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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 txt Trevor Fair.

Next 4 Weeks	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
06 Dec	Bowral Bowling Club	AGM  Why not you?	Will Eddowes
10 Dec	BONG BONG ST.	"ANGELS IN OUR TOWN"	
13 Dec	Bowral Golf Club	Christmas Party Partners and Friends welcome	David McCosh
16 Dec	Imperial Hotel Bowral	Pizza Birthday Lunch	



20th December to 16th January

Christmas Break



17 Jan	Bowral Bowling Club	Lawn Bowls Meeting Partners welcome	Tim Bowland
24 Jan	Annesley	TBA	Pamela Brown
31 Jan	Bowral Bowling Club	TBA	Ian Langford
07 Feb	Kookabar	TBA	Trevor Fair



Members, please bring an unwrapped Christmas Present for a child aged between 5 to 11 for the uniting Church. It was such a success last year.


 Tuesday 13th December meeting is the Club's
 
Christmas Party at the Bowral Golf Club
Family and friends are welcome!
 Please advise Trevor asap of your attendance numbers
 Cost is \$55 pp




Menu:

Christmas Ham and Turkey with roast vegetables.

Christmas pudding with custard and cream.

Or Pannacotta with Berry Coulis

Note: We must have numbers finalised before the 8th of Dec!!

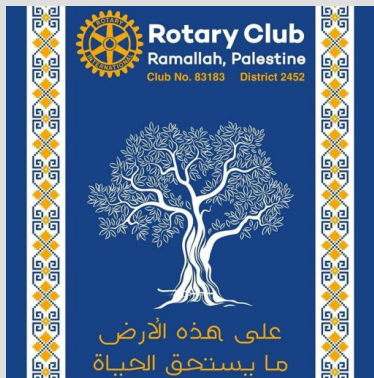
Pay by direct debit to the Club account.

Venue: The Kookabar

President Leigh opened the meeting with the traditional acknowledgement of Country and welcomed guests **Jeff Mann, Barbara Humphries, Mara DeJongh, Eric Conley, and to AG Adam de Totth.**

Apologies had been received from **Tim Bowland, Pamela Brown, Carsten Prien, and Lynton Kettle**

International Toast:



On 29 November 1947 a Jewish State was born anew in its ancient homeland. On that day the UN General Assembly voted on Resolution 181, adopting a plan to partition the British Mandate into two states, one Jewish, one Arab.

What was the consequence for Rotary in the region. Rotary clubs were first established in Palestine under British rule in the 1930's.

They continued in East Jerusalem and Ramallah under Jordanian rule until the 1960s, but they were dissolved after Israel acquired control of the West Bank in the 1967 war.

In 2010 the first autonomous Rotary Club was established in the Palestinian territory – Rotary Club of Ramallah.

The road to reviving the Palestinian rotary club was not easy. Palestinian businessmen tried to charter a group on numerous occasions but gave up after Rotary International declined to recognize Palestine. Query the principals of Rotary when politics compromises the implementation of those principals.

Only after the Amman-Petra Rotary club, from the capital city of Amman, Jordan and the Colorado Springs Rotary club in the United States agreed to sponsor Ramallah, did the Rotary International Board of Directors agree to charter the Palestinian club.

The Club is part of District 2452 comprising **Armenia, Bahrain, Cyprus, Georgia, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Sudan and UAE. Israel comprises its own District. The current President is** Ismail Alexander Alawneh who joined Ramallah RC and Rotary on 1 June 2021 – that is, has been a member of Rotary for only 1 year and 6 months. The Club comprises 25 members of whom only 3 are foundation members from 2010.

The Club is very active and recently as part of the project "David Gibson Moore Prevention and Care of Childhood Deafness in Palestine", it provides and supports a newborn hearing screen device to serve the community and raise awareness about the importance of newborn hearing screening in Palestine.

Please be upstanding and a toast to President Ismail and the members of the Rotary Club of Ramallah

Announcements

Angels in our Town –

Participating Rotarians to meet in Banyette Street carpark no later than 5.30pm. (carpark between Wattle Lane and Argyle Lane off Banyette Street) We will be directed to find our spot in the parade and have time to work out our formation and your individual spot in our group.

There will be a couple of toilets available and water for those who are very thirsty. We would suggest that you have water before you arrive! so Would you make sure that you have the appropriate clothes for either heat or cold, (it is the Southern Highlands), and sunscreen if that is necessary.

Other Reminders

AGM Next meeting – 6th December

Angels in our Town - Saturday 10th December.

Christmas Party – Tuesday 13th December

And please try to bring something for the **Food Basket** each week!



Welcomed visitor AG Adam deTotth, with President Leigh, while Alan and Rose debate the merits of the wine.

Foundation Presentation, President Leigh Robinson.

President Leigh commenced his presentation by reminding the Club of the Foundation's Mission and the seven Areas of Focus under which all programs and projects are initiated, funded, and managed.

He then elaborated on each by suggesting a variety of possibilities in which members could possibly direct the Club' activities in support of these Areas of Focus

The Mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The 7 areas of focus of Rotary, the dedicated causes of the Rotary Foundation are,
*Promoting Peace,
Fighting disease,
Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene.
Saving mothers and children
Supporting education
Growing local economies
Protecting the environment*

Each of these causes resonate with most volunteers and certainly with most Rotarians.

Having presented such possibilities, that read like the structure for a Board or Club discussion, Leigh explained that the content of his talk was directed at raising awareness of the universality of each of the seven areas of interest or causes. The Rotary Foundation does not only provide funds for work in Nepal, in Fiji or Timor Leste or for Polio eradication, it provides grants – both Global and District – for the application of assistance in each of those areas of interest.

It is possible for us to connect with a Club in another country to achieve assistance for a project here in the Highlands, in the Northern Territory or in any area or country where we identify a need. We would need to raise commiserate funds to support any application, but we are able to do it, we are good at fund raising.



Leigh then outlined the funding possibilities through the Foundation's Annual, Endowment, Disaster, and Polio Funds, and ended by saying, ...

It is incumbent upon each of us as Rotarians to invest in the Foundation in any small way and to alert the Club to any area where we think we can assist a group, a community, a family or an individual to create a better life for themselves. Sometimes a thought can start a project that becomes beneficial to many others, - that's how ShelterBox started.

The Rotary Foundation doing good in the world

AG Adam de Totth then gave an impromptu talk about respecting others' beliefs while holding to our own, while encouraging us to share a thought. He also briefly described the formation of Rotary Emergency response groups.

Jim Gasson relished the Sergeants role for the night, giving him the opportunity of getting his own back, and fined Rosemary, Jo. Tony offered an honour fine against Rod for the eight years in which he had weekly produced the International Toast, now an integral part of our weekly meetings. After standing in. for Rod this week, Tony realised how much time it took to research and write the toast.

Jo won the raffle but drew the 7 of Diamonds.

Leigh then closed the meeting with thanks to Pascal for another excellent meal.