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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.

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
07 Feb	Kookabar	Don Graham/Plans for 23-24	Trevor Fair
14 Feb	Bowral Bowling Club	Valentine's Day Social Meeting	David McCosh
21 Feb	Annesley	Ian Law/The Environment	Will Eddowes
28 Feb	Bowral Bowling Club	Christine Gray/A Healthy Life Style	Tim Bowland

International Toast – given by Rod Aistrope.

On Thursday, 22nd December last year as Minnie and I were resting at Kununurra near the Ord River, Cyclone Ellie was preparing to come ashore from the Timor Sea about 200km north. Ellie was only a Category 1 cyclone and dropped to a tropical low when it crossed the coast.

We got out of town early the next morning and we were safely in Broome that night. We crossed the bridge and stopped at Fitzroy Crossing along the way and had lunch on the banks of the river at the old crossing point.

Tropical low Ellie headed inland across the Territory and would normally have kept going dropping rain all the way down to the Great Australian Bight. But not Ellie.

She turned around and went back, getting to Fitzroy Crossing on 29th December and then doing two full circles before leaving on Monday, 2nd January reaching Broome on the 5th and finally heading into the Tanami Desert and disappearing on 8th January - 17 days after coming ashore. Where we had lunch was 2 metres deep in water a week later.

We have all seen the pictures and read and heard the stories of the inundation and damage to the towns and roads throughout the Kimberley and the collapse of the bridge at Fitzroy Crossing. The rivers

have all receded to below flood level now, but it will take years to recover.



Fortunately, the population is sparse, and the quantum of damage is small in comparison with the earlier flooded areas of the eastern states, but just the same people and communities have been seriously affected. And just the same, community service organisations including the Rotary Clubs of District 9455 are playing their part.

There are only 3 Clubs in the immediate area affected - Broome, Karratha and Kununurra but their District and 42 other Clubs extends over the whole of WA down to the northern suburbs of Perth where District Governor Ineke Oliver lives.

So, in recognition of the task ahead for the Rotary Clubs of Broome, Karratha and Kununurra and the rest of their District would you please make tonight's International Toast to the Governor, Clubs and Members of Rotary District 9455.

Journalist: Ian Langford.

Venue: Bowral Bowling Club.

Sergeant Lynton Kettle called the meeting to order and welcomed Kaileigh Bertram and her mother Ronda Bertram and guest speaker Bowral & District Hospital General Manager Bradley Warner. Lynton also welcomed visiting Rotarian Brydget Barker-Hudson from the Rotary Club of Bungendore.

Sergeant Lynton introduced **President Leigh Robinson** who listed the apologies and then acknowledged the Gundungurra People, the traditional owners of this land where we meet and to pay our respect to their Elders, past, present, and future.

Rod Aistrop recited and proposed the International Toast to the Governor, Clubs and Members of Rotary District 9455. This was followed by all the members reciting the Invocation.

Announcements:

President Leigh Robinson read out a note he had received from Roz Benton thanking the Club for holding our barefoot bowls and dinner evening in memory of the late Past President Chris Benton. She also gave special thanks to Denise Coad, Tony Glenn and Lynton Kettle and all those that spoke about Chris at the meeting.



Ian Langford explained how the random shuffling of the Chris Benton pictures froze at the Barefoot Bowls meeting (and no one told him) so he was repeating the images at tonight's meeting.

President Leigh Robinson presented **Allan Falvey** with his new dinner badge which had not been available when he was recently inducted.

Leigh reported that the Australia Day meeting held at Luciano & Robyn Liberale's home was a successful day with lots of fun and food for all and thanks to Luciano for all his cooking.

Thursday 26th January - Australia Day BBQ



The Food basket is in operation again for the Uniting Church and it is requested that members bring a couple of items each week.

President Leigh Robinson explained that our meeting in two weeks is falling on St. Valentine's Day so it will be a Partners' night.

This year the **District 9705** is combining both PETS (President Elect Training) and Learning & Development (previously known as Club Assembly). They are providing two opportunities to attend (one in Merimbula and one in Orange) and they are encouraging as many members of our Club as possible to come along and not just those on the Board next year. See <https://rotary9705.org.au/page/showhomepage/> for full details and registration.

PE Don Graham, Tony Glenn, Ian Langford and Leigh Robinson are going to the one in Orange (31st March-2nd April, 2023). Please consider going with them as it will be more fun with a bigger group.

See Secretary Trevor Fair, Don Graham or Leigh Robinson if you would like to join the group.

Ian Law will be giving a talk about the environment at the meeting on the 21st of February and would like all members to really give thought to what our Club can do to contribute towards environmental improvement.

EH Holden Car Rally.

