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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

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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
8 March	Bong Bong	Greyhound BBQ	N/A	N/A
11 March	Bowral Bowling Club	Lucy Hopgood Brown	David Patton	David Stranger
15-16 March	Annesley	Mental Health Training	NA	NA
18 March	Annesley		Will Eddowes	Steve Hallis
23 Mar	Bundanoon	WSC planting BBQ	N/A	N/A
25 March	Bowral Bowling Club		Denise Coad	Rosemary Kelly
1 April	Bowral Bowling Club	Mayor-Jesse Fitzpatrick	Trevor Fair	Allan Falvey
8 April	Bowral Bowling Club		Barbara Humphries	David Rees
15 April	Annesley	Judy Hannon MP Wollondilly	Ian Langford	Don Graham
24 May	WSC	Model United Nations	N/A	N/A
25-26-27 May	Mittagong RSL	S&E Challenge & Discovery Day	N/A	N/A
1 July	Annesley	Club Changeover		
Late Sept	Corbet Gardens	Tulip Times		
29 Sept	Corbet Gardens	Food & Wine Festival		

19 Oct	Bowral	Bowral Cycle Classic		
21 Nov	Bong Bong	Bong Bong Races		

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

The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong Meeting held Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

**Venue:** Bowral Bowling Club.

**Journalist:** Ian Langford.

**Sergeant Lynton Kettle** called the meeting to order and welcomed tonight's guest speaker, Adam Ismail, the Director of Capernwray Torchbearers Australia representing our own local Christian College in Burradoo. This Learning Centre attracts students worldwide to attend courses in Bible study.

All Club members extend their deepest sympathy to **Luciano Liberale** and his family for their loss. The funeral service for **Robyn Liberale** will be held at St Michael's Catholic Church, 57 Alfred Street, Mittagong this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 11:00am followed by a gathering at the Highlands Golf Club from 12:00 pm.



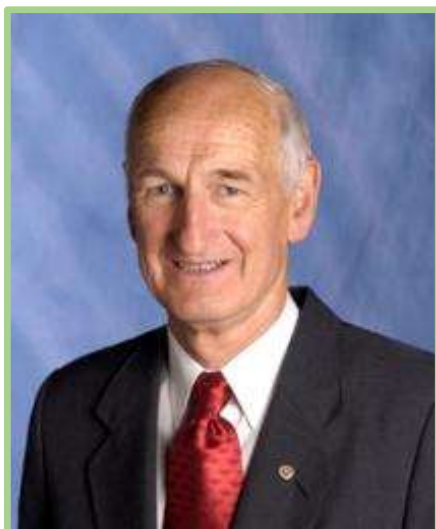
Robyn Diana Liberale.  
 Passed away 27th February, 2025 Aged 81 years.  
 Beloved wife of Luciano.  
 Dearly loved mother and mother in law to Daniela & William, Christina & Darryl and Antony (deceased). Loving grandmother to Laura, James, Alexander, Susannah & Hugo.

**International Toast.**

**Sergeant Lynton** invited **Tony Glenn** to recite the **Invocation** and to propose the **International Toast**.

Bill Boyd was a New Zealander who passed away at the age of 91 in January this year.

Bill was the President of Rotary International 2006-2007.



*Bill Boyd*



*Tony Glenn*

Bill joined Wellington South Rotary Club in 1971. His membership was delayed a couple of years as his boss held the classification of Magazine Distribution. A problem that no longer exists today.

In 1986 Bill joined the Pakuranga Rotary Club and it was that Club which ultimately nominated him for the position of RI President.

Bill was either a member or a chair of a Rotary International committee or Rotary Foundation over 3 decades. Bill's theme for his presidential year was "Lead the Way". He was renowned throughout Rotary for two significant strengths:

- 1) His leadership skills; and
- 2) His communication skills

His forte was to sit on a stool, microphone in hand, and engage at a very personal level with his audience – he was warm, sincere, witty and uncomplicated and it is said it instilled in listeners that he was "talking just to you" the individual.

Rotary and particularly our region were fortunate to have a person of such ability.

The Pakuranga RC was chartered in 1970, now has 31 members and meets the first and third Mondays at 5.30pm, aspects which imply change from the days that Bill was a driving force.

Please be upstanding and toast Rotary International, the President and members of Pakuranga RC and the memory of Bill Boyd.

