

# TULIP TIMES



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| <b>Next Meetings</b>  | Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 2018 | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2018 |
| <b>Location</b>   | Highlands Golf Club                | Highlands Golf Club                |
| <b>Program</b>  | Aboriginal Community               |                                    |
| <b>Speaker</b>  | Melissa Wiyu (seeking more info)   | Veerle: "My year in Oz"            |
| <b>Intro / Vote of Thanks</b>   |                                    |                                    |
| <b>Dinner Fee Duty</b>  | Vicki Kelly                        | Rosemary Kelly                     |
| <b>Journalist</b>   | Ray Williams                       |                                    |
| <b>Regalia Duty</b>   | Ian Johnson                        | Lynton Kettle                      |
| If you are unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Trevor Fair by email: <a href="mailto:trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au">trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au</a> |                                    |                                    |

**Invocation** – Brian Elliott

**International Toast** – Brian Pattinson



The 7<sup>th</sup> of May was the **anniversary of the surrender of Germany** at the end of the Second World War to the Western Allies in Reims in France. Josef Stalin was not happy insisting that the surrender be resigned in Berlin under the supervision of the Soviet Field Marshal Zhukov which occurred on 9th May, 1945.

In 1949 the Council of Europe was formed to drive the economic recovery after the devastation of the war and on 9th May, 1950 a declaration which led to the pooling of the French and German steel and coal industries was made.

The formation of the European Union followed. It has always had economics and trade as its basis and by that cooperation the intended outcome was an end to repeated wars between states and tribes which had always blighted the continent.

Since 1985 9th May has been celebrated as **Europe Day**.

Today the European Union has 28 Member States and 512 million people - shortly to be reduced by one and about 60 million.

The European Parliament and administrative headquarters are in Brussels, a city of about 1.1 million in Belgium.

**The Rotary Club of Brussels-Europe** is located in the Capital. **It was Chartered in 1998 in District 2170 and has 43 Members led by President Katia Knapen.**

Today the whole Club is giving blood and encouraging their community to make regular blood donations.

**In recognition of Europe Day tomorrow and the peace which the European Union has encouraged would you please be upstanding and toast the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Brussels-Europe**

## Announcements

**Tony Glenn** – Moss Vale Rotary Club is having its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday 19 May. We were the sponsor club so let's make an effort to be there. Let Tony know ASP.

**Luciano** – 27<sup>th</sup> May is the Antony Liberale Golf Day with proceeds to the Childrens' Cancer Research Institute. Let Louie know if you can help? And 12<sup>th</sup> June will be a Chestnut Night at the Southern Highlands Winery.

**Will** – 5<sup>th</sup> June will be Pride of Workmanship Awards Night; we have 3 contenders.

**Ray C** – The BBQ and Lemonade stall at Corbett Plaza had a good result - \$550 – despite a small number of people in town. Ray thanked helpers Rod, Jim, David and Robbie.

**Don** – Gwenda could do with some help setting up for MUNA this Friday and then on Saturday for a few hours. Cakes, slices etc will be welcome; please let Gwenda know if you can help.

Then President David took the floor to introduce the main agenda item – the review after 3 months of the fortnightly meeting experiment. After discussion there would be a ballot, with the results to go to the Board next Monday to guide a future direction.

The meeting discussed the issues with 11 people putting their cases for and against weekly versus fortnightly. Then the members voted. A supplementary vote about member preferences for soft or hard copies of RDU was also taken.

We look forward to the next step.

## Chasing the Joker

Ticket drawn by Rose and the winner with a 6 of Spades was Jim Gasson, who took home a bottle of wine.