Allan Falvey and **Will Eddowes** will be looking for plenty of volunteers to help feed participants in the EH Holden Car Rally over the Easter weekend. The Club has been asked to cater as follows: -

Thursday 6th April,
Dinner at Springs Resort Mittagong – 10 Volunteers needed 5pm – 6pm

Saturday 8th April,
Breakfast at Glebe Park Bowral – 8 Volunteers needed 6am – 8am

Sunday 9th April,
Breakfast at Pheasant Wood Raceway Marulan – 10 Volunteers needed 6am – 8am

Monday 10th April,
Breakfast at Springs Resort Mittagong – 8 Volunteers needed 7am – 9am

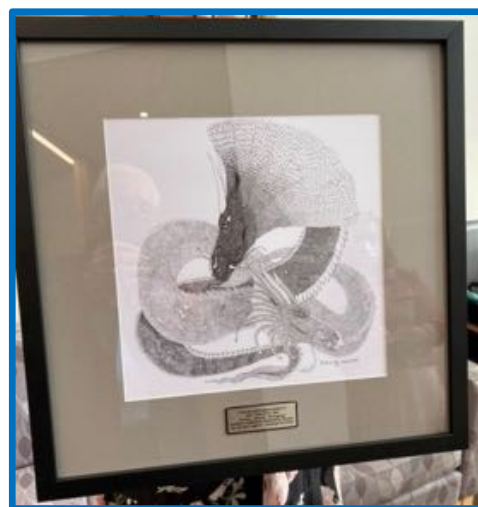
Each session will require 8 to 10 volunteers so please be ready to help.

President Leigh introduced **Kaileigh Bertram** who received the insulin pump which the Club, with the S.H. Community Hospice, helped to finance.



Ronda and Kaileigh Bertram

She thanked the Club "from the bottom of my heart" for the pump and described how it has made such a difference to her quality of life. She has been a type 1 diabetic since she was 4½ years old and this pump has just changed her day-to-day life.



Kaileigh had drawn a picture to say thank you to the Club (and others) for arranging the pump for her. The picture hangs in the foyer of Bowral Public Hospital, with a plaque attached.

After dinner **Ian Donges** introduced the guest speaker **Bradley Warner** who is the Bowral & District Hospital General Manager. He is also an Adjunct Teaching Fellow with the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Western Sydney University. He has been 8 months in the job and told us all about the upgrade to the hospital and the progress of the second stage of the upgrade with another \$65 million being spent.

Guest Speaker Bradley Walker, General Manager, Bowral & District General Manager.



Bradley Warner

The progress so far after the stage one was opened in 2020 with the delivery of a new clinical services building for B&DH (Bowral & District Hospital) and the Wingecarribee Shire is that about one third of Stage 2 has been delivered with the new Pharmacy, CSSD (Central Sterile Supply Department) and the Dialysis Unit.

The next stage of redevelopment includes a range of refurbishment works and demolition of outdated buildings. Stage 2 remaining scope includes:

- Allied Health, Ambulatory Care and Outpatient clinics amalgamated into a new Outpatients Centre
- Demolition of the Watson building
- Relocation of Hotel Services, Supply, Mortuary, Education/SIM, General Manager's Unit and CID to the Milton Park (MP) building
- Creation of Loading Dock off Milton Park building
- Demolition of one third of Milton Park building
- Refurbishment of remaining Milton Park building
- Aboriginal Dreaming Garden
- Additional staff lift in new clinical services building
- Demolition of old outdated structures on site



Artist Impression of the new Outpatients Centre

Currently the main challenge facing the hospital is getting staff. The hospital performs about 50 operations a week, deals with 70 patients in the Emergency Department each day and has 2 to 5 births each day.

Plenty of questions followed ranging from David Rees ensuring that they will be able to deal with his heart to the history of the refurbished flag pole and how over the year the Club has been involved with the hospital.

Barbara Humphries then gave a vote of thanks and explained that a donation had been made to the Australian Rotary Health in his name.

Jo Chalmers then asked Kaileigh to pick the winning raffle ticket and our guest speaker Bradley Warner won the bottle of wine.

Sergeant Lynton performed a quick fines session on David Rees for worrying about the heart unit, Jim Gasson for worrying about the flag pole, Pamela Brown for missing a car park, Don Graham for his Kiwi trip and Rod Aistrope his cyclone trip.



Further Announcements:

Rod Aistrope informed the Club that the Welby Garden Centre was having a Fundraising dinner on March 4th with guest speaker Costa Georgiadis in aid of building a training café for disabled people seeking new skills in the hospitality industry.

See flyer attached.

Leigh Robinson reported that he and Robbie Allen went to a thank you event on Sunday for those involved with the “Angels Parade” held last year.

Leigh Robinson then dropped the bombshell that from July 2023 he will be an Area Governor for Area

4 of District 9705 which covers 10 clubs. Congratulations Leigh – Maybe Chicago next?

President Leigh closed the meeting and reminded the Club that next week we meet at the Kookabar Café.

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The poster features a man with a long beard and hair, wearing a pink shirt, standing in front of autumn foliage. On the left, there are logos for 'Challenge Southern Highlands' and 'WELBY GARDEN CENTRE'. The main title is 'Fundraiser Event for Training Café/Community Gardens'. A pink box lists the event details: '2 COURSE MEAL', 'LOCAL BEER & WINE', 'LIVE JAZZ MUSIC', 'GUEST SPEAKER COSTA', and 'SILENT AUCTION'. The ticket price is '\$140' and includes 'Food, Music and Drinks'. The date and time are '4th March, 2023 5:30 pm Onwards'. The guest speaker is 'Costa Georgiadis' with phone number 'ph. 4872 1244'. The location is 'Cnr Old Hume Hwy & Bendooley St, Welby, NSW, 2575'.

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SIMPLY ASK WITH OUR STAFF MEMBERS AT GARDEN CENTRE

THE CAFÉ WILL PROVIDE TRAINING FOR PHYSICALLY AND/OR INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED PEOPLE WANTING TO GAIN NEW SKILLS IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY, WHILST GIVING OUR CUSTOMERS A SPECIAL DINING EXPERIENCE IN A BEAUTIFUL SETTING.

