







## National Braille Music Camp Chamber Music Fundraising Concert Mittagong Playhouse 9<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm

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Next Meetings	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Program	NYSF	Member Talks
Speaker	Jack Howard	Watch this space
Intro / Vote of Thanks	Will Eddowes	
Dinner Fee Duty		John Elder
Journalist	Trevor Fair	Trevor Fair
Regalia Duty	Robert de Jongh	Will Eddowes

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)



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jack Howard - 12<sup>th</sup> March - NYSF Attendee

#### DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & PETS

President Elect Robert deJongh would love some company on the weekend of **30-31 March** in Canberra. Ideal attendees would include new Board members or other Rotarians who would like to learn more about the operations of Rotary.

Braille Music - Playhouse 9<sup>th</sup> March

Liberale Golf Day - 12<sup>th</sup> May

Science & Engineering Challenge 3<sup>rd</sup> &  
 4<sup>th</sup> June

Trivia Night - June

Tulip Time 24<sup>th</sup> Sept - 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

## Welcome

President Lynton welcomed all especially Patrick, also Luke Sheridan and Kate Fair.

## Invocation - Brian Elliott

## International Toast - Rod Aistrophe

Rotary was established in Bulgaria in 1933 and at least 6 clubs existed by the start of the Second World War. They ceased to operate until the end of the communist era when those six re-established after 1994 and now 25 years later there are 88 Clubs in District 2482 which covers the country.

Bulgaria is located in Eastern Europe on the Black Sea with Romania to the north, Turkey and Greece south and Serbia and Macedonia to the west.

There are signs of civilisation dating from 6 000 years BC. The Bulgars migrated westward from central Asia over centuries and reached and settled Bulgaria in 680 forming empires and being conquered over the succeeding centuries.

It became a Principality on 3rd March, 1878 after it won independence from the Turks after the Russo – Turkish War and 7 million Bulgarians celebrated its Independence Day on Sunday.

Plovdiv is the second largest city in Bulgaria with a population of 350 000. It is right in the centre of the country and is known as a cultural centre because of the many theatre, music and national festivals held there throughout the year.

It also has many well preserved Greek, Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman architectural relics. The city was known as Philipopolos after one of its conquerors, Philip II of Macedonia.

The Rotary Club of Plovdiv-Philipopol marks that history. It was Chartered in 2007 and its President, Dora Levterova leads 17 Members. In this week of International Womens Day one of the Club's current projects is a domestic violence awareness and education program.



A response form RC La Romana, Dominican Republic

*Dear all*

*We are very grateful to you  
a big hug with a lot of love wellington.*

*hugs and kisses*

## Announcements

**Mary Ramsay** - \$3000 proceeds from movie night, which was a good result considering circumstances. A big thank you to all concerned.

Tulip Time - 24th September. Some changes to the logistics this year. Met with Council this week. Council has agreed to increase the fees for TT.

Trivia in June.

BBQ in Wingello Forest for the Husky Association. Details to be confirmed.

**Will Eddowes** - Penrose Timber Mill visit went well. Technology measures the log and determines how best to cut the log.

Braille Music - Frenscham - Saturday 9th March.

Linda Bleakley - Has offered her property in Blackheath where she roasts coffee beans, etc. Bus trip Date to be set. \$45 includes donation + \$15 bus.

**Brian Patterson** - Dream Cricket Committee has commenced planning for this year's event, 25<sup>th</sup> October.

**Ian Langford**. S&E Challenge Meeting will be before next week's meeting at Golf Club. 3-4 June at Mittagong RSL.

**Rosemary Kelly** - Rotary in Australia publicity - Ray Williams is doing well, however getting frustrated with progress. Needs to redo his driving test once he returns home. Is able to take calls.

Rotary Foundation - Centurian money boxes have been collected and will be distributed next week. Also looking for a Foundation Director for next year.

PETS - Rotary Learning Weekend @ Melrose HS, Pearce ACT 30 & 31 March.

### Member Update

Les Vickerman is doing well, moving from grumpy to angry so is a good sign.

Ray Coulton still in India.

### Guest Speaker - Patrick Arrieula



Patrick introduced himself. Has been in Aus since 1986 and has married an Aussie.

Commenced working at Milton Park, then numerous other locations.

Commenced walking tours through the Pyrenees to show off the beauty of his home district.. Try to include all the local attractions, staying in family homes, eating local etc.

Need to be a little fit as we climb up and down mountains. Runs 2 tours per year, one in Spring and one in Autumn.

Tour de France travels through this region. Due to English influence cricket is played, and also horse racing. Centre of the Basque Country

SW of France is where we focus the tour on. Walks vary from 12 km to 20 km per day. Takes 2 - 5 hrs day.

Accommodation is in small villages with good hotels and nice food. Try to avoid big centres and big hotels. Carry day pack. Coach takes you to different walks each day.



Joker Raffle - Trevor Fair - J of Diamonds.

### Penrose Timber Mill Update

Nine members of the club visited the Penrose Timber Mill in the morning on 27<sup>th</sup> February. We spent nearly two and a half hours conducted by the owner/manager of the business, Peter Cush, who was clearly passionate about the operation. They process around 50,000 tonnes of pine from the local state forest. The processes include bark stripping, cutting logs in a vertical plane, sorting and cutting and sizing into rectangular sections. They then have facilities for stacking and kiln

drying together with options for chemical treatment for in-ground use. Of particular interest were the laser measurement of logs to determine the optimum cutting dimensions as each log is different. Offcuts are sold as woodchip to Visy for cardboard or used with sawdust to fire the kiln dryer. It was inspiring to see a small/medium private company where the owner is passionate about progressive development of the business, taking advantage of new technology. Most of us then had a good lunch at the Primula Café in Bundanoon while Jim and Brian decided that the pub was more attractive! Overall, time very well spent.



### Moss Vale Rotary meeting Venue Update

New Venue: Moss Vale Golf Club (the Golf Club facilities **not** Dormie House)

Meeting Days: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month

Time: 6:30 for 7 pm

Cost: \$30

Please note the new date - 26<sup>th</sup> May



#### SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Registration \$35/a & \$15/c +12yrs

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- Create a team with cars/bikes/buses
- Wear WW costume
- Sense of adventure
- Prizes, secret locations, treasures to find
- Lunch & refreshments provided - BYO Drinks

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SUNDAY 26TH MAY**

Sunday 26th May 9:00am

@ New Berrima Oval

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### Team Sheridan

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Please help us to fundraise \$5000 to be donated directly to School for Life.

All donations are tax deductible.

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