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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

Deadline is 5pm Friday. T: 02 4861 6917 M: 0403 176 958 email: trevorfair5@bigpond.com

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

"What's On?"

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist	Invocation & International Toast
7 May	Bowral Bowling Club	Lucy Earl, Uniting Church.	Ian Langford	Will Eddowes
14 May	Bowral Bowling Club	Member Talk David Patton and Interactors	Denise Coad	Trevor Fair
17 May	Imperial Hotel	Birthday Pizza gathering	NA	NA
21 May	Robbie's house	Poetry night	Bob Miller	Ian Johnson
24/25 May	Wingecarribee Shire Council	Model United Nations	NA	NA
27 May	Mittagong RSL	Science & Engineering Challenge (High School)	NA	NA
28 May	Mittagong RSL	Science & Engineering Discovery Day (Primary Schools)	NA	NA
28 May	Bowral Bowling Club	Tandom Speakers	Will Eddowes	Ian Law
4 June	Bowral Bowling Club	Kathryn Smith INZOZI Hills School Rwanda	Trevor Fair	Paul Leotta
11 June	Bowral Bowling Club	Michelle Bulloch. Adoption	Ian Langford	Bob Miller
18 June	Annesley	Members Talk TBA	Denise	David Rees

25 June	Bowral Bowling Club	Brooke McGee. Raise a counselling programme for troubled kids	Ian Law	Bruce Sutton
2 July	Annesley	Club Changeover Function	Will Eddowes	
12 Sept-30 Sept	Tulip Time Festival	Roster members on gates (Ian Langford)	NA	NA
4 to 7 Oct	Food & Wine Festival	Roster members on gates (Ian Langford)	NA	NA
25-27 Oct	Mittagong RSL	District 9705 Conference	NA	NA
22 Nov	Bong Bong	BB Races BBQ & Car Parking	Don	

MEMBERS, CAN I HAVE DATES FOR THE CALENDAR PLEASE. Tim

Report on the Club meeting at Bowral Bowling Club on Tuesday 30-Apr 2024.

Journalist. David McCosh. **Venue.** Bowral Bowling Club

Sargent Lynton opened the meeting with the customary welcome to members and our four guests, - tonight's speaker **Ian Mander, David Stranger, Julie Chen** and **Robyn Liberale**. He then welcomed President **Don Graham** to the microphone.

President Don.

Don welcomed our special guests also noting that we had five "Ians" at our meeting, - (later it was noticed there were also four Davids!), and then delivered two (or was it three), quick pre-dinner messages, -

Tulip Times at Corbett Gardens starts on September 12th. This is our main fund-raiser for the year and requires a big commitment from the Club, - plus family and member friends where possible, - in terms of volunteer hours to man the gates. Please diarise and plan to give as much as you are able.

The Board is planning to discuss giving a substantial donation to **Australian Rotary Health**, which is largely focused on Mental Health issues. Don requested support from the members, which he received by a show of hands.

Pres. Don then pretentiously declared his knowledge of poets and poetry, possibly to set the level and tone for the Poetry evening on the 21st May!!



Don called upon **Ian Donges** to deliver the Invocation and International Toast.

International Toast by Ian Donges

ROTARY CLUB OF DUBAI

Is one of 4 Rotary Clubs in Dubai. True charity clears the heart of obstacles that hinder the hand from reaching out to help someone.

In Dubai Rotary we exchange love and we want to give.

The Rotary club was formed in 2002. We meet each Monday at 1.30pm at the Dubai World Centre on the 33rd floor.

We have a membership of around 22 of mixed genders and nationalities. We are part of District 2452 that includes Lebanon, Cypress Jordan, Sudan, Barain, UAE and Palistine.

Membership fees are \$1200 (AUS) to join, \$600 annual fee and \$20 per dinner.

This is our main fundraiser

Projects fall into six areas:

- Promoting world peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economics

The club also supports ROTARACT (12-15 members)

In May 2021, part of a group of organisations serving 50,744 meals in 24 hours.

