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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 Sec. Trevor.

Next 4 Weeks	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
13 Sep	Bowral Bowling Club	Jill Snow/ Diabetes in the Southern Highlands	Ian Langford
20 Sep	Bowral Bowling Club	Anatoly Rosenfeld/ Chernobyl	Trevor Fair
27 Sep	Bowral Bowling Club	Libby Henderson/ Big Purple Phone	David McCosh
04 Oct	TBA	Member Stories	Will Eddowes

International Toast- given by Trevor Fair

Most of the British people and the rest of the world will breathe a collective sigh of relief today as **Liz Truss** replaces Boris Johnson as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

She will take over a nation with which we have close ties but one which is in disarray and needing a sensible leader.

Prime Minister Truss has been the Member of the House of Commons for Southwest Norfolk since 2010 and has held several senior ministerial positions.

Norfolk is part of East Anglia about 120km northwest of London and exposed to the North Sea. During the Second World War that meant it was home to several air bases defending against German aircraft on their way to bomb the midlands manufacturing cities.

Discounting Downing Street Ms Truss lives in Thetford in her electorate however Thetford no longer has a Rotary Club but nearby the **Rotary Club of Swaffham** is still serving the community.

Swaffham is a market town of 7,300 people and the Club has served it since 1969. It is in District 1080 which covers the 64 Clubs in East Anglia.



President Malcolm Whitley leads 15 members who have two major fund raisers each year, a golf day and an art exhibition. Their projects include support for the regional air ambulance, mental health programs and schools.

To recognise the elevation of their local MP to the top job in Britain would you please rise and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Swaffham.

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Tonight's meeting was once again held at the popular Kookabar Café in Bowral. There was good attendance and Pasquale did a great job with the catering.



Following the Welcome to Country, Invocation and International Toast, **Pres Leigh** read the apologies and welcomed our guests **Barbara Humphries** and **Alan Falybs**.



He then explained that the advertised speaker, the comedian Lawrence Mooney, was unable to be with us due to being on the circuit and away. However, our president has been burrowing around in the old storeroom at Highlands Golf Club and came across a set of the report celebrating 60 years of Club history, -years 1940 to 2000. For those few of our members who were around at that time, the reports brought back memories of a more community minded, and probably more colourful time in the Southern Highlands. Together, with the Powerpoint skills of Ian Langford, from the report they created a presentation of anecdotes, personalities and history celebrating the 60 years of Club activity.



Jim Gasson and Tony Glenn did the presentation giving us insight and stories of the identities in the photos. There were various stories, anecdotes and (perhaps dubious) facts about the various members. It was amusing, informative and very entertaining. One such story told of the proceeds of a very successful fundraiser being a rather large sum of money. However, the next day the funds were not to be found. An insurance claim was made, and the money eventually reimbursed. A couple of years later the money was found..... under the member's car seat!!

Another funny story was of Jim, planning to avoid the law, sought the help of member solicitor Les Price regarding an accident he had involving the collision with a trailer and boat. He got a 2-year good behaviour bond after Les represented him, Jim is obviously still upset!!

So, who enjoyed the presentation the most? Obviously, those who had been there at that time.



Rod and Luciano who joined the Club in 1999 and 1993 respectively. David Rees joined in 1992 and Ian Langford just made it in 1990. Tony had already served 17 years with the Club in the year 2000, so he was well acquainted with the personalities of the time, as was our perennial Sergeant Lynton who joined in 1987.

Who else? We were delighted to welcome, - after too-long an absence from our meetings,-



Brian Elliott, who with his “twin” Jim, joined the Club in 87.

Announcements

Cycle Classic

Mary Ramsay told us the Bike Marshalling Roster still has places available and to please consider helping.

Woden Club Mango fundraiser. (check your email for details) **Ian Law** has offered to collect members' orders from Canberra and avoid transport charges.

Sargent Lytton did the fines as usual but added some amusement with a “Did You Know” segment. This was well received but there is still confusion amongst some members regarding the size of a man's thumb!! Fines were issued to Luciano Liberale, David Rees, Ian Langford and Rosemary Kelly.

Tulip Time Festival

Ian Langford advised that the Tulip Time roster has been filled but if any spots need to be changed to please try to find a replacement for your spot.

