



# ***Tulip Times***

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

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**Meetings: 6:00 for 6:30**

**Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Highway  
Mittagong NSW 2575**

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| <b>Visiting Rotarians</b>   |   |   |
| <b>Guests</b>               | Numerous Pride of Workmanship Attendees |   |
| <b>Next meetings....</b>    | <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June,</b>     | <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2017</b> |
| <b>Location</b>             | <b>Highlands Golf Club</b>              | <b>Highlands Golf Club</b>                |
| <b>Program</b>              | <b>From Somalia to Cooma</b>            | <b>TBA</b>                                |
| <b>Speaker</b>              | Daud Mohammed                           |   |
| <b>Intro/Vote of Thanks</b> | Rob Uhl                                 |   |
| <b>Dinner Fees</b>          | David Rees                              | David McCosh                              |
| <b>Journalist</b>           |   |   |
| <b>Regalia</b>              | Brian Pattinson                         | Louie Liberale                            |



## Welcome - Linda Knight

Guests welcomed included many of the Pride of Workmanship awardees and attendees.

This week Ken Adams celebrated 50 years in Rotary.



## International Toast – Simon Knight

Tomorrow is the anniversary of the day in 1990 after the fall of communism in Europe when **Croatia** formed its first free parliament after the Second World War. It was declared as Statehood Day but the celebration was changed the following year to the end of June when independence from Yugoslavia was declared.

Four years of the vicious Balkans Civil War against Serbia followed until in October 1995 the Croatians finally achieved sovereignty and independence.

Parts of the medieval coastal city of **Dubrovnik** were badly damaged during the war but fortunately it has been repaired and remains intact. It is beautiful and is the setting for many scenes of *Game of Thrones*.

It is a city of 43 000 and is the home of the **Rotary Club of Dubrovnik which was Chartered in 1994 in Rotary District 1913. President Srdan Gavranic** leads 32 Members in this very active Club in service to the community.

Prior to the Awarding of the Pride of Workmanship – Debra Blackah, SH Chamber of Commerce & Industry provided an introduction to the awards.





## Pride of Workmanship

**Jim Harrison, Jo Chalmers and support excelled themselves with a very polished night of awardees.**

### **Tom Hitchens – Donsonei Pty Ltd**

Director and Owner, Mark Dobson says that Tom started as a 4<sup>th</sup> year apprentice 4 years ago with Dobsonei.

His work ethic, attention to detail and everyday pride in his work is evident in the high quality, beautiful projects he delivers.



### **Awardee's name: Luciana Dalla Costa – Capital Chemist, Bowral**

Catherine Yee, Owner/Pharmacist, says that Luciana displays many attributes that contribute to my nomination of her for this award. She is fiercely loyal and her commitment to continually upskill is inspiring. Where others may become complacent after working in the industry as long as Luciana has, Luciana has thrown herself into becoming an Elizabeth Arden expert and takes full responsibility for this growing part of the business.

The latest qualification Luciana has obtained is her Mental Health First Aid Certificate. Her enthusiasm to put these new skills into practice and her demonstration of her genuine care for our patients is another invaluable attribute Luciana has and is another reason she deserves to be awarded the Pride of Workmanship Award.



### **Awardee's name: Cathy Millett – Oxley Partners**

Trevor Fair, Partner /Owner, says that Cathy is an employee who has the rare characteristics any employer would desire. She is flexible, competent, enthusiastic while having the ability to have fun along the way.

Cathy stepped up when the practice needed an employee to assist with SMSF. She is now regarded across the practice as the Class Super Champion.





**Awardee's name: William Walsh – WJR Automotive**

John Robertson, Owner, said that throughout his employment Will's genuine desire to engage with, and to assist our customers in a helpful and professional manner has been exemplary. He has an approachable and a "nothing is a problem" attitude, which is refreshing and epitomises Will's overall attitude to his working life.

Over the course of his apprenticeship, and since becoming a qualified mechanic in November 2015, Will has shown himself to be both conscientious, and thorough in his attention to his workmanship. Will has also maintained a genuine thirst for learning and furthering his knowledge, and he consistently takes the utmost care and pride in producing high quality workmanship in each of his jobs.



**Awardee's name: Virginia Jeffery – Stacks Law Firm**

Tony Glenn, Principal, said that Virginia has been a Legal Secretary for her working life and as such has developed a wealth of knowledge and skills, particularly that of listening to clients and assisting with their needs as the first point of contact of a legal firm. Her work is particular and precise to ensure accuracy and a high standard of presentation in all work that she produces.

Virginia was employed by me at Glenn Lawyers between 2007 to 2015 when I merged my practice. She assisted me since the merger with Stacks.

When told of my decision to merge the practice the first question from virtually every client was "Is Virginia going with you?" That probably sums up the awareness of my clientele as to her abilities and the manner in which her service to clients has always been exemplary and thus well appreciated by all.

**Awardee's name: Natalie Innes – NSW Police Force**

Inspector John Klepczarek says that Natalie joined the NSW Police Force in 2002 and was first stationed at Liverpool before transferring to Bowral in 2007. Natalie has provided outstanding service to the community of the Southern Highlands. Natalie is regularly acknowledged for her professionalism, compassion and follow ups she provides the community.

Recently Natalie has attended numerous fatal car crashes where the victim's family has praised her efforts.

Natalie now regularly relieves as the Team Leader at Bowral.





**Awardee's name: Thomas Hubers – Highlands Tyremasters**

Simon Sprague, Owner, says I employed Thomas just over 4 years ago after he completed 2 weeks work experience from Bowral High School.

Thomas and his work ethics have been nothing short of outstanding from day one. It has now been nearly 5 years and he has finished his Tech course with a standard of Distinction. Each subject he has topped the class.

During this time I cannot remember Thomas ever having a sick day. He is truly a remarkable young man. We have over 12 employees here at Tyremasters and Thomas has progressed from being a junior part time worker to a senior instrumental employee of our team.



**Awardee's name: Damien McMillan – Mt Broughton Golf Club**

Frank Williams, General Manager, says that Damien's promotion to the position of Course Superintendent was at a young age and where he had to step up in the face of the loss of experienced staff.

His dedication to the job and his ability to learn and develop quickly have been exemplary, as has been his willingness to devote extra unpaid hours when necessary to ensure first class course maintenance.



**Awardees - 2017**

