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Club Meetings:

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

If you are an apology please text or phone Denise Coad 0416009395 or email 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
8-9 Feb	Mens Health Van		
13 Feb	Bowral Bowling Club	Steve Pettaras – Alkaline Waterford Still	Ian Langford
20 Feb	Annesley	Johanna Swift.(Retired Police Officer)	Pamela Brown
27 Feb	Bowral Bowling Club	Interact, RYPEN and Bob Miller member talk	David McCosh
8-10/ Mar	Batemans Bay	PETS Training	
15 Mar	Imperial Hotel	Birthday Pizza Lunch	
22-24 Mar	Cootamundra RSL	PETS Training	
24/25 May	Wingecarribee Shire Council	Model United Nations	
25-27 Oct	Mittagong RSL	District 9705 Conference	

MEMBERS, CAN I HAVE DATES FOR THE CALENDAR PLEASE. Tim

Meeting was held at Annesley, Bowral

Sergeant Lynton welcomed all to the Quarterly Assembly.

Welcomed David Patton, guest of Lynton Kettle.

President Don provided an update on the Board Meeting decisions.

- Asher raised nearly \$1000 which the Club has agreed to match.
- 3 attendees to attend RYPEN at a cost of \$1425. Leigh has kindly offered to convey them to Canberra for their weekend event.

Invocation: Tony Glenn



Figure 1 Tony Glenn

International Toast: Tony Glenn

Our toast last week centred on Australia's National Holiday and to keep our cousins across the ditch happy, by coincidence, today 6 February, is the national day of New Zealand, marks the anniversary of the initial signing of the treaty on 6 February 1840 - the Treaty of Waitangi.

The Treaty was an agreement towards British sovereignty by representatives of the Crown and indigenous Māori chiefs, and regarded by many as the founding document of the nation.

Interestingly, in Australia, many believe that the absence of a treaty with its indigenous people is a weakness in the relationship between the population at large and its indigenous people.

Current commentary in the New Zealand media, and the apparent discontent among some indigenous Maori, would suggest that a treaty alone will not solve all the issues in countries that have been colonised.

Waitangi is located in the Bay of Plenty region where the Rotary Club of Whakatane is based currently under the stewardship of President David Dowthwaite with a membership of 40 having been chartered on 27 June 1947.

Whakatane was originally the home of two Rotary Clubs but the issues of member numbers came knocking in the 2018/19 year and the two clubs were merged

The Club only meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month which is a other indication of the pressures on clubs and membership..

The Club does not have a website but has a Facebook page. It is also mentioned on the Whakatane Info site with contact details.

Regrettably, Facebook accounts rely heavily on photographs, but few words so it is difficult to draw out the history of the Club. However, it is obvious from the photographs that the Club actively engages in a broad spectrum of community service, youth programs, environmental initiatives, and international projects.

Please be upstanding and toast the future success and longevity of the Rotary Club of Whakatane, its President David and its Membership.

Club Assembly

President Don opened the Assembly by referring to the results of the recent survey.

Club meeting proceedings.

Greeters:

- Tim has offered to include an option to include a Greeter column. General discussion on the formalities and otherwise of having a formal greeter.
- Members need to make an effort to mix with other members.
- Members should make an effort to move out of their comfort zone and mix with other members

An important announcement - President Elect - Bob Miller

Bob gave a brief overview of his work experience and also within the Club.

Spoke about goals, competition, and aspirations.

Background in mining, and dealing with people. Started working in 1967.

Believes in analysis done properly before decisions are made.

Rosemary - Food Pantry - need cereals, shampoos, soaps, peanut butter, washing up liquids.

Do not need pasta, noodles etc

Robbie Allen - Interact - see District newsletter article in this bulletin.

- Youth Exchange Program - looking to host a student so looking for host families 3-5 families. Any members who can help with hosting a student for 3 months between July 24 and June 25 please let Robbie know. The club needs to make a commitment by mid April 24.

International Toast structure – We need to have 4-5 volunteers to share the roster, please contact Tony Glenn for more details.

Dream Cricket meeting Wednesday - seeking more committee members.

- Future structure - either utilising indoor facilities at Chevalier or providing individual programs at schools.

District Events - attending district events allows members to expand their Rotary programs and fellowships.

Raffle - the main purpose of the raffle is to cover guest meals etc and to assist with

VENUES - Annesley 13 votes

- Bowling Club 9 votes
- SHW 4 votes

- Denise opened the discussion - Need to consider whether the venue is open on a Tuesday, whether it is a set price, whether cost is paid up front.
- Mittagong RSL has specific issues.
- Highlands GC - do not open on a Tuesday
- If anyone has a viable option please talk to Denise.
- A possibility of skipping dessert to reduce cost.
- Also need to address the entrance Rotary signs to ensure they are updated
- Presentation facilities need to be considered.
- Corkage costs need to be considered when considering a venue.
- Food, longevity, and fellowship needs to be considered.
- Our club is not a dinner club but a service club. The meal is supplementary to the meeting.
- Denise's right of reply - Caterers will not cater for a reduced cost. Also need to consider the repercussions of not having a meal.
- Value of money needs to be considered.
- Do not be fearful of change.
- Costs of seating, meal planning, etc are factored into the meal cost
- Project planning meeting with dinner would be a suitable alternative

Our club is a service club. Do we put sufficient focus on projects?

What is the money being raised for?? There needs to be a focus on the purpose of the fund raising.

Sergeant Session

Fined any member who spoke up at Assembly.

