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### Club Meetings: Attendance & Apologies

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at various Southern Highlands venues. (See below)

**Contact:** TREVOR FAIR of your attendance or apologies

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

**“What’s On?”**

Just a quick reminder that **the Birthday Pizza Lunch is on this Friday** at Imperial Hotel from 12 noon.

\$15 gets you some pizza, a friendly chat and the opportunity to buy a drink of your choice to complement your meal.

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist	Invocation & International Toast
10 Sep	Bowral Bowling Club	Julie Allen/Domestic Violence	Ian Law	Bruce Sutton
12 Sept-30 Sept	Tulip Time Festival	Roster members on gates	N/A	N/A
17 Sep	Annesley	Rachel Spratt/Bell Ringer	Graham Castle	Robbie Allen
24 Sep	Moss Vale Services Club	Combined Rotary Clubs Bowral Mittagong+Moss Vale	Trevor Fair	Jeff Mann
01 Oct	Bowral Bowling Club	TBA	Tim Bowland	Brian Pattinson
04 Oct-07 Oct	Southern Highlands Garden Party	Roster members on gates	N/A	N/A
19 Oct-20 Oct	Bowral Classic	Organiser Mary Ramsay	N/A	N/A
25 Oct-27 Oct	Mittagong RSL	District 9705 Conference	N/A	N/A
12 Nov	Bowral Bowling Club	Peter Morris -SH Hospice		
22 Nov	Bong Bong Racetrack	BB Races BBQ & Car Parking Organiser Don Graham	TBA	TBA

**Venue:** Bowral Bowling Club. 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

**Journalist:** Ian Langford.

**Sergeant Lynton Kettle** called the meeting to order and welcomed tonight's guest speaker, Julianne Allan, and our student teachers from the Netherlands, Josephine Inia and Daphne van Braak. Steve Hallis has joined us again and Will Eddowes brought his guest Steve Escott. Honorary member Mary Ramsay was welcomed and Tim Bowland was welcomed back from his travels.

**President Bob Miller** was invited to the microphone and after also welcoming the guests asked **PP Don Graham** who with Christine is currently hosting the student teachers to introduce them so we get to know them better.



*Josephine Inia*



*Daphne van Braak*

Josephine and Daphne will be working at Oxley College and are keen to be involved in the Southern Highlands community and also helping with the Club's projects.

**President Bob** reported that Jim Gasson was OK and Barbara Humphries was recovering and hoped to be soon back on deck again.

**Beverly Coffey** was invited to recite the **Invocation** and propose the **International Toast**.

On September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1875 the first official game of Polo was played in Argentina. Known for its love of the game and its prowess with horses I thought that we would take a journey across Argentina's capital city of Buenos Aires to see how their Rotary organisation operates.

On Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 1919 at noon, at the Jockey Club Argentino, then located on the traditional Florida Street, and with the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Montevideo, Argentine Rotary began its journey, with the presidency Dr Jorge A Mitre, director of newspaper "La Nación". The Club aims to stimulate and promote the common good and the ideal of service as the basis of all worthy enterprise and in particular to mutual knowledge and friendship as an opportunity to serve.

The Rotary Club of Buenos Aires pennant's motif is the coat of arms of the City of Buenos Aires established by Juan Garay in 1580, the year the second founding of Buenos Aires. It represents a crowned eagle with four suckers and a red cross similar to that of Calatrava.

Education has been degrading over the last 20-30 years, with differences in the quality of education at different social levels becoming increasingly noticed due to various factors. Education has regularly appeared in surveys in position number 6 or 7 in the priorities or concerns of Argentines (see Synapsis, January 2020 in fifth place behind inflation, corruption, unemployment and insecurity). The impact of universal and quality education goes beyond the professional curricula that can be achieved or the preparation for work. It impacts the quality of society as a whole and, coincidentally, all the issues that Argentines mention as priorities in the first place.

The Rotary Club of Buenos is involved in a number of actions to support education including Rotary Foundation Teacher training project carried out in 2018 (School of the Future, Harvard), Scholarships aimed at secondary school students, (a programme funded through voluntary contributions from members. Each contributing member sponsors a scholarship recipient and monitors their development). Also Cupertino del Campo Award for best companion and Tognoni Fund scholarships dedicated to education among other disciplines.

