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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 |
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| 3 rd June | Robbie’s home | Poetry Night bring plate food/finger food | Ian Langford | Alan Falvey |
| 10 th June | Bowral Bowling Club | TBA | Denise Coad | Graham Castle |
| 17 th June | Annesley Bowral, Retirement Village | 35 Year Service Award | Will Eddowes | David Stranger |
| 24 th June | Bowral Bowling Club | Richard Lane Vocal Muster | Barbara Humphries | Steve Escott |
| 1 July | TBA | Club Changeover | Trevor Fair | TBA |
| 8 July | Bowral Bowling Club | Dr David Browning | | |
| 27 July | Yass Golf Club | District Changeover | na | na |
| 2-3 Aug | TBA | MHFA Youth Course | Leigh | |
| 12 th to 30 th Sept | Corbet Gardens | Tulip Time Festival | | |
| 29 Sept | Corbet Gardens | Food & Wine Festival | | |
| 19 Oct | Bowral | Bowral Cycle Classic | | |
| 21 Nov | Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse | Bong Bong Picnic Races | | |

ROTARY MEETING TUESDAY May 27, 2025 (no meeting)

No meeting this week so just a review of some of the things that have been happening since the last meeting, and what are they?

Some notable birthdays, two of our biggest activities MUNA and the Science & Engineering Challenge and Discovery Day. A huge effort by the teams.

Birthdays

May Birthdays:.. We had some big ones. Congratulations Will on your 80th and Jim your 87th



June Birthdays: Jeff Mann 7th , David McCosh 23rd, Robert de Jongh 24th, Mary Crammond 26th.

The week that was.



Model United Nations held at Wingecarribee Council.
It was one of the best ever held.



Science & Engineering Challenge and Discovery Day.
Held over two days at the Mittagong RSL

Quote of the week



Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Directly echoes the philosophy of Rotary, of selfless giving and service above self.

Rouges Gallery

David's Alter Ego can be seen below.

As submitted by DG Rob Uhl



The FOUR-WAY TEST

The Four-Way Test provides a simple but powerful set of questions that serves as a moral compass in personal and professional realms, the first question asking, "is it the TRUTH?"

Imagine if we all took a pause before spreading news or sharing information, verifying if it is true as it claims to be. This question alone could revolutionise how we interact and understand the world around us.

Then comes "is it FAIR to all concerned?", fairness being the pillar of justice, pushing us to consider the impact of our decisions upon everyone involved.

Next up "will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?" nudging us to think about fostering positive relationships and creating goodwill in our actions.

And finally, "will it be BENEFICIAL to ALL CONCERNED?" challenging us to assess the long-term consequences of our actions, making us mindful of creating genuine, lasting benefits for everyone involved.

The beauty of the Four-Way Test lies in its adaptability and not about blindly following rules, rather using these questions as a moral framework, a roadmap for making decisions that positively impact our communities and world at large.

The following article appeared in the May issue of our District News letter

Southern Highlands Model United Nations Inspires Future Leaders

The Wingecarribee Shire Council chambers in Moss Vale came alive with diplomacy, debate, and global issues on Friday as 12 teams from local high schools converged for the 2025 Southern Highlands Model United Nations Assembly (SH MUNA).



The event was officially opened by Mayor Jessie Fitzpatrick, showcasing the exceptional talent and dedication of local students who represented countries from around the world in simulated UN-style debates. The standard of research and public speaking received widespread praise, with fierce competition throughout the day.

Since its inception in 2015, SH MUNA has developed into a cornerstone event in the region, fostering critical thinking, collaboration, and a deeper understanding of international relations. The program is operated by the Rotary Clubs of Bowral-Mittagong, Moss Vale, and the E-Club of Brindabella, who also sponsor the winning teams to journey to Canberra in August for the National MUNA, held at the historic Old Parliament House.

This year's Secretary-General was Joseph Brake, a SH MUNA alumnus from 2019 and a former student of Southern Highlands Christian School. Currently pursuing a Bachelor of Laws and Liberal Arts at the University of Wollongong, Joseph brought his extensive experience and passion for international affairs to the role.



The judging panel featured distinguished guests, including His Excellency Ajay Bhai Amrit, High Commissioner of Fiji; Dr. Arshad Abasi, a respected researcher associated with the South Asian Research Institute at ANU; and Georgia Smith, who participated in the inaugural SH MUNA.

Georgia credits the experience with shaping her future—she has since completed a Master's degree in International Relations.

Winners of the Day:



- Overall Debate Winner: Southern Highlands Christian School, representing the United States.
- Peace Prize Winner: Frensham, representing Fiji.
- Second Place: Oxley College, representing Iran.
- Third Place: Moss Vale High School, representing China.

| School | Country 1 | Country 2 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Bowral High | France | Ukraine |
| Chevalier College | Republic of Korea | Viet Nam |
| Frensham College | Fiji | Japan |
| Moss Vale High | Czech Republic | China |
| Oxley College | Iran | Egypt |
| Southern Highlands Christian School | USA | |
| St Pauls International College | Pakistan | |

| Results | Team |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1st place | United States of America |
| 2nd place | Iran |
| 3rd place | China |
| Best costume | China |

The winning teams from SHCS and Frensham will proceed to represent the Southern Highlands at the National Model United Nations in Canberra this August.

The event remains a testament to the power of youth engagement in global issues and serves as a shining example of the opportunities that community programs like SH MUNA provide to young leaders in the Southern Highlands.



Can you help out here?



Bring in your old laptops and phone (with Chargers) so they can be recycled to help our domestic violence campaign.

Also, Bring in some items each week to add to the Uniting Church basket

Non Perishable food, Toiletries ETC
