



Tulip Times



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

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**Meetings : 6.00 for 6.30pm
The Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Highway
Mittagong NSW 2575**

Visiting Rotarians		
Guests	Melanie Ison, Jacinta Sheridan	
Makeups	Please request these at the registration desk or advise Trevor Fair asap.	
Next meeting.....NB!	Apologies to Trevor Fair 4861 6917 or 0403 176 958 before 11am on day of meeting Members not registering apologies may be liable for the dinner fee!	
	Tuesday 17th May 2016	Tuesday 24th May 2016
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Time	6:00 for 6:30 pm	6:00 for 6:30 pm
President	Ian Cropper	Ian Cropper
Program	TBA	TBA
Speaker		
Intro/Vote of thanks		
Dinner Fees	Rob Uhl	Robbie Allen
Meeting Host		
Journalist	Trevor Fair	Trevor Fair
Sergeant		
Regalia	Linda Knight	Rosemary Kelly
If unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Mark Wallace by email wallace9710@iinet.net.au		

Journalist: Trevor Fair

Ian Langford opened the meeting with an excellent version of the invocation.

President Ian welcomed our guests of Rob Uhl Melanie Ison, Jacinta Sheridan.

Reports

MUNA - Rob Uhl - Thank you to all the volunteers. Both the winner and Peace prize winner will attend the National MUNA

RYE - James Kelly has sent an email to the club outlining some of his recent activities including, visited some museums, and visited London Town. Enjoying getting a hang of the language

International Toast - Rob Uhl

The Southern Highlands Christian School, in the guise of the Russian Delegation to the Model United Nations Assembly last Saturday won the event and will go to Canberra for the MUNA National Competition.

Russia is a country of 144 million people and 17 million square kilometres stretching from Poland and Ukraine in Europe right across Siberia and Asia to the Pacific. After the collapse of communism Rotary re-established in Moscow and has spread throughout Russia with a total of 57 Clubs since 1990.

Rotary Area 25, which until this year was called District 2225, covers the whole of Russia east of the Ural Mountains - an area of around 12 million square kilometres and a distance of about 7 000 kilometres from east to west. What a job for a District Governor. Area 25 has 27 Clubs and 448 Members.

The City of Omsk is in Area 25. It has a population of about 1.2 million and is the second largest city east of the Urals. It is located in south west Siberia near to Russia's southern border with Kazakhstan.

During the Second World War it became prosperous from manufacturing military equipment and as the reserve capital city being well away from the fighting for Moscow.

The Rotary Club of Omsk was chartered in 1997 and has 16 Members led by President Olga Konopelko. This year it has been active in supporting a training school for children with intellectual disabilities with carpentry equipment.

Australian Rugby Choir – Members are asked to sell tickets and assist with catering on the night.

Supporting artists include Rachel Campbell.

For online bookings

www.trybooking.com/lhur

Alternatively speak to Mark Wallace

<http://www.rugbychoir.org.au/>



Guest Video - Mark Huddleston Rotarian from South Australia prepared the video on recruitment barriers to Rotary membership

A summary of the presentation is below.

What is preventing people from joining Rotary?
We need to look at the membership as an outsider, not as a Rotarian.

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- 80% of issues related to Meetings.
- Cost is also a barrier - 50 meals, fines raffles
- Time of day of meeting is incompatible
- Food quality, cost, dietary requirements
- Disabled access

Rituals

- Time commitment 1:30 - 2 hrs need to understand time poor members
- Need to put focus on service and not the meeting.

Guest speakers are not the draw card they once were.

Just do not want to be a Rotarian is code for not wanting to attend meetings.

Obsession with meetings is the biggest issue

Clubs need to become more flexible.

Possible meeting formats - One club meets at cafes, homes and the Bunnings BBQ that counts as meetings.

Challenge, 1 meeting a month, do something different, pizza, tree plant etc breakfast

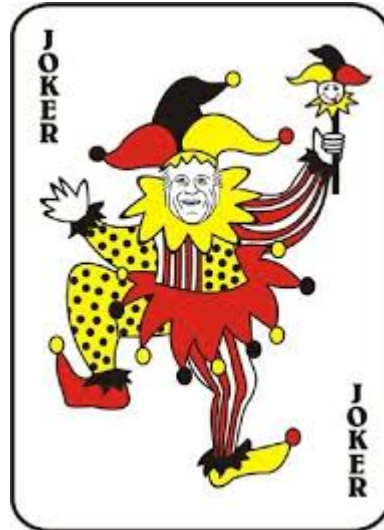
Are members brave enough to change course?

Possibly poll the club, however as Henry Ford once said "If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses."

Another quote, this time from Rob Stiltanen “Here's to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The troublemakers. The round pegs in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They're not fond of rules. And they have no respect for the status quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them. About the only thing you can't do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do.”

Board will be discussing this at the next Board meeting.

Joker draw - pot up to \$1200 however the kitty is \$500. This week's winner was Rob Uhl with the Jack of Diamonds.



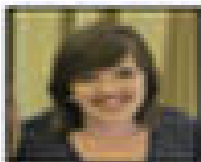
Diary Notes

- 21st May – Australian Rugby Choir – Clubbe Hall – 3 Rotary Clubs assisting
- 28th May – BBQ Glenquarry – for FAIM
- 26 June – District Changeover
- 12 July – Club Changeover
- 13-25 Sept – Tulip Time, Corbett Gdns

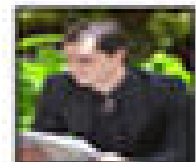


The Rotary Clubs of the
Southern Highlands
proudly present

The Australian Rugby Choir in Concert
a choir of male voices promoting community singing



Under the musical direction of
Rachel Campbell, with
Classical Guitarist Camilo Gonzalez



Clubbe Hall, Mittagong
Saturday, May 21, 7.30pm

Tickets \$35 (Concessions & family tickets available)
Book online now: www.trybooking.com/LHUR