Within The Rotary Club of Buenos a Chapter of Doctors of various specialties in order to offer advice and support to doctors who are members of other Rotary clubs in the Argentine Republic. This initiative was aimed at supporting and advising doctors from other clubs and/or districts of the Argentine Republic, through actions that result in benefit for the Rotary family and the community in general.

It is important to note that one of the objectives of Rotary is to promote understanding, goodwill and peace among nations through the fellowship of businessmen, professionals and public



figures, all united under the ideal of service. In light of this, the participation of Ambassadors in their luncheons offers the opportunity to listen to and ask questions of the leaders of their society whom the Club invites as speakers each week. We hope that this exposure to the problems and visions of the country presented from this forum and at their tables will contribute to the Heads of Mission being able to transmit to their respective capitals an enriched, updated and dynamic vision of Argentina today.

Please be upstanding and drink a toast to the Club President Dr. Jorge Tomás González Zuelgaray and **members of the Rotary Club of Buenos Aires.**

*Dr. Jorge Tomás González Zuelgaray*

**President Bob** then concentrated on reports of the commitments that are coming up in the next few months.

There is the Wingecarribee Shire Council “**Southern Highlands Future Forum**” to be held at the Bowral Memorial Hall this coming Saturday where we will offer 150 conference attendees a barbecue lunch to the specification which makes full consideration of the 'sustainability' element of the event. Food prepared by midday, and we need a few extra hands on the hotplate and serving table. Graham Castle, David Patton, Rosemary, David Rees, Leigh Robinson and Bob Miller will be on the team. The Wingecarribee Shire Council has offered another \$300 donation.

**Tulip Time Festival.** **Ian Langford** reported that the rosters for both the Tulip Time Festival and the Tulip Time Garden Party are now full. However there are offers from Daphne and Josephine to help and we will look at their availability and maybe let some of those members who have volunteered above and beyond to let them replace their shifts.

On Monday afternoon (9<sup>th</sup> September) at 3:00pm there will be a meeting in the Corbett Gardens with Rachel Seach (Destination Southern Highlands) when we should be able to see this year's scanners and find out what the entry and exit procedures will be. Ian recommended that those members who are rostered on in the first couple of days and are available on Monday would benefit from learning about the duties for this year.

Ian will email the completed rosters to all members and asked that they all check that they know when they have committed to help and to ensure that they get there in time for the start of their shift. You probably won't be able leave your station to move cars so ensure you park in a suitable spot that covers your shift.

Listen to the Highlands FM Podcast starring Bob & Ian: <https://www.highlandfm.org.au/check-in-with-council-podcast/> and select “EP #46 – Tulip Time 2024”.

**The Bowral Classic** (October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>) **Mary Ramsay** has distributed the roster for Marshalling the Bowral Classic on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October and we need to get these positions filled by Rotary members and friends to avoid having to seek support from outside. To date Mary has had a disappointing response to her email and attachments - one referring to those from last year who volunteered and the other seeking new recruits to fill the increased marshalling numbers. We will also require volunteers for the barbecue for both Saturday and Sunday. Please respond to Mary even if you can't help so she knows whether you are available or not.



**District 9705 Annual Conference. Denise Coad and Rosemary Kelly** have requesting numbers for the Annual District Conference for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October dinner event to allow the organising of tables. Please respond as they are feeling ignored!

It is recommended that you plan to attend the evening but get registered now so you will be included in the seating.

**Shelter Bags.** With approval pending from the Board for The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong to coordinate the purchase, logistics and distribution of 'shelter bags' we have already received requests for purchase of the units from other clubs. **Leigh Robinson** is now in the Central West with **Ian Donges** as navigator doing some marketing. All thanks goes to **Mary Crammond** for getting this project recognised.

**Leigh Robinson** has asked for support for his 'Going off the Grid' ShelterBox project. His commitment to the project being is a 'sleepover' with Rob Uhl at Boorowa this Saturday evening. This can be done by means of donations (some already made) to shelter box.

Domestic Violence 'Days of Action' is back on the Rotary agenda but we are awaiting further instruction.

