



# Tulip Times



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

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**President: David McCosh  
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**Meetings: 6:00 for 6:30  
Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Highway  
Mittagong NSW 2575**

<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>		
<b>Guests</b>		
<b>Next meetings....</b>	<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b>	<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Highlands Golf Club</b>	<b>Highlands Golf Club</b>
<b>Program</b>	CLUB ASSEMBLY	Timor Leste Learning
<b>Speaker</b>	David McCosh	Libby Bleakley
<b>Intro/Vote of Thanks</b>	NA	Rob Uhl
<b>Dinner Fees</b>	Don Graham	Daryl Flegg
<b>Journalist</b>	Trevor Fair	
<b>Regalia</b>	Tony Glenn	Jim Gasson

*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)*

### Welcome: Segeant Lynton Kettle

Lynton welcomed our guest speaker Heather Tait, and Youth Exchange student nominee Julie Bouregard.

Invocation was provided by Brian Elliott

**Acting President Ian Langford** was welcomed to much acclaim.

### International Toast Gerry Kroon

The islands of São Tomé and Príncipe lie in the Gulf of Guinea about 200km off the west coast of Africa. They were uninhabited when colonised by the Portuguese in the 15th Century.

They were used to grow sugar using slaves taken from Africa but as cheaper sugar came to be produced in the West Indies the islands became the hub of the slave trade.

São Tomé and Príncipe became independent on 12th July, 1975 as the Portuguese abandoned their empire on the fall of the dictatorship. In other places, such as Angola, Mozambique and East Timor this led to civil wars but in São Tomé the transition to democracy was peaceful.

Nowadays there are 190 000 citizens and the country relies on cocoa, light manufacturing and jewellery as well as tourism for its economy.

Rotary has been in the country since 1992 but a new Club, the Rotary Club of São Tomé Ôssobo was Chartered on 12 June with 20 new Members led by President Laurent Ngoma. They are among 83 Clubs across 10 countries covered by District 9150.



Ian Langford

- Advised the members that Greg Taylor passing away recently. The funeral is to be held at Mittagong Presbeterian Church 2 pm this Friday.
- Members please access "My Rotary on the RI site and register.
- District Directories are in the cupboard. There are enough copies for every member.
- Food & Wine Festival - WSC seeking Club support for the weekend after Tulip Times. Will not be using the ipads this year, however not sure what system will be utilized.

Tony Glenn – Club Secretary

- Assembly next week please get agenda items to TG ASAP

Gerry Kroon – Events Director

- has reviewed 2 movies for events fundraising.
- Looking to run a market / car boot sale in the year.

Rod Aistrope – International / Foundation Director

- planning for trip to Timor Leste in October, please see Rod if you would like to participate

Will Eddowes - Vocational Director

- Vocational planning under way. Pride in Workmanship awards also proceeding,

Don Graham – Youth Director

- re-introduced Julie as our outgoing exchange student to Switzerland
- Seeking host parent for Jan / March 2018.

Trevor – Club Development Director

- Blue book is currently being updated. Please advise Trevor or Denise of any updates.

### Guest Speaker - Heather Tait



Mission of Heather's and a small committee is to provide bras and prosthetics to women in Fiji. The idea arose after hosting a man from Fiji who asked about where he could buy some clothing etc for his sister.

Prosthetic breasts in Australia cost \$400. Replacements are covered by Medicare which allows Heather to collect the used prosthetic breasts and takes them to Fiji for the women. A Shoalhaven business collects the items for transportation to Fiji.

Health services in Fiji offers limited support. Radiation is very limited and usually only after surgery.

Heather's daughter is an ABC radio presenter and ran an interview about the cause. This generated great response for the program.

On Heather's second trip, she was able to fit 35 women with prosthetics. Since that trip Heather has travelled to Fiji 7 times. The support of businesses in Australia is greatly appreciated. While Heather does not accept money, she greatly appreciates this support.

The motto of the program is  
Balance restored, Dignity restored

Usually takes 130 kg of luggage. ANZ bank now is on board to support freight costs.

Suggestion - Approach RDU to write an article seeking donations of prosthetics for the program.

Sue Adams - presented Heather with 400 bra extenders to help fitting larger women.



Ian closed meeting and wished travelers safe passage.