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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
10 Dec	Bowral Bowling Club	A lady who grew up in Europe during WW2	Steve Escott	Rod Aistrope
17 Dec	Annesley	Christmas Party	Trevor Fair	
26 Jan	The Donges	Australia Day Celebration	NA	NA
Feb		Mental Health Training	NA	NA

NB The journalist and International Toast Roster may have changed. Check for your name.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL-MITTAGONG TULIP TIMES BULLETIN

December 3, 2024

JOURNALIST – Denise Coad

VENUE – Bowral Bowling Club

Acting Sergeant Robert de Jongh opened the Meeting and welcomed Members and Guests.

Honorary Members Jim Gasson and Mary Ramsay

Guest of Dominic Williams – David Hooper

Guest Speaker and Fellow Club Rotarian – Dominic Williams

Apologies – Rose Conley our Welfare Officer.

Late Withdrawal – Leigh Robinson following surgery relating to a dental procedure.

Invocation and International Toast – David McCosh

Invocation - 3rd December 2024.

For good food,
good fellowship,
and the privilege to serve,
we give thanks.

Rotary Toast to the Rotary Clubs of the city of Bhopal in northern India.

On this day, the 3rd of December 1984, the gas leak at the **Union Carbide pesticide plant** in Bhopal, India, released toxic methyl iso-cyanate gas into the atmosphere, causing the worst industrial accident in history.

In the city's population of around 900,000, 3,800 people died that night, followed by significant morbidity and premature death for many thousands more during the ensuing years.

In the face of unimaginable loss and suffering, - the people of Bhopal showed resilience, compassion, and an unwavering spirit of unity. From this tragedy arose a community that has continuously worked towards healing, rebuilding, and advocating for justice and accountability.

Today, we raise our glasses to the several **Rotary Clubs of Bhopal in District 3040**, which as one has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the people of Bhopal in their journey towards recovery.

Through their dedication to service above self, the members of the Rotary Clubs have brought hope, support, and lasting change to the lives of countless individuals.

We toast the **Rotary Clubs of Bhopal** for their tireless efforts to improve lives, not only in the aftermath of the disaster but also in their ongoing work to make the community stronger, healthier, and more resilient.

Please rise and toast the Rotary Clubs of Bhopal, - may your service continue to inspire, and may your commitment to humanity guide the way for generations to come.

President Bob Miller

AGM is to be run in accordance with rules set out in the Club Constitution making officers aware of their duties and comply with the relevant jurisdiction and includes:

Presentation of annual reports from President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors. Election of Club officers for the next Rotary year and acceptance of financial statements for the financial year.



Presidents are currently questioned by District Governor Rob Uhl
President Elect and Board Membership applications.

and Robert Shore regarding

Trevor Fair nominations so far:

Robert de Jongh
Ian Donges
Ian Law
Robbie Allan
Leigh Robinson

Past President Bob Miller will also be on the incoming Board.

3 AGM Motions:

Annual Statements be accepted – CARRIED
Auditors – Oxley Partners to do Audit – Ian Langford
Club Bylaws- Ian Langford

President Bob Miller

We participated at the Rotary Corbett Gardens Stall for Domestic Violence last Friday accompanied by a Police Representative.

Thanks to Mary Crammond and Leigh Robinson for their support.

Some of our Members assisted with the BBQ provided for the car swap meeting at Moss Vale Showground on Saturday and Sunday. We have received a “thank you” from Ross and his team.

Some fine tuning still required for the hosting of the 300 ACT Scouts and Leaders to a Rotary BBQ on Thursday January 16 at the PCYC House in Mittagong.

Krischan Keller is in support of the proposal and offering appropriate facilities to support our BBQ. Krischan is a Member of our Club.

Rotary support of repairing the Hilltop Playground damage.

There will be an official opening of the playground on Saturday December 14 commencing at 9.30am.

Tim Bowland - Thank you to 13 Members who have responded to the Future Proof Survey.

President Bob Miller - Our association with Angel Flight and its representative Uncle Merv has resulted in the offer of a 4 day Golf Tournament in the Hunter Valley offering a dozen bottles of wine. Leigh will provide the finer details, but we are thinking we may make an auction of the gift. More information available next week.

Don Graham – Updated Members on the Dutch Students who have been here for 3-4 Months.

Robbie Allan - Barbara Smith from Moss Vale Rotary has been hosting Yuna.

Ian Johnson - There is a Domestic Violence Forum tomorrow at 9.30 – 12.30 at Bradman Museum. The point of view from both Women and Males.

