



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**

Visiting Rotarians	Min Aistroe, RC Bourke Eric Conley, RC of Berrima District	
Next meetings....	Tuesday 8th August 2017	Tuesday 15th August 2017
Location	Southern Rise Bakery Clarence St Moss Vale	Highlands Golf Club Old Hume Highway Mittagong
Program	Breadmaking	NSW Rail Museum
Speaker	Matthew Fitzgerald	Jenni Edmonds
Intro/Vote of Thanks	Trevor Fair	John Hoelle
Dinner Fees	Ian Langford	Sue Adams
Journalist		
Regalia	NA	Rod Aistroe

If you are unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Trevor Fair by email trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au

Welcome: Segeant Lynton Kettle

Invocation – Rob Uhl

Welcome by President David -

Guests -John Bunter

International Toast – Mary Ramsay

Not only is today the traditional birthday of horses but it is the Independence Day of the small African State of Benin.

It was part of the Kingdom of Dahomey which controlled the south coast along the Gulf of Guinea and was influenced by Portugal with its slave trade from the 15th Century until it was colonised by France in 1892 during its acquisition of territory in north west Africa.

Dahomey achieved independence in 1960 with the peaceful constitutional decolonisation of French territories in West Africa and changed its name to Benin in 1975.

The country is now known for the stability of its democracy and has a population of 11 million. Its neighbours are Togo to the west, Burkina Faso and Niger to the north and Nigeria to the east.

Rotary District 9102 covers Benin and Ghana, Niger and Togo along the coast. It has 84 Clubs - 24 of them are in Benin. One of those is the Rotary Club of Cotonou Plage or Cotonou Beach, which serves the largest city, the port of Cotonou.

The Club was chartered in 2015 and has 14 Members led by President Sedo Agbande. They have made a project of providing food and clothing to the House of the Little Sisters of the poor in Tokan, an outer suburb of Cotonou. The house cares for destitute elderly people, many of whom are neglected by their families.

Cotonou Beach - Benin



Announcements

President David - Libby Bleakley - donation of \$5000 to the Learning Centre. David clarified with Libby concerning the movie night. Libby is keen to come back when her book is ready for distribution.

Ian Langford - Tulip Time Roster - Gates and Food & Wine Rosters are now in circulation.

Please complete the roster as well as completing the availability roster. During the week the Bendooley gate will be operational and on weekends Merrigang Street will be open as well as an exit in Wingecarribee Street.

Food & Wine Fair - using 2 people on the Merrigang St Entrance. Updates will be maintained as other clubs are keen to assist. Please get in early. This is our major fundraiser for the year so please contribute generously.

On the last weekend the club will be running a BBQ. A roster will be prepared shortly. This event will be co-ordinated by Ray Williams.

Jacinta Sheridan -Welby Challenge House working bee this weekend – have 10 volunteers each shift on Saturday 6 on Sunday. Thank you, and wheel barrows would assist greatly.

Presentation - Challenge House – Rod Aistrop



Accommodation for parental career transition to group accommodation. The Welby facility provides opportunities for people to gain skills as well as earn money. The facility has been operating in SH for 18 years. Rod became involved 20 years ago through a community service project.

This Club has built a chicken run, paving etc.

Challenge SH is looking to change its name to Welby Industries. Rod is the current president of Challenge SH. 42 people are employed together with 5 trainers and office staff. Propagation and garden maintenance services are 2 of the main services offered to the general public as well as pallet making, etc and SH Post inserts. NDIS opportunities may assist in expanding services.

Challenge House accessed a grant of \$900k as well as a block of council land.

Opening is scheduled for Sept 2017 - which is possible with great support from local trades and suppliers. Final cost of \$1.7m which was made up with grants together with several local benefactors. Facility of 10 units with tenancy run by ACH. The end plan is to transition tenants to a group house facility.

Caretaker accommodation within the unit is to supervise, not for first aid. 2 crews of gardeners are now operational.

Ed: As is normally the case, members are often the most interesting speakers. Program Co-ordinator is always seeking offers to presenters, so if you feel you, or someone you know would like to show a bit more about yourself, please speak to Trevor.



Calendar of upcoming events

- 9 & 10 Sept – Home & Garden Show, Bong Bong
- 12 – 24 Sept – Tulip Time
- 30 Sep – 1 Oct – Food & Wine Festival, Corbett Gdns
- 15 Oct – Bowral Long Lunch, Centennial
- 22 Oct – Bowral Cycle Classic
- 27 Oct – Dream Cricket – Bowral, Bradman

