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Club Meetings: Attendance & Apologies

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

Contact: TREVOR FAIR of your attendance or apologies

Deadline is 5pm Friday. T: 02 4861 6917 M: 0403 176 958 email: trevorfair5@bigpond.com

Please be considerate and respond. Unannounced members and guests may miss out on a meal.

“What’s On?”

| Date | Meeting Venues | Speaker/ Topic | Journalist | Invocation & International Toast |
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| 1 April | Mittagong RSL Nattai Room 6:30 | Mayor-Jesse Fitzpatrick | Trevor Fair Edit:Ian L | Allan Falvey |
| 8 April | Bowral Bowling Club | Tina Tziallas | Barbara Humphries | David Rees |
| 15 April | Annesley | Judy Hannon MP Wollondilly | Ian Langford | Don Graham |
| 22 April | Bowral Bowling Club | Matthew Newhaus Harvard Grad and Ambassador to NL | David Patton | |
| 29 April | Bowral Bowling Club | | Will Eddowes | |
| 20 May | Annesley | | | |
| 24 May | WSC | Model United Nations | N/A | N/A |
| 25-26-27 May | Mittagong RSL | S&E Challenge & Discovery Day | N/A | N/A |
| 1 July | Annesley | Club Changeover | | |
| 12 Sept – 30 Sept | Corbet Gardens | Tulip Time Festival | | |
| 13-16 Nov | Corbet Gardens | Food & Wine Festival | | |
| 19 Oct | Bowral | Bowral Cycle Classic | | |
| 21 Nov | Bong Bong | Bong Bong Races | | |

NB The journalist and International Toast Roster may have changed. Check for your name.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL- MITTAGONG, SPECIAL MEETING TO CELEBRATE THE
85TH BIRTHDAY OF THE CLUB**

JOURNALIST – Denise Coad

VENUE – Bowral Bowling Club

Sergeant Lynton welcomed Members and Guests to this Birthday Meeting of the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong. We are looking good for 85!

He handed the “baton” to **Past President Rosemary Kelly**.

We have special Guests:

Past President and Honorary Member – **Ken Adams OAM**

Past President and Honorary Member - **Brian Elliott**

Past President and Honorary Member – **Jim Gasson**



Invocation and International Toast – **PP Rosemary Kelly** – Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong
85th Birthday History

Our International toast this evening is to our own club The Rotary Club of Bowral Mittagong its President Bob Miller and members of District 9705, who celebrated its 85th Birthday.

Charter 5204 was granted on 26th March 1940 and the charter dinner was held on 25th May 1940, charter membership was 25 and I like the way they categorized the membership, 11 working owners and professional men, 7 Labour employers and 7 salaried executives, as you can see it took many more years before women were allowed into our club. Some of the professions were: Undertaker, headmaster, Dentist, Chemist, Coal Mine Manager, Town Clerk, Solicitor and Estate owner to name a few.

In the early years most of the projects undertaken by our club were to do with the war years for example, War Victims Funds, Food parcels sent to England.

In the 1950's we assisted in purchasing a new ambulance, laying out the grounds at Harbison home. In 1956-57 Rotary sponsored a Garden Competition during the Festival of flowers. In 1960-1961 The Tulip Time seed was sown by the club a concert was held in the old Empire Theatre to raise money to purchase tulip bulbs. Attendance at the concert approached 700 persons, and 15,000 bulbs were given to council for planting in Corbett Gardens.

In 1962 the First Tulip Time was organized by our club. The festival was a great success, the net takings were \$20,000 and still today our club contributes to the success of Tulip Time.

Over the years our club has been involved in so many great projects in our local community and overseas. Here are a few examples:

Art show, Rotary Parks, Picnic Shelter, Youth Exchange, Group Study exchange, Rawcs working trips to many Pacific countries, Shelter Boxes and now Shelter Bags, End Polio Now, End to Domestic Violence, Dream Cricket, Science & Engineering Challenge, Bowral Classic, Donation of Diagnostic Respiratory equipment to Bowral Hospital, the list could go on and on.

We are very proud at this club with being involved with many youth programs in 2013 we chartered our first Interact Club at Bowral High School with 35 committed students which is still going strong, in the same year we started the Bowral High Breakfast Club 2 mornings a week and what a difference it made to the attention levels & educational commitments to the students. So, who says we just do Barbecues!

I cannot go pass mentioning the 1st female who was inducted into our Club, Rose Conley on 2nd January 2007 and what a trooper she has been and to think a few members resigned with the thought of having a female Rotarian in their club.

How things changed. In 2013-2014 we had our 1st Female President. As you all know it was me and it was a great pleasure and honour and in a few months we will have our 3rd female President Robbie.

