

## Part 2 - Womens Welfare

Nicole Blaik from Highlands Community Centre

Additional Knowledge for planning services for women.

Next Meetings	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Program	Services for Women of the Highlands	The Cold War
Speaker	Nicole Blaik	Victor Hugo
Intro / Vote of Thanks	Jacinta Sheridan	Peter Tyas
Dinner Fee Duty	Mary Ramsay	Trudy Schipelliti
Journalist	Trevor Fair	Trevor Fair
Regalia Duty	David Rees	Les Vickerman
If you are unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Trevor Fair by email: <a href="mailto:trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au">trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au</a>		



## UPCOMING EVENTS

May - Nicole Blaik - SH Community Centre - an update on current issues in the Highlands.

Victor Hugo – Cold War diplomacy.



**Journalist: Trevor Fair**

**Welcome - President Lynton**

Lynton welcomed guests Steve & Diane Matthews, also Sue Campbell, Kim Furness, Ray Williams' brother in law.

Visiting Rotarians Stan Cornwall and Ron Sheppard were also welcomed.

**Invocation - Brian Elliott**

**International Toast - Trevor Fair**

The United Nations has adopted today as International Jazz Day.

Since 2011 famous jazz pianist Herbie Hancock has been the UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Intercultural Dialogue and started International Jazz Day celebrations around the world on this day in 2012.

The first year Paris, New Orleans and New York held concerts and since then Istanbul, Osaka, Paris again, Washington, Havana, St. Petersburg and this year Sydney have been the host cities.

Herbie Hancock is in town and giving a master class at the Opera House this week. He will be back for the Vivid Festival and a national tour in June.

New Orleans is widely recognised as the heart and soul of jazz.

The city is often hit by hurricanes and was badly damaged by Katrina in 2005. It is still in recovery with its population of 400 000 still 55 000 less than before the cyclone. The TV series *Treme*, set in a city suburb showed life in recovery set against a jazz background.

The Rotary Club of Mid-City New Orleans was Chartered in District 6840 in 2015 and deals with the local difficulties of life supporting domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

President Adelle Bergman and her 35 Members raise funds for this work with a progressive poker crawl on bikes visiting 5 pubs in town, collecting donations and one playing card each at each pub. The participant with the best poker hand wins a prize and the Club keeps the money.



**Announcements**

**Robert De Jongh**

District is seeking host families for several YE students.

Student Summaries are:

**Name: Ronja Ahlfors**



Nationality: Finnish

Age: Will be 17 in June

Interests: Art, drawing and painting

Languages: Finnish (Fluent), English (Good), Swedish (Fair)

Diet: Always keen to try new foods

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**Name: Marjolein Overberg**



Nationality: Swiss

Age: Turned 16 in February

Interests: Scuba diving, cooking, cinema, dancing, playing the piccolo, reading, skiing

Languages: German (Fluent), Dutch (Fluent), English (Good), French (Fair), Italian (Fair)

Diet: Will eat everything but only eats cheese on pizza and doesn't like seafood

### **Will Eddowes**

The visit to Blackheath coffee roasting has been deferred to a new date due to a clash with Mother's Day.

Moonacres visit is being scheduled for a date in May. Will include a visit to the farm then a light meal at their Robertson restaurant \$20.

### **Luciano Liberale**

Chestnut roasting evening to be held at Southern Highlands Wines 28<sup>th</sup> May

### **Rod Aistrophe**

Democracy BBQ - Bowral Hall - 18<sup>th</sup> May seeking volunteers.

### **Guest Speaker - Steve Matthews**



Steve was born in UK and has had a career in banking and finance.

Children's Literature is a passion. "The Skinny Girl" is his first in adult literature.

Diane and himself were invited to go to India where they had some of his books in the library. Inspired home to write a book for translation into Hindi.

Recently became apparent that a friend was in an abusive relationship. Most murders occur either 2 weeks before or 2 weeks after the female plans to leaves the relationship.

