

# TULIP TIMES BULLETIN

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## Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong



District 9705, Chartered 26 March 1940.

### Board of Directors

#### President:

Robbie Allen  
Bob Miller (Immed. Past Pres)

#### Directors:

Leigh Robinson – Secretary  
Trevor Fair - Treasurer  
Steve Hallis  
Ian Donges  
Robert de Jongh  
Rod Aistrophe  
Rosemary Kelly

### Club Meetings: Attendance & Apologies

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at [Highlands Golf Club](#). (See below)

**Contact:** LEIGH ROBINSON of your attendance or apologies

**Deadline is 5pm Friday.** M: 0418 400 090 email: [leigh@lrcoach.com.au](mailto:leigh@lrcoach.com.au)

Please be considerate and respond. Unannounced members and guests may miss out on a meal.

## Calendar

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist	Invocation & International Toast
5 August	Highlands Golf Club	Ian Johnson – Travels Interact – PFAS Initiative	Dense Coad	David McCosh
12 Aug	Highlands Golf Club		Barbara Humphries	
16-17 Aug	TBA	MHFA Youth Course		
19 Aug	Highlands Golf Club		Ian Law	
26 Aug	Highlands Golf Club		Steve Escott	
28 Aug	Empire Cinema	Movie Night – Chariots of Fire		
5 Sept	Imperial Pizza Lunch	From 12 noon		

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12 <sup>th</sup> Sept to 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Corbet Gardens	Tulip Time Festival		
14 Oct	Highlands Golf Club	Rotary Hat Day	Ian Law	
19 Oct	Bowral	Bowral Cycle Classic		
21 Nov	Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse	Bong Bong Picnic Races		
2 Dec	Bowral Bowling Club	AGM	Leigh Robinson	

## Rotary Meeting 29 July 2025

### Journalist Ian Langford

**Sergeant Lynton Kettle** called the meeting to order and welcomed our Rotary members and guests this evening. Guests were two Interactors from the Bowral High School Interact Club namely Joshua McKay and Meg Paviour. Also Dawn Simpson who will be inducted into the Club tonight, Stephanie Robinson and Bruce Sutton who we haven't seen for some time.

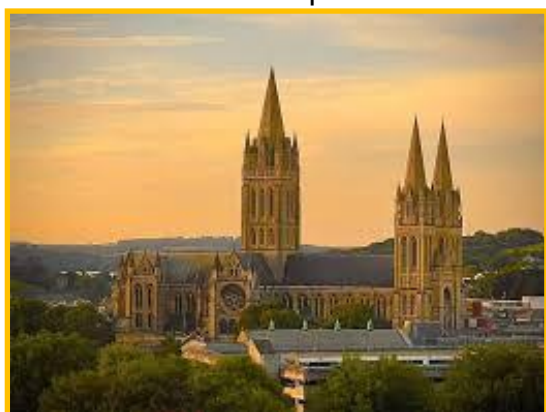
**President Robbie Allen** explained that before our evening meeting gets underway we have two students from Bowral High School Interact Club who gave us a run down on the United Nations Conference which they attended in Adelaide earlier in the month. We have Joshua McKay and Meg Paviour.

Josh and Meg thanked the Club for sponsoring Josh so that with the help of the P&C Association they could both attend the Conference in Adelaide. They both enjoyed their time there with lots of involvement in workshops, model UN debates and the opportunity to meet UNICEF ambassadors. Josh is hoping to study International Relations in the future and so the conference was very relevant.

Sergeant Lynton then invited Steve Escott to recite the Invocation and to propose the International Toast.

#### International Toast.

Truro, Cornwall UK began as a Celtic village in the middle ages. The Normans built a castle by the settlement in the mid-twelfth century and the Lord of the Manor granted a charter giving the townspeople certain rights. The Black Death hit the people of Truro very hard in the late 14<sup>th</sup> Century. Truro is Cornwall's capital and became a city in 1877



*Truro, Cornwall.*



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The history of the move from town to city status was that Truro grew as a trade centre through its port and as a stannary town for tin mining. The main industry was wool.

The Rotary Club of Truro, Boscawen in Cornwall UK was formed in 1922 and received its charter in 1989 and in 2015 formed the Rotary Club of Truro Evolution – a satellite club. The club takes its name from its association with the family name of the Lord Falmouth combining the Boscawen rose with the Rotary International logo. The club provided assistance to individuals for medical treatment and equipment over the years with particularly polio support through Rotary International.

Steve explained that he has a particular interest in this area as his forefathers came from Truro and Philligh and is looking at completing the family tree.