The sergeant then invited **President Bob Miller** to the microphone.

### **PCYC Fit for Life Program.**

**President Bob** reported that he had received an email from Raffaele Frisina from the NSW Police Youth Command seeking our interest in partnering with them in a 'Fit for Life' program targeting high school age students and utilizing the facilities at Bowral High School.

In response to his request for us to consider partnering the Police Youth Command, the PCYC, Bowral High School and Rotary with a plan to commence the work in school term 2, we have responded that we can meet their requirements, providing that a meeting of all parties is called to explain the prime purpose of the project and the role to play by each party.

A meeting of all parties (Bowral High School, PCYC, the Police and The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong) has been scheduled for 10am Friday, 14th March to be held at Bowral High School.

We will need a committee assigned to this project with a leader passionate about youth in our community being better prepared for life ahead.

### **Mental Health First Aid.**

**President Bob** reminded members who wish to be included in the Mental Health First Aid Training on 15 and 16 March at Annesley to contact Leigh Robinson. We have prepaid for manuals for 15 candidates based upon the expectation there may be some late comers. We currently have 12 registered.

### **Adopt a Greyhound Day.**

**President Bob** reported that preparations are being finalised for the barbecue lunch for those attending the '**Adopt a Greyhound**' day at Bong Bong race course on Saturday 8th March between 9am and 12pm. Chris representing Greyhounds NSW will confirm by next Thursday final numbers for the barbecue of Sausages and bacon and eggs with the usual trimmings.

The site for the barbecue trailer has been allocated at Bong Bong race course and Rosemary has undertaken the task of putting the cooking and serving team together. I will be requesting assistance with the trailer and accessories from the Shed leaving at 7.30 am. The organisers have confirmed we will be catering for around 100 people.

Also our proposal and costing have been accepted by Wingecarribee Shire Council to conduct a barbecue at the **Bundanoon Tree Planting Festival** on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March with the organisers now providing a plan with instructions where we locate our Barbecue. Food comprises sausages

(meat & vegetarian) served on bread and no drinks required. We will use the small barbecue rather than the trailer. There are 70 tickets issued so far.

**President Bob, Mary Crammond and Tim Bowland** spent an enjoyable time over coffee speaking to a potential member for our Club called Peter Matthews. Peter has commenced working in Moss Vale within the past year and has made contact with us recently. He is a past Rotarian, a Funeral Director along with his wife who runs a similar business in Bulli. Peter showed a keenness to join us and has requested he be considered as a guest speaker in the meantime.

### **Braille Music Camp.**

A small group of Club members attended the concert at St Judes Church on Saturday held to raise funds for the **Braille Music Camp** to join a full house enjoying a wonderful afternoon of orchestral and vocal entertainment and beautifully prepared and tasty afternoon tea. This could only be expected following Roma's presence at our meeting last week.



*Ben Clarke (the camp's Artistic Director).*



*Roma Dix (Coordinator of the camp).*

This is a lead into the Board's recommendation that consideration be given to supporting the Braille Music Camp. On the final night students will put on a wonderful concert planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Remember that date.

### **Nepal Festival.**

A couple of us also took time to visit the **Nepal Festival** at Corbett Gardens on Saturday to be welcome to a well organised event where the attending Nepalese Community, showed their skills in dancing, singing, community engagement and sharing wonderful food. The family generated civil atmosphere was remarkable and goes to prove you do not require alcohol to enjoy oneself.

### **Brigadoon.**

**Ian Law & Trevor Fair** reported that some members who had volunteered for last year's **Brigadoon** before it was cancelled have received an email from Helene Jessep looking for volunteers for this year's Brigadoon. She says "*Well, now in 2025, I'm scouting for volunteers to help out with Brigadoon on 5<sup>th</sup> April. In volunteering for a few hours for Brigadoon, your efforts are greatly valued. The hours you provide are converted into a cash donation, which is then given (on your behalf) to a charity of your choice. All jobs suit males or females, ranging from little physical effort to more robust activity at the oval. There are job opportunities from 7am until 5pm and further at the Ceilidh dance from 6.30pm. Varying shift times so each volunteer ought to find a suitable time-slot, and has an equal opportunity to contribute.*

*In volunteering for Brigadoon, you'll receive a complimentary entry pass to the day event. As always, if you have a friend, family member or interested neighbour, invite them; new volunteers are welcomed with open arms. I'd be most appreciative if you could let me know as soon as convenient, so that I can organise the rosters".*

Any member who wants to help and raise some cash for charity should contact Helene Jessep on 0409 712 826 to negotiate a preferable time, shift and task. Please let President Bob know if you are going and at what time.