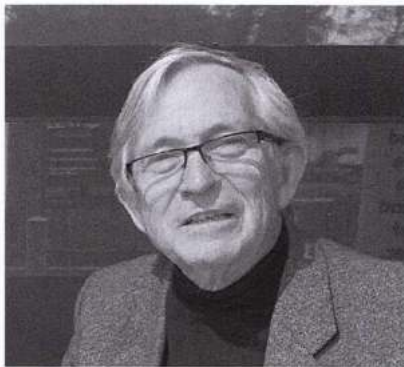
Don Graham introduced our Guest Speaker – Dominic Williams.

The details of his presentation are best explained in his Book Launch. Dominic has books for sale and signing after his presentation.

Gaza: A Middle-East Odyssey Paperback – 2 October 2024

by [Dominic Williams](#) (Author)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



I have always had a love of Palestinian and Israeli history.

My first visit to Israel was in November 1967, when my intention to work in a kibbutz was short lived. On arrival at Lod airport, my companion Paul Scully-Power and I were arrested at gunpoint as suspected spies for taking photographs of military aircraft. It was just after the Six Day War. My film was confiscated, and we were both put on the next plane to Athens, which just so happened to be the same day King Constantine was overthrown by the Generals. Life was exciting ... for us!

If you have struggled to understand the Middle-East tension, wars and history, then struggle no more. This gripping historical novel unravels the complexities of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a compelling family saga spanning three generations.

After enduring the horrors of the Holocaust and surviving Dachau Concentration Camp, Henrik and Sarah Cohen join the Jewish diaspora to Israel's newly established Promised Land, settling in the rural tranquillity of a kibbutz near the Sea of Galilee. But peace is fleeting.

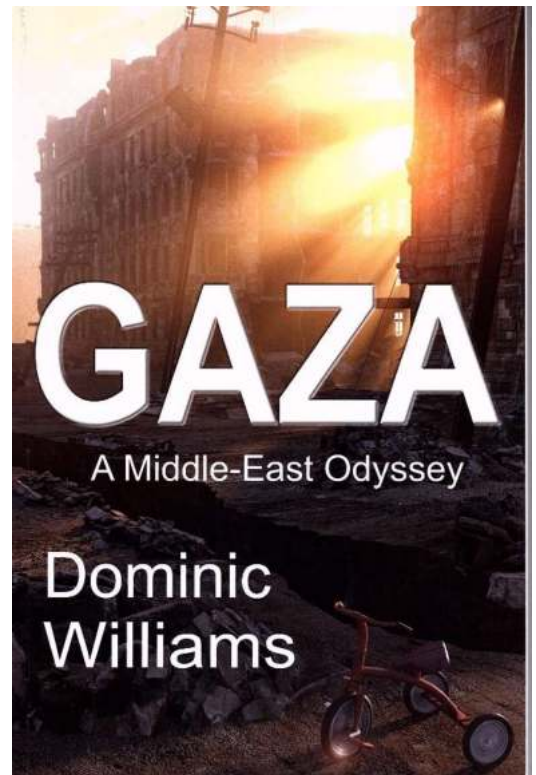
We also meet Layla Habibi, a

Palestinian nurse, who plays a crucial role in the aftermath of the armed hostilities of October 2023.

The story introduces readers to pivotal figures including David Ben-Gurion, Mahmoud Abbas, Yasser Arafat, Benjamin Netanyahu, Bill Clinton, and the United Nations, as they weave their influence into the fabric of the history and this tale.

Central to the narrative are the Cohen and Habibi families, whose intertwined fates reflect every step forward and every setback, in the quest for peace between Israel and Palestine.

Ultimately, the resolution to hostilities lies delicately in the hands of one family member, offering hope for a lasting solution.



Mary Crammond – Vote of Thanks

Janine Raffle - David Stranger – Jack of Spades

Barbara Humphries Quiz – Marrickville – Dom Williams

Luciano Liberale – Thank you to our Club for their continuing support of the Childrens Cancer Institute.

Robbie Allan – Yuna’s 18th Birthday is December 11. We will be having a Cake and special Gift for Yuna at next week’s Meeting.

Robert de Jongh Joke of the Day – 3 Generals

Next Week’s Meeting is at the Bowral Bowling Club.

Guest Speaker – a Lady who grew up in Eastern Europe during the war.

Birthdays

DECEMBER: Rose Conley 25/12; Barbara Humphries 19/12; Paul Leotta 19/12; Leigh Robinson 7/12.

JANUARY: Des Rudolph 10/1; Brian Ritson 5/1.

Gallery



Quote of the week

“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much”

-Helen Keller

Funnies

“Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet to see who they really are.”

—WILL FERRELL—

Parade

“Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?” — George Carlin

