



# 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

## Next meetings....

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017**

**Tuesday 29<sup>nd</sup> August 2017**

### Location

Highlands Golf Club  
Old Hume Highway Mittagong

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### Program

Veerle Schute – Exchange Student

Shake it up Aust Foundation

### Speaker

Veerle Schute

Vicki Miller

### Intro/Vote of Thanks

Don Graham

Rose Conley

### Dinner Fees

Jo Chalmers

David Rees

### Journalist

Trevor Fair

Trevor Fair

### Regalia

Les Vickerman

Brian Ritson



## Welcome: Segeant Lynton Kettle

### Invocation – Daryl Flegg

### Welcome by President David

Guests - Welcome to guest speaker Jenni Edmonds from the Rail Museum. Also welcome to our Exchange student Veerle Schute who will be formally welcomed next week.



### International Toast – Tony Glenn

With the world perilously close to a major conflict between North Korea and the United States it is worth sparing a thought for the people of South Korea who are celebrating their Independence Day today.

The Korean Peninsula was occupied by Japan from 1910 until the end of the Second World War when Russia declared war on Japan just as they were surrendering and the US occupied the south. The 15th August, 1945 marks independence from Japan and 15th August, 1948 saw the establishment of the First Independent Republic of Korea.

Separate governments were set up with the United Nations backing the south partitioned from the communist north controlled by Russia. Russia decreed that the North was the only legitimate government and the North invaded the South in June 1950. The Korean War was the first major conflict of the Cold War and lasted until 1953 when a truce was signed. There never was a peace treaty.

The Republic of Korea is now a very prosperous country of 51 million with a high standard of living facing the impoverished totalitarian now nuclear armed North.

Incheon is a major industrial and port city close to the border in the north east of the country, not far from the capital Seoul. It has a population of 1 million served by the Rotary Club of Incheon which was chartered in District 3600 in 1979. The Club has 49 Members led by President Duk Hyun Jung.



### Announcements

**Ian Langford** – Tulip Time Roster is 75% full with most of the vacancies on the weekends. The Food & Wine Festival Roster is currently 37% full and as the Club is contracted it is also necessary to fill this roster as well. As there has been poor response from other Clubs, please add a shift or two to ensure the rosters are complete and we get paid as per our contract.

**Trevor Fair** – Clown Doctors. 1. There are still raffle tickets for sale, please see me if you could buy one or more. The Ball is on 2<sup>nd</sup> September at the RSL, please get a table or join a current one. This is one of our long term charities which our members have supported.

**Jacinta Sheridan** – Challenge House – work continues this Saturday with turf laying, paving and a final tidy up. A BBQ lunch will be provided. The cost of the project is approx. \$3,000.

Motion: That an amount of \$3,000 be approved to fund the landscaping project at Challenge House, Welby. Carried.

### Guest Speaker – Jenni Edmonds



In August 1917, workers in the workshops at the Eveleigh Rail Yards — the site today of Carriageworks — went on strike to protest against the introduction of a new timecard system that was meant to improve productivity by recording how long it took men to complete tasks. Thousands in the rail transport system stopped work, and they were soon joined by thousands more in other industries, such as shipping.

It became the biggest strike in Australia's history, causing immense disruption before finally collapsing after about six weeks, in the middle of September. Although relatively short-lived and unsuccessful, and not widely remembered today, the strike did have significant consequences for all those involved.

It was probably not very intelligent of the NSW transport authorities to try to increase work discipline and productivity at the time. The nation was exhausted and stressed by the already long years of World War I and the dreadful losses of life, while at home the wages of the working class had declined in real terms during the war years, and the first campaign to introduce conscription to provide yet more soldiers for the conflict had just failed.

On the other hand, 1917 was not good timing for a strike either. It was hard to expect the population at large to feel a lot of sympathy for a railway worker whose shifts were being tightened up when he could still go back to dinner with his family and a warm bed every night, unlike the young men who were dying in filthy trenches on the Western Front day after day.

Consequently it was easy to present the strikers as unpatriotic, to say the least. Thousands of volunteers from the country came to Sydney to help load and unload ships, keep a partial transport system working and maintain other essential services. There are press photos of them arriving in Sydney, setting up camp in places such as the Sydney Cricket Ground and Taronga Park, and lunching in shifts at the railyards. They were joined by university students and even schoolboys.

### Calendar of upcoming events

- 9 & 10 Sept – Home & Garden Show, Bong Bong
- 12 – 24 Sept – Tulip Time, Corbett Gardens
- 30 Sept – Bowral Rugby 7's – Eridge Park
- 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

