



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	DG Steve Hill – RC Bega, Ross Craig – RC MV, Grahame Jones – RC KC Matt Froome – RC Berrima Dist	
Guests	Rens Traets,	
Next meetings....	23 August, 2016	30 August, 2016
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Program	CLUB ASSEMBLY	RYE – Rens Traets
Speaker	Linda Knight	Rens Traets
Intro/Vote of Thanks	NA	David Rees
Dinner Fees	Stan Cornwall	Robert De Jongh
Journalist	Trevor Fair	Trevor Fair
Regalia	Ian Cropper	Will Eddowes

If you are unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Trevor Fair by email trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au

Journalist: Ian Langford.

President Linda Knight opened the meeting by introducing the District Governor Stephen (Steve) Hill who is a member of the Rotary Club of Bega. **Linda** also introduced our exchange student Rens Traets who was accompanied by Ross Craig from the Rotary Club of Moss Vale.

DG Steve was invited to toast Rotary International and he chose a short toast!

Michael L and the International Toast



Mick Lendrum then proposed the International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Medan Thamrin.

Tomorrow the people of Indonesia celebrate the Declaration of Independence of their country at the end of the Second World War in 1945. This brought to an end 350 years of Dutch colonial rule interspersed with British, Portuguese and French control of parts of their islands. Nowadays there are over 255 million Indonesians enjoying a stable democracy as our near neighbour.

The City of Medan is the capital of North Sumatra and has 2 million residents. The adjoining province is Aceh which has until recently been subject to an independence movement for the past 20 years. The Rotary Club of Medan Thamrin, one of 59 Clubs in District 3410, was chartered in 2008 and has 16 Members led by President Budi Chandra. The Club recently ran a dance festival with a wide range of competitions in traditional and modern dancing. Funds raised were put towards education

scholarships for high school students in the Medan District.

Medan, Indonesia



President Linda welcomed the “guys and girls” who have recently returned from the FAIM trip to Vanuatu.

Linda then had the privilege of awarding an Honorary Membership of the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong to Grahame Jones. This year Grahame has been in Rotary for fifty years and he is a Paul Harris Fellow, Past President and a Past District Governor. **Linda** read a tribute from perhaps an unexpected source, **Tom Parkinson**, who had the pleasure of a Group Study Exchange (GSE) trip to England led by Grahame in 1988 which gave us another insight into the Grahame we know.

“Hi Madam Prez and greetings to all. I'm delighted to offer my congratulations and a few words about Grahame Jones. I've known Jones and the lovely Belinda since mid-1987 when he began the arduous 6-month task of knocking his team into shape for the bi-centenary GSE trip to England in 1988. Jones was a natural choice for Team Leader, an experienced and worldly Rotarian, strong and decisive with a sharp mind and wit, forthright about his high standards and expectations, and a caring and compassionate leader and mentor.

I learned so much from Jones that would prove invaluable in my life and career and here are just 2:

The first was the importance of preparation. Jones insisted on weekly team preparation sessions, which not only ensured we were polished for the countless presentations and public speaking engagements, but also allowed the team to bond and become great friends before we left. Jones issued us all with a copy of "*The Little Aussie Fact Book*", and told us to memorise it so we could answer any question with confidence. And he would say "if you don't know the answer, don't stumble, neither do they, so make it up, look them in the eye and say it with confidence". He also told us that if we couldn't sing all verses of Advance

Australia Fair and recite the Rotary Grace and the 4 way test by the time we got to the airport we wouldn't be getting on the plane - and we were certain he meant it!

The second was the importance of strong leadership and high expectations. Jones was very relaxed and great fun most of the time, but if the team started to slip below his standards he would tilt his head, lower one eyebrow, raise the other and say in a very stern voice "Come on chaps, you're looking a bit ragged, get it together, let's make it happen!".

Jones made our trip a great success, gave us countless laughs and fond memories, and is the reason I joined Rotary. It is an honour to have him as a friend and mentor. Jones has given countless years of passionate service to Rotary and to Australia, and thoroughly deserves this honour. Congratulations, love and best wishes to you and Belinda! Cheers and Have A Great Day! Tom." Well done Grahame.

PDG Grahame and Pres Linda (any excuse to wear the chains)



Directors' Reports.

Jo Chalmers announced that she was preparing a set of rules for our "Joker Raffle" which she will email to the

members so they can be discussed and voted on at next week's Club Assembly

Sue Adams Circulated the draft contact details for proof reading before publication.

Linda Knight encouraged members to put their names on the Tulip Time Festival gates rosters which were on each table. She also promoted the 2016 District Conference which will be held on the 27th to 30th October at the Soldiers Club, Market Street, Goulburn. You can register by clicking the link on the District 9710 home page at <https://www.rotaryd9710.org.au/>

Simon Knight reminded the club that this year the Rotary Foundation was 100 years old and we would be celebrating that fact by awarding Paul Harris Fellow recognitions to about 5 worthy recipients from the local community. Simon is looking for nominations so please think hard and let Simon know. The awards would be made at a special dinner meeting in November.

