



Report for Jun 7, 2022; Volume 83, No: 44 Rotary Club
of Bowral-Mittagong

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Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's theme for 2021-22,

Serve to change lives,

is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving other is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Future Events

June 14 - The Hermitage – Alice Richards and Skye Leicester - Reframe and B.D.C.F

June 21 - Bowral Bowling Club - Vicki Kelley - Pop-In Update

June 28 - The Hermitage - Rotary Club Changeover - Partners and Guests

July 2 - Highlands Golf Club – District Changeover \$45pp

July 5 - Bowral Bowling Club

July 12 - Kookabar - Social Meeting

July 19 - Bowral Bowling Club

July 26 - The Hermitage

*****Confirm by Sunday for Tuesday Night**

Venue: Bowral Bowling Club

Journalist: Trevor Fair

Sergeant Lynton welcomed all including Jane Crowley, and partner Bob, who is also the President of Bowral Bowling Club.

Partners including Tamio Sutton, Eric Conley, Rosemary Eddowes, Kate Fair, Robyn Liberale.

President Will - welcomed everybody and commenced with the sad news of the death of Frank Kelly, a past member of the Club and also partner of Rosemary.

Invocation: Jim Gasson

International Toast: Mary Ramsay

Last weekend we saw the extraordinary celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee marking 75 years as the Monarch of the United Kingdom.

From the magical Trooping of the Colours, to the street parade, the concert in front of Buckingham Palace and street parties all over the country the British people certainly expressed their devotion and love of their Queen.



People used their cars and trucks to proclaim their happiness by tooting their horns.

In fact Londoners have a suburb in the inner south west of Greater London especially named for that practice - Tooting. It is just 8km from Buckingham Palace and not far from Wimbledon.

It may be a fact that Members of the Rotary Club of Tooting had a street party or at least took part in one.

There are only 6 Members of the Club which was Chartered in District 1130 in 1930 so the Club is actually younger than the Queen and would certainly have played a part in community support and rebuilding during the war.



Its President is Ian Hussain.

The Club has a continuing project of sending family support packages at Christmas to impoverished families in Eastern Europe. It would seem that this is going to be needed for a long time to come.

In recognition of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II would you raise your glasses and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Tooting.



Announcements:

Bruce Sutton received his Dinner Badge

Tulip Times - Hopefully will be on. There are planning meetings occurring

Pop In Centre - Rod - Electricity is being set up in the cabin. Also some pavers are required to be laid. Then the job will be finalised. The Claim to District will then be submitted with a net cost of approx \$2k. If you are able to help please see Rod for additional detail.

Lismore Floods - one of the donations made by the Club was to Lismore Rotary. A very moving email has been received by Will. *(See in panel alongside)*

Program: Denise

Next Week Hermitage - Alice Richards - Refrain - Mental Assistance for Teenagers

Skye Lester - Long Lunch Chair of the Highlands Childrens Foundation.

21st June Bowral Bowling Club - Pop In - Vicki Kelly

28th June - Changeover - Hermitage

19th - Breakfast and Lunch at Marulan - 4 hr endurance race. Ideally need 6 per shift.

First Responders for Volunteers - Louise Murphy - 5-7 August - Catering option - being considered. And also a possibility of a November course.

Louie is travelling to Italy on 20th June.

Good Afternoon Will

Thank you very much for thinking of the folks up here.

Not a whole heap has changed since the first flood hit just over 3 months ago. However, some families have stripped their homes out, some are selling them as is with little or no wall sheeting and a few others are trying to repair them.

Some families are living in caravans or tents on their block and many others are in a variety of temporary accommodations. The latest move is the erection of housing pods all over the region – no one knows how long people will be in those!

The Lismore CBD is still a sort of construction zone with most shops now either just boarded up or have tradesmen working on them. Sadly, others are still as they were 3 months ago!!!

Some businesses have moved their operation to either Ballina or Casino and one has to wonder if they will return to Lismore??

The little bit of good news is that Lismore Square is slated to open on 6th July.

