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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
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Bowral Bowling Club	TBA	Trevor Fair	Paul Leotta
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Annesley Bowral, Retirement Village.	Nurses Award Night <b>PARTNERS NIGHT</b>	Barbara Humphries	Leigh Robinson
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Imperial Hotel	Imperial Pizza Birthday Lunch from 12:00 Noon.	N/A	N/A
24 May	Wingecarribee Shire Council	Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA).	N/A	N/A
25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Mittagong RSL Club	Science & Engineering Challenge & Discovery Day	N/A	N/A
27 <sup>th</sup> May	NO MEETING			
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Bowral Bowling Club		Ian Langford	David Stranger
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Bowral Bowling Club		Denise Coad	Graham Castle
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Annesley Bowral, Retirement Village		Will Eddowes	Allan Falvey
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Bowral Bowling Club		Barbara Humphries	Steve Escott
1 July	TBA	Club Changeover	Trevor Fair	TBA
2-3 Aug	TBA	MHFA Youth Course	Leigh	
12 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Corbet Gardens	Tulip Time Festival		

29 Sept	Corbet Gardens	Food & Wine Festival		
19 Oct	Bowral	Bowral Cycle Classic		
21 Nov	Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse	Bong Bong Picnic Races		

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

## **ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL MITTAGONG TULIP TIMES BULLETIN for 6<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2025**

Venue Bowral Bowling Club

Journalist Will Eddowes

**Sergeant Lynton Kettle** opened the meeting and welcomed visitors **Paul and Suzanne Cooke**, guests of Graham Castle, and **Shelley Boyce** (Angels in our Town).

He also welcomed **Robbie Allen** as our speaker for the night.

**Sergeant Lynton** proceeded to deliver the Invocation and the International Toast:

The **Rotary Club of Powell River** was founded in June 1955 and is therefore celebrating 70 years of service.

They meet at Julie's Airport Café and the current president is Kelly Kiel.

They have a number of projects, one being the clipping the adipose fins of Coho Salmon. The Salmon Society is undertaking its largest clipping campaign with a goal of clipping 300,000 fish. The Adipose Fin is between the Dorsal and Caudal fins and removal aids fish identification



Why is this significant? Our preliminary guest speaker, Shelley Boyce, was sponsored by the Powell River Rotary Club as an International Exchange student in 1975. As an exchange student she met and later married Philip Boyce.

Shelley is here to promote 'Angels in our Town'. She has been involved with Interact, Rotaract and Rotary for 28 years including three times as president of Berrima District Rotary club.

Please be upstanding and toast the **Rotary Club of Powell River**.



**President Bob Miller** gave an update on Jim Gasson and Ian Langford. Jim is home again after a second spell in hospital and hoping to be at Rotary in two weeks. Ian's surgery ended up as more complex than anticipated. He is home now but not able to drive for two weeks.

The Nurses Award meeting will be on 20 May organised by **Rosemary Kelly**. The name of the chosen candidate was leaked but a very worthy winner nonetheless. She is **Lynn Wickenden**. She will get \$2,000 for equipment, yet to be nominated, in support of her fellow nurses at the Hospital.

**MUNA** is well in hand for the 24 May in the Council Chambers, just awaiting final numbers for the teams.

The **Science and Engineering Challenge** (year 10) will be on 26 May followed by the **Discovery Day** (year 6) on 27 May. The roster comprises club members, Engineers Australia volunteers, Uniting Church members and 4 engineers from Komatsu. There is still a good deal of information transfer to occur before the day.

**Robbie Allen and David Rees** prepared breakfast for around 30 students at the PCYC 'Fit for Life' event at Bowral High. This was followed by physical activity (sport) for the students.



This is an ongoing commitment which we will need to man.

The club has been asked for assistance by Gerringong Rotary Club with raising funds for an ultra sound machine at a medical clinic in Africa. To be discussed by the Board.

**Leigh Robinson and Steve Escott** are investigating best value for money for a first aid course for the club.

**Shelley Boyce** spoke about the 'Angels in our Town' organisation. As stated by President Bob, she has been involved in every role in Rotary except District Governor but her current passion is for the Angels. These are the first responders and volunteers upon who we depend. They are tireless with little thanks. The annual parade is very much appreciated but it is expensive, around \$80,000. This has to cover a DA and, in particular, entertainers and equipment for the evening. Shelley promoted their Winter Ball to raise money for the parade. The ball will be a black tie event on the winter solstice, 21 June 2025. Bookings for the ball can be made through [angelsinourtown.org.au](http://angelsinourtown.org.au)



**President Bob** reported on a Tulip Time meeting with Rachael and Suzanne of Destination Southern Highlands. Still no decision on whether 'after dark' events will be planned but looking unlikely. The event covers 25 days.

**Robbie Allen** was our speaker for the evening talking about her recent adventures in South Africa. She was introduced by **Trevor Fair**. Her notes below:



Only a short trip of two weeks. We arrived safely in Johannesburg after a 14 hour trip from Sydney. Stayed the night at a hotel at the airport as we were flying out next morning to Port Elizabeth down on the East Coast.

We were travelling light with only a small carry on for the overhead locker. We had purchased some Duty Free alcohol which the fellow at the store said we must put in our checked luggage.

So our small carry- ons now contained gin and whisky, and were duly checked through to Port Elizabeth.

