



# ***Tulip Times***

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

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**Meetings: 6:00 for 6:30**

**Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Highway  
Mittagong NSW 2575**

Visiting Rotarians		
Guests	Tom Parkinson – Facilitator Louie's guests x 3, Paul Norrie, Rens	
Next meetings....	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Program	<b>Warragul House – Music for Dementia</b>	<b>Romac, Nepal</b>
Speaker	Vernia Blundell	Sandra Malberg, Yvonne Robson
Intro/Vote of Thanks	Gerry Kroon / Rosemary Kelly	Rob Uhl
Dinner Fees	Cathy Hussey	Jim Harrison
Journalist	Michael Lendrum	Jacinta Sheridan
Regalia	Rosemary Kelly	Don Graham



## Welcome - President

President Linda welcomed all including our guests and opened the meeting with an Irish Blessing which all toasted to.

## International Toast – Simon Knight

This Friday the Irish will celebrate **Saint Patrick's Day** which commemorates his death in the 5th Century AD.

He was born in Britain and taken by pirates to Ireland as a slave when he was 16. He escaped after 6 years and returned home where he trained as a cleric and went back to Ireland as a missionary.

He is regarded as the founder of the Christian Church in Ireland and is one of their Patron Saints.

He is credited with driving the snakes out of Ireland but research has found that there never were any snakes there in the first place.

The population of the whole of Ireland is 6.4 million now-a-days and the town of Galway on a bay on the north east coast has 77 000 people.

**The Rotary Club of Galway Salthill** in District 1160 is one of two which serve that area.

The Club was Chartered in 1986 and has 27 Members led by **President Michael Duke**.

The Club has erected a concrete wall in town with a slot for donations. Visitors are invited to kick the wall for charity and pay for the privilege. It's a nice little earner with funds raised put towards community projects.

*Fundraising Wall – RC Galway Salthill*



## Announcements

Jim Harrison – Pride of Workmanship – please advise Jim of the updated business list as members invite businesses to nominate worthy employees.

Ian Langford – Discovery Day & Science & Engineering Challenge – Next Monday is the Primary School Discovery Day, 9 teams from 17 primary schools will be participating. 7 High Schools will be competing on Tuesday.

Rod Aistrope – S&E Challenge sponsors – it would be greatly appreciated if the following sponsors were recognized and supported.

- Hume Concrete Products
  - Tyree Foundation
  - Jemena
  - Boral
  - Engineers Australia
  - Ace Gutters
  - Dobsoni Construction – local builder
- These businesses have donated \$16,500 to ensure the program will continue.

Rod Aistrope – Challenge House – lock up opening will be this Thursday 11:30. A walk through is planned to encourage sponsors to finish the project.

Charity Golf Day – Antony Liberale Memorial – 4<sup>th</sup> June – looking for players and helpers. See Louie if you can assist.

*PE David*



David McCosh – 2017-18 Vision so far

- Thank you to everyone who has provided input into next year's plan. Also thank you to the Club for putting their trust in David as President.
- Teams will replace committees.
- There are still opportunities available for members to take a more involved role in the running of the Club. These include Youth Director, Publicity and Vocational.

- Directors so far are Secretary – Tony Glenn, Treasurer – Ian Langford, Community Projects – Jacinta Sheridan, Events and Fundraising – Gerry Kroon, Club Development – Trevor Fair, International – Rod Aistrophe.
- Youth Programs – The Club needs to decide shortly whether they are willing to host (and therefore send a Youth Exchange student this year. We require 4 – 5 host families. Host families do not have to be Rotarians, so if you cannot host yourself, please ask relatives, neighbours, friends.

*Jim Harrison*



### **Speaker – Jim Harrison – County Derry**

Jim spoke passionately about his County of origin, and the Roe Valley. The comprehensive talk covered the history, myths and legends, as well as St Patrick.

Also covered were some of the Irish traditions and songs, including the origins of Danny Boy.

Jim closed his talk with a little Irish Blessing and then proceeded to assist Tom in auctioning a bottle of Black Bush Irish Whiskey, which Jim insists is the best drop around (Editor McFair is biting his tongue). After some competitive bidding the bottle went for \$125 to Sandra Adams.

President Linda closed the meeting with some Irish jokes and some extracts from Manners in Rotary which she asked everyone to read.

*Roe River*



*Sergeant Tom auctioning the whiskey*

