



Bowral-Mittagong
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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
01 Nov	Kookabar	Ian Law / The Environment	Trevor Fair
08 Nov	Bowral Bowling Club	Member Stories	David McCosh
15 Nov	Annesley	TBA	Tim Bowland
22 Nov	Bowral Bowling Club	Doug Taylor/The Smith Family	TBA



Journalist: Ian Langford

Venue: Bowral Bowling Club

Sergeant Lynton Kettle called the meeting to order and welcomed Luciano's guests Jeffery Mann and Sadie, Rotarian Ian Donges from Rotary Club of Cowra, Barbara Humphries and all members present. He then introduced and welcomed **President Leigh Robinson**.

President Leigh acknowledged the Gundungurra People, the traditional owners of this land where we meet and to pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and future

President Leigh then invited **Robert de Jongh** to give the International Toast followed by the Invocation

International Toast

Yesterday was **World Polio Day** which celebrates the global effort to eradicate polio and the devastating effects which it had on individuals, their families, and nations until Rotary and the World Health Organisation combined to establish Polio Plus in 1985.

Early in 1979 Rotary International Director and later RI President, Clem Renouf of the Rotary Club of Nambour in Queensland was inspired by the eradication of smallpox from the world and looked for another crippling disease which Rotary might target.

Polio was chosen and later in 1979 at the start of a national pilot program James Bonner, President of Rotary International, gave the first vaccine drops in Makati, the business district of Manila in the Philippines. The program was successful, and Polio Plus was established.

Since then, the Rotary Foundation has raised 2.16 billion US dollars and in recent years has been supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation with 2 for 1 matching grants, which now amount to 4.22 billion US dollars.

The success of the program has been proven with now only Pakistan and Afghanistan having 22 new cases between them. Unfortunately, this year Mozambique has had 7 new cases after years of being clear.

In recognition of World Polio Day and the efforts of so many Rotarians over the years in fund raising through to vaccination delivery would you please raise your glasses and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Makati.

That demonstrates how easily resurgence can occur and shows the need to continue blanket vaccinations in new generations until the disease is finally eradicated.

Governments, businesses, philanthropic organisations and individuals now contribute in much greater amounts - the total funds raised for Polio Plus, End Polio Now and the Global Polio Initiative now exceeds 18 billion US dollars.

The **Rotary Club of Makati** was the Club which ran that first mass immunisation day in Manila.

It was Chartered in District 3830 in 1966 and has 132 Members now led by **President Michael Escalar**.



The Club is at present busy providing relief supplies to people affected by Typhoon Karding which struck the Philippines in September.

Club Assembly Items:

1. Club BBQs

Jim Gasson:

Jim spoke about his recent experience helping his wife Kath at a Bunnings barbecue run by the local VIEW Club. (VIEW is a leading women's national volunteer organisation). He was struck by the differences between the VIEW barbecue and the usual Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong barbecues. The Bunnings set up is prescribed in a very simple way and Jim likened the whole operation as based on the KISS (Keep It Simple Stupid) principle.

Bunnings give detailed instructions on purchases to be bought with quantities and suppliers. They specify the staffing numbers and shift times. Bunnings provide a chalk board with set prices displayed and which organisation is benefitting from the sales. They provide a popup tent, a clean barbecue with gas and a convenient position near the entry. VIEW supplied assorted sauces, drinks, serviettes etc. and Bunnings provided an EFTPOS device.



At the end of the session the wastage was 12 cooked snags and after selling unsold drinks to the Men's Shed the profit was \$1,555 and equated to \$51.60 per volunteer hour. Jim felt that this return was way better than we achieve and he remembers Gerry Kroon used to try and maximise return per hour. He felt we often have unspecified roster requirements for the barbecues and we should have what he called "Positive Rosters" similar to the recent Bowral Classic and Tulip Time Festival rosters. Jim questioned whether we have too many choices and asks whether we need to simplify.

As a footnote Jim related that VIEW Club's membership is aging like most service clubs and so they have moved their meeting from the evening to during the day.

Tony Glenn:

Tony also had much to say about our Club's barbecues. Whilst seeing the simplicity that Jim Gasson described with the Bunnings spoon fed VIEW barbecue, Tony pointed out how a lot of our barbecues have major differences. Often the main one was not knowing how many customers an event is likely to produce and especially if it's weather dependent.

