



Report for Jan 26, 2022; Volume 83, No: 25 Rotary Club  
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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**

February 1 - The Hermitage - Guest Speaker - Wendy Lotter - Aboriginal Bush Walk Tours - Platypus Dreamin' - Wendy will bring along Bush Medicine for looking and smelling

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Men's Health Clinic at Mittagong Information Centre – Volunteers' Reminder

February 4<sup>th</sup> – Men's Health Clinic at Bowral Pool Carpark – Volunteers' Reminder

February 8 - The Hermitage – Tina McPherson (Still holds the ODI Bowling Record 1973 at Lords)

February 15 - Club Assembly

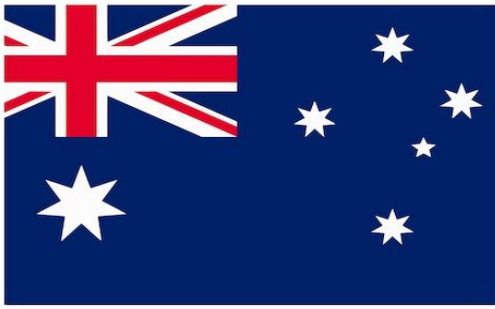
March 8 – International Women's Day Breakfast at Gibraltar Country Club, Bowral @7am

**Please Note: Apologise by Friday noon, attendance is the default position**

**Venue:** Brian Ritson and his dog's home, Colo Vale

**Journalist:** Ian Langford

**Welcome:** This week's meeting was held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January, Australia Day for a barbecue lunch at the home of Brian Ritson in Colo Vale.



The weather was pleasant with patches of sun and Brian's garden looked immaculate with its manicured lawn.

Members socialised with each other while enjoying their drinks and sampling the tasty cheeses, various dips, nuts and grapes displayed in a beautiful glass platter.



Here is Gary with Jo, Rose, Stephanie, Barbara, Lynton and possibly Eric hidden behind Barbara....

*Editor comment: This beautiful glass platter was given to Ian Langford after many years' service at Pilkington glass, one of the factories being in Springs, South Africa, where I grew up...it's a small world!*



The usual suspects: David, Will and Les



*Brian at the BBQ with Denise chatting to several guests like Janetta, Ria, Mara and her sister Frances, and that is me drinking water...between wine glasses of course!*

Meanwhile chief barbecue chef, Brian, cooked the steaks, snags, chicken schnitzel and onions while the salads were arranged ready for everyone to help themselves and take their meals to the tables and chairs that Brian had arranged in the shade on the lawn.

Once all were seated, President Will Eddowes welcomed all the members, their partners and their friends including visiting Rotarian Rob Uhl, President of the Rotary E-Club of Brindabella. I'm afraid there were too many visitors for me to capture all their names so I'll resist naming any in case I miss someone.

*Editor Note: Alphabetical attempt to remember all guests...Barbara, Eric, Frances, Gary, Janetta, Mara, Ria, Rob, Rose, Stephanie and Val.*

President Will warned us that we would be singing the National Anthem after the main course and it was to be led by Rose Conley.



Will thanked Brian Ritson on behalf of the club for all the hard work he had done to prepare his home for this event which was endorsed with loud acclaim from all present.



There were no other notices or business items raised and everyone tucked in to their Ozzie Day barbecue.



Before the desserts the National Anthem was sung with a reminder from Rose Conley that the word “young” had been replaced with “one” as in ...one and free. However I expect Sergeant Lynton will be storing up a fine for Rose as she then went and sang “young and free”!



Desserts were then served and included traditional Lamingtons as well as fresh fruit and a selection of yummy sweets.



All present then enjoyed the garden, the sun and each other's company before drifting off home late in the afternoon.



*Editor: A personal thank you to Brian for opening my bottle of wine otherwise I would have been on water all day!!!*



*Don't worry the flag was hung correctly from where we were eating ☺*

Thank you Brian and thank you Rotary.



Please add the below event to your diaries and contact Rob to arrange tickets:

This International Women's Day event has been organised by the following four Rotary Clubs:

- Rotary E-Club of Brindabella
- Rotary Club of Bowral/Mittagong
- Rotary Club of Moss Vale
- Rotary Club of Berrima District

# SAVE THE DATE

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS' DAY

**TUESDAY**

**8**

**MARCH**

**2022**

**ROTARY DISTRICT 9705 EVENT**

**GUEST SPEAKER MARK BALLA**

**THE TOILET WARRIOR**

*"Breaking the Bias"*

Join us in the Southern Highlands for breakfast to celebrate women around the world.

Keynote Speaker at this function will be Mark Balla – known as The Toilet Warrior.

Tickets can be purchased from Eventbrite or Contact Rob on the details below

**Location: Gibraltar Country Club, Bowral**

**Time: 7 am**

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