Our education projects focus on helping the 100,000 of guest workers in the UAE learn English.

President Onama Gargash

Please be upstanding and toast the Rotary Club of Dubai.

Director's Reports

Tim Bowland – Club meeting Journalists

In his role as Meeting Bulletin Editor, Tim called for two more volunteers to take on journalist duties, (one meeting every six weeks), to replace retiring journalists. Denise Coad and Ian Law put their hands up and were thanked by Tim.

-Membership news.

Tim reported on the progress through targeted letter-drops, of spreading interest in our Club and inviting participation in our projects through volunteering. It has been noted that there has been an increase in interest in the Club's website with 138 hits recorded in recent weeks.

Will Eddowes – Robertson Fairu

Will encouraged members to visit the **Robertson Potato Festival**, (it is Spud-tacular!), this weekend, 4-5 May. He reported on creative activities that could be inspiring for us.

Leigh Robinson – Empire Cinema 16th May - THE WAY, MY WAY.

Leigh asked members to join a party of members and friends to attend this acclaimed film on the evening that had been reserved for a Club fund-raising event. The film is the charming and captivating true story of a stubborn, self-centred Australian man who decides to walk the 800-kilometre-long Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route through Spain. The Empire will be showing it as a normal screening that night. A party of our members on the night would be a sign of appreciation for the generosity we receive when we hold movie fund-raisers.

- Host families for In-bound Exchange Students urgently required.

There are two male-student applications to come to our District next year (July this year) for whom host-families are required. One is from Brazil and the other from Japan. Leigh, in his District role, is appealing to members to consider hosting. Host families usually volunteer to host for three months of the student's year. Leigh received one offer at the meeting from Robert de Jongh.

(Note: This is separate from our incoming Youth Exchange student Yuma Uemura for whom host families are committed).

Robert de Jongh – MUNA 26th May. WCS Chambers

Members planning to attend should register on the website to assist with catering. Trevor Fair has volunteered to be Secretary; however, it would be helpful if someone would make themselves available to relieve him on occasions. Pres. Don thanked him for the work he has put into organising this very worthwhile project.

Rosemary Kelly and Robbie Allen – Poetry Night

A reminder. The Poetry night at Robbie's home on Kangaloon Road on Tuesday 21st May. It is a partners' night. Bring a plate, **finger food and cold to share** and your own drinks. Let Rosemary know food and numbers.

Rod Aistrope – RAWCS project in Vanuatu.

Rod gave a brief update. The project is to build a double classroom. Currently looking at the possibility of participating in a Global Grant. The project is planned for August for two weeks. Details, including cost, still to be worked through.

– Science and Engineering Challenge and Discovery Day

Sponsorship funds are coming in. It appears that costs will be well covered. Volunteers for the two days 22/23rd May still required.

Ian Donges – Quiz

Ian ran one of his popular quizzes – “Who am I”? The answer wasDame Marie Bashir, identified by several very early in the list of questions.

Guest Speaker: Ian Mander, - Brain Tumour Survivor.

Our guest speaker was introduced by Ian Johnson.

Ian Mander thanked the club for the invitation to speak about his experiences with Blood Cancer, starting with a brief background to his life prior of 2015 when following an ultrasound scan on a pain in his side, it was discovered that he had a lymphoma.

Ian's father was a £ 10 Pom, and his Mother Australian. Born and schooled in Geelong he worked as a jackaroo, then went backpacking in Europe where he met his Welsh-Australian wife in Hampshire, UK. Later, returning to Australia, they settled in Sydney when his wife was offered work there with her former employer. Ian decided to enter the finance business. While working at Goldman Sachs in 2015 the pain in his side developed which led to the cancer lymphoma diagnosis.

Initial treatment involved Chemo at the San for six months, after which he returned to work. Ian realised that there was more to life than the stress of long hours and high work pressure at Goldman Sachs. HE resolved to find a more relaxed life. However, further tests indicated further treatment and Ian left his \$9,000 a month job for \$40 support from the Government while he underwent more treatment.