The main problem with our barbecues is we keep reinventing the wheel. Tony explained how Gerry Kroon and Ray Williams had prepared plans and procedures for running our Rotary barbecues, but we aren't using them. We need a proper structure of a team with a leader with sufficient numbers and better communication. We are an aging membership and not as strong as we used to be so having enough volunteers is essential if we are to avoid injury. We need to look after each other.



A meeting of all concerned is needed well beforehand to include those involved in the set up, the organising equipment etc. from the shed, the purchasing of supplies, managing stock, the clean up and

pack up requirements. Once again a “Positive Roster” as described by Jim Gasson earlier that covers all the needs and not just asking for a bunch of volunteers and then trying to do the job with too few bodies. If there is an organiser then that person needs to be free to cover all aspects and not be locked into one of the duties such as cooking for example. He gave Mary running Bowral Classic marshalling and Ian running Tulip Time Festival gates as examples which need to be used with the barbecues.

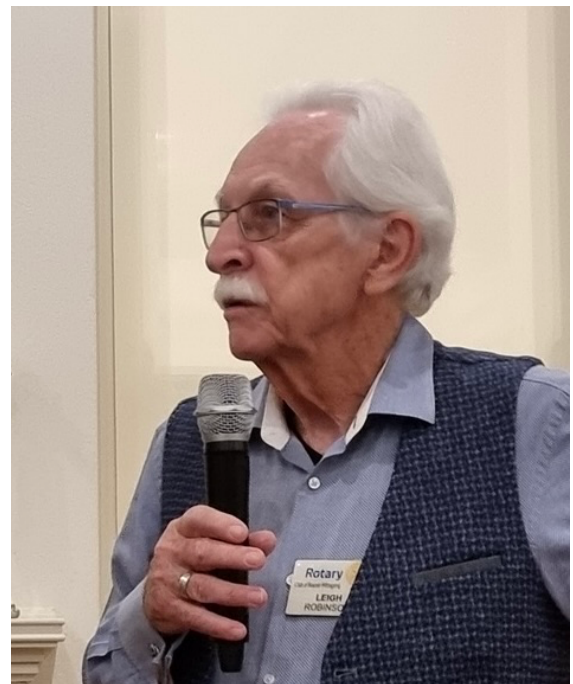
There was a general discussion from the floor on aspects of our barbecues. Tony kindly offered to organise next year’s Bowral Classic barbecue.

Rod Aistrophe reported that the BBQ at this year’s Bowral Classic took \$3,800 and he equated this to \$30/volunteer hour. *(Journalist isn’t sure whether that’s revenue or profit).*

2. District 9705 Conference in Wagga Wagga

President Leigh

After the main course President Leigh reported upon some items picked up at the recent District 9705 Conference in Wagga Wagga. **The Men’s Health caravan** will be back again but only in Bowral next time. **World Polio Day 2022** was yesterday, and world leaders are optimistic that the disease will be beaten. Leigh promoted the **“Sunflower Seeds for Ukraine”** project, an initiative of the **Rotary Club of Coolamon**, and passed around a promotional box of seeds for donations. He also encouraged members to be involved in the Rotary Foundation Centurion scheme. **ShelterBox** is moving its focus from tents towards tarpaulins and tools. These are often more useful for patching up damaged homes, roofs etc. after extreme weather events. A box is still \$1,000. Leigh has a box of old Rotary shirts (inherited from Brian Ritson) which he would like members to purchase so his garage has more room. The **Rotary Club of Moss Vale** is running a raffle for **Can Assist**.



3. Movie Premiere – “The Lost King”

Mary Ramsay:

Mary reported that The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong has been offered a movie night on Thursday 1st December at 6:00 for 6:30pm with the film “The Lost King”.

This film will go on general release on Boxing Day worldwide, but we have the opportunity to fundraise with this preview showing of the film.

Tickets are \$28.00 and include light refreshment.

Mary circulated a listing for members to indicate how many tickets they hope to sell, and she requested that they be sold for cash only.

Tickets will also be available from the Cinema Box Office. She will bring tickets to the next meeting.



4. Flood Assistance

Ian Law:

Ian described how during a recent trip with Susan driving up to their farm at Peak Hill they saw so much devastation of farmland and impacted crops from the floods and heavy rain. They could see one farm on slightly higher ground with a fantastic crop of canola but the neighbouring farm's crop was totally ruined. There were communities they passed through which appeared to have lost everything

Ian thought there was probably a need and we should do something and suggested that he should investigate and come back to the Club with suggestions in a few weeks.

