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Club Meetings:

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at various Southern Highlands venues. (See below)

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denisecoad@bigpond.com by 5.00pm Friday before the Tuesday meeting. By default, it will be assumed that members are attending.

"What's On?"

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
10 Nov	Imperial Hotel	Pizza Birthday Lunch	
14 Nov	Southern Highlands Winery Note The meeting will start at 6.15 sharp	PP.AG. Leigh Robinson Rotary Foundation Wingecarabee Council Tulip Time review: OUR FEEDBACK	Tim Bowland
15 Nov	Annesley	Inspection Tour of facility	N/A
21 Nov	No Meeting		
23 Nov	Bong Bong Race Course	Fun Food & Frivolity Dinner fee \$20 BYO	Ian Langford
28 Nov	Café Annesley	Annual General Meeting	Trevor Fair
1 Dec	Corbet Plaza	Family & Domestic Violence Information stand with the Police 11am to 1pm	N/A
2 Dec	Bong Bong St & Corbet Gardens	Angels in our Town March Incl. F&DV marchers with Police	N/A
5 Dec	Bowral Bowling Club	Huw Lawford visiting from UK "Mandela Revolution"	David McCosh
8,9,10 Dec	Corbet Gardens	Food & Wine Festival	N/A
12 Dec	Bowral Golf Club	Christmas Party	Will Eddowes

2024			
9 Jan	Southern Highlands Winery		Tim Bowland
16 Jan	Bowral Bowling Club	Chris Benton Lawn Bowls meeting Partners and friends welcome	Ian Langford
23 Jan	Café Annesley		Trevor Fair



The meeting was opened by Sergeant Lynton Kettle who welcomed visitors Michelle Bulloch and Ray Coulton. Our speaker, Julie Haseler Reilly was not present at the start but welcomed later.

President Don Graham



asked **Ian Law** to present the **International Toast:**

The Kingdom of Cambodia, as it is still known today, celebrates its independence from France on the 9th of November each year having

been granted independence on 9 November 1953 with King Norodom Sihanouk in the role of Constitutional Monarchy.

History shows Cambodia has been a battle ground over the centuries dating back to the 3rd and 4th centuries but known more notably by our generation for the impact of the Vietnam War (although Cambodia was a neutral country) and the subsequent

civil war involving the Khmer Rouge and the likes of Pol Pot and the Killing Fields.

Cambodia is largely a land of plains and great rivers and lies amid important overland and river trade routes linking China to India and Southeast Asia. The influences of many Asian cultures, alongside those of France and the United States, can be seen in the capital, Phnom Penh, one of a handful of urban centres in the largely rural country.

A population of about 18 million, with Phnom Penh the largest urban area having 2.2 million people but otherwise agriculture is the mainstay of the domestic economy and bulk of the population live outside urban areas.

The hard currency comes from textiles which represents 80% of its exports and tourism which employs about 13 % of the population. Prior to Covid visitor numbers exceeded 7 million and brings in \$2.2 USD billion.

It is a beautiful country occupied by friendly people. Three of this Club's members have spent some time travelling in and around Cambodia and can recommend the 320km bicycle ride from Sien Reap to Phnom Penh (over two and a bit days) an exercise in meeting the people at the grass roots.

Cambodia is young in relation to the arrival of Rotary. There are 5 Clubs in Phnom Penh the oldest being the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh chartered in 1995 and fortunately has a website but unfortunately, all of the executive of the Club are westerners, the President is Eric Mousset, Secretary Tom Waters.

The other 4 clubs were chartered after 2004, are small in numbers, all executive members are of Asian descent, but none have a website.

The Rotary Club of Phnom Penh is involved in delivering many projects but the one which will touch the heart of Lynton and Les relates to bicycles.

In rural Cambodia, many students stop attending school after primary simply because the next level school is too far away. Bus services do not exist, and some roads wash away during rainy seasons. This lack of education perpetuates poverty, child marriage, domestic violence and a host of other social issues.

The Club helps children, living more than 5km away from their school, to continue their education by providing bicycles so they have a means to get to school. Each donation costs approximately \$50 USD and includes a lock and helmet.

Impressive and economical, but successful outcome to student and families.

Please be upstanding and toast the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh and its members.

Ian Law: gave the Invocation.

President Don welcomed our guest speaker Julie Haseler Reilly. He went on to talk about his recent time in hospital. He was seriously ill and his face was extremely swollen and uncomfortable. He mentioned streptococcal and a few other medical terms. He thinks it started after he picked his nose after gardening and he vowed never to pick his nose again! – we'll keep an eye on that.