There are so many wonderful projects our Club has been involved in over the 85 years and I believe there will be many more to come. I am sure we will hear later in the evening some entertaining stories from some of our members that have made up the history of our club. Would you be upstanding and raise your glasses to the President and Members of The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong.

PP Rosemary Kelly

President Bob is on a well-earned break.

Next Week's Meeting is at the Mittagong RSL. We have to give attendance numbers a week in advance so could Members please let Trevor know ASAP.

Our guest Speaker is the Mayor – Jesse Fitzpatrick.

We have been approached by The Highlands Centre for Healing to assist with planting around 150 understory plants on April 14.

Director and Member Reports

Robbie Allen – Flyers on all tables for the Bowral High School Breakfast Club.

Any Members who would like to help out at the Breakfast Club need to send me their name, email address and birthdate. They will then receive an email with details on how to apply for entering the school as required by Law now.

Breakfast Club is running 5 days a week. PHF Christine Sands is the School contact.

We have been involved in the Breakfast Club for many years
In the past.

Denise Coad – Our Imperial Hotel Pizza Birthday Lunch is this Friday, May 28. For new Members it is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of fellow Members in a relaxed environment. The only discussion is whether or not we have anchovies.

Will Eddowes – The Council BBQ in Bundanoon was a gratefully received by the Council and locals. Thanks to Graham Castle for his BBQ trailer and those who helped.
Will also has wood chips if any Members would like some for their garden.

Rod Aistrope – Update on Vanuatu. Our Project will be delayed until next year. The recent earthquake has flattened Port Vila so there is likely to be a severe shortage of building materials.

Long Time Members gave stories and anecdotes about our Rotary Club's history:

PP Ken Adams - Early story of our Club's History – Ken joined our Club in 1967.
Ken also talked about a BBQ the Air Show organised by the club including former member Brian Smith.

Lynton Kettle – Told the story of Brian Smith and the advent of Rubber Gloves as a health and safety requirement. There was a rather unhealthy story about that!



Luciano Liberale – The missing tools in Papua New Guinea, pinched by the locals. All were returned when Luciano threatened to cut off their vital parts!



Brian Elliott - Talked about the advent of Women Members into our Club. Many meetings, threats of leaving etc



Tony Glenn – Rose Conley was our first Lady Member. She could not be refused as she transferred from another club. She made a great contribution and a perfect example of a first woman member.

Lynton Kettle – Rotary 4 Way Test has been a vital part of the club's story.

Luciano Liberale – Did all Clubs follow 4 Way Test for Yuna?

Dominic Williams - Spoke of various projects of this club and others on Manus Island

Lynton Kettle – Reminisced about our part in the First Rotary District Conference

Dinner Break – Bangers and Mash

Ian Langford

Gave a picture Presentation on our Vanuatu trip in 2004.



Tony Glenn, Lynton Kettle, Don Graham, Ian Johnston, Luciano Liberale – Memories of RAWCS Trips

PP Jim Gasson - Thank you to Bowral-Mittagong Rotary. Looking around the room, as I first joined Rotary in 1987, so many have contributed to my enjoyment of Rotary,

Tony Glenn

Story of \$5,000 - \$6,000 Cash from Tulip Times lost. Claimed on Insurance, but found 6 months late in a Ute. Whether to give it back? A challenge to the 4 Way Test!

Rosemary Kelly

Wanted to cook on a Rotary BBQ at a Polo Cross Meeting at Bong Bong. After 10 minutes, as it was a windy day, she gave up as her hair was covered in grease and standing up on end.

Why do we only have red wine at BBQ's?

Lynton Kettle - Memories of our Egypt Trip.



Acting President Rosemary produced a Birthday Cake, lit the candles and then **PP Ken Adams** made the first cut.

It turned out to be quite delicious!



The Raffle was won by Tony Glenn

Acting President Rosemary closed the meeting with these words:

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world”

Apologies from Journalist if any stories missed. So many Members contributed to this 85th Meeting of our Club.

Next week's Meeting at Mittagong RSL – Please advise Trevor of attendance by Wednesday at the latest

Birthdays

APRIL: Dennis Coysh 3rd, Don Graham 9th, David Stranger 12th,

MAY: Rod Aistrophe 3rd, Will Eddowes 26th, Jim Gasson 22nd, Brian Pattinson 31st.

Imperial Pizza Lunches: 28th March from 12 Noon 23rd May from 12 Noon



Rogues Gallery



And don't forget!

Bring in your old laptops and phones (with Chargers) so they can be recycled to help our domestic violence campaign.



Also, Bring in some items each week to add to the Uniting Church basket, Non Perishable food, Toiletries ETC