Another easy flight on South African Airlines saw us waiting at the carousel for our bags. Many bags came and went, people still waiting and suddenly carousel stopped dead and no more bags appeared. No announcements were made.

I noticed people lining up at a counter further over who appeared to be asking about their luggage.

Finally at the head of the queue were told our baggage would be on the next plane coming in from Johannesburg which should arrive in about 1 hour. OK so we decided to stay even though our friends were waiting to take us to a pleasant resort about 2 hours away. We all caught up and went for coffee and cake a little way away and lots of chat.

Time to return to airport for our bags and then we would be on our way.

The lady told us unfortunately the plane had been delayed leaving Johannesburg and would not arrive till 5.30pm. We asked if they could be delivered to our resort either this evening or tomorrow morning. Not a problem, address duly given for the delivery driver and we were on our way again. The Resort, a collection of delightful cottages overlooking the Addo Elephant Park.

Fired up the braai and had some lovely lamb.

Early to bed, had been a long day.

Next morning, no sign of the baggage. So shower and same clothes on again.

There was some excuse why they had not been delivered, but they were safe in the airline office. We decided to pick them up on our return trip through PE in 2 days time.



That morning we went through to Addo Elephant Sanctuary where after 2 hours traveling through the park we saw 1 big elephant. Decided to leave the park for a picnic lunch and then return in the afternoon.

Coming back through the entrance the Ranger told us where all the elephants had been sighted, so off we go. A nice big flat plain with hundreds of elephants, big ones small ones and lots of babies being protected by Mum. What a sight. Amazing!

Went to a lovely hotel for dinner, the most amazing oysters, huge and delicious.

Next morning headed back to Port Elizabeth airport to collect baggage. Sure enough there were our lonely carry on bags waiting. Any chance of compensation. Non was offered.

The reason the bags had been offloaded was there was going to be a Iron Man race in PE that weekend and their bicycles etc had priority over ours and other passengers bags.

We head off to Plettenburg Bay where our friends lived on a Farm. Quite delightful. Fresh clothes after four days what a treat. That evening a busy restaurant overlooking the bay. I think mussels and seafood was enjoyed once more. Gin and whisky was now on the agenda.

We then headed in to the Karoo, a semi-arid region of SA also known as the “Land of Thirst” characterized by its landscape and diverse vegetation, succulents and low scrub. One of the largest desert regions in the world, spanning over 500,000 Sq Kilometers’. We stayed at Prince Albert, a lovely tiny town which attracts many tourists and artists as it has amazing clear skies and golden light. Hence many Art Galleries in the main street. We dined at “The Rude Chef” that evening and another delicious meal was had.

After a few more relaxing days we headed for George airport to return to Johannesburg to stay with more friends. We had a text from Margie saying they had no water. Oh dear!

Picked up by Margie and partner and driven to their home in the suburb of Randburg. A fairly up market suburb. Beautiful home on a large block with pool and tennis courts but no water. It had just been turned off. And no indication when it would be turned on again. There were large containers of drinking water and huge buckets of water to fill the cistern in the toilets. We were lucky there was electricity as apparently 2 weeks earlier there was none.

Fortunately, we were leaving the next day for another Game Park to stay for a few days. They had plenty of hot water and power. School holidays had finished so it was nice and quiet.

Next morning we went to the Hot natural springs for a much enjoyed swim in the warm pools. Late big breakfast then a visit to the pharmacy as I had developed a cough. Codeine linctus was handed over no questions asked. I slept very well that night, no coughing!

Next morning we went to Malabingwa Nature Reserve known for its abundant birdlife, stunning indigenous trees and a wide variety of wildlife where we were driven through with the Ranger who was very knowledgeable and knew where to find the animals. We saw rhinoceros at a distance foraging in the bush. Large groups of giraffe some with babies, meerkats scurrying and being nosey. Wildebeests in large numbers, springbok and their various cousins.

That evening there was the biggest downpour of rain which lasted for a couple of hours, straight down. Power went off for a bit then returned. The next morning the poor gardener was struggling to recover the gravel from the driveways as the rain had taken it all away.

More BBQ's in the lovely evenings with clear, clear skies.

We then had to return to Johannesburg for a couple of days before our journey home. Still no running water. I think memories of Africa will be the beautiful countryside, Africans walking everywhere on the roads, many a pothole and great food. Managed to have a proper shower in the Qantas Lounge before flying home.

**Ian Law** gave a vote of thanks.

**Ian** also reported on the Fund-Raising Committee which is meeting every two weeks. The Country Fair and Car Boot Sale are now planned for March next year. Meanwhile President Bob and Will are to address the DA requirements.

The raffle was won by **Robbie Allen**.

**Sergeant Lynton** held a short fine session

**President Bob** then closed the meeting.

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## *Did you know!*

- The most remote Club is Papeete, Tahiti, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.
- The southernmost Club is Base Marambio, Antartida, in Antarctica.
- The northernmost Club is Barrow, Alaska, above the Arctic Circle.
- The highest Club is El Aguilar, Argentina, 4,880 meters above sea level.

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## *Birthdays*

**May Birthdays:** Rod Aistrophe 3<sup>rd</sup> Will Eddowes 26<sup>th</sup>, Jim Gasson 22<sup>nd</sup>, Brian Pattinson 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Imperial Pizza Lunches:** 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 12 Noon

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## Can you help out here?



**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*

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## The week that was