Raffle: drawn by PE Bob - Winner Louie Liberale - K Spades

PS Have you got an old mobile phone? Leigh is collecting them to be repurposed for victims of Domestic Violence to use as burner phones.

Please bring them into a meeting where they will be collected, cleaned and given to the police for distribution to victims.



February: Graham Castle, Denise Coad, John Elder, Allan Falvey, John Hoelle

March: Vanessa Aylett 9/3, Tony Glenn 1/3, Luciano Liberale 22/3, Bruce Sutton 24/3

Message from Pres Don.

The board will now carefully consider all written replies to the survey as well as the comments made at the assembly meeting. Decisions on meeting venue will be made in a few weeks. In the meantime, we meet at the Bowling Club next week and Annesley the following week.

Due to time constraints, the assembly didn't deal with a number of questions in the survey. These will not be forgotten. They will be raised at future general meetings.

JOURNALISTS NEEDED

The role is important and needs to be shared around the members so we can have a bulletin each week.

Currently our journalists are either, on strike, unavailable, exhausted, underpaid, overworked, etc

Full training to the successful applicants.

Experience the rewarding feeling of making a positive contribution to your club.

Applications to Tim.



The Gallery



Figure 2 Married 52 Years Today



What does Robbie do between Rotary meetings?

Read on. Robbie's the girl in the centre holding the Rotary banner.

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NEWSLETTER
December 2023



BOWRAL HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB

Interact is Rotary International's service Club for youth aged 12 to 18, and Bowral High School students fully engage in the club's causes. Bowral High School's Interact Club is sponsored by the Bowral-Mittagong Rotary Club, which provides support and guidance but is self-governing and self-supporting.

During the past few years, BHS Interact Club focused on services they could provide within the school while working around the range of COVID-19 restrictions. This led the Club to take on recycling duties within the school, mainly recycling wastepaper



and plastic bottles. The plastic bottles were donated to Wombat Care Bundanoon, which uses the proceeds to buy mange medicine for local wombats. During Term Two, the students completed a Wombat Mural Project on the external wall of F-Block within the designated area of the Senior area, painted by local artist Samuel Hall.

Another project, with the assistance of



DG Andrea has been out of action for most of December following major surgery. She's recovering well and is aiming to be back on the road in a few weeks to resume visiting clubs and taking part in events.

Meanwhile she wishes everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

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members of the Bowral-Mittagong Rotary Club, was to bring back the highly successful Breakfast Club initiative. This took the form of a take-away-only breakfast to ensure they operated in a covid safe way.

One of the main projects the Interactors have been busy with is the Domestic Violence (DV) bags. These bags are packed for victims of domestic violence who leave their place of residence when fleeing the impact of domestic violence. Each bag has a range of essentials (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc).

Last year, two girls from Interact attended RYPEN at the Wagga facility. They gained a great deal from their experience there. Next year, three young year nine students will participate in RYPEN and are all looking forward to the adventure.

The Interactors raised enough money to purchase 5 Shelter Boxes for overseas disasters. They bought strawberries to make jam for the CWA for Tulip Time teas. Many Interactors helped CWA during Tulip Time, waitressing, washing up, etc. They Fundraised for "Polished Man" (Men standing up against Domestic Violence -Replacing White Ribbon Day). They have often used the Rotary BBQ to supplement their fundraising. You will often find Interactors running cake stalls at Voting and



Referendum days at their school.

The Interact Club was involved with the inaugural "Angels in our Town" a parade recognising first responders and volunteer organisations with a Parade down Bong Bong Street, Bowral, finishing up with a party in Corbett Gardens involving The Festival of Light. They will once again be taking part in this Parade this December.

A Rotarian keen on the environment has spoken with the Interactors to encourage the students to be involved with environmental projects in collaboration with B-M Rotary. They took part in Clean-up-Australia Day with the help of Rotarians working on the "Vietnam Memorial" Cherry Tree Walk. They are in the process of organising battery recycling for the school and community members. They also help sell Legacy badges and volunteer for the Red Cross Appeal. They have had the bubblers around the school repaired and organised for some new ones to be installed.

Several Interactors help out at MUNA at the local Council Chambers.

This past year, all of the School Captains and Vice Captains are Interactors, and the majority of Prefects are members of the Club. They now have very smart Interact Blazers, which B-M Rotary contributed to the cost.

They had their Changeover afternoon tea on 29th August in the Bowral Café at the school. A good representation of Rotarians attended.

Interact also ran the Canteen at their Musical Evening (2 nights), selling drinks, cakes, chips, coffee and tea. They also sold raffle tickets to be drawn on Presentation Night. They made a good profit.



Bowral-Mittagong Rotary has instigated a Scholarship at BHS for two year 12 students who will need fiscal support to commence their further education at a University, TAFE or a private college. These were presented to two Interactors at this year's Graduation Ceremony.

Mrs. Christene Sands, a teacher at BHS, is the Interact Co-ordinator at the school. She has been doing an outstanding job, encouraging the students in their efforts to be good citizens. Christene recently received a PHF from the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong for her dedicated efforts with Interactors.

Bowral High School Interact Club members look forward to partnering with the community to perform important community service in support of others and continue their fundraising efforts to support a range of projects for next year.

The Week That was.

Outbound Exchange student Asher has posted some photos taken over the last two weeks of his time in Japan.

P.S. Asher has a 5 course meal at his Rotary Club. And he hasn't stopped smiling since he arrived.

