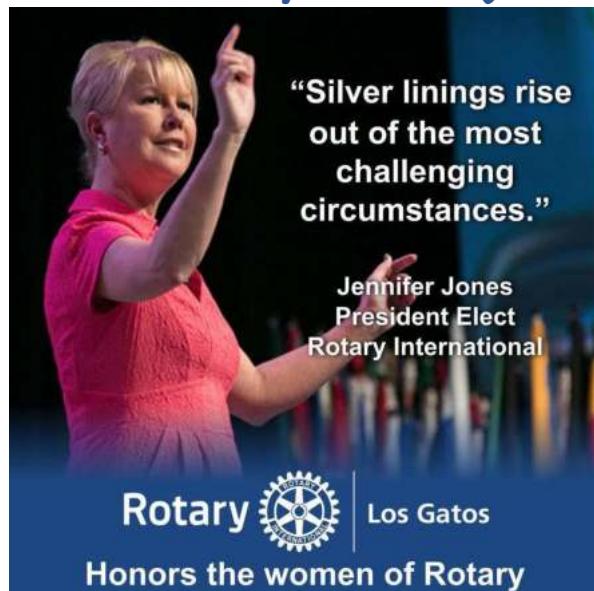
FEBRUARY: Denise Coad 9<sup>th</sup>, Allan Falvey 10<sup>th</sup>, Graham Castle 11<sup>th</sup>, John Hoelle 24<sup>th</sup>, Steven Hallis 27<sup>th</sup>.

MARCH: Tony Glenn 1<sup>st</sup>, Vanessa Aylett 9<sup>th</sup>, Luciano 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bruce Sutton 24<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Rouges Gallery***

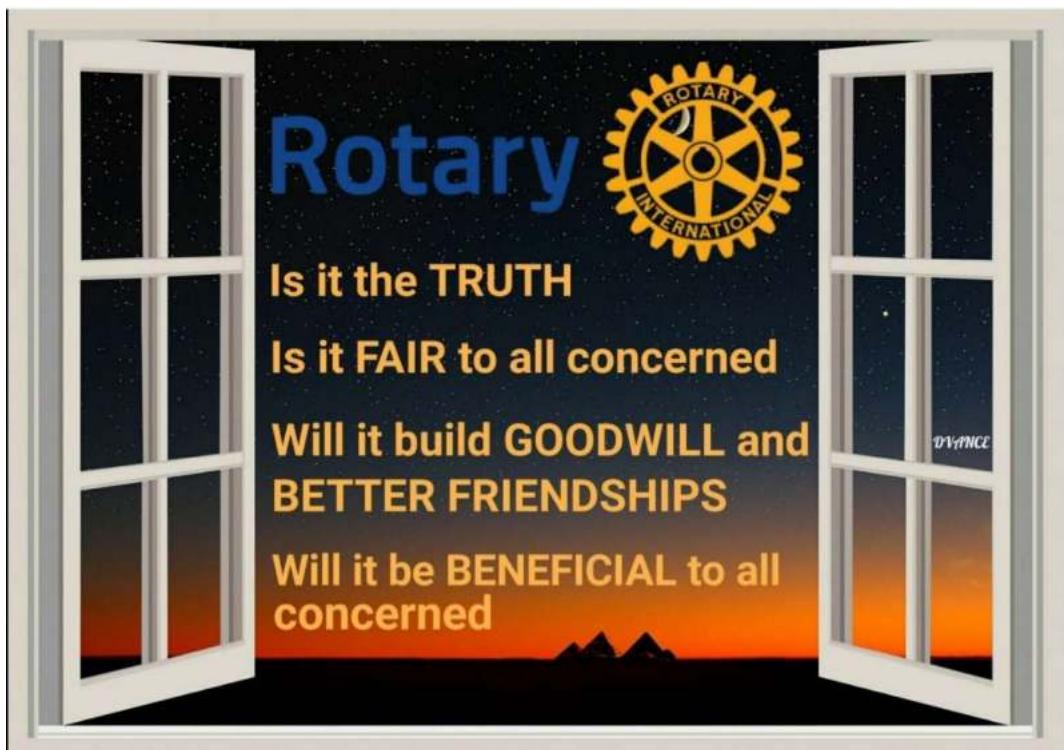


## ***Quote of the week***



## The 4 Way Test

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do is a test used by Rotarians world-wide as a moral code for personal and business relationships. The test can be applied to almost any aspect of life.



*Can you help out here?*



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**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*