This will alleviate the shopping mess that currently occurs at the centre in Goonellabah.

Our Club has been distributing a variety of services to families:

Woolies and Coles grocery vouchers

RAWCS \$500.00 debit cards

\$500.00 vouchers to dairy farmers.

Almost \$100,000.00 worth of white goods vouchers (from one very generous donor)

Supplying non perishable grocery items to a resource centre

That centre closed yesterday, and all others will close on 30th June; what the impact of those closures will mean, no one knows. The folk operating them are simply getting run down School uniforms to a decimated Lismore South Public School

All of our work has been face to face which at times has proven to be very challenging. To have grown men break down at the receipt of something, to stand in front of a smelly pile of rubbish that was all the possessions of a family, to mention a couple.

If you want your donation to go to a specific project or activity, please let me know.

Our bank details are:

Rotary Club of Lismore, Special Projects account BSB: 082 707 A/C: 39 725 6425

Please pass on our sincere thanks to all your members.

Kind regards,

Brian

PDG Brian Wheatley

Secretary – Rotary Club of Lismore

Mary - Interest Rates - get everyone to talk to their bank, mortgage broker etc and get them to revise the mortgage rate.

Guest Speaker: Lynton introduced Jane Crowley and her business Dirty Jane's.

There is a quote - Never let the truth stand in the way of a good story. Mark Twain. Although he went bankrupt he decided to pay back all creditors. Jane relied on this quote (a little during her talk).

Jane has lead a colourful life. Has been a palm reader, stood on stage with Ruth Cracknall, been grilled by Eddie McGuire just to name a few incidences.

Jane has been dragged through op shops, etc ever since she was able to walk. For a normal trip 2 hrs somewhere when with Athol (her dad) it normally takes 8 hrs.

Jane was seriously bitten by the antique bug when visiting the South Coast - when 8 yrs old - when they came across a clerk's desk. Dad encouraged Jane to acquire the desk. Jane used her \$8 (acquired by 35c / week pocket money, you do the math). Jane on sold for \$34. Her future was set.



Jane spent time in England honing skills in Gloucestershire, driving around in a Ford Transit Van, named Daisy, which was used as the the mode of transport for collecting items. A very good learning curve.



Newark market - based on an old airfield, and a courier followed people around the North South and East West runways collecting purchases for the merchants. As the site was so big, if someone did not collect as you bought, either you would forget where the items were, or someone else would pick them up by mistake?

On return to Australia after 3 years. Moved out of the leaky shed in Mittagong to the current site of Dirty Jane's. Had electric blue carpet. Furniture sold included English furniture as well as acquired American items.

Athol thought he could expand on the premises and acquired the empty sheds behind the building was owned by the Electricity Commission. The sale went to competitive auction.

The competing bids of Crowley's, a developer who wanted to develop a Kmart and a third party.

As luck would have it, the Crowleys were the only bidders and have redeveloped the site to have 85 stall holders, 30 staff. Even Bob gave up his Sydney job to work in the business.

Athol was keen to open a shop in Canberra, and looked to acquire premises. Finally settled on a building in Fyshwick a week before Covid Lockdowns occurred. Full Rent Relief to all store holders during Lockdown.



Dirty Jane's now has social media manager, Marketing Manager, co-ordinator.

In Canberra working with Argyle housing and St Vincent to develop a community garden.



Raffle: Rosemary Eddowes -

Sergeant Session:

English antique as president.

Louie Liberale - one way ticket to Italy

Robert de Jongh - MUNA - the down side

Carsten - Mens Choir - looking for members

Rod Aistrop - Toast to the Queen - a staunch republican

Jim Gasson & Jane Crowley have something in common - Both aspirational Councillors.

Frank Kelly's funeral - Pepperfield at 12 noon. Parking is very limited inside the facility so please park on Wiseman's Rd.

NEWS FLASH from BRIAN RITSON:

Brian had his second great grandchild last week. This gorgeous young boy is called Theo:

