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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

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
29 Nov	Corbet Plaza Bowral	Domestic Violence Rally 11am to 1pm	Leigh Robinson	
3 Dec	Bowral Bowling Club	Domonic Williams - GAZA	Denise Coad	Ian Donges
10 Dec	Bowral Bowling Club	TBA	Steve Escott	David McCosh
17 Dec	Annesley	Christmas Party		
26 Jan	The Donges	Australia Day Celebration	NA	NA
Feb		Mental Health Training	NA	NA

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

LOST RED FOOD CONTAINER

Last seen at Bong Bong on the 21ST November 2024.



Please contact Don Graham if you know of its whereabouts. Don is anxious to get it back.

ROTARY MEETING TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26

Meeting commenced at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 26th November 2026 at the Bowral Bowling Club.

Sargeant: Lynton Kettle

Invocation and International Toast: Robert de Jonge.

Journalist: Barbara Humphries

Sargeant Lynton called the meeting to order and welcomed tonight's guest speakers – ANTONETTE SAMPSON from Angels in our Town and LEIGH ROBINSON Rotary member who is giving a presentation on Rotary Foundation. And Dennis Coysh (prospective new member)

A special welcome to Sue Miller and Luciano's guest Chiana who is on a working visa

Bob Miller was invited to the microphone. Bob thanked member volunteers for last week's Bong Bong Races meeting. Work included the set-up of the carpark area, BBQ tent and working in both these areas on race day.

Bob also reflected on the previous meeting (12th November) when Peter Morris and Sandra Hiscock from Hospice who gave an enlightening presentation on what they provide for the Southern Highlands community in their time of need.

He also mentioned the cheque donation that Rotary has made to the Hilltop playground damage for repairs This generous donation was acknowledged by local media.

An email has been sent out to our Directors for the provision of a BBQ meal for 300 scouts returning from the Australian Scouts Jamboree in Queensland (12th Jan 25)

Can Assist update: Bob said that Julianne Alan donated a quilt which was raffled by Rob Uhl at the recent Rotary Conference. The raffle made \$700 and with Bill Gate's contribution the total came to \$2100. This donation went to the Polio Plus Program.

Bob then asked Rosemary for a Christmas Gift raffle update. Rosemary would like gifts or money so she can shop for gifts, Rosemary wont be at the next meeting on the 3rd so bring in your gifts on the 10th.

Bob also reminded members about assisting Moss Vale Rotary Club for their Car Swap function this weekend at the Moss Vale showground. There are 3 BBQ shifts per day from 6 am to 10 am, 10 am to 2pm and 2pm to 6pm both days. If we can assist, this would be helpful for us in the future.

Finally Bob thanked everyone for their responses to the venue email he recently sent out. These responses will be discussed at the next Board meeting.



Rob de Jonge gave the Invocation and International Toast.

The political divide between Ukraine and Russia runs deep. In 2018 Western and Ukrainian officials raised alarm about a Russian military build-up near Ukraine, where Russian-backed separatists had been fighting Ukraine's Western-allied forces since 2014. The Russian moves brought concern regarding a Russian invasion of Ukraine. A claim which was rejected at the time by Moscow. As we all know now, that rejection was false and Russia is again waging a war against Ukraine.

Today is Holodomor Memorial Day. Holodomor translates from Ukrainian as 'death by hunger'. It refers to a man-made famine perpetrated by the Stalinist Communist Party of the USSR in 1932 and 1933 which caused the starvation of more than 7,000,000 men, women and children in Ukraine.

This occurred as a consequence of the resistance of the Ukrainian Nation to Russian occupation and subsequent forced collectivisation of agricultural production.

Traditionally, on this day Ukrainians attend memorial services, put up symbolic vessels of grain and light candles in memory of the victims of the Holodomor.

This event has been recognised worldwide as probably the worst ever example of ethnic cleansing, eclipsing even the Jewish Holocaust, although most people have never even heard of this tragic event.

In 1985, John Howard , who was then leader of the opposition, unveiled a monument to the victims of the Holodomor of 1932-1933 in Ukraine near the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canberra.



The Rotary Club of Kyiv Community is one of 76 Rotary clubs in District 2232 which covers all clubs in Ukraine. It is a new club having been chartered on 30 January 2024. The Club is led by President Oleksandr Kulinchenko and has 25 members.

Would you please be upstanding and raise a toast in support of Ukraine, the Rotary Club of Kyiv Community and its President Oleksandr Kulinchenko.

After dinner, Ian Donges held his quiz which was won by Robbie.

The raffle was drawn by Antoinette and won by Chiana.

BONG BONG RACES WRAP UP

Don Graham who was organizing the car parking thanked the volunteers who helped set up and carparking on the day.