Simon Knight also encouraged members to get behind Rotaract's fund raising gala dinner for the "Burrumbuttock Hay Runners" to be held on 1st October at the Mittagong RSL Club. See the flyers on the table. Tickets can be obtained from Southern Highlands Rotaract Club or at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/burrumbuttock-hay-runners-gala-dinner-tickets-26651518409>

David Rees announced that Bowral High School has informed him that it will not be participating in the 4-Way Test speaking competition this year due to a number of reasons including staff changes.

DG Steve Hill was then invited to address the club. He acknowledged PDG Grahame Jones, DGE Mark Wallace and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Chair Rob Uhl. **Steve** then spoke about the Rotary Foundation and how it started with Arch C. Klumph joining the Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio, USA, in 1911. He was the 1916-17 Rotary president, the organisation's sixth. Addressing the 1917 convention in Atlanta, Georgia, he eloquently promoted the idea of "endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." That year, the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA, made the first gift, of US\$26.50, to the fledgling fund. This year it will raise US\$300 million. In 3 years' time the District receives 50% of what it donates this year. The End Polio campaign is so near its end but it was sad to hear that in the last 2 weeks there have been 2 cases discovered in Nigeria.

Steve then spoke about some of the recent Council of Legislation changes which came into effect on the 1st July this year. They included the requirement that a Club need only meet at least twice a month and can meet where or however they decide such as on line etc. Steve gave a word of warning about rushing into fewer meetings as if a member currently has difficulty attending every week they

don't have to attend them all so long as there is an engagement with serving the community.

Rotaractors can now be members of Rotary at the same time and they will be exempt from District dues for the first 12 months. Other topics Steve spoke about included a Club Development Seminar, the District Conference and the Chairs of District Committees.

After many questions **President Linda Knight** thanked Steve for his visit, thanked our other visitors and finished with a witty saying about the only two ways a man can win an argument with a woman. However neither of them works.

The Hierarchy

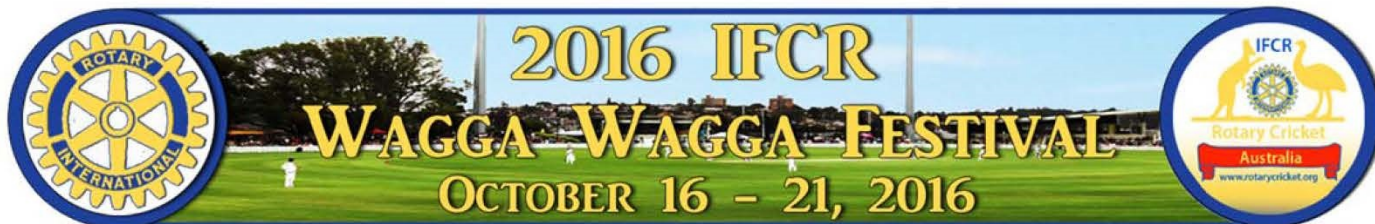


A reminder to the few members who have not paid their Club subs. You can either pay \$300 now for the 12 months or two payments of \$150, one now and the other on 1st January 2017.

Methods of payments:

On-Line electronic funds transfer (preferred option). ANZ Bank Rotary General Account, BSB 012 547, Account number 108573636. Reference should indicate your name followed by "subs". (e.g. "Ian L. Subs").

Cash or Cheque. Cheques should be made out to "Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong Inc." and can be given to the dinner fees collector at meetings. Cash can also be given to the dinner fees collector at meetings but please ensure that the collector marks their sheet with your name and the fact that it is for annual subs.



Wagga Wagga Organising Committee - PO Box 229 Wagga Wagga
Organising Club: Rotary Club of Wollundry - Wagga Wagga

August 2016

Dear Fellow Cricketing Rotarians, Partners and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you all for a week of cricket in Wagga Wagga, NSW Australia for the Bi Annual IFCR Australian Festival, from Sunday the 16th to Friday 21st October 2016.



The Festival will be held at the Bolton Park Sportsground Complex in the centre of Wagga Wagga which has four cricket ovals. Robertson Oval is the premier oval and home to the Wagga Wagga and District Cricket Association. Facilities include an International sized cricket field, turf cricket pitch and turf practice wickets. The other three grounds, the Mark Taylor Oval, Geoff Lawson Oval and Michael Slater Oval are all located within the Bolton Park complex.

There are a dozen motels within walking distance of Bolton Park and the main street, with the main shopping centre, being only half a block away. You can obtain more details about our beautiful city and the Festival from our ifcrwagga2016.org.au website. This year, you can register online or download a form and register manually. Australian registrations close August 31st 2016.

Extensive planning and preparations are going into the Wagga Wagga Festival. We want to make it an enjoyable and a memorable occasion for you and your partner. Come along and be part of this great Rotary Cricket Fellowship. Wagga Wagga, being the largest inland city in New South Wales, has much to offer.

Yours in Rotary,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "David M L".

David Benn

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