## **Shelterbags.**

Mary Crammond and Leigh Robinson reported that the BHS Interact Club is purchasing a number of Shelterbags for the Homeless and it is planned that these will be handed over to the Interact Club on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Model United Nations Assembly.**

Robert de Jongh that all is going well with organising the MUNA event on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The High Commissioners of Fiji and of Pakistan will be attending as judges.

## **Guest Speaker – Adam Ismail.**

**Ian Johnson** then introduced the guest speaker Adam Ismail. Adam is the Director of Capernwray Torchbearers Australia. Capernwray Australia, a Torchbearer Centre is a bible school and conference/retreat centre. The bible school is designed as a short-term Discipleship Bible School. Capernwray Australia is located in the stunning Southern Highlands of NSW and overlooks the beautiful Wingecarribee River.



*Adam Ismail*



*Joan & Ian Thomas*

Adam was born in Berlin to a German mother and a Lebanese father, and moved to Australia at the age of around 4yrs old. From when he landed in this amazing country, he has lived in The Southern Highlands. Attending primary school at Mittagong Primary and spending his High School years at Bowral High School. He entered the work force by gratefully accepting the generous offer of his then future father in law, Dick Wood-Davies to become a motor mechanic.

Apart from the 7yrs that he was a full time Carer for his Grandma, for around 25yrs he worked in a few of the local mechanic workshops, until God had some other plans for his life... and for the last 3½ years he has had the joy of serving as The Director of Capernwray Torchbearers Australia.

Although he didn't grow up in a Christian home, he came to faith in Jesus as a teenager at a Christian camping ministry. Although this may have been the occasion where he received Jesus as his Saviour, it wasn't until many years later that he came to a "much more" fuller understanding of what this actually meant.

Throughout the earlier years he has been involved in a variety of ministries including Youth groups, Prison Ministry, Church leadership and now has the privilege of serving at Capernwray Torchbearers Australia.

For over 50yrs the purpose and goal of Capernwray Bible School is to welcome students from all over the world and instruct them in the content of Scripture, in order that they might discover through the written word (The Bible) the reality of the Living Word (Jesus Christ).

It's been a real joy and privilege to have had over 2000 students come to the beautiful campus in The Southern Highlands and participate in one or more of its programs. Those that come as students, not only get a deeper understanding of what it truly means to be a Christian through

theoretical study, but perhaps just as much if not more importantly, through the outworking of their faith practically.



“Torchbearers” was born out of the devastation of World War II when the spiritual vacuum in the lives of those affected by war, both English and German, was apparent. This need led to the purchase of “Capernwray Hall” in 1946 in Lancashire, just south of the famous Lake District of northern England. It was in a rundown state, yet became a centre for short term Bible Schools in the winter and a Bible conference programme in summer. (Since that time Capernwray Hall has been restored to its former glory as a 19th century mansion set in 175 acres of parkland). It was German youth who came in those early years to Capernwray who began calling themselves the ‘Fackeltraeger’ or carriers of the torch’ Thus in 1947, “Torchbearers” began!

While Major Ian Thomas was serving with the British Army in Germany, he sent a telegram to his wife Joan, asking her to go and bid for Capernwray Hall at the auction. Into the Town Hall at Lancaster on the day of the auction came a reluctant Mrs Joan Thomas, little knowing or realising the full significance that day was going to have for her, her family, and for thousands of people from every corner of the world. Adam related a lovely story of Joan meeting the auctioneer the day before the auction. At the auction it looked as though she was going lose the bidding but a friend persuaded her to go that bit extra and the auctioneer accepted her bid and quickly banged the gavel before any other bids could be made.