Would you please be upstanding and toast with me the Rotary Club of Truro Evolution, Cornwall UK?

Sergeant Lynton announced that Tony Glenn was home from hospital today and Rod Aistrope was back at Rotary after his beauty treatment. Lynton then invited President Robbie Allen to the microphone.

## **President Robbie Allen**

Good evening Rotarians. .... Welcome to our first meeting here at the Highlands Golf Club; to many of you it will be a homecoming and I am hoping it will be a special home for our Rotary Club. As I move into my role as President, I've already gained valuable insight into the incredible energy and commitment within our Club. It's been a truly productive week – and a clear reminder that we are surrounded by many quiet achievers who go above and beyond. Thank you all for the work you do. Our Assembly last week was productive and we will be having an Extraordinary Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> August to pass changes to the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong Constitution and By-Laws.

Leigh and Stephanie Robinson, Ian Langford and I attended the District Changeover at the weekend. We were commended for the number of new members we brought into the Club in the past Rotary year. Our own Bruce Sutton, who has been District Treasurer for the past year received a Paul Harris Fellowship. Congratulations Bruce.



*The new venue with plenty of space and an enormous screen – an improvement on recent venues. Dinner was served which to some was a large meal but to others was just right judging by the ratio of clean plates to those with residue. Salad, Chips and chicken nuggets in a spicy and tasty sauce.*

## **Induction of new Member Dawn Simpson**

After dinner President Robbie had the pleasant presidential duty to induct a new member, namely Dawn Simpson, into the Club.

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Dawn has lived in the Highlands from the age of 10 and married a local dairy farmer whose family has been here since 1842. Her sons were born here and went to school here at Chevalier. Initially Dawn had employment with Wingecarribee Shire Council Engineering Department. Dawn began a partnership with her husband, Highland Gas Services who were the first subcontractors in NSW to AGL and they were the preferred gas technical repair company to Argyle Community Housing for 20 years and also the preferred gas repair technicians to all major Real Estate agents in the Highlands. You have been chosen for membership in the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong because our members believe you possess the qualities required of a Rotarian and will present the ideals of Rotary to your professional colleagues.

We also know that you are aware of and have accepted the obligations and responsibilities of Rotary membership. We know that you will find inspiration in service and enjoyment in fellowship of our Club and the community will continue to judge Rotary by the actions of you and fellow members. I present you with your name badge which you can wear at all regular meetings of the Club.



I also present you a folder of information and heartily offer you the right hand of Rotary fellowship. Welcome to Rotary and welcome to Bowral-Mittagong.

Dawn thanked Robbie and the members and she spoke of the warm welcome when she arrived at the Club. She felt that "she had found my tribe". She said the community had helped her when she had lost her husband and she would like to have the opportunity to give back to the community. Welcome Dawn.

## Rosemary Kelly.

Rosemary announced that the Glenquarry Public School will be having a barbecue breakfast on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August with the Variety Club attending. Bowral Mittagong Rotary has been asked to do the cooking for 250 people. All food is supplied and we just have to do the cooking but in a way that the food is ready all at the same time.

Robbie Allen and Rosemary Kelly will be there and they needed two chefs which David Rees and Robert de Jongh offered to cook. Robert will also bring and return the barbecue trailer. Rosemary planned to be set up ready to go by 6:30am.

The Bowral and District Hospital's A/General Manager, Vincent Salomom has written to the Club to thank us for the assistance and sponsorship we have undertaken with the training and care of one of the pet therapy puppies.



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"Our" puppy is called "Kylie Minogue" which joins the other puppy called "Riley". Vincent writes in his letter *"On behalf of Bowral & District Hospital, I wanted to take a moment to personally reach out and extend my sincere thanks and gratitude for the generous donation of ongoing sponsorship of the PAWS Pet Therapy Programme. This generosity embodies the spirit of care and compassion and what the power of giving back can do and mean for others. I appreciate your investment and support in this meaningful cause. This programme reaches everyone within our facility - patients, family, carers, visitors and of course our staff. No matter how busy the facility, a visit from one of the pet therapy puppies brings a smile to everyone! Bowral & District Hospital is delighted to have "Riley" and "Kylie Minogue" and their carers as part of our team. Once again, thank you to the Rotary team - we hugely appreciate your support and look forward to a long and happy relationship. With thanks, Vincent Salomon, A/General Manager."* A certificate of appreciation accompanied the letter.



