

## Tulip Times Club Bulletin: 16-1-2024

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### Club Meetings:

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at various Southern Highlands venues. (See below)

**If you are an apology please text or phone Denise Coad 0416009395 or email [denisecoad@bigpond.com](mailto:denisecoad@bigpond.com) by 5.00pm Friday before the Tuesday meeting. By default, it will be assumed that members are attending.**

# "What's On?"

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist
23 Jan	No Meeting	Transferred to the 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	N/A
26 Jan	Ian & Bev Donges	Australia Day gathering 85 McCallum Road, Colo Vale.	
30 Jan	Bowral Bowling Club		Ian Langford
6 Feb	Café Annesley	Club Assembly	Trevor Fair
8-9 Feb	Mens Health Van		
13 Feb	Bowral Bowling Club	Steve Pettaras – Alkaline Waterford Still	Pamela Brown
20 Feb			Will Eddowes
24/25 May	Wingecarribee Shire Council	Model United Nations	
27 Feb			
8-10/ March	Batemans Bay	PETS Training	
22-24 March	Cootamundra	PETS Training	

MEMBERS, CAN I HAVE DATES FOR THE CALENDAR PLEASE. Tim

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Report on the Club meeting at the Bowral Bowling Club on Tuesday 16 Jan 2024.

**Journalist.** Tim Bowland

**Sargent Lynton** opened the meeting which was a Bowls Night in honour of Chris Benton. Lynton welcomed our special guests, Roz Benton, Kendal and Ryan. He then welcomed our other guests Bob & Barbara Barret, Liz Pattinson, Bev Donges.

**Pres Don** acknowledged our guests and outlined the program for the evening. Don also discussed the Car Rally he is organising and urged members to let him know asap if they will be participating.

Don also reminded the members to bring in items for the Uniting Church pantry at our next regular meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Tim Bowland** advised the members to fill in the club survey that has been sent out so that we can review the responses and discuss the results at the club assembly on the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

**Leigh Robinson** talked about the Mens Health Van and asked members to put up flyers in shop windows.

Leigh also asked for someone to host the nurse and her son for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. Good news Will & Rose stepped up after the meeting.

Leigh has organised 10 Domestic Violence burner phones to go directly to the Moss Vale police station.

Leigh advised us that he stood in for Don at the Nattai Probus Club where he gave out awards. Unfortunately he didn't beforehand but it all went well.

Rotary Club of Bowral **mherv**  
... is coming to Bowral  
**MEN'S FREE HEALTH CHECKS**

**Dates:**  
Thurs 8 Feb 9:30 - 1:30  
Fri 9 Feb 9:30 - 1:30

**Location:**  
Bowral Swimming Pool  
162 Mtangony Road, Bowral

**Hosted by:**  
Rotary Club of Bowral

Men, Blokes, Guys, and Ladies too ...  
... do your family and your mates a favour:  
**Come and check out 'mherv' for a FREE 10min. health check-up**

✓ Blood Pressure | ✓ Cholesterol | ✓ Blood Sugar Levels

The "men's health education rural van" ... working to save lives

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**Denise** presented the International Toast. Compiled by **Rod**

## INTERNATIONAL TOAST

It is appropriate at our annual bowls meeting for us to briefly study the history of the ancient game of bowls. It started with two Neanderthals throwing stones to see who could get closest to the cave wall - loser did the dishes. It evolved to throwing stones at a target as recorded by the Greeks and was spread by the Romans to Gaul, Iberia and Britain.

Over time it further evolved to round stones and wooden balls. In some places they threw the balls to land closest to a marker ball which became petanque in France, bocce in Italy and different things with different rules elsewhere.

In Britain they preferred to roll the balls along the ground and by the 12th century AD it was lawn bowls - except the lawns were pretty rough and it made it challenging.

The oldest surviving bowling green, dating from 1299 is the Southampton Old Bowling Green on the south coast of England. (It is probably where Sir Francis Drake was practising when the Spanish Team was approaching in the Armada for the first serious international challenge match).

The game became so popular that young men were giving up archery to play bowls. Fearing the loss of archery skills for the army Edward III and Richard II in the 15th Century banned the sport.

Henry VIII had it outlawed by the *Unlawful Games Act* of 1541 which was not repealed until 1845.

Bowlers, being rebellious by nature had ignored the Act and when they invented the first lawn mower in 1830 it was the catalyst for proper flat greens and the growth of the game, especially in the colonies.

The Royal Victorian Bowling Association was established in 1880 in Melbourne.

To celebrate this last vestige of Empire tonight we will make our International Toast to the **Rotary Club of Southampton Magna** in England, home of the oldest rinks in the world.

The Club was Chartered in District 1110 in 1982 and has 22 Members led by **President James Lapage**.

Among their fund raising activities they have an annual car rally which will be on 12th May for anyone going to be nearby and a golf day later in the year.

**In memory of our departed friend Chris and the game he loved would you please stand and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Southampton Magna.**



**Denise** spoke about our Australia Day celebration at Ian & Bev Donges place. She is sending out an email.

Its at 12.30 pm at 85 McCallum Rd Colo Vale, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan

## *Tribute to Chris Benton*



**Lynton Kettle and Rod Aistrope** delivered a tribute to Chris, outlining his Rotary history and the many other organisations and things he was involved in in the



Highlands. He is missed by many. Chris's wife Roz attended the meeting along with her daughter Kendal and Kendal's partner Ryan.

Roz thanked the club for acknowledging Chris by putting on a bowls night. Roz also acknowledged other Rotarians and partners from the club who are no longer with us.

**David Rees** delivered a 9 minute long monologue on the colour RED.

***"Oh my love's like a red, red rose***

***That's newly sprung in June.***

***O my loves's like the melody,***

***That's sweetly played in tune.***

*So wrote Robbie Burns*

What a great presentation by David. So many uses and references to the colour RED and so well presented. Good work David. What next?



**Don** advised the meeting that it was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Pascal's wife Karina. The club has sent our condolences to Pascal and his family, Chloe and Nicholas. Members can send messages to Pascal's mobile 0419486144.

**The Raffle** was drawn by Roz Benton and won by Barbara Barret.

**Will E**, advised that he was labelling all the containers in the shed and asked for help to put them on. Leigh volunteered.

**Lynton** Ran a fine session

**Don** closed the meeting at 7.50pm

**MENS-HEALTH-CARAVAN**

**Bowral-Swimming-Centre**

<b>Thursday-8-February</b>	
9:30-12:30	Will-Eddowes Don-Graham
12:30-3:30	Mary-Crammond Rod-Aistrop

<b>Friday-9-February</b>	
9:30-12:30	Leigh-Robinson Ian-Langford
12:30-3:30	Mary-Crammond Rose-Conley

**ACCOMMODATION**

Wednesday-7-February-& Thursday-8-February	Will-&-Rose-Eddowes
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***The Week That was.***

Rotarians were working quietly in the background. Getting ready to go again.



# ROGUE'S GALLERY