After researching 800 pages of documents came away with a manuscript.

A Homicide victims support group has been set up in conjunction with White Ribbon and NSW Police. Every 2 minutes Police receive a call from a woman seeking help concerning domestic violence.

For every 4 women in domestic violence situation there is 1 man.

The book "The Skinny Girl" is based on facts, however fictionised to cover identities of characters.

Some alarming statistics include 2017 53 died from abusive relationships. In 2018 68 women died.

There are currently 250 women's refuges in Australia, White Ribbon state they need 2500. There also needs to be better co-ordination between the agencies to ensure effective and efficient services are provided.

Where Government funds are used, they seek to control of the activities which does not always mean the best outcomes are achieved as politics comes into play.

Police now record with digital cameras when they enter a home and this information can be used in Court. Hospitals have forensic Drs who also provide evidence. This will hopefully lead to increased convictions and therefore less incidents in the future.

A Domestic Violence Abuser Register is held by Police. If someone is considering entering a relationship they are able to contact Police to see whether the potential partner has any history of domestic violence.

The 2 major triggers for domestic violence include



1. Alcohol
2. Gambling
3. Finance

A 3% increase in interest rates will cause a dramatic increase in domestic violence.

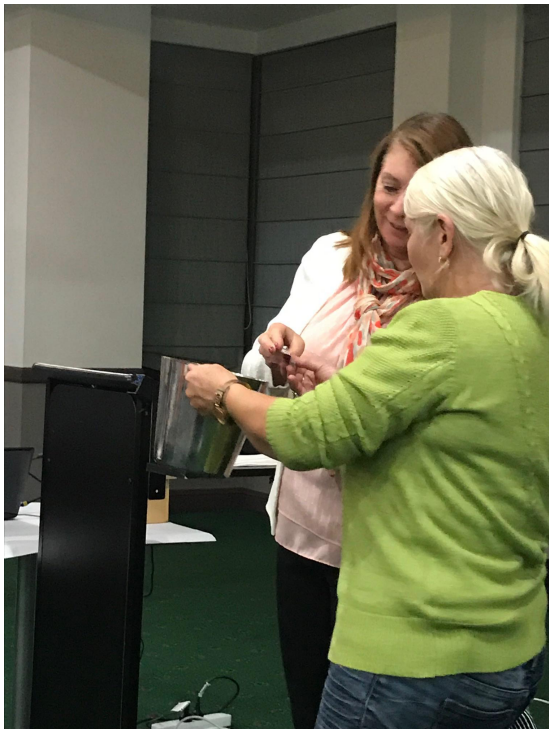
It is essential to educate children early in an attempt to prevent the next generation of abusers.

Had 4 offers to publish the book, 2 from Australia. Decided to use an independent Australian Publisher. Normally the book is written by the victim, however this book is written with all warts and all. ‘

All royalties goes to the charities. Website has donation details.

People always have a choice, even as children. Every morning everyone has a choice. No person asks to be abused, thumped, etc.

### Joker Raffle - Graham Hicks - 5 Spades



### May Birthdays:

- Rod Aistrope 3/5  
 Jim Gasson 22/5  
 Will Eddowes 26/5  
 Brian Pattinson 31/5

### EVENT DIARY

May	12 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Roasters with Altitude, Blackheath
	17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	RYPEN, need candidates
	18 <sup>th</sup>	MUNA, WSC Chambers
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Liberale Golf Day
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Berrima RC - Wheres Wally Fundraiser
June	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>	S&E Challenge Discovery Day
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Inner Wheel - Wedding Fashion through the ages
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Club Changeover - Bowral Golf Club
	26 <sup>th</sup>	RC Berrima District Changeover - Scottish Arms \$40
Sept	24 <sup>th</sup> to 7 Oct	Tulip Time Festival
Oct	20 <sup>th</sup>	Bowral Cycle Classic



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Please help us to fundraise \$5000 to be donated directly to School for Life.

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