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**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

Bowral-Mittagong
Rotary
District 9705
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Don Graham

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Trevor Fair - Secretary
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RI President:

Gordon R McNally

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 text Trevor Fair.

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
04 Jul	Bowral Bowling Club	** Club Assembly **	Trevor Fair
11 Jul	Kookabar	Member Talk	TBA

Journalist: Tim Bowland

Venue: Annesley

Sergeant Allan Falvey introduced Pres Leigh.
who acknowledged the Gundungurra People and
introduced guests:

Past District Governor Brian Pattinson and his wife
Liz, Pascal Timores his wife Karina and daughter
Chloe, DGE Rob Uhl, AGE Haseena Tweddle, Mary
Crammond

Apologies: DG Geraldine Rurenga, DGE Andrea
Grosvenor, DGN Robert Shore, AG Adam de Toth,
Judy Hannan MP, Viv May WSC.

International Toast: Tim Bowland.

Distinguished guests, my fellow Rotarians, friends of
Rotary.

I congratulate you all on being a part of the
Worldwide Fellowship of Rotary International.
A wise old Past District Governor once said, "We
tend to think of Rotary International as being 'over
there' and 'important', but Rotary International only
exists to support the Rotary Clubs and without the
Clubs, it is of no use."

So I see a Toast to Rotary International as a Toast
that includes all the Clubs in the world and thus all
of us as Rotarians, and our friends and supporters,
because we could achieve little without them.

I am proud to be a part of Rotary International and
to be an Australian and I ask you all to stand and
join me in drinking a toast to Rotary International
and Australia. **To Rotary International and Australia**

The Response to the International toast was given
by Brian Pattinson OAM.

Rotary International's 2023/2024 Theme

President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally has revealed his 2023-24 presidential theme, *Create Hope in the World*,

"The goal is to restore hope — to help the world heal from destructive conflicts
and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves."

Learn more about the theme:

Create Hope in the World at <https://on.rotary.org/3ZpeUma>



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Pres Leigh inducted new member **Graham Castle** making the club membership 41. Graham gave a response.



Pres Leigh presented a Vocational Award to **Pascal from Kookabar** in recognition of what he does for our Rotary Club and the community.



Pres Leigh then asked Brian Pattinson to present the “Rotarian of the year”, won by Ian Langford, - a clear winner!

Ian Johnson presented the “Service Recognition Awards” to Brian Pattinson OAM for more than 50 years of service.. Brian was district Governor 1996-1997. A full history of Brian’s achievements can be found on page 18 of the 2022-23 Annual report. Brian thanked his wife for her support and the work she has done for Rotary.



Club Report

Pres Leigh gave his report for the year 2022-23.

This Rotary year has proven to be more fortunate than previous years, there has not been a COVID lockdown. The removal of lockdown conditions simplified the role of the President as all meetings were able to be held face-to-face. I acknowledge the difficulties that my preceding Presidents were subjected to in being unable to meet with members in person and to hold normal community events. Except for 3 weather cancelled functions, all other planned outdoors events were able to be held unhindered. The coming year promises to be one where ALL events are expected to proceed unhindered.

As a long serving Rotary Club, members have a right to be proud of the service longevity of Bowral-Mittagong Rotarians. Currently there are three members with more than 40 years of service (Rod Aistrophe, Dominic Williams & Brian Pattinson). There are two Honorary members with similar lengths of service (Ken Adams & Neil Mulveney) and a further four current members having served very close to 40 years (Tony Glenn, Lynton Kettle, Jim Gasson & Darryl Flegg). Each of these Rotarians are typical of the high standard of service provided to local, regional and international communities. Special mention is made of the length and intensity of service of Brian Pattinson who has served Rotary and numerous communities, local, national and international, for more than 50 years.

The Club’s appreciation extends to the venues that have supported our dinner meetings throughout the year: Kookabar Café, Bowral Bowling Club, Annesley Café and The Hermitage. Each of these venues have provided excellent meals and service, sometimes under duress due to unexpected increase in attendees.

During this Rotary Year fundraising was able to proceed virtually unhindered and enabled us to make cash donations in excess of \$57,000 including support given locally. Flood relief donations were made through the Rotary Clubs of Windsor and Parkes and through ShelterBox for Turkiye. Local assistance included the purchase of a new freezer for the kitchen at the Bowral Uniting Church and an insulin pump for a critical diabetes sufferer from Berrima. During the year, our volunteers provided nearly 2,000 hours in

community service plus well in excess of 500 hours of preparation and follow up hours for at least 32 community events and fundraising activities. If converted to real dollars this equates to a further contribution in the order of \$87,500 to our community. Further detail on each of our activities are included in the following Committee Chair reports.

There were 2 Club Assemblies held during the year. These assemblies are an opportunity for members to voice their opinion on how the Club is run and operates. Members discussed issues ranging from venues to how the Invocation is presented. A Certified copy of the Original Club Charter was obtained through the local RI office and is now available for presentation at all Club meetings.

The Rotary Foundation was well supported, and the Club received a Level 1 Certificate for donations to the Foundation.

I have heartily enjoyed this term as President and express my deepest thanks for the advice and support of the Board and of the Club members throughout the year. Without such support any President is not able to effectively manage their role.

The job of being the wife or partner of a Rotary President is so important in supporting the President. As such I heartily thank my wife Stephanie, for her continuing support and love. Pres Leigh asked Brian Pattinson to change over the Rotary Banner to the new one for 23-24. CREATING HOPE IN THE WORLD.

Pres Leigh handed over to Don Graham. And wished a successful year.



In Rotary we are at a point where we are moving from a year of Imagining Rotary to a year of creating Hope in the World. Don, the role that you have accepted can be a demanding but rewarding one. You have the opportunity to further extend the support that has been historically delivered by the Club to the needs of the Highlands Community and of those less fortunate in other parts of Australia and of the world. You will be leading a strong Club that can and does achieve prodigious things in these support areas.

As you receive the Club Collar as recognition of your installation as President, I wish you and your Board a happy and successful year.

May I present to you Don Graham, President of the Rotary Club of Bowral Mittagong.



Don responded by telling us how he was elected in his absence. But he is very happy to take on the role because of the quality of the membership. Don congratulated Leigh for his efforts during the year. Leigh will be the new Foundation Chairman.

Don thanked Leigh and his board and introduced his new executive and board with some humour.

The new Board, and a few pics around meeting...



The meeting closed around 9pm.