Ian Langford reminded members of the work done with the Rotary Club of Lake Cargelligo in 2008 and 2009 helping farmers with their fences destroyed in floods.

Don Graham also reminded us of the fencing work carried out after the 2019 fires with BlazeAid. Don recommended BlazeAid as a great organisation to use to help those affected. Ian Law will investigate.



2008 Lake Cargelligo after the Flood. Wally Chad, Ray Coulton, David Clegg, Imbi Chad with grateful farmers



**2021
BlazeAid -
after the Fires
←
Carolina
Volunteer
Volunteer
....Chris**

**and a fresh,
early morning
Don ->**



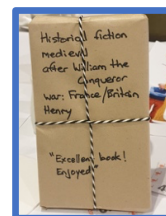
5. Dinner and Dance

Rosemary Kelly: Rosemary requested that donations to the Dinner Dance up market Hamper be given to her within the next two weeks. She needs to see how good the products are before she can set the raffle ticket price.

Denise Coad: Denise asked members that when they go out to a restaurant, they ask the restaurant if it's willing to offer a meal voucher that can be used at the dinner dance silent auction.

6. Shelterbox Fundraising

Leigh Robinson: Leigh showed members a book wrapped in brown paper with a very short description that could be purchased for \$5 towards ShelterBox. This idea was promoted at the District Conference where second hand books can be used as a fundraiser. You don't know what the book is unless you buy it!



7. Science and Engineering Challenge Award

Rod Aistrope:

Rod informed members that **"The Science and Engineering Challenge"** has been awarded the United Nations Day Honour for 2022. This award is in recognition of the program's longstanding efforts to advance inclusive and accessible STEM education and engagement in Australia, and alignment with the principles of science-based sustainable development, as defined by the UN.

The Commonwealth of Australia was a founding member of the United Nations and remains an active participant in the UN today. As the pre-eminent institution promoting the objectives of the UN in Australia, the purpose of UNAA (United Nations Association of Australia) is to inform, inspire and engage Australians to create a safer, fairer, more sustainable world.



The prestigious UN Day Honour was established to recognise an individual or organisation in Australia that has made a significant contribution to the work and purpose of the UN. 2022 has been designated by the United Nations as the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (IYBSSD2022). UNAA NSW believes that, as a community-focused, partnership-based, interdisciplinary initiative designed to "inspire more young people to make a difference in the world", The Science and Engineering Challenge exemplifies the spirit and ambitions of both IYBSSD2022 and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Previous recipients of the prestigious UNAA United Nations Day Honour are:

- 2017 Australian Red Cross
- 2018 The Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG
- 2019 Reconciliation Australia
- 2020 Sam Mostyn
- 2021 Landcare Australia
- 2022 Science and Engineering Challenge

The Science and Engineering Challenge Team at the University of Newcastle offers its most sincere thank-you to every single person who has contributed to the program over the years. This includes Regional Chairs, Local Organisers, Event Staff, sponsors and all other supporters of our mission. Without your strong support, our program would not be where it is today. We look forward to working with you again for our 2023 events

Raffle

Sadie drew the raffle, and the winning ticket was won by Mary Ramsay. She then donated her prize bottle of Prosecco to Jim Gasson.

Sergeant Lynton Kettle: Fines were issued thick and fast including ,

- Don Graham for hitting a roo and causing \$5k damage to his car,
- Rod Aistrope for losing his badge,
- David Rees for not getting old at 70 but ageing (dis)gracefully.
- All the bean counters were fined for the budget released tonight,
- Jim Gasson for referring to “the old chooks”
- All the Poms for the No10 Tory PM fiasco.



- Ian Donges from the Rotary Club of Cowra as the old APEX club network seemed to spread to contacts in our club.
- Don Graham had a cross fine on Brian Ritson (in his absence) for once selling him a great looking T-shirt but when he got home and unwrapped it he found it said “Charlie’s Concreting” on the back!
- Trevor Fair and Jim Gasson wanted to speak early as they had to get away early, but there they were still present to the bitter end.

President Leigh closed the meeting and reminded us that next week we meet at the Kookabar Café.