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Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's theme for 2021-22,

Serve to change lives,

is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving other is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Future Events

March 31 – Empire Cinema Premier of “The Duke”

April 5 – Hendriks, 79 Main St Mittagong @6pm sharp to order your dinner

April 12 - Bowral Bowling Club - Guest Speaker - Peter Gibson - Angel Flight

April 20 - Dormie House, Moss Vale - Joint Meeting Rotary Club of Moss Vale

April 26 - Bowral Bowling Club - Ian Law & Leigh Robinson - Rotary Environmental Initiative

April 29 - April Birthdays Pizza Lunch - Imperial Hotel

May 3 – Kookabar Café, Bowral

May 10 - Bowral Bowling Club - Appreciation Night - 10 Guests

*****Please Confirm by Sunday for Tuesday Night**

Venue: Bowral Bowling Club, Bowral

Journalist: Denise Coad

Sergeant Lynton: Welcomed Members to the wet and soggy Bowling Club.

Guest Speaker: Brian Speed, Wingecarribee Road Safety Officer

Welcome President-Elect: Leigh Robinson

Apologies: David McCosh, Carolina Torregrosa and Gwenda Webb

Invocation: Robbie Allan

International Toast: Rod Aistrophe spoke on Moldova. No notes at publishing of Bulletin.



Rod Aistrophe: Apologies from President Will as Rosemary has Covid.

President-Elect Leigh Robinson:

A reminder that the Meeting 20/4 will be a Joint Meeting with the Rotary Club of Moss Vale at Dormie House.

District Assembly is May 21 and May 22

District Grant Applications are open

Bowel Care Testing available

English Language Assistance from Mara de Jongh and Susan Law

Adopt A Tree District 9675. Planting of 500 Trees in October – See flyer in opposite column.

A flyer for the Rotary Adopt-A-Tree program. At the top, it features the Rotary logo with the text "Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION" and the Adopt-A-Tree logo with the text "ADOPT-A-TREE". Below this is a photograph of a dense forest with sunlight filtering through the trees. Text on the flyer includes "10,000 trees to be planted!", "ROTARY ... GROWING OUR COMMUNITIES", "Donate \$5.00 and Adopt-A-Tree and watch it grow!", and a QR code. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a pair of hands holding a small green seedling in soil, and the website "www.rotaryadoptatree.org.au".

A flyer for the Rotary Adopt-A-Tree program. It features two photographs: the top one shows a bare, winter forest, and the bottom one shows a lush green forest. Text on the flyer includes "Help turn this", "Into this", "Adopt A Tree Now to help Grow our Communities!", the Rotary logo with "Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION", the Adopt-A-Tree logo with "ADOPT-A-TREE", a QR code, and the website "www.rotaryadoptatree.org.au". At the bottom, there is a list of bullet points: "Trees will be planted in environmentally impacted areas", "Tree plantings will be determined by experts, once the stock has been propagated after tree adoptions", "Tree plantings will take place in the warmer months such as March/April or September/October", "Adoption Certificates will be sent electronically", "You will be notified via email when tree plantings are taking place and are invited to participate", "Once planted you will be sent the location of your tree", and "You will receive 6 monthly updates on the growth of your trees, including photos & videos".

Welfare – Rose Conley:

Will Eddowes not at the Meeting tonight as Rosemary has Covid.

Rose was not at the Meeting last week as Eric had Covid.

Faye Christie is in Bowral Private Hospital. She had an accident on a bike, and broke her Femur. Keep Faye in your thoughts.

Mary Ramsay:

65 Tickets sold to date. We normally have sales of 170-180.

Ian Langford:

Science and Engineering Challenge. 8 Schools involved to date.

Frensham School and Southern Highlands Christian School replied straight away.

We will require volunteers on May 30 and May 31.

Ian Law:

Robert de Jongh will be in Indonesia so Ian has put his hand up to organize MUNA - Nine Teams from Five Schools.

Robbie Allan will be organising Interact.

Gwenda Webb will be doing the catering.

Berrima and Moss Vale Rotary Clubs will be contributing.

Brian Ritson:

BBQ Beyond Bitumen for Beyond Blue was a success. Brian thanked

Members who set up on Thursday March 24 or worked in the BBQ Friday March 25.

We received a Donation of \$4,000.00 with Costs of \$1237.00.

Excess Food from the Day went out the Community. Thanks also to Ken Adams.

(Leigh advised Members our Board had approved a \$1,000.00 Donation towards Beyond Blue).

We had the use of the Bong-Bong facilities for only \$150.00, which would normally be \$10,000.00. We will volunteer to do some “whipper snipping” around their grounds.



Photos sourced from Beyond Blue Facebook

Brian Ritson:

Would like to thank Rod Aistrope for assisting in his Fundraisers – always jumps in to help with paperwork, etc.

Denise Coad:

Denise has spoken to Kate from the Bowling Club and Members can join now for \$15 Social Membership plus \$10 Application Fee. The Membership will be extended to June 2023. Please put ROTARY on the Application Form. Denise handed out Application Forms to Members.

She updated Members on Venues and Guest Speakers up to May 10.

Luciano is organising next week's social Meeting on April 5. We will update Members on Tulip Times, and also by email. *** Confirmed Hendriks @Mittagong

Ian Langford introduced our Guest Speaker – Brian Speed.

Ian met Brian at the Food and Wine Festival. Brian works for the Wingecarribee Council as the Road Safety Officer, and Brian offered to speak to our Members.

Brian Speed:

Brian has never spoken publically before. Brian has been in the Police Force for 22 years. 10 years in Helicopter chases and rescue. The last 6 months as the Road Safety Officer for Council.

In 1989 he was posted to Revesby. The first night was here's a "six pack" – off we go. Back then there was no computers it was all paperwork.

In his 6 years at Revesby (1989-1995) there were 15 fatal Road Accidents. Brian went through the impact these fatalities had on him.

In 2000-2010 he was in Helicopter Rescue – suicides, bush fires, Police chasing, etc. He spoke emotionally on his road safety background. Also talking in Schools and Kindergartens. In the end he was burnt-out.

He left the Police Force as a Senior Constable to be a stay-at-home Dad. He has 2 Sons now 23 and 19.

He is looking for "Helpers" for a Log Book Run on June 5 - maybe 3 of our Members. If Members can help please ring Brian on 0484278826 or email brian.speed@wsc.nsw.gov.au

Brian also spoke about over 65 Drivers.

Jim Gasson thanked Brian on behalf of our Members for his talk, and visit to our Club.

We wish him good luck working for the Wingecarribee Council.

Raffle:

\$500 won by Leigh Robinson. Leigh will donate it to the Rotary Foundation.

Lynton Kettle – Sargeants Session:

Luciano for still celebrating his 80th Birthday to the end of March

Rose for saying Eric's Covid was horrible

Birthdays for April:

Don Graham 9/4
Vicki Kelley 13/4
Brian Elliott 18/4

Birthday Lunch April 29 – Pizza Bar – Imperial Hotel, Bowral

Next week's Venue –NOW confirmed

Thanks to Luciano, we are meeting at Hendriks @79 Main St, Mittagong Park behind Raine & Horne Mittagong or on the street where we used to park for the Mittagong Pub. Please arrive 6pm sharp and order your dinner so we can all be served by 7pm.