



Report for Feb 8, 2022; Volume 83, No: 27 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**

**February 11 – Birthday lunch for Nov-Feb birthdays 12pm @ Imperial**

February 15 - Club Assembly @ Kookabar Café - \$30/person

February 22 - TBC

March 8 – International Women's Day Breakfast at Gibraltar Country Club, Bowral @7am

**Please Note: Apologise by Friday noon, attendance is the default position**

**Venue:** The Hermitage, Mittagong

**Journalist:** Trevor Fair

**Welcome:** Sergeant Lynton welcomed

**Guests:** Barbara Marvello, Guest Speaker  
Tina McPherson & Ally Estens as well as  
some of the members' partners.

**Invocation:** Les Vickerman

**International Toast:** Lynton Kettle

In August, 2014 Past President Ray Coulton led a team of 10 Members of this Club on a RAWCS project to refurbish and improve the Vaotu'u Free Wesleyan Primary School in Tonga.



Needless to say, the project was an enormous success and the Club was awarded a District Commendation by District Governor Rowley Tompsett.

We had an undertaking that the work which we did would be maintained by the **Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa**, the only Club in Tonga and we trust that it was so.

GoogleEarth images from May last year on your tables show that the work we did was still in good condition then.

Fortunately the ground level of the school is 16 metres above sea level and it is a kilometre in on the south west side of the main island Tongatapu.

When the Hunga Tonga Volcano, 65km north of Tongatapu exploded on 15th January the resulting tsunami, which was only 1.2 metres high when it reached the island would not have affected the school.

Doubtless the ash fallout will have covered everything so disruption must have occurred but we can be certain that the school will continue on and classes will resume soon.

**The Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa** was Chartered in 1968 in District 9920 which covers 52 Clubs in 8 countries from American Samoa and Kiribati in the east, Fiji and the Cook Islands in the north down to Auckland in New Zealand.



**President Marcellina Haapai** leads 15 Members whose work will surely be cut out for them for some years to come. When we can we might have to go back and lend a hand.

**With our heartfelt concerns for the beautiful people of Tonga would you please stand to make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa.**

## **Announcements:**

**Mens Health Van** - last week the van was in the Highlands. The de Jongh's hosted the nurse and spouse. Thank you and also to the volunteers.

**The Food & Wine Festival** is to be held on the weekend of the 26th & 27th February. The regular volunteers, the RFS is unable to help so Rotary has been asked to assist with gate entry. Four persons on each shift. All pre-paid tickets and scanning tickets. Also car parking which is a gold coin donation, 2-3 persons. Properjies stall will also be in operation. See Ian Langford if you can assist.

**Beyond Bitumen Breakfast** - need assistance for food preparation. The race is Bowral to Nowra March 25th – 28th 2022.

**MUNA** - 28th May. Invitations are being sent out to schools. Venue to be at WSC chambers. Robert will be away during this time, so looking for a deputy to cover from end of March to event. Ian Law has volunteered to cover MUNA.

**Science & Engineering Challenge** 29th & 30th May.

### **Welfare update.**

Denise's birthday this week. Thank you Denise and especially for the effort with the Program. Program - Hermitage is not available until the end of March. Please watch the bulletin and/or emails to confirm venue and program.

Linda Hoelle is not well at present. Please keep her in your thoughts.

Ian Johnson is still receiving treatment.

**Dream Cricket** - last week Rina Hore was presented with her PHF at a presentation dinner. Bradman has over the duration of Dream Cricket, enabled cover of admin costs as well as access to the facilities.

**Firewood** - Get it soon before Robert goes o/s.

### **Guest Speaker - Tina McPherson**

Tina played one test and five one day internationals for Australia's national women's cricket team. She holds the record for the first woman to get five wickets on WODI debut, and the first to take five-for in a WODI.



In the 18th Century females played many sports including cricket.

In the 19th C Martha Grace coached her 5 sons, including WG Grace.

Overarm bowling was invented by women who could not bowl underarm as their arm was caught in the hooped shirts.



In 1886 sometimes more than 1000 onlookers would attend and watch English women's cricket matches.



Tina's father used to drive her to Sydney from Cowra each weekend to play cricket. Her father was a Sydney first grader.

Tina's first job was at Coles, and stayed there for 35 years. Commenced in Hornsby, then Goulburn, Sydney.

Played juniors 1967-69, then seniors.

Was selected in the Australian probables side, and selected for the World Cup in 1973. Had to pay everything themselves. \$898 for the airfare and needed two jobs to fund the trip.



Practiced at Lords, and were the first females allowed into the Long Room. The tournament went for 3 months, and was beaten in the final by England.

5 wickets for 14 possibly at Headingley. Against England. with the best bowling record.

After finishing cricket in Sydney went back to Bowral, where she was asked to play with Robertson Burrawang Cricket.



***Tina Macpherson is honoured in Chocolates at the Bradman Centre – a local legend.***

## **Sergeant Session:**

**Raffle Draw** - Robbie Allan.

Is that 2 weeks in a row Robbie, hope you bought Lotto tickets this week!!

## **Birthdays 11<sup>th</sup> Feb @ Imperial** **– See you all this Friday at** **12noon**

Ian Langford 23/Nov

Robbie Allan 25/Nov

Ian Johnson 26/Nov

Leigh Robinson 7/Dec

Paul Leota 19/12

Rose Conley 25/Dec

Brian Ritson 5/Jan

Des Rudolph 10/Jan

Carolina Torregrosa 20/Jan

Denise Coad 9/Feb

John Elder 13/Feb

John Hoelle 24/Feb