Ian then recounted the long process of treatments, hopes and disappointments, - but with some good fortune, - as he underwent multiple treatments in the public hospital system. A bone-marrow transplant to correct his failing auto-immune system was prescribed. By good fortune a good 11/12 match was soon found on the world registries. The donor lived in Britain. An Australian nurse was flown there to take part in the extraction process and to bring the bone-marrow back. The chance of such a good match is very low, - Ian was lucky. It was late February 2020, and the whole process had taken about six weeks. The transplant was effective until late in 2023 Ian had a neurological disorder and he was rushed back into North Shore hospital where it was found that he had a cancer in his brain that had been there from the start. In a difficult procedure that involved treating the cancer with Chemo but avoiding the body, the cancer was eliminated.

The reason Ian was telling his story was to spread awareness of the Australian Stem Cell (Bone Marrow) Registry that relies on donors in a similar manner to the Blood Bank. There is an age group limit for donors and a preference for male donors. (See note below). It has been forecast that worldwide, 20% of the registered donors will no longer be eligible to donate next year. Registration is by blood sample and can be done at the same time as Blood Bank donation.

Ian recognised that he was addressing a Club of mostly Seniors but hoped that his message might be passed on to the next generation. Lives could be saved!

In question time following his address, Ian had high praise for the public health system which also covered the full cost of his treatment. He emphasised that he had been very lucky, - some patients never find a match.

Ian currently undergoes tests six weekly.

Donator credentials:

Age: Potential donors are listed on the registry until their 61st birthday. However, doctors request donors in the 18 to 44 age group nearly 75 percent of the time. Research shows that younger donors provide the greatest chance for transplant success.

A vote of thanks was given by Bruce Sutton and the Club who joined in wishing Ian everything of the best for the future.

Sargent's Session and Raffle.

Lynton ran a short Fines session and Ian Mander, asked to draw the winning raffle ticket, drew the 4 ♦, - **his own!!** His luck must be changing!!

The meeting closed at 8pm.

BIRTHDAYS

May: Rod Aistrop 3/5, Jim Gasson 22/5, Will Eddowes 26/5, Brian Pattinson 31/5.

The Gallery



The week that was. Anzac Day



Bowral High School Interact Club, School Captains and prefects Dawn Service Anzac Day Mittagong.



President Elect Bob Miller laying a wreath at Anzac Day service in Bowral on behalf of the club.

Barbara Humphries gets a surprise visit on Anzac Day from son Andrew. Andrew is an ex RAAF pilot who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. He now flies for the Toll Ambulance Rescue Helicopter Service.

Andrew was in Bowral, landing in Loseby Park to pick up a patient and fly them to Sydney.



News from Japan.



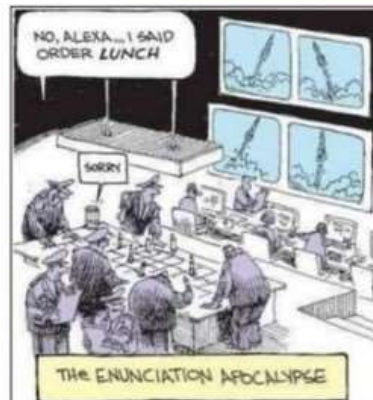
Visiting Kyoto on a school trip!!! I was part of a group of 6 and our task was to visit a famous historical landmark and interview some foreigners!!! They only needed a little help and could speak English very well! It was also so amazing seeing the Kinkakuji temple!!! The golden house was extremely beautifully and the forest was so surreal!!! I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Kyoto and sincerely hope I can come again soon!!!

The Funnies (courtesy of Bungendore RC)

I can't afford an Ancestry DNA Kit to learn about my relatives. So instead, I posted online that I had won the lottery.

Still trying to get my head around the fact that "Take Out" can mean food, dating or murder.

Wouldn't it be ironic if Popeye's chicken was cooked in Olive Oil.



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Is it the **TRUTH**
Is it **FAIR** to all concerned
Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned

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May is Youth Services Month

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

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