

## SPECIAL EVENT NEW DATE: Dr John Hewson – 7<sup>th</sup> August

Please invite your friends, neighbours, colleagues etc to listen to Dr Hewson.

Next Meetings	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 5:30 for 6:30 pm	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 5:30 for 6:30 pm
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Program	Dr John Hewson	Tulip Times Festival Planning
Speaker	Dr John Hewson	Mary Ramsay
Intro / Vote of Thanks	Rod Aistrope	Lynton Kettle
Dinner Fee Duty	Trevor Fair	Graham Hicks
Journalist	Denise Coad	Trevor Fair
Regalia Duty	Tony Glenn	Don Graham

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**7 August 2018** - An Evening with Dr John Hewson

Please note:

To make this event a success please ensure all your friends, neighbours family are invited, AND attend!

Normal meeting times and venue resume next week.



## Meeting Notes 31st July 2018

This week's dinner venue was Pascal's new venue, Kookabar Café, Wingecarribee St, Bowral. One never to disappoint guests were treated to succulent roast beef & veg.



## South West Rocks Sub-branch update

One of the nomadic groups within the Club met for cool refreshments at SW Rocks this week. The picture explains a lot!



## Fiji update – by president Lynton

All remaining members of the Bowral Mittagong RAWCS team still working well despite heat, humidity, dehydration and bendy nails. Manage to address first three issues at knockoff but nails not yet manufactured that can be driven in straight on this project.

The team has just had a tasty Indian meal of dhal, rice, salad and tamarind paste prepared by the family of a village resident. There was initially some reluctance as the whole host family that fed and entertained us on Friday night with a wonderful 15 dish Indian meal have come down with a stomach bug and the breadwinner didn't turn up for work yesterday.

We got out of Lautoka on the weekend and did some bush walking, sightseeing, shopping and eating at Nadi and south coast around to Sigatoka. The bushwalking put Rods new knees to the test. Learnt a lot about the geography and culture of both the indigenous Fijians and Fijian Indian populations.

The accommodation at The Cathay Hotel has received mixed reviews from the team members. The way they normally travel has coloured their perception of the standard of shelter provided by this establishment. Complaints are filled out in quadruplicate, as are the breakfast menus. The staff can anticipate the nature of the complaint by the room number of the guest as the reception desk is approached. Moving from one room to another just exchanges one fault for another. However, all complaints met with a smile and one day the cyclone damage may be repaired.

However, location can be everything, with the Northern Club, a relic of colonial history, is right across the road. This has an excellent swimming pool, squash courts, tennis courts and gym. We intend, one day, to get past the rehydration area and inspect these facilities.

Rod, an over engineering specialist, is supervising the preparation of the floor slab for an experimental cottage industry light industrial complex for the village. Rod, unusually, feels that there is too much steel in the design. He has rejected the obvious solution, which is to pull out the steel reinforcement after local government inspection, on flimsy, leftist



moral grounds. Rod, in his spare time has creditably built two tables for the preschool centre. Rob Uhl is now painting them.

Mary, after a courageous battle with Hotel management involving three changes of room, eventually resulting in a move to a Qantas seat, achieved a great deal refreshing the current common and commercial centre of the original village. Mary has given the area around the preschool, local shop, office and computer room a full makeover, brightening the whole area. It was not an easy job.

Rob has tackled everything she attempts with a great deal of gusto and enthusiasm. Any shutter below 5 foot that requires repainting has been covered in yellow paint. The village paint scheme of blue and yellow mirrors the Rotary corporate colours. This has resulted in a great deal of interaction with the local residents, and conversation for later.

The later arrivals, Jacinta and Slavica, first day, poured and finished the concrete paving under the new solar water condensation plants. Since then, nailing strapping, carrying timber, digging pier holes and stripping formwork provided a good introduction to them entertaining/teaching a preschool class of village children this morning. The children won, and both are back working on erecting the cookhouses with Don.

Don has been building cookhouses. His friendly disposition, most unlaywer like, has usually resulted in a crowd of residents, mainly children, standing around waiting to hand him a nail. They applaud when he gets one in straight. His friendship with his local assistant Arvin, resulted in an invitation to Arvin's residence. We had a magnificent Indian banquet and cultural experience that night.

Vicki has been working hard as assistant to master fitter Will, known locally as "Mr Millimeter", but known to the team as "drop off". Will and Vicki have been making security doors and grills with Will achieving mechanical engineering tolerances using bent and bowed timber as his raw material. Vicki is incredibly energetic and dynamic managing the security screen team of Will and Davida and other itinerant helpers. The residents are very appreciative of the finished doors and screens.

There are numerous other minor works being done by the team as well, with maintenance and

construction issues addressed as they are drawn to our attention. Everyone is working hard in conditions we are not used to, and gradually adjusting to Fijian time and attitudes, however, plenty of laughter and unplanned entertainment as with all Rotary projects.

Best wishes from all of us here at Koropita, Lynton





## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Lynton is making toys for the village kids. Anish is very happy with his new acquisition! Made from empty peanut tins and scraps of wood!



**Bowral-Mittagong Rotary presents**

**An Evening with Dr John Hewson**

**August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6pm for a 6:30 start**

**Highlands Golf Club**



Dr John Hewson is one of Australia's most experienced economists, financial experts and company directors. He is also a former politician and was Leader of the Liberal Party and Leader of the Opposition from 1990 to 1994.

Since leaving politics Dr Hewson has forged a very successful career in investment banking and at the elite levels of business.

Dr Hewson is a member of the Advisory Council for ABN AMRO Australia and Chairman of The John Hewson Group Pty Limited, Global Renewables Limited, Universal Bus Company Pty Ltd (UBC), Strategic Capital Management Limited and Belle Property Pty Ltd. He is also a director of Macquarie Graduate School of Management and other public and private companies.

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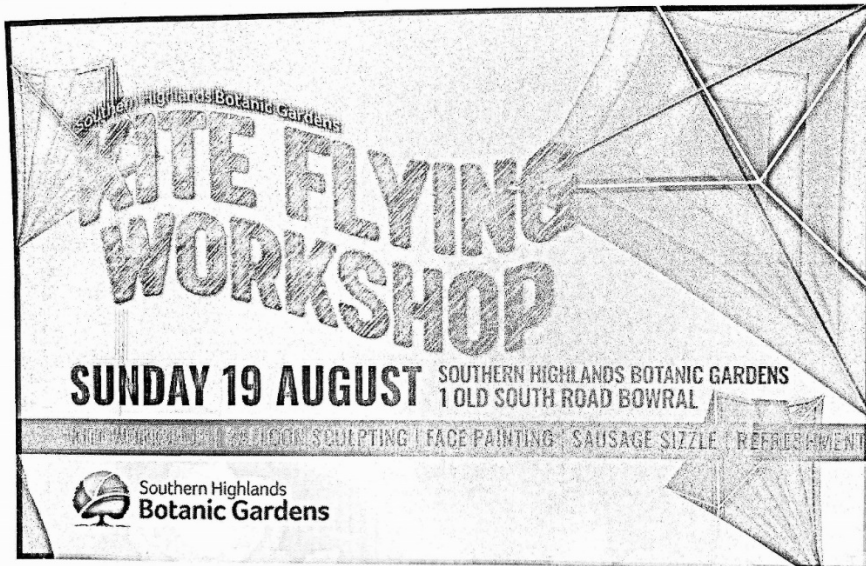
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