



# Tulip Times



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

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**Meetings : 6.00 for 6.30pm  
The Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Highway  
Mittagong NSW 2575**

Visiting Rotarians		
Guests	Melanie Ison, Jacinta Sheridan	
Makeups	<a href="#">Please request these at the registration desk or advise Trevor Fair asap.</a>	
Next meeting..... <b>NB!</b>	<b>Apologies to Trevor Fair 4861 6917 or 0403 176 958 before 11am on day of meeting</b> <b>Members not registering apologies may be liable for the dinner fee!</b>	
	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>	<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016</b>
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Time	6:00 for 6:30 pm	6:00 for 6:30 pm
President	Ian Cropper	Ian Cropper
Program	RYPEN	Learning Centre for Timor
Speaker	RYPEN	Libby Bleakley
Intro/Vote of thanks	Rob Uhl	Linda Knight
Dinner Fees	Robbie Allen	Gwenda Webb
Meeting Host		
Journalist	Trevor Fair	Trevor Fair
Sergeant		
Regalia	Rosemary Kelly	Rod Aistrophe
<b>If unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Mark Wallace by email <a href="mailto:wallace9710@inet.net.au">wallace9710@inet.net.au</a></b>		

# Meeting Report – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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**Journalist: Trevor Fair**

Sergeant Jim Gasson welcomed all to the meeting. The invocation was ably executed by Rob Uhl.

President Ian warmly welcomed Chris Benton, Jacinta Sheridan and Melanie Ison who both returned for a second time.

## Reports

- Board meeting update - Rugby Choir - Chavalier College - minimal sales to date so please promote amongst friends, neighbours etc
- Inner Wheel Changeover 17th July Mittagong 12 noon.
- RYPEN - Rob Uhl - 2 students went to Mojo last weekend
- RYE - possibly a shared student between the 3 clubs
- Rugby Choir - Now venue at Chevalier College - Performing arts Centre - need to sell at least 120 tickets to make it a worthwhile event.
- Dream Cricket - Brian Patinson - \$5000 cheque from Veloi Mulwarree Trust, half of which was for admin and kits for Picton, Moss Vale, Goulburn Sth & Aspect South Coast (Wollongong) schools.
- Another grant has been applied for another \$5k for Bowral schools.
- BBQ - Glenquarry Hall - RAWCS Robert De Jongh Volunteers required for both Saturday night 6-8 pm and Sunday morning. 8-10 am.
- Glam opening on Thursday 9 am / 6 pm official opening.

Sergeant Session - Jim

## International Toast – Robert De Jongh

Today is the National Day of Norway commemorating the declaration of the Constitution in 1814 which maintained the independence of Norway from Sweden after the defeat of Napoleon the first time around.

Norway was the land of the Vikings for a thousand years of the middle ages and by the 14th Century AD was united with Sweden, Denmark and part of Finland in various combinations of kingdoms. After 1814 Norway maintained its separate identity under one King with Sweden.

Constitution Day is celebrated across the Country and is marked as Russ Day by graduating high school students with street marches and other naughtiness. Norway has a population of 5.1 million and borders Sweden along its eastern frontier and Finland and Russia in the far north.

It has a very high standard of living and very high degree of equality of wealth distribution based largely on North Sea oil.

The oil industry is centred on Stavanger, a port city and suburban area of some 690 000 people on the south west coast.

The Stavanger International Rotary Club was chartered in 1986 in District 2250 and although it has only 15 members it is very active in fund raising and international projects with a golf day planned for the end of this month. Earlier this year they held a charity walk in and around the city.

They partner with Clubs in India and Sri Lanka to deliver vaccination and paediatric prosthetics to children in those countries.

They exchange students with District 9450 in Perth under the Rotary Global Youth Exchange Program. The President is Aud Retsby.

Stavanger - Norway



## Barriers to Membership – Part 2

In lieu of a guest speaker, members were invited to comment on barriers to joining Rotary. Below is a summary of comments made.

### Cost

- Cost of meals is relatively low. Some clubs pay \$40 per head.
- Annual costs are a possible barrier (Ed: Rotary subscriptions etc are \$240 ish next year).
- Options to catering – eat or not eat, make own arrangements for meal and have shorter meeting.
- Other clubs where this is an option seems to then have 2 groups of members.
- RDU subscription – alternative is to subscribe to “The Rotarian” digital subscription. Currently \$16USD. If the club chose this option member subs would reduce.

### Meeting frequency

- As attendance is no longer recorded members are not obliged to attend each week
- Keep weekly meetings with options open
- Fortnightly meetings creates an air of anticipation and keenness
- Sydney CBD Rotary trialed fortnightly meetings with great success
- Alternative venues are an option for meetings

PE Linda summed up views and will be looking at alternatives to regular meetings.

President Ian asked that members look