The Board meeting the previous evening made the following donations:

\$5,000 for 5 shelter boxes

\$2,000 for ShelterBags. Our exchange student, Asher Aylett, has also collected over \$300 for ShelterBags by busking.

\$2,000 for Christmas food Hampers. This money will be passed to Justine McKinlay, the Food Program Manager of the Community Cooking School which prepares hampers for underprivileged children and families.

Don also mentioned the **AGM on 28 November**. He is looking for volunteers for Board positions, including President -Elect.

Rosemary Kelly spoke about the Bong-Bong BBQ preparations. Our regular meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd Nov **not** Tuesday at the race track. Lists of volunteers were circulated. Some changes have been made to balance the numbers and these will be emailed to the volunteers.

21 members and partners have applied to join the Annesley visit at 10.00am on 15 November. Please arrive early and let Rosemary know of any changes.

Rosemary reminded us of the request for **Christmas Raffle contributions of around \$20-25**. The proceeds will be administered by the Uniting Church. Please bring any contribution to next week's meeting.

President Don asked for members to join with Interact for the Angels in our Town parade on 2 December (time to be announced). He also stressed the importance of the Bong-Bong car parking as it is one of our best paid money-raisers.

Ray Coulton encouraged members to offer help with car parking. Inside the track the number of spaces has been increased from 96 to 120+ in addition to 36 spaces in the stables area.

The meal was then served.

Denise Coad asked members to enrol for the **Christmas Dinner at the Bowral Golf Club on 12 December**. Drinks on arrival will be included together with a great menu.

There will be a **pizza lunch this Friday (10th)** at the Imperial Hotel from 12.00 noon - ostensibly to celebrate a few birthdays.

The first meeting after Christmas will be at **Southern Highlands Winery and on the 9th January** and followed by a 'Bowls Night' on 16th January in memory of the late Chris Benson who was a keen member of the Bowling Club.

Ian Langford encouraged us to complete the roster for the Food and Wine Festival.

The two main Council organisers of Tulip Time, Rachael and Claudia, will attend our next meeting at Southern Highland Wines to thank the club and listen to any feedback from members. As they are not staying for dinner, the **meeting will start at 6.15pm** instead of the usual 6.30.

Tim Bowland proposes to add a forward schedule of projects to the Bulletin to give us a better picture of what is coming up.

Denise Coad introduced our speaker, **Julie Haseler Reilly**,



who spoke about **Charlotte Atkinson** and her recently completed sculpture of her.

Charlotte Atkinson, born 1796, was raised by her widowed father in Georgian England. He was a wealthy eccentric, and a barrister. He gave his

son and 2 daughters the same extensive educations. She could speak several languages and play the piano, she studied science, history and literature. She was a cousin to Charles Darwin. She was probably outgoing, outspoken and overeducated for a girl of the time. Her father dies when she was 15 and she and her sister became governesses for 70 pounds pa. As she approached 30 she applied for a job with the Macarthur/King family in Australia for 100 pounds pa. On the ship out she nearly drowned but was saved by James Atkinson, a principal financier of the voyage. He was shipping livestock and agricultural materials to his newly gifted 2000 acres in Sutton Forest. Before the end of the voyage they were engaged and later married in 1827. James builds Oldbury as a wedding present and they have four children. James dies tragically in 1834 leaving Charlotte having to manage the property and 4 children.

She marries her supervisor, George Barton, in 1836 who turned out to be a violent alcoholic. She flees Oldbury with the children but her money is withheld and she has to fight in the courts to maintain custody of her children. She sells her personal possessions to survive. In 1841 she became Australia's first children's author with the publication of 'A Mother's Offering to Her Children'. It was an instant best seller which saved the family. Charlotte died in 1867 and was buried in Sutton Forest in an unmarked grave.

The Wingecarribee Women's Writers Group felt that Charlotte deserved recognition as an intelligent, educated woman who had to battle against the odds as a single mother, a victim of domestic violence who also suffered financial stress as her property was controlled by a male executor. The Group has raised \$90,000 and commissioned Julie to make a bronze sculpture of Charlotte. Julie has donated her time but producing a bronze from a clay model is a complex and expensive process which has taken most of 2023. However, the completed statue will be unveiled by

the NSW State Governor at 10.30 on 9 December in Berrima Marketplace. Members and friends are invited to join the ceremony.

