



Report for Apr 26, 2022; Volume 83, No: 38 Rotary Club

of Bowral-Mittagong (Combined with Moss Vale)

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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**

April 29 - April Birthdays Pizza Lunch - Imperial Hotel

May 3 – Kookabar Café, Bowral

May 10 - Bowral Bowling Club - Appreciation Night - 12 Guests incl. Samuel Gees, RSL, Woolworths, Rocket Boy Pizza, Cubbins, Kennards

May 17 - TBC

May 24 - Bowral Bowling Club - Club Assembly

May 31 - Southern Highlands Wines - Chestnut Night - Luciano

June 7 - Bowral Bowling Club - - Guest Speaker to be confirmed

June 14 - The Hermitage - Guest Speaker to be confirmed

June 21 - Bowral Bowling Club - - Guest Speaker to be confirmed

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

(If Members could please check their June Venues as Denise had to change a couple of dates)

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

**Venue:** Bowral Bowling Club

**Journalist:** Denise Coad

**Program:** Rotary Trivia – Leigh Robinson and Denise Coad

**Sergeant Lynton:**

Opened the Meeting and welcomed Robyn Liberale and Eric Conley - Eric being dragged from Moss Vale Rotary.

**Welcome:**

**President Will** welcomed Members. He was happy to see Members slowly coming to his table – all welcome anyway!!

**Invocation:** Gwenda Webb

**International Toast:** Rod Aistrope

By now we are all aware of the new prominence that the **Solomon Islands** is having on considerations of the future security of Australia and the Pacific and the influence it is having on our current Federal election campaign.

The Prime Minister, Manasseh Sogavare has driven the signing of a security and trade agreement with China over the wishes of everyone else in the area, including the USA and us.

Mr Sogavare was elected to the Solomons Parliament 1997 and became Prime Minister in 2000 when the previous PM was taken prisoner and forced to resign. He won the confidence of the House with 23 - 21 vote but 6 Members who were against him were missing from the sitting.

He has been PM 3 times since, twice by election and once again by a no-confidence motion.

He apparently doesn't like Australia, especially the presence of our soldiers and police when in 2003 RAMSI restored and kept the peace but never-the-less called on us to again restore peace a few months back.



So maybe the timing of the new China treaty was cunningly timed by both China and Sogavare to cause mischief during our elections. Who knows?

The 655 000 people of the Solomons on the other hand are really very nice. We have previously sent a RAWCS team of 6 to the southern island of Santa Cruz where we helped build 3 houses for personnel doing malaria research in 2012.

Malaria work continues and the **Rotary Club of Honiara** has been in the RAMS project distributing netting and insecticide and taking part in the education program to reduce the incidence of malaria among the people.



*Market in Honiara - Pinterest*

The Club was Chartered in 1987 and is in the newly combined District 9620 which includes south east Queensland, Papua New Guinea and Nauru.

**President David Kwan** leads 24 Members who are also active in distribution of family assistance to villagers especially at Christmas time.

**In the hope that our Pacific brothers and sisters including those in the Solomon Islands will continue to look to Australia for support and assistance when needed would you please raise you glasses and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Honiara.**

Luciano commented on the good work our Club did there.



**President Will:**

Looking for volunteers for the Marulan Race Track on Saturday and Sunday May 7-8.

Will, Brian, and Leigh Robinson have already volunteered. Ian Langford, Robert de Jongh, Bruce Sutton, Luciano Liberale and Rod Aistrop also put their hands up.

As this is Mothers Day a lot of Members preferred to be with Family.

Will said it was important that this was supported because of the EH Holden Rally next year, ANY volunteers for the Saturday and or Sunday would be appreciated.

Roert, Leigh, Brian, Will, and Louie also worked in the Shed last Saturday. Ian Johnson also turned up, and it was great to see him.



*Brian in hospitality mode as always*



*Rob trimming off some tree branches*



*Will in overload as per the sign*



*Luciano cleaning up Robert's mess 😊*



*Great clean up job gentlemen!*

**Ian Langford:**

If Members could put more details on their bank deposits please:

“Your Name and Date of Meeting”

**Welfare – Rose Conley:**

Faye Christie is home, and her health is improving.

David Rees is getting his Father into a care facility in Camden, he is much happier to be geographically closer to his son David..

Ian Johnson is happy to start “mingling” again with Rotary.

**Denise Coad:**

Updated Members with Venues and Guest Speakers. Please refer to Tulip Times for all the details. Keep in mind our Rotary Changeover for Members, Partners and Guests on June 28 at The Hermitage.