The successful purchase of Capernwray Hall meant that Major and Mrs. Thomas could begin to see fulfilled what they believed was God’s new purpose for the property: to make it a place where young people could come and stay and be introduced to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The ministry extended to Europe and now operates in many countries around the world, including England, Germany, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.A., Canada, Indonesia, India, New Zealand, Japan, Costa Rica, Philippines, Malaysia, and Australia. Each of the 25 centres already established is a base centre for evangelistic outreach, intensive short-term Bible School, conferences, and camps.

After a lively question and answer session, **Ian Donges** gave a vote of thanks for Adam’s very professional but passionate talk and members were excited to finally learn what happens up that driveway that they pass as they drive along the Moss Vale Road.



**Ian Donges** presented a “Where Am I?” quiz and **Robbie Allen** won the Tim Tams for guessing the answer to be “Whyalla”.

**Graham Castle** asked **Adam Ismail** to pick the winning raffle ticket which was **Dennis Coysh’s**. Dennis got the bottle of wine but not the joker.

**Sergeant Lynton** then fined all and sundry before **President Bob** closed the meeting, thanking Adam and reminding us that next week’s meeting is also at Bowral Bowling Club and the Board meeting will be held next Monday.

## *Birthdays*

MARCH: Tony Glenn 1<sup>st</sup>, Vanessa Aylett 9<sup>th</sup>, Luciano 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bruce Sutton 24<sup>th</sup>.

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## *Rouges Gallery*



## *Quote of the week*

Parade

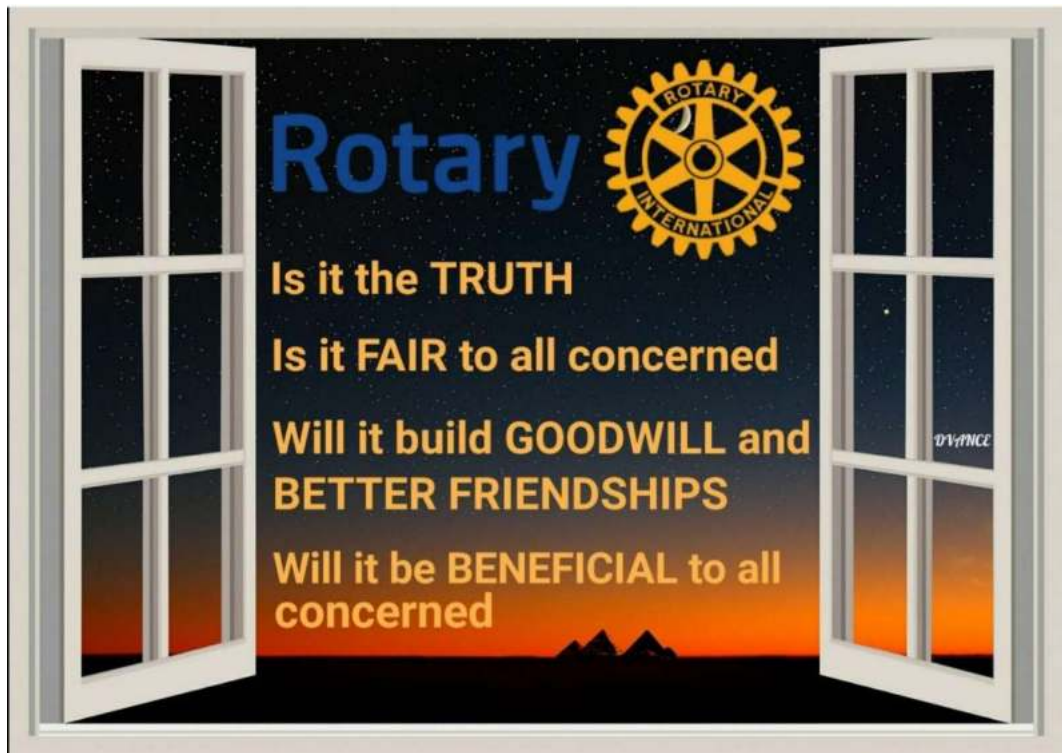
“A single leaf working  
alone provides no  
shade.”

Chuck Page



## The 4 Way Test

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do is a test used by Rotarians world-wide as a moral code for personal and business relationships. The test can be applied to almost any aspect of life.



## Can you help out here?



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**Bring in your old laptops and phone (with Chargers) so they can be recycled to help our domestic violence campaign.**

*Also, Bring in some items each week to add to the Uniting Church basket . Non Perishable food, Toiletries ETC*