Bong Bong Races

A reminder that Bong Bong Races will be on Friday 18th November, and that for 3 days before the event a half day preparation will be needed.

Dream Cricket

Tony mentioned that the Dream Cricket Gala Day to be held on 28th October needs volunteers and to contact him.

As was to be expected, the meeting ran over time and closed at 8.20pm. Our thanks to Pasquale for his patience.

President's Post

In the media of the day we are constantly being reminded about diversity, which comes in many forms. The currently popular sexuality and the theme relates to a person's recognition and tolerance of it by each of us. However, diversity applies to most things in our lives. We have a diverse range of food in our cupboards at home, there is a diverse range of motor vehicles driven by our members and there is a diverse range of other diversities in our lives.

As a Rotary Club we have a diverse range of current and previous professions and job roles, from English Engineers to Accountants, Solicitors, Barristers, Property Agents, School Teachers and Business Coaches.

Similarly, we have a diversity of Rotary experience with membership ranging from 50 years as a Rotarian for one member and nearly 40 years as a member of Bowral-Mittagong RC for another, to our newest members who have joined us this year.

Within this diversity of Rotary and professional experience is a wealth of community and charitable knowledge that we use each time we meet and each time we engage in a project or event.

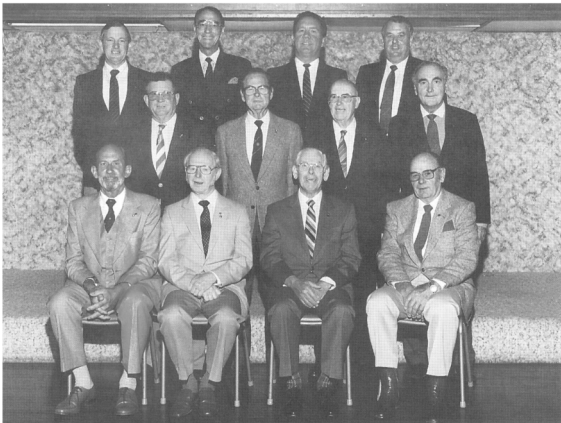
The store of knowledge has its origins in the history of this Club which I continue to access and draw upon. The diversity of programs and projects that this Club has been involved in during the last 82 years is too broad to fathom. Some of the programs do not exist anymore and some of the projects have fallen by the wayside or have been damaged, such as the sundials that our Club installed in local neighbourhood parks in 1990.

The tenet of this dialogue on diversity is that we are currently at a high strength as a community service organisation with so much skill, talent and knowledge between us that we are in a terrific position to further assist our community, locally, nationally and internationally as we move forward, even though the next few months are so busy. I am proud to be part of this group of like-minded people who continue to do so much good in the world.

A few slides from the presentation.....

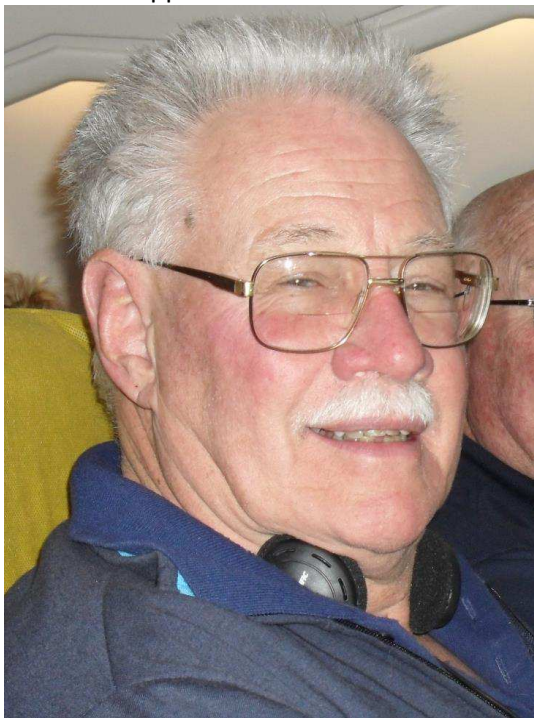


Membership of Bowral-Mittagong Rotary Club



Paul Harris Fellows (1990, 50th anniversary): Ken Adams, Michael Brown, Errol Dean, Don Garbutt, Kevin George, John Wilmott, Herb Turton, Ted Springett

President Ian Cropper



2000



Early Tulip Time

President Sid Barker



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