



Report for May 3, 2022; Volume 83, No: 39 Rotary Club
of Bowral-Mittagong (Combined with Moss Vale)
District 9705 Charter Date 26 March 1940
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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

May 10 - Bowral Bowling Club - Appreciation Night - 12 Guests incl. Samuel Gees, RSL, Woolworths, Rocket Boy Pizza, Cubbins, Kennards

May 17 – Highlands Golf Club. Normal Club Meeting \$35 a head

May 24 - Bowral Bowling Club - Club Assembly

May 31 - Southern Highlands Wines - Chestnut Night - Luciano

June 7 - Bowral Bowling Club - Jane Crowley - Dirty Janes

June 14 - The Hermitage - Guest Speaker to be confirmed

June 21 - Bowral Bowling Club - - Guest Speaker to be confirmed

June 28 - The Hermitage - Rotary Club Changeover - Partners and Guests

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

Venue: Kookabar Cafe

Journalist: Trevor Fair

Sergeant Lynton welcomed all to Kookabar.

Guests: Bruce & Jill Watson, guests of Ian Law as well as Eva, daughter of Carolina.

Lynton baited Pascal about the French Election, now to focus on Aussie Election.

President Will welcomed all to the meeting and initiated the proceedings.

Invocation: Brian Ritson

International Toast: Brian Pattinson

Today is **International Press Freedom Day** observed by the United Nations to raise awareness of the importance of the press and remind governments of their duty to respect and uphold the right to freedom of expression enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Among the nations with the highest degree of press freedom are, predictably Norway, Finland, Sweden and Denmark but perhaps surprisingly **Costa Rica**. They rank above us.

Costa Rica is in Central America with Nicaragua to the north and Panama to the south east with the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea either side. The land was colonised by the Spanish and its name, given by Christopher Columbus means **rich coast**.



It gained its independence with other neighbouring countries by declaration without a fight after the Mexicans won their war with Spain in 1821. It had less political turbulence than others around it and after two military interventions early last century it has enjoyed 75 years of stable democracy and **press freedom**.

Costa Rica has a population of 5.1 million. Its capital is San Jose.

20 km to the south east of San Jose is the city of **Cartago** with 140 000 people.



It is served by the **Rotary Club of Cartago** whose **President Maria Castillo** leads 16 Members in pursuing the continuance of the Polio Plus Program to keep Costa Rica polio free and other projects including re-forestation of degraded land.

The Club was Chartered in 1962 in District 4240 which covers 57 Clubs in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama.

In celebration of Press Freedom Day and the free press on which all democracies depend and in recognition of the high standard of press freedom set by Costa Rica would you please raise your glasses and make our International toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Cartago.



Announcements:

Facebook seminar - Leigh & Will attended the recent session in Canberra

Marulan event has been **cancelled** due to Mother's Day

Brian Ritson is moving out of the district, and is unable to continue as Fundraising Director.

MUNA - Ian Law - Stephen Jones has agreed to open the event. WSC has asked that the Club has a Food Handling Certificate. As it is allocated to members- Mary Ramsay has a certificate and will be our nomination. Covid Safety Plan and Covid Officer - Trevor Fair

Food & Wine Festival - \$400 Credit for the marquee possibly for the October event.

Science & Engineering Challenge - Ian Langford - have 8 schools for HS event, and full roster for Primary Schools including 14 schools and 8 teams. Volunteers - Uniting Church and Engineers Australia have strong participation. RSL has agreed to donate rooms etc.

Happy Birthday Rod - He had a lovely lunch & dinner on his special birthday - 3rd May.



Carolina is starring in the local production Appleton Ladies Potato Race. A must see event at Moss Vale Services Club - Rose has 2 tickets available - First in wins.

Wendy Lotter - 14th May walk is now not possible. To be rescheduled.

First Responders - in August at the Penrose facility. Diary Note. One weekend only this time.

Democracy BBQ - East Bowral Community Centre is the site **21st May**. Looking for volunteers.

FAIM Trip - Job vacancies in **Fiji** in October. Review the last Bulletin for additional details. **2nd -15th October**.

Tulip Time - 16th Sept - 3rd October

Golf Day - Louie Liberale - Thank you to Brian Ritson for your generous contributions to the Golf Day, as well as President, and being a great Rotarian.

Brian Pattinson - In Brian Ritson's Presidential year the Club had an exchange with Dubbo West RC. Brian Pattinson recently visited the Club and they asked to be remembered.

Program - Denise Coad

Sergeant Session

Raffle - Pascal appropriately won the prize.

Cartoon – Compliments of Trevor Fair

