



# Tulip Times

**The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong  
District 9710 - Chartered 26 March 1940**

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**President: David McCosh  
Secretary: Tony Glenn**

**Meetings: 6:00 for 6:30  
Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Highway  
Mittagong NSW 2575**

<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Ken Barnard (RC of Ingleburn)	
<b>Next meetings...</b>	<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017</b>
<b>Location</b>	Highlands Golf Club Old Hume Highway Mittagong	Highlands Golf Club Old Hume Highway Mittagong
<b>Program</b>	"More about Me in 10 Minutes"	Tulip Times Review
<b>Speaker</b>	Will Eddowes, Trevor Fair	Trevor Fair
<b>Intro/Vote of Thanks</b>		
<b>Dinner Fees</b>	Don Graham	Darryl Flegg
<b>Journalist</b>	Trevor Fair	
<b>Regalia</b>	Tony Glenn	Robert De Jongh

*If you are unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Trevor Fair by email [trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au](mailto:trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au)*

**Welcome by President David**

**Invocation – PP Brian**

**International Toast - PP Trevor**

**The Republic of Armenia** will celebrate its independence from the USSR in 1991 on Thursday this week.

The nation of 3 million people is landlocked in the Caucasus region between the Black Sea and Caspian Sea. It is bounded by Turkey to the west, Georgia to the north, Azerbaijan to the east and Iran to the south.

Armenia's history as an entity dates back to 2500 BC and has had many forms from kingdoms to a Soviet Socialist Republic and supplicant state as part of the Roman Empire and a dozen others.

It was the first declared a Christian nation in 301 AD and, although it now has only one tenth of the land area of its peak it is still Christian and a thriving multi-party democracy with a high standard of living. During the First World War the Turks killed over a million Armenians as they cleared them from their homelands in eastern Turkey in a genocide the Turks still deny and the Armenians won't let them forget.

The Capital, Yerevan is a beautiful ancient city of one million on the slopes of Mount Ararat where Noah parked the Ark.

The Rotary Club of Yerevan was Chartered in District 2452 in 1996.

The District is made up of nine separated countries which are grouped together to avoid difficult political relationships including Bahrain, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, the UAE, Cyprus, Georgia and Sudan.

**The Club has 21 Members led by President Ruben Galstyan.**

They are continuing supporters of End Polio Now and run Blood Donor Days and assist in maintaining a National Bone Marrow Registry.

**In recognition of the Independence Day of Armenia would you please be upstanding and toast the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Yerevan.**

**EDITOR'S NOTE: RESPONSE RECEIVED OVERNIGHT**

From: Ruben Galstyan

[mailto:galstyanrubash@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 20 September 2017 9:27 PM

To: Rod Aistrope <aistrope@acenet.com.au>

Cc: David McCosh <david.mccosh.r@gmail.com>; Tony Glenn <apglenn@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: International Toast

Dear President David McCosh.

Dear Rod Aistrope

Many thanks that you remembered, and also congratulated us. It's very pleasant for us. I thank from our club. With great pleasure we can invite to Armenia, despite the long distance.

Your Rotary is Ruben Galstyan

Dr. Ruben Galstyan MD PhD

President of Rotary Club of Yerevan 2017-2018

[www.rotary.am](http://www.rotary.am)

20 сент. 2017 г., в 4:28, Rod Aistrope

<aistrope@acenet.com.au> написал(а):

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Other announcements:- Ian and Ray about Tulip Time – Ian looking for help still; Don asking who can collect Veerle from Yass on 15 October at 2pm – please let him know; can anyone drive buses at the Frensham Irish Fair on 18 November?; and David reported that the Board approved 2 Shelter Boxes at its September meeting.

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## CLUB ASSEMBLY



Club Assembly centred around what to do about dwindling numbers. Membership for the last 5 years:

**52 Rotary Year 11-12**

**56**

**49**

**43**

**38 as at Sep 17**



The following were raised by members for discussion and consideration:-

- Age specific members – around our age to be the target +50
- Young people want to do 1 project, maybe not long term commitment
- Aim to establish a new club for younger members with mentors.
- The key to introducing new members is to eyeball prospective members
- Need to promote friends of Rotary with involvement with Projects
- Need to increase promotion of Rotary to raise awareness of Club
- Cinema advertising will commence shortly on all screens plus brochures
- Cost of Rotary – Subs as well as weekly meals. Cost includes the Magazine, why does everyone need a copy?
- Will investigate the subscription method (IL)
- Still OK to focusing on retirees, if 10-15 years doing well.
- Meeting designated to Membership focus – Classification (eg Dr, mechanic etc) review with nominations of potential membership. President writes to candidates invitation
- Rotaract is an opportunity as they are already inducted into Rotary mindset.
- Need to ensure we are looking after current customers. If close acquaintances of exiting members survey to determine why they left
- Volunteer organisation – no boss v employee
- Food – venue are issues
- Greater involvement of all members.
- Fine session
- Regalia ?
- International toasts?
- Member 5 or 10 minuters.
- Also ask newer members why they joined
- SHN would like to profile newer members
- Set a goal of high profile speaker monthly etc and promote
- Port Macquarie RC meets weekly with alternate weeks social / business
- Weekly meetings? RC MV have trialled fortnightly meetings
- High profile speakers – will encourage members to invite guests with confidence!!!!
- MEMBERS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO WRITE SUGGESTIONS TO DIRECTORS
- Engage a facilitator to encourage information / suggestions for future
- Exchange students – is the Club capable of hosting
- Future projects – Are doing a good job on current / future adventures
- Car Rally.

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## **NEW - Public Notices** **Calendar of upcoming events**

- 12 – 24 Sept – Tulip Time, Corbett Gardens
- 30 Sept – Bowral Rugby 7's – Eridge Park
- 30 Sep – 1 Oct – Food & Wine Festival, Corbett Gdns
- 13 Oct – SH Bowling Challenge**
- 14 Oct – Opoberfest – Bowral Memorial Hall
- 15 Oct – Bowral Long Lunch, Centennial
- 22 Oct – Bowral Cycle Classic
- 27 Oct – Dream Cricket – Bowral, Bradman
- 28 May/ 29 May Science & Engineering Challenge

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### **The Challenge is back on – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**If you would like to help our Club return the trophy to where it belongs, see Jo Chalmers for training schedule etc.**