**President Will:**

The Wendy Lotter Aboriginal Walk will be on Saturday May 14 at 10.00am. More details to follow.

**Rod Aistrop:**

Will look into our “Democratic” BBQ on May 21.

**Rod Aistrop: Fiji Project Trip**

RAWCS notes at end of Bulletin...

**Leigh Robinson:**

Updated Members on the Rotary Foundation Dinner on November 19.

Pip Courtney from Landline is the Guest Speaker.

**Rotary Trivia:**

There were 27 Questions in a Powerpoint presentation by Leigh. It was a good learning opportunity for all Members, especially new Members. Denise did the scoring.

There were 3 Teams “competing” – Top Table, Trevor’s Brains Trust and Gormless. The winning Table was Gormless, but as the scores were so close chocolates were put on all tables.

**Raffle:** Won by Robbie Allen

**Carolina** – Encouraged members to come and see *The Appleton Ladies Potato Race*, the play currently running at Robertson Arts School and Moss Vale Services Club in May. Carolina stars as the Syrian Refugee in this comedy based on a true event held every year including this weekend at Robertson. Flyers on next page...the author Melanie Tait will be attending opening night 29<sup>th</sup> April...pictured below.

Remember Birthday Pizzas  
at Imperial – Friday 29 April

**April Birthdays:**

Don Graham 9/4

Vicki Kelley 13/4

Brian Elliott 18/4

**May Birthdays:**

Rod Aistrop 3/5

Jo Chalmers 16/5

Jim Gasson 22/5

Will Eddowes 26/5

Brian Pattinson 31/5





**Book tickets through HTG  
(Highlands Theatre Group)**

**THE  
APPLETON LADIES'  
POTATO RACE**

by Melanie Tait  
Directed by Nicole Freeman



- **Fridays - 7pm Show**
- **Saturdays - 2pm and 7pm shows**
- **Sundays 2pm show**

**Only Running 29 April - 14 May**



Stage Director Nicole Freeman, (back left); cast and author Melanie Tait (front,centre)

*Some cast members have performed in local productions of **Ladies in Black** / **Anne of Green Gables***



# SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS EXPRESS The Appleton Ladies' Potato Race



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WEDNESDAY APRIL 20 - TUESDAY APRIL 26

## One week until the Robertson Potato Festival

one week until the anticipated annual Robertson Potato Organisers have a special feature

weekend of music, games, food and potato goodness. The weekends (April 20-21) will be soundtracked by some of the Highlands' most popular

and well-known local musicians, including Kapittel's Party, Ella's Holiday, Nick Rheinberger Trio and many more.

Fashion-forward designers can have their chance to compete in the 'Blessians on the Field' parade and award, where designers are tasked

with creating a unique piece of haute couture made from 100 per cent biomass. **CONTINUED PAGE 12**

Southern Highlands Express supporting our production and the Robertson Potato Festival

## **POSSIBLE RAWCS TRIP TO KOROIPITA VILLAGE, FIJI**

We have been looking for an opportunity to send a Team away to get back into the building game again. The possibility of a project on Cape York Peninsula was considered but the logistics, cost and limited interest has seen that one lapse.

Koroipita Village near Lautoka in Fiji is a model town built on leased cane fields by a Member of RC Lautoka, Peter Drysdale now is home to 263 families with over a thousand residents. These families would have been homeless struggling to survive living rough in the bush or on rubbish dumps but for Koroipita where they live normal lives in comfort and safety.

RC Bowral-Mittagong has sent 4 Teams dating back to 2012 to build and upgrade houses and the two weeks away are very rewarding, a lot of fun and a great bonding experience for Club Members.

The fourth stage of the development is just starting and will deliver another 105 homes over the next couple of years.

The Volunteer Field Manual is attached to this Tulip Times as a general guide to the project and expectations of Team Members.

We have been allocated 2 weeks in October if we want them.

To avoid affecting our Tulip Time man power commitments it is proposed that we leave on Sunday 2nd and return on Saturday 15th October, 2022.

Since RAWCS is not sending teams under their auspices yet even though DFAT Smart Traveller highlights no limitations at this time final details and confirmations will take some time yet.

So at this stage I am seeking expressions of serious interest from Members and Friends of Rotary in being part of a Team of 6 to 10. The preference for Team spots will be for Members of RC Bowral-Mittagong.

Practical building capabilities and general fitness are preferred qualities although other skills and experience which might be useful to the Village community could be put to good use.

If you are interested please email me by the end of next week, Friday 6th May.

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[Encl. Volunteer Field Manual 2022 – attached as extra item to TT Bulletin Email](#)