



Tulip Times

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

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President: Linda Knight 0418 126 240

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Meetings: 6:00 for 6:30

Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Highway

Mittagong NSW 2575

**Apologies must be made BEFORE 11AM EACH TUESDAY
to Trevor Fair (trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au),
or by text to 0403 176 958 or to his office on 4868 6100**

Visiting Rotarians		
Guests	Lorraine Gregory, Lucy and Nina (soon to be RYLA attendees)	
Next meetings....	Tuesday 20 December, 2016	Tuesday 10 January
Location	Golf Club	Bowral Bowling Club
Program	Christmas Party (Partners)	Lawn Bowls night
Speaker		Social - Fellowship
Intro/Vote of Thanks	President Linda	President Linda
Dinner Fees	Please pay in advance	
Journalist	Jacinta Sheridan	
Regalia	All - assist if you can	

If you are unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Ray Williams by email rayjenw@bigpond.com

Your Reporter – Ray Williams (who suffered cramps in the hand on the night, so notes are sparse)



President Linda opened with a toast to "Peace" and Cathy made her Maiden International Toast.

"Yesterday was the **Independence Day of Kenya** which marks its separation from the East African Protectorate of the British Empire in 1962 after colonisation in 1895.

Kenya is surrounded by Somalia, Eritrea, South Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania on the Indian Ocean coast of Africa with Lake Victoria to its west and has a population of some 45 million.

Malindi is a city of 220 000 on the coast where the Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama signed a trade agreement in 1498 on his way around the world.

The Rotary Club of Malindi <https://www.facebook.com/Rotaryclubofmalindi/> is in District 9212 which has 98 Clubs in Kenya, Eritrea, Ethiopia and South Sudan with over 2 500 Rotarians.

The Club was Chartered in 1990 and has 26 Members led by **President Bilha Njeru**.

It is a very active Club. They recently carried out a road safety project with their Rotaract Club painting road surfaces to mark hazards.

In October they organised a coastal walk with other Clubs raising funds for *End Polio Now* and they distributed desks to Schools in conjunction with an English Rotary Club."

Error: Last week's Tulip Times neglected to mention Rod Aistrophe's election as International Director. Congratulations, Rod.

There were some announcements:

The Christmas Dinner is a Club meeting; unless Trevor has your apology, it is assumed that you will attend. **Pay \$50/head in advance, please, by EFT.** Advise **Trevor** of partners, guest(s) so Pasquale has accurate numbers. Usual splendid Christmas Dinner is assured! You will have to pay if no apology received

Gerry led a contingent to Warrigal, Bundanoon to discuss whether our Music for Dementia sufferers might be introduced there. Local management will discuss with their Board and advise. The enormous positive impact of music for dementia sufferers continues to impress us all. A great project, thanks Gerry.

Our Australia Day meeting will be at the gracious home of **Miel and Gerry Kroon** on 26 January. **Rosemary Kelly** will co-ordinate salads and desserts so please let her know what you'll be bringing.

Linda offered her congratulations to **David McCosh** for taking up the President role next year.

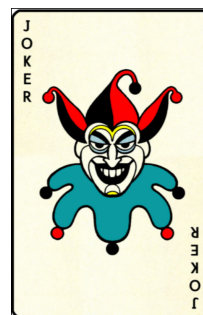
Ian Langford advised that **Jurgen Nielsen** has donated his data projector to replace our very sick puppy.

Ray Coulton is in Mater for an operation. Best wishes sent his way.

A number of speakers rose to comment on Mel's resignation. There was an analysis of generational different attitudes to bluntness and criticism. There was a statement from a member who felt mightily aggrieved after being criticized at a Club service function. Another member had only positive comments to make about how her experience as a new member.

The message that your Scribe received was - remember: we are all volunteers, motivated by Rotary ideals and here to serve the community and to do our best.

So engage the brain and the SENSITIVE GEAR!!! before being critical and speak to people as you would like to be spoken to.



RYLA Nominees **Nina** and **Lucy** thanked the Club for our support and will be back to report on their experience.



despite Ron giving it his best shot drawing the 8 of Diamonds.



Meeting closed early with a stirring rendition of O Solo Mio by **Louie**, off to Italia for Christmas

Brian Elliott then gave a very entertaining talk on PRO-BUS (a club for retired Professional-Business people). It commenced in England in 1965 and grew fast all over the world. A Club was formed in Mittagong in 1995 (**Tony Glenn's** year) and it too grew fast, with Nattai Probus later. The wait list became so long over time that it was likely some on the list would "fall off the perch" before enjoying the benefits of membership.

Benefits described by Brian include **Pascale's** legendary scones, lots of interesting visits and endless stories of operations and bowel movements! The motto? "Give me a fat bank account and a slim body, not the other way around!"

Finally, the Joker had the last (cruel) laugh again,



Final message from President Linda: Next week, remember to wear something Christmassy!!



Reply from Robert:

That will be a great honour. I'm pleased to be the source - or is that sauce - of this phrase. The rest of the world will just have to play ketchup!

Editor's Note: Boom Boom!

AND FROM MY SPAM FILES DURING THE WEEK: EMAIL EXCHANGE BETWEEN ROD AISTROPE AND ROBERT de JONG

Robert,

The Australian Dictionary Centre has declared that the word(s) of the year is(are) "Democracy Sausage".

So that they get the etymology right I will be writing to the Dictionary Centre to advise them that the first known usage of the term was at the Rotary Election Day Barbecue at the Bowral Memorial Hall on 2nd July, 2016 by you, Robert de Jong along with the term Electoral Roll used to describe the carrying vehicle for the Democracy Sausage.

Robert, I will work tirelessly until your name is properly linked with the full term "Democracy Sausage on an Electoral Roll" for future generations and the glory of Rotary.

Regards, Rod.

PS: It's a pity that you are leaving the country and will not be available for interviews when the news gets out!