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Next 4 Weeks	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
11 Nov	BOWRAL CENOTAPH	REMEMBERENCE DAY – 9AM	
15 Nov	Annesley	The Environment/Ian Law	Tim Bowland
19 Nov	CENTENNIAL VINEYARDS	DINNER & DANCE – 6.30pm	
22 Nov	Bowral Bowling Club	Doug Taylor/The Smith Family	Trevor Fair
29 Nov	Kookabar	Foundation Presentation	Pamela
01 Dec	EMPIRE CINEMA	“THE LOST KING” - 6 for 6.30pm	
06 Dec	Bowral Bowling Club	AGM	Will Eddowes

Tickets still available!!

Dinner & Dance

A feel-good evening of laughter, music, and dance

Sat 19th
 November

6.30 pm

Dress code -
 Cocktail

Two course
 meal with
 drinks
**\$150 per
 person**



The charity which co-ordinates non-emergency flights to assist country people to access specialist medical treatment that would otherwise be unavailable to them because of vast distance and high travel costs.

Centennial Vineyards.

Hosted by the lovely,



Julia Zemiro

Journalist: David McCosh

Venue: Bowral Bowling Club

Sergeant Lynton opened the meeting welcoming guests Ian Donges and Jeffry Mann, followed by reading the meeting apologies. He then called on the meeting to welcome **President Leigh**

President Leigh welcomed all and acknowledged the Gundungurra people, the traditional owners of this land where we meet, and to pay our respects to their Elders, past, present, and future.

The Invocation followed.

Announcements

Angels in our Town don't always Wear Wings

Leigh reminded us of the initiative by Julie Hassler-Reilly and Antoinette Sampson to connect community organisations that work silently in our community and don't necessarily get recognised. Our Club has been invited to participate in the Street Parade and Concert in the park on Saturday 10th December. We will provide the barbeque in the park on the day.



Rotary Council Resolutions

Leigh has copy of the results and will make them available to those interested.

International Toast

Rod Aistrop has taken leave of absence for a few weeks. Leigh plans to roster members to produce the toasts in his absence. (or any Volunteers?)

Small Business Expo – Mittagong RSL

The Expo is being held on the 17th November. **Trevor** and one other will man a desk at the Expo

Christmas Party 30th December

Denise Coad announced that our last meeting for the year will be the Christmas Party, which is planned for Friday 30th December at the Bowral Golf Club. The Golf Club requires at least 50 participants to hold the function. Consensus at the meeting seemed to be that that would not be a problem.

Barefoot Bowls – first meeting in the new year. Our traditional Bowls meeting, which honours **PP Chris Benton** who started the tradition, will be held on Tuesday 17th January. **Tony Glenn** volunteered to organise and run the meeting.

Remembrance Day – Friday 11th November

The traditional Remembrance Day service will be held at the Bowral Cenotaph at 9am. Following this announcement Rosemary read a poem in honour of those fallen.

*The Fallen
Twas 1916 on the 1st Of July
Mortally wounded, my body did lie
Strange light shone above me, way up in the sky
And just at that moment, the light it did die
Twas over the top all soldiers did go
The shells they exploded, the fire it did glow
I then just lay there with friend and with foe
The fallen lay dormant, row upon row
The noise of explosion was very aloud
But all lay around me, just bodies in shroud
No longer to worry of incoming round
Because we were at peace, no longer a sound
When the guns then fell silent and memories they hide
We remember the fallen with honour and pride
The poppies they grow in fields far and wide
And yet we still lay here, Forever by side.*

Nick Wilson



Dinner Dance Saturday 19th November



Have you bought tickets? Less than two weeks to go!

Leigh commended the event committee for the hard work they have put in towards making this a fun and successful evening.

Rosemary has completed making up the big hampers that will be raffled at \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$20. She would like to start selling at next week's meeting at Annesley so please bring along cash to the meeting to buy the (winning 😊) tickets?

The Premier – “The Lost King” – Thursday 1st Dec

Mary distributed tickets, but there are still some to be sold! Let's fill all 190 seats! This is a fun movie based on the remarkable, recent discovery of King Richard II bones. The film will not be screened again after our premier until after Christmas.



Robert and Tony Guest Speakers with “Member Stories”

1. Robert DeJongh – How I lived to tell the Tale



Robert gave us a humorous, chronological account of his many brushes with near disaster. (No cat could compete!)

From a two-year-old playing with a funnel-web to his latest under-water encounter with a Great White, Robert took us through close calls with various boating and “parachuting” accidents before he was ten, to a student pram race in the middle of William St traffic, to close calls with mine blasting, a crocodile, and another diving scare. That was ten! No ‘cat’ can compete with that!

2. Tony Glenn – “How do I compete with That?!”



Tony gave us an interesting and at times remarkable insight into a period of his business life with one, and later two, of the Southern Highlands well known, successful, entrepreneurs, - Gil Downes and David Wills.

In 1995, Gill was running a number of Shell Service Stations at the time and was asked by Shell to restructure the retail of petrol to all their outlets. Tony joined Gil as Legal Counsel and Financial Controller.

The brief with Shell was,

- a. To take control of the retail service stations throughout NSW, ACT in Adelaide and Brisbane. Having achieved that, the two were surprised by Shell when the whole retail service station network was then contracted to Coles.
- b. To restructure the wholesale distribution network – throughout Australia there were 450 wholesale distributors costing Shell a lot of money! Those were ultimately acquired and taken back inhouse by Shell.

Tony then went on to describe how Gil Downes, and his business partner David Wills, acquired the properties and built up the hardware business of Mittagong Home Hardware, later to sell that to Woolworths. A story of small beginnings leading to great success and wealth.

Raffle – The Raffle was won by Tony Glenn who asked Robert to draw the Joker, - but there Robert failed!

Sergeant Lynton drew fines from Robert and Tony, then from Leigh, Rosemary, David Rees and David McCosh, Karsten, Louie, and possibly a few more!

President Leigh then closed then meeting congratulating Robert and Tony on confining their talks to the allotted time.

..and finally, amid all the COVID and other woes, some seem to be living the good life in the tropics!!
Envious?...not at all!



Then from Denise's little book,
November and December Birthdays to be celebrated at the **Imperial on Friday 9th Dec**

November:

Robbie Allen 25/11
Ian Johnson 26/11
Ian Langford 23/11

December

Rose Conley 25/12
Leigh Robinson 7/12
Paul Leota 19/12

And that's all for this week!