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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong District 9710 Charter Date 26 March 1940



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This week we are honoured to hear from

Victor Hugo a pilot during the Cold War.

A special night as his wife, who has not heard his story, due to security restrictions will be attending to hear about her husband for the first time.

Next Meetings	Tuesday 14 th May 2019	Tuesday 21st May 2019
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Program	The Cold War	Coultons India Trip
Speaker	Victor Hugo	Ray Coulton
Intro / Vote of Thanks	Peter Tyas	
Dinner Fee Duty	Trudy Schipelliti	Gwenda Webb
Journalist	Denise Coad	Trevor Fair
Regalia Duty	Les Vickerman	Ken Adams
If you are unable to do duty, please find a repla	acement and advise Trevor Fair by email:	trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au



UPCOMING EVENTS

Victor Hugo – Cold War diplomacy.

Chestnut Roasting - SH Wines 28th May

Trivia Night - 22nd June - Please give auction items to Mary Ramsay ASAP

Journalist: Trevor Fair

Welcome - President Lynton

Lynton welcomed guests Nicole Blaik and colleague Erica, Rob & Mary Hennessey as well as visiting Rotarian Rob Uhl.

Invocation - Brian Elliott

International Toast - Rod Aistrope

Last Friday, the 3rd of May was Constitution Day, the national day of Poland commemorating the adoption of its first Constitution in 1791. The day was celebrated until it was suppressed under German and Russian rule in 1939 but was reestablished with the fall of the communist government on 1st June, 1989.

Rotary's history in Poland began with the Rotary Club of Warsaw in 1931 and there were 15 Clubs in the country when it was banned in 1939. After the fall of communism in eastern Europe the Rotary Club of Warsaw was re-established in 1998 with the active support of our own Past District Governor Jack Olsen.

The Rotary Club of Wroclaw was chartered in 1991.

President Jerzy Jagoda leads 42 Members in the city of 640 000 in the Silesia area of south west Poland near the Czech border.

The Club is in District 2231 which includes Belarus and Ukraine and has grown from zero in 1989 to now have 121 Clubs and over 2 600 Members.

Announcements

Lynton Kettle

At last night's Board meeting the Board ratified the nomination for President Nominee Rod Aistrope.

Rob Uhl

Still seeking hosts for 2 exchange students.

lan Johnson

Vanuatu trip - The slab needs to be installed prior to the team's arrival or the project will be severely hampered. Bob Rheinberger will be in Vanuatu prior to the excursion and will report back to lan. **David Rees -** Breakfast Club Roster for 2nd Term being developed. If you can assist please see David ASAP.

Mary Ramsay - Trivia Night - Silent Auction items are required to make the pool worthwhile. Trivia night 22nd June.

Rod Aistrope - Election BBQ at Memorial Hall, Bowral 9am-3pm on 18th May

Luciano Liberale - Chestnut night \$25pp at SH Wines - includes anti pasti and pasta, then roasted chestnuts 28th May. Please advise ASAP on numbers.

Will Eddowes

The visit to Blackheath coffee roasting has been deferred to a new date due to a clash with Mother's Day.

Moonacres visit is being scheduled for a date in May. Will include a visit to the farm then a light meal at their Robertson restaurant \$20.



Guest Speaker - Rob Hennessey-Hawkes

Superannuation Contributions Strategy

Rural Super Australia PL atf Rural Super Trust. The aim is to set up a fund with super contributions from rural Australia that will be re-invested in rural Australia.

Currently there is \$100m raised in super contributions each year with \$30m reinvested in rural.

Looking for rural infrastructure projects to invest in.

Looking to mandate that regional funds are reinvested in regional Australia.

The fund instigators comprise 20 regional based families who are looking to promote the reinvestment of super contributions into regional Australia. The goal is to get a pool of \$10billion . Set up a community fund to compete against retail and industry funds.

Guest Speaker - Nicole Blaik



Jacinta introduced Nicole, community worker, who will be talking about domestic violence. Erica works as a counsellor in Mittagong.

Domestic violence - 1:6 women will experience domestic violence. Elder abuse is occurring in the Highlands, could also be a single father with 3 children etc.

Nicole support clients visiting Centrelink etc and networking with agencies to ensure the community is supported.

My Life My Dream Program

Age range from 30's to 50's. Main income source is government benefits Most of the participants have diagnosed mental health issues including anxiety, depression, bipolar and schizophrenia

70-80% of the women have experienced domestic violence

Family & Domestic Violence Facts

- not just physical violence, can be econimic, emotional, verbal, or sexual

- Mostly perpetrated by men against women and children (20-49 is the most common age group)

- December is the most violent month

- 70% of incidences are NOT alcohol related

In the Wingecarribee

- GPs are often the first point of call
- Navigating Centrelink and other agencies is time consuming and challenging

- The Highlands has NO emergency or temporary accommodation

- There is only one specific domestic violence worker in the region and she is only allowed to work with women who have children under 12

- in 2017 there was 600 points of contact woth police in the Wingecarribee

What can be done?

- awareness campaigns - White Ribbon

- Education - eg Love Bites program

-Adequate support for victims, legal, housing, financial etc

- Forums on domestic violence

- Southern Highlands Association of Women (SHAW) is a charity formed 18 months ago with the purpose of opening a shelter and provide services for women experiencing domestic violence.

 I think it would be great for Rotary to connect with SHAW <u>https://shaw.org.au/</u>

There is currently no emergency accommodation in the Highlands. Any temporary accommodation is outside the region. There is a gap in both support workers and accommodation.

Joker Raffle - Rob Uhl

May Birthdays:

Rod Aistrope 3/5

Jim Gasson 22/5

Will Eddowes 26/5

Brian Pattinson 31/5

EVENT DIARY

May	17 th -19th	RYPEN, need candidates	
	25 th	MUNA, WSC Chambers	
	26 th	Liberale Golf Day	
	26 th	Berrima RC - Wheres Wally Fundraiser	
June 3 rd -	3 rd -4th	S&E Challenge	
	5411	Discovery Day	
	15 th	Inner Wheel - Wedding Fashion through the ages	
	25 th	Club Changeover - Bowral Golf Club	
	26 th	RC Berrima District Changeover - Scottish Arms \$40	
Sept	24-th to 7 Oct	Tulip Time Festival	
Oct	20 th	Bowral Cycle Classic	



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