### **Guest Speaker – Julianne Allan.**

Ian Johnson then introduced the guest Speaker Julianne Allan who recently became President of *Can Assist Southern Highlands*. This was after retiring and moving from Forbes to the Highlands in 2017 where she became involved with Quilters' Guild, Harbison Care, Palliative Care Bowral Hospital and Pop In. Until recently she was President of the Quilters' Guild which has supported Can Assist by donating beautiful quilts to patients in palliative care in Bowral Hospital and Harbison Care.

The families treasure these as a memory of their loved ones. They have made 111 large quilts.





The formation of the Cancer Patients Assistance Society was the dream of Mrs Mona Campbell Ham MBE. That this was achieved was due to her determination, charm and organising ability, together with the support, in the early stages, of a small group of equally determined and able friends. It was the 1950s and all three radiotherapy units operating in NSW were located within four kilometres of each other in Sydney. Some two thirds of cancer patients were treated with radiotherapy and almost all were admitted as outpatients. Patients from the country were usually in a far worse position than their Sydney counterparts. Their problems stemmed from the enormous distances they had to travel for treatment. Faced with the prospect of being away from home for long periods of time, country patients had very real problems: the expense of travel, where to stay and feelings of isolation in an unfamiliar city. The burden was no lighter on the patient's families.

Mona and her husband Dr Harold Ham's vision was to provide subsidised travel and accommodation in Sydney for visiting cancer patients, support cancer patients as they accessed treatment and to support their families in financial distress as a result of cancer. In July 1961 the Fund's founding vision was realised with the purchase of a house in Darling Point and it was opened as the Jean Colvin Cancer Hostel. The word quickly spread...

Soon after the inauguration of the Fund, it became apparent that the committee's work should be taken into the areas from where the patients came. And so Country branches began to be established. The first country branch was formed in Forbes in January 1956, followed by Goulburn.

Today 55 branches – in 55 rural towns, managed by over 3000 volunteers – continue to provide the care, comfort and compassion that were envisaged by the society's founder Mrs Mona Campbell Ham.



Can Assist is committed to ensuring that all people, regardless of where they live in NSW, have equitable access to cancer treatment and care. By providing financial assistance, practical support and raising awareness of the inequities, our volunteer network ensures that country people are given the same opportunities and treatment choices as those who live in city centres.

We are here for every cancer patient – any age, any cancer, in rural, regional and remote NSW. Cancer can place an unexpected financial burden on families with increased associated expenses such as travel, accommodation and medical costs.

Our local branch will provide financial assistance and practical support during your treatment and care. They will work with you or collaborate with your health professional to understand how they can assist you. You are not alone in your cancer journey. We Can Assist.

Locally Can Assist is helping 300 people and has 300 in remission. Julianne told various stories including her son with melanoma and the research of the 2024 Australians of the Year, Professor Georgina Long AO & Professor Richard Scolyer AO. Less than a decade ago, advanced melanoma was fatal, but thanks to Georgina and Richard's immunotherapy approach, which activates a patient's own immune system, it has become a curable disease. In June 2023, when Richard (57) was diagnosed with incurable grade 4 brain cancer, he and Georgina (53) developed a series of world-first treatments

based on their melanoma breakthroughs. Richard became the world's first brain cancer patient to have pre-surgery combination immunotherapy. By undertaking an experimental treatment with risk of shortening his life, he has advanced the understanding of brain cancer and is benefiting future patients. Richard has generated widespread public interest by publicly documenting his own cancer treatment and progress.



Julianne says she is proud to be President of such a worthwhile charity as Can Assist which is helping the community in a positive way.

After a questions and answers session, **Robbie Allen** gave a vote of thanks and Julianne was applauded for a very interesting, important and professional talk.

The raffle was won by the President but he didn't pick the joker.

**Sergeant Lynton Kettle** then fined all engineers for building a lighthouse upside-down, all members with children, grandchildren or any association with Oxley College. Ian was fined for completing the Tulip Time roster and Trevor for the spat the (Federal) Treasurer is trying to have with the RBA.

**President Bob Miller** then closed the meeting. Next week's meeting is also at Bowral Bowling Club and don't forget the Birthday Pizza Lunch at 12:00pm this Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. at the Imperial Hotel



