



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	Phil Purnell, John Chapman, Ema Kobayakawa & Joanne Woodman.	
Next meetings....	Tuesday 23rd May	Tuesday 30th May
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Program		PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP
Speaker	Ian Johnson	Jim Harrison
Intro/Vote of Thanks	Linda Knight	Linda Knight
Dinner Fees	Gwenda Webb	Jacinta Sheridan
Journalist	Trevor Fair	Trevor Fair
Regalia	Rob Uhl	Brian Ritson

Welcome - Linda Knight

Guests welcomed included;

Phil Purnell, John Chapman, Ema Kobayakawa & Joanne Woodman, and Rens.

Toast to all the Mums

International Toast – Robert de Jongh

Over the weekend everyone's second favourite song and country won the Eurovision Song Contest.

Salvador Sabral with *Amar Pelos Dois - Loving for the Two of Us* written by his sister Luísa Sabral incorporated traditional Portuguese music in a modern love song. It is the first time in 62 attempts that Portugal has won the prize.

Salvador was born in Lisbon in 1989, coincidentally the same year as the Rotary Club of Lisboa-Lumiar was chartered. The Club is in District 1960 which covers the southern half of Portugal including Lisbon, the Capital City with 2.3 million of the country's 10.3 million population.

From the 16th Century Portugal had an empire including Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, Goa, Macao and East Timor. When the Salazar Dictatorship fell in 1975 Portugal withdrew from empire leaving the colonised peoples to years of civil war in most of the abandoned underdeveloped territories.

Portugal now enjoys a high standard of living as a Member of the European Union and is regarded as one of the most peaceful and contented nations on earth.

The Rotary Club of Lisboa-Lumiar is only small but has 9 enthusiastic Members led by President Clara Cruz. They combine with two other Clubs to provide a Masters Scholarship each year for students at a college of higher education in Lisbon.



Toast Reponse – RC of Alderney

Dear Rod,

Thank you so much for your kind message which I shall relay to our Club Assembly this evening.

Alderney itself was not liberated until a bit later, but we certainly recognise 8th/9th/10th May as the "beginning of the end". This island faced challenging times during WWII, as did many parts of the Rotary diaspora.

Thank you again for your kind thoughts.

Yours in Rotary,

Hilary Bentley

Announcements

Rob Uhl - SH MUNA on Saturday thank you very much to all who assisted in making the event a success.

Winners were MVHS representing Sweden
Frenscham won the Peace Prize

Don Graham one of the judges provided some comment into the judging together with Duncan Gair and Jacqui Myers.

RC of Jerrambomba visit Questionnaire please return to Rob ASAP. This will allow planning to occur.

Brian Pattinson - Dream Cricket program now have introduced the program to high schools. A donation from KKKK of \$21k to Bradman will allow clinics to be run on a weekly basis.

- This Friday Rena Hall is "Dancing with the Stars" at Mittagong RSL. Raising funds for Cancer Council bus.

Jim Harrison - Pride of Workmanship 30 May - please feel free to bring along partner etc.

Linda Knight

18 June - Berrima RC Jazz on the Green Bowral Bowling Club
Thank you Don & Les for driving the RYPEN Students to MOGO.

Guest Speakers

Ema - Bowral Interact Club – Volunteer Camp attendee – The camps aim was to get involved in volunteering, team building, as well as meeting control.

Rens - Update on outback tour, including helicopter ride, outback, and Great Barrier Reef. After the trip met up with his parents who came out to visit, then spent a week in Bali.



Guest Speaker - Phil Purnell

Gerry introduced Phil, Phil was a real estate agent in Tahmoor before moving to Bowral. Phil has been a big supporter of Rotary.

Tiwi Project is focused on the Tiwi Islands north of Darwin. Bill Winning introduced Phil to this remote area via a fishing trip. Melville Island, Australia's second largest island has 2500 people where no one over 25 works.

A college was established remotely from their residences in an attempt to introduce the Hayden Reynolds Way.
The children

The facility currently has an occupancy rate of 93 %.

Guy Reynolds - Macquarie Group and Matthew Hayden ere the Co-Founders of the project.

International visitors have visited the facility with the view of learning how the successful concept works. The facility commenced in 2009 with 30 children and there was 30% attendance. However with the involvement of the family, and the input of elite sportspeople the facility is currently oversubscribed.

Suicide is a very big issue on the Island. This project has not received any government funding. Corporate entities fund the project.

The Tiwi Ashes are an annual event that allows local children to participate in a cricket match. Everyone looks forward to attending.

The garden is now established and can feed the students, staff, and neighbours. A commercial kitchen allows students to learn from visiting well known chefs.

Current fundraising raised \$3.5m. There are 15 candidates on the waiting list. The facility currently has 7 employees and offers scholarships to some students. scholarships,

Common Ground Property (Phil's business) takes people up each year to appreciate their own surroundings.

Centurion Program aims to raise \$100k per annum to offer scholarships to students to work in Darwin etc with the aim of getting skills in business etc.



Joker Draw

Prior to the raffle draw we all sang Happy Birthday to Jo, the Joker.

Louie Liberale had the winning ticket- 9 diamonds. The Joker emails in the deck.

Linda closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.