

**Tulip Times Club Bulletin: 09 May 2023**  
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**Club Meetings:**

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at various Southern Highlands venues. (See below)  
**Meeting apologies by Sunday for the following Tuesday. Please text Trevor Fair.**

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
16 May	Café Annesley Partners night	Louie's Chestnut evening	Pamela Brown
23 May	Bowral Bowling Club	'The Media'/Colin McLennan	Wil Eddowes
30 May	Kookabar	Member Story	Pamela Brown
06 Jun	Bowral Bowling Club	TBA	David McCosh

**International Toast: Trevor Fair**

Having seen the Crown Jewels in close up on the weekend worn by Charles III and his Queen it is an amazing coincidence that in 1671 those same Crown Jewels, or jewels somewhat like them belonging to Charles II, were stolen from the Tower of London by an Irishman, Colonel Thomas Blood.

Blood was born and grew up in County Meath, west of Dublin. When Charles I was executed, and the English Civil War began in 1642 he fought with the Royalists but switched sides to Cromwell's Roundheads.

When the fighting was done he received land grants from Cromwell in payment for his services but on restoration of the Monarchy, Charles II rescinded these in 1662 and he was broke.

It was on this very day, 9th May in 1671 that the self-styled Colonel organised the robbery of the Tower, but he didn't get far out of the building before he was caught. Colonel Blood was pardoned by the King who feared an Irish uprising if Blood was executed. He died in 1680.

You will be pleased to know that no-one stole the jewels on the weekend.

Navan is the largest town in County Meath. It is now a city of around 30,000 located 40km northwest of Dublin..

**The Rotary Club of Navan** was Chartered in Dist. 1160 in 1980, has 28 Members led by **President Amin Louli**.



Their major fund-raising projects are their Christmas Tree of Hope and Remembrance, a cinema night and a golf day. Their major international project is collection, restoration and distribution of push bikes to children in The Gambia and West Africa and lately to Ukraine.

**So in sombre reflection on how close King Charles III came to not having any Crown Jewels to wear at his Coronation would you please rise and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Navan in Ireland.**

## Venue: Bowral Bowling Club

**Journalist: Will Eddowes**

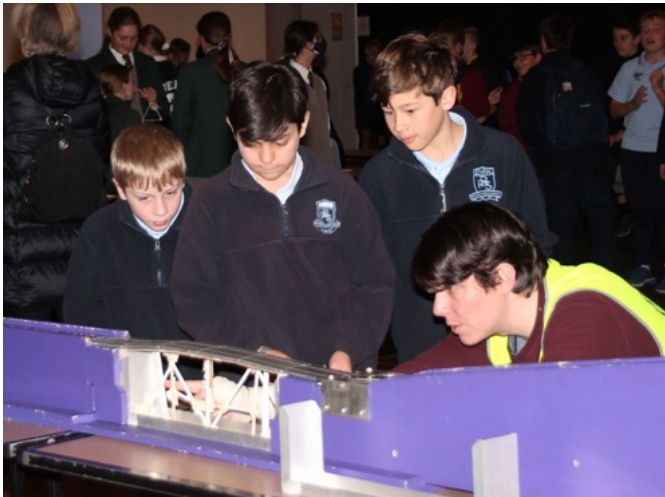
**PP Rosemary Kelly** presided over the meeting as President Leigh is unable to walk following foot surgery. She welcomed our speaker, **Jay Allen**.

Rosemary paid our respects to the Gundungurra people on whose land we meet, to their elders, past, present, and emerging.

**Trevor Fair** gave the Invocation followed by the International Toast for the Rotary Club of Navan in Ireland.

## Announcements

### Science and Engineering Challenge



**Ian Langford** updated us on the Science and Engineering Challenge (22/05/2023) and Discovery Day (23/05/2023) which are fast approaching.

All is in hand but there are frustrations with slow response from schools, chasing Working with Children confirmation as well as the Uni of Newcastle coordinator being off sick! Ian will follow up with an email to those whose essential data he does not have. All will be well on the day as usual!!

## MUNA

**Robert De Jongh** reminded us that MUNA is on this Saturday (13 May).



All volunteers are ready, and anyone not involved is welcome to come as a visitor. **Mary Ramsay** is organising the food.

### Club funds from Firewood

**PP Rosemary** reminded us that Lynton has a good supply of firewood, and all payments go to the club. The weather this week has been a good reminder!

### Club meeting next week

**Denise Coad** mentioned that the meeting next week at Annesley will feature Luciano's roasted chestnuts and will include an auction for a \$200 voucher at Hers and Mine – proceeds to go to the Club.

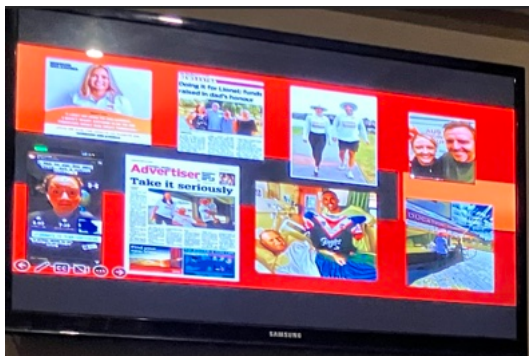
### Moss Vale School Vegetable Garden

Ian Law spoke about the vegetable garden for MV High School. The school has obtained a grant and they have identified a suitable supplier of materials. He will be looking for volunteers when we get a go-ahead. It would also be good to have an Interact involvement in the project.

## Guest Speaker

**Jo Chalmers** introduced our speaker,

**Jay Allen**, founder and president of the **Australian Skin Cancer Foundation**.



Jay was a truck driver who experienced a mole on his ankle. It didn't heal and started weeping. They were about to go on holiday, but his wife insisted on getting it checked first. He was 32 and it turned out to be a Melanoma 1.95mm deep – a high level risk of spreading. This was removed and cancerous cells were found in his groin resulting in lymph nodes being removed. The holiday was another casualty!

That was 15 years ago and since then that cancer has remained clear, but Jay became a passionate advocate of regular skin checks. He started a Facebook site called Melanoma Man which now has 50,000 followers.

In Australia, one person is diagnosed every 30 minutes, 16,000 in 2022 and one death every 6 hours.

Jay had a Squamous Cell Carcinoma in Feb 2021 which was removed and apparently cleared.

In 2021, Jay started the Australian Skin Cancer Foundation with the mission to promote,

ADVOCACY,  
EDUCATION,  
RESEARCH and  
SUPPORT.

Subsequently he started a '**Mates Scheme**' to put local melanoma sufferers in touch with each other.

Jay has raised over \$300,000 by various means but particularly by charity walks, 'Mission Melanoma Walks'. He has walked from Melbourne to Sydney, Brisbane to Sydney, Adelaide to Sydney and Canberra to Sydney. The money raised has been donated to research and support.

He is currently setting up a semi-trailer to tour the regions and offer free skin checks. He acknowledges that existing checks are very expensive for many people.

Jay concluded with a short video on **Hayley Bourke** who died from melanoma at the age of 37.

Comments from the floor followed:

**Tony Glenn** told us that 3 members close to his family had serious melanomas including one death in his early thirties.

**Rose Conley and Jim Gasson** told us that they had several pre-cancerous spots removed.

**Jim Gasson** gave a vote of thanks. It was a very sobering talk and many of us were moved to make an appointment for a check-up!

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## Raffle:

**Tim Bowland** won the wine raffle – but then drew the 9 of hearts!

**PP Rosemary** then closed the meeting.