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## **Mary Ramsay**

**Bowral Classic.** Mary reported that the marshalling requirements for the 2025 Bowral Classic Cycle event are identical to the planned 2024 Event which unfortunately had to be cancelled literally at the eleventh hour due to issues with the traffic control administration.

This year's Bowral Classic Cycling event will be held on the weekend of 18-19 October with the main event, which requires Marshalling Volunteers, being on the Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Once again, we have been invited by the event organisers, The Yaffa Group, to support them on the day with Marshalling Volunteers, as we have now done since 2019. Mary has emailed a copy of the Volunteers Roster for our Club for last year and the volunteer positions for this year are unchanged.

Can you all please take a look at where you had volunteered to participate last year and if you're willing to help out again this October? Please reply via email as soon as possible, and let Mary know if you are available and if the position is still suitable to you or alternatively, if you are unavailable or do not wish to participate.

Your earliest response would be greatly appreciated as we are Yaffa's largest Volunteer Group and all positions must be committed as soon as possible. Contact Mary (0405 226 100, [mary.ramsay13@gmail.com](mailto:mary.ramsay13@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

**Film Night.** Mary reported that the Cinema had only sold 12 tickets which is appalling as we have to sell all the seats for this to be a success. Even more shocking was that nearly all raised their hands when we were asked who hadn't bought tickets yet. Get your tickets at the Empire Cinema or have \$30 cash per ticket to buy off Mary next week.

Get your family, your friends and your neighbours to buy tickets or get the money from them and go and buy the tickets from the cinema for them. The screening of "Chariots of Fire" film is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 6:00pm (for light refreshments) for 6:30pm when the film starts.

**Rod Aistrophe.** Rod said that 9 members from the Club were going down to Goulburn on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August to help with their Science & Engineering Challenge. Rod has sent out contact details of those going so that shared transport can be arranged.

Rod also updated the Club on the planning for the trip to Vanuatu in October.

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**President Robbie** announced that this year's District 9705 Directories are available. If you didn't get one, see Secretary Leigh Robinson if you would like one.

## **Guest Speaker.**

Robbie then introduced our own **Leigh Robinson** as the guest Speaker for the night.

Leigh told some fascinating stories of how he won the contract for the 2000 Sydney Olympics to organise and coordinate 10 car parks around the Homebush site and other Olympic venues.

Leigh's extensive experience with planning and designing car parks such as Melbourne Airport helped in bidding for the Olympic job. With his partner Jason Daisley, Leigh managed to win the contract even though they were the highest priced bid.

Leigh had to contend with a lot of ignorance, the advance of credit cards (this was 25 years ago), bureaucracy, consultants, poor or inappropriate specifications and suspect quality of some of the contractors' work. However he got there in the end even with all the problems and Leigh then set about getting a job for during the Olympics. Both he and Stephanie managed to get jobs and Leigh became a driver.

Preparation to be a driver for VIPs, Athletes, and in fact any driving to make all go smoothly started about 7 months before the Olympics started. The drivers had to practice driving all the designated routes, visiting all the venues, being security trained and then started the role about a week before the Olympics started.

On the opening ceremony practice night, Leigh's highlight seemed to be being propositioned by a very attractive Argentinian journalist. Overall it sounded like a fun time and it was fascinating to hear some of the behind the scenes episodes.

**David Patton** gave the vote of thanks to **Leigh**.

**Dawn Simpson** drew the raffle which was won by **Bruce Sutton** who received a 2012 red wine but missed out on the Joker. Thanks again to **Graham Castle** for organising it.

**Sergeant Lynton** held a fine session and captured Dawn Simpson, Ian Donges, Catherine Laws, Graham Castle, Rod Aistrope, Bruce Sutton, Leigh Robinson and Ian Langford. Robbie closed the meeting. Next week, we are back at the Highlands Golf Club.





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## ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL-MITTAGONG PRESENTS A COMMUNITY SCREENING OF



**THURSDAY AUGUST 28**

**6:00 - 6:30PM**

**ALL TICKETS \$30**

*(includes light refreshments)*

**Available from Empire Cinema**

**Box-Office or Online**



[www.empirecinema.com.au](http://www.empirecinema.com.au)



## ***Birthdays***

### **July Birthdays:**

10 July - Mary Ramsay

31 July – Dom Williams

### **Aug Birthdays:**

6 Aug - Ray Coulton

18 Aug – Ian Donges

23 Aug – Ian Cropper

25 Aug – Michael Lendrum

25 Aug – Beverley Coffee\*



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## *Quote of the week*

*Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift – that is why it is called the present.*

Eleanor Roosevelt.

## *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*

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