Trevor Fair gave a vote of thanks for a fascinating talk.

The raffle was drawn by Julie and won by Ian Langford. The joker did not make an appearance.

Jim Gasson told us that former member, Don Garbutt, died two days ago. Among other things, Don had instigated an Arts Festival which had been very profitable for the club. Lynton and Tony Glenn related tales of mystery flights with Ansett to Hamilton Island and Adelaide in Don's time. Don was president in 1981/2.

Sergeants Session fined Rod Aistrope for 50 years of marriage – above his station! Will Eddowes for not his hair cut despite Lynton's advice. Rosemary Kelly for her birthday, Ian Law for his Singaporean "knighthood" and Robbie Allen for visiting Luciano's country.

Leigh Robinson reminded the club about the Domestic Violence awareness day and asked us to attend Corbett Plaza on the 1st December. More detail later.

A purple poster for the Rotary Day of Action on 1 December 2023. The text on the poster includes: 'Rotary Australia, New Zealand & Pacific Islands', 'DAY OF ACTION 1 DECEMBER 2023', 'Clubs take action to raise awareness & advocate against Domestic & Family Violence', 'Together we say YES to RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS', and 'BE A VOICE FOR CHANGE'. The Rotary logo is visible in the top right corner.

President Don thanked Julie and Michelle and closed the meeting.

HAPPY *Birthday*

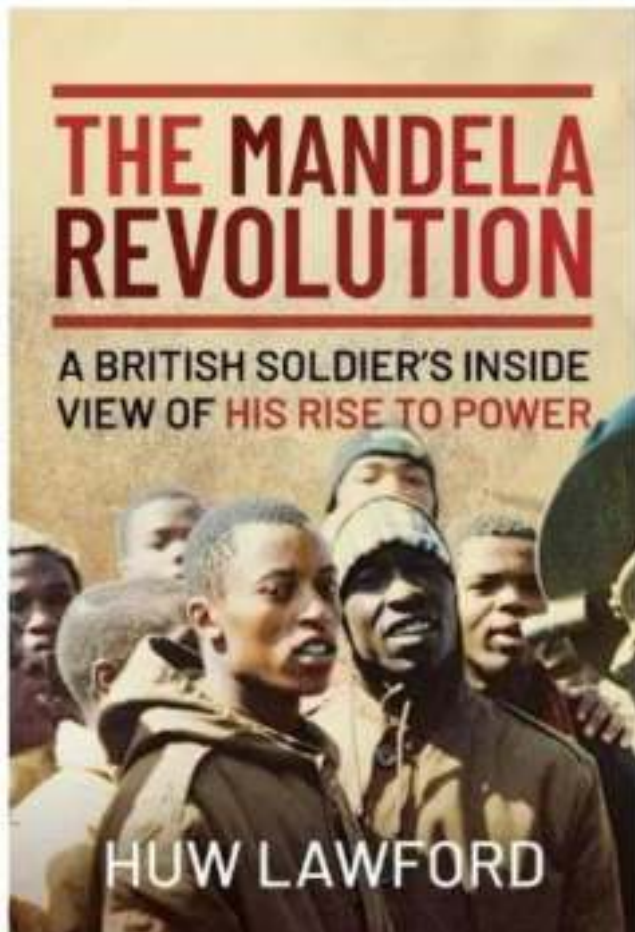
November Birthdays

Robbie Allan 25/11. Ian Johnson 26/11
Ian Langford 23/11

December Birthdays

Rose Conley 25/12 Barbara Humphries 19/12
Paul Leotta 19/12 Leigh Robinson 7/12

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER HUW LAWFORD
WILL BE SPEAKING ON THE 5TH
DECEMBER**



Huw Lawford joined the Army in 1978 as a university cadetship officer reading Economics and Politics at Hatfield College, Durham University from where he graduated in 1981. He was commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Artillery the following year. He served in Germany and the United Kingdom before attending the Army Staff College in Camberley. After commanding his battery, for the most part in the infantry role in Northern Ireland, he was selected to join the team being formed to deploy to South Africa on the election of President Mandela in 1994. Following his time in South Africa, he was an instructor at Sandhurst and then selected for promotion and command of his Regiment. He was fortunate to have further promotion, operational tours to Bosnia and Afghanistan, and staff and command postings to Istanbul, Accra, Rome and London before leaving the Army to set up his own consultancy company. He lives in Somerset with his wife Trisha and they have two daughters, Emma and Harriet.



Rouges Gallery



