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## **Club Meetings:**

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Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at various Southern Highlands venues. (See below) Meeting apologies by Sunday for the following Tuesday. Please txt Trevor Fair.

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
03 Mar	Imperial Hotel 12.00	Pizza Birthday Lunch (see last page)	**Tomorrow!**
07 Mar	Kookabar	lan Law/Environment Presentation	Pamela Brown
14 Mar	Bowral Bowling Club	Jenette Styles/SH Symphony Orchestra	lan Langford
21 Mar	Annesley	Club Assembly	Tim Bowland
28 Mar	Bowral Bowling Club	Lee Kirkpatrick/Bee Hives	David McCosh

## International Toast: Jeff Furneaux-Mann

**Estonia** is a small country on the Baltic Sea coast with the Gulf of Finland to the north, Latvia to the south and Russia to the east. St. Petersburg is only 130km away from its border.

The area has had human habitation for over 11,000 years, but Estonia only emerged as an entity in the 12th and 13th Centuries when it was conquered by the Holy Roman Empire and Denmark in a crusade. As a small Duchy it was ruled for 600 years by Germans, Danes, Swedes and by the Russian Empire.

Estonia declared its independence during the chaos of the Russian Revolution on 24th February 1918 and kept it until the start of the Second World War when it optimistically declared itself to be neutral. Of course, the Russians and Germans didn't take that seriously and after the war it remained occupied as a Soviet Socialist Republic until finally taking its independence in 1991. It joined NATO for security.



Estonia's population is only 1.3 million and its **Capital is Tallinn** with 440 000 residents. Tallinn is on the north coast, and it is only 320km from St. Petersburg.

Estonia and Finland over the gulf to the north are in Rotary District 1420.

The Rotary Club of Tallinn was Chartered in 1930, suspended in 1940, and only restored in 1991.

The 40 Members are led by **President Ivo** Parmus.

As a Club project they recently completed a film of Estonia's Rotary Story.

In recognition of the long struggle to freedom for Estonia and their Independence Day last Friday would you please rise and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Tallinn.

## Venue : Bowral Bowling Club Journalist : Trevor Fair

Sergeant Ian Law welcomed all and presented President Leigh who gave Welcome to Country. Leigh welcomed Mary Crammond, visiting Rotarian as well guest speaker Christine Gray and partner Ross and visitor Peter Deproix.

## International Toast and Invocation - Jeff Mann

#### Announcements:

Pres. Leigh

- **Highland Fest volunteers** a show of hands indicated 6 or more volunteers.
- Food Basket is still in operation.
- Hers and Mine Voucher an auction will happen at next partner meeting. Hoping to get a reasonable amount.
- Nominations are open for DG (2025-26 year).
- End Polio Now Brochure –

## **Allan Falvey**

• EH Car Club Easter Weekend -



Looking to fill roster - please assist where possible. Will keep circulating until the roster is full.

#### Louie Liberale

 ProAm golf day at Highlands Golf Club. – Louie was involved with catering for the players. Flew the Rotary flag and made some funds.

#### lan Law

• Interact - Clean Up Australia Day



Cherry Tree Walk this Thursday 16:30 -19:30. Starting at the pool and walking upstream where they will meet Oxley College and compare rubbish collection. Bags will be provided by school so just bring gloves and other collection equipment.

## **Guest Speaker: Christine Gray**

President Leigh introduced Christine summarising her varied career from florist in London in the early sixties, her move to Australia where after initial business experience in the floral industry she studied Education and Psychology taking positions in Education back in the UK while authoring books and education programs on a wide range of health topics.

## Christine Gray:



# Books

is Christine's online bookstore where she focuses on Children and their development.

Puberty - who has not gone through puberty? What is it? Puberty education is about raising awareness of the chemical changes that occur and how to minimise external interference.

The story is all about hormones. Either growth hormones, melatonin, testosterone, oestrogen etc.

With a blast from the past to Year 4 (year 10) we had a sex education lesson on how egg fertilisation occurs.

What kids are facing is a lack on education on puberty, financial education etc.

Looking for content on the following topics. Menopause - looking for women to tell their story Protest walk to Parliament House Women's Army during the WWII.

Vote of thanks Jo Chalmers

Raffle: Carsten Prien Q Hearts

Sergeant Session: Ian Law collected fines from some of the usual suspects including Dom, Jeff, Rod, Louie etc.

See you next week at Kookabar.

# MARCH 3 - PIZZA BIRTHDAY LUNCH - IMPERIAL HOTEL



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS Brian Ritson 5/1 Des Rudolph 10/1 Carolina Torregrosa 20/1

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS Denise Coad 9/2 Allan Falvey 10/2 John Elder 13/2 John Hoelle 24/2

MARCH BIRTHDAYS Tony Glenn 1/3 Luciano Liberale 22/3 Bruce Sutton 24/3