Will Eddowes was happy with the success of the BBQ. He thanked Rosemary who helped to organize the BBQ. It was a happy workplace and there were no complaints re the prices. Leftover food was donated to the Uniting Church. Heather the outgoing Bong Bong President said the "Bong Bong event went well and was incident free.

A very successful onsite Rotary meeting was held the night before the race meeting. There was plenty of delicious food provided by members and Trevor added some entertainment by organizing egg and spoon races which members happily took part in. There were plenty of Tim Tams to share around after this,

GUEST SPEAKERS SUMMARY



Bob introduced the first guest speaker: Antoinette Sampson from Angels in our Town Committee.

A summary of her presentation is as follows:

The reason there wont be a street parade this year is due to the unexpected severe thunderstorms last year resulting in some volunteers from Wollongong getting stuck in floods on the way here. It was a very scary experience and there is a need for future marches to have certain workplace measures in place in case this ever happens again. She said that the Rotaract students were disappointed but the Angels committee have decided to have a march bi-annually.

This year's events will include an ANGELS IN OUT TOWN CONCERT on Sunday 8th December 2024 5pm at the Mittagong RSL This is free but will be a ticketed event (see attached flyer)

A play called ANGIE'S DREAM which will be performed at local primary schools, The theme of the play is about kindness.

An Art Exhibition to be held at Centennial Winery on 6th December 2024

A ball to be held on 21st June next year, the theme being "Baby its cold outside"

Robbie Allen thanked Antoinette.



Join us on **Sunday, 8 December 2024 at 5pm**, doors open at 4pm, for the Angels In Our Town Thank You Concert.

This special event is dedicated to honouring the generous individuals, businesses, first responders and volunteers who have supported and uplifted our community throughout the year.

Enjoy an unforgettable evening of live music, entertainment, and connection as we come together to reflect on the impact of kindness and unity.

The concert will feature talented performers, family-friendly activities, and moments of appreciation to recognise those who embody the spirit of generosity.

Featuring

- Cadence Collective / Sounds of Wonder
- The performers of THSPA
- Song Weavers Choir
- Trumpeter Mike Hammond
- Special guest performances

Be part of this uplifting event that celebrates the power of community and the difference we can make when we come together.

This is a free and ticketed event
BOOK NOW



MILLENNIUM





Bob then introduced Leigh Robinson who gave a presentation on Rotary Foundation.

Main points of interest are:

Rotary own this charity. It is an effective and well-managed charitable organization.

It has achieved a 4 star rating from Charity Watch Navigator. An A+ rating from Charity Watch On behalf of Rotary Club members who do good in the world.

Rotary's main goals are to improve education quality, help Rotary Club Districts to work together to perform meaningful sustainable services.

Sustainable projects are clean water, making medicines available and improving education.

Some examples of projects being done are eradication of polio, improving sanitization in Papua New Guinea, supplying food to Guatemala, training farmers in Taiwan, disease prevention etc

There are 7 main areas of focus:

- Literacy,
- Sanitation,
- Safe water
- Management of water resources
- Identifying long term funding
- Expanding water systems
- Implement rainwater harvesting systems

Other goals are disease prevention and treatment, eradication of polio, vaccinations, training in health education, access and education to contraception, promotion of good nutrition, eliminate HIV transmission, supply birthing kits, economic development including mobile banking, providing equipment to co-operatives, environment protection which includes tree planting. Conflict resolution, peace building. Donating books and equipment to schools in 3rd world countries

There are TFE Australia based projects like Purple House (kidney disease) There are district and global grants. Working with clubs in other countries, Direct donations eg Centurian donations and creating an endowment in your will. Donations to the Rotary Foundation for the Paul Harris Fellowship awards for individual service.

Bob Miller thanked Leigh for his presentation on what the Foundation does.

Fine session,

A short fine session was conducted by Lynton. A stand-out one was to Rod Aystrop on his 25th anniversary of being a member of Bowral Rotary.

CLOSING REMARKS

Tim reminding members to complete the FUTUREPROOF survey [CLICK HERE](#)

Trevor asked members to consider taking on a committee role by next week's AGM

MEETING CONCLUDED APPROX 8,15 PM

Birthdays

DECEMBER: Rose Conley 25/12; Barbara Humphries 19/12; Paul Leotta 19/12; Leigh Robinson 7/12.

JANUARY: Des Rudolph 10/1; Brian Ritson 5/1.

Gallery



Youth Report

Asher Aylett



Doing some volunteering to support the Rotary effort at the Kid's Power Festival in Sakai city! We supported the Red Cross Foundation's act in helping the local community thrive.

Quote of the week

"We all need people who will give us feedback. That's how we improve"

Funnies

It would be funny if...
we had to have a ballot for the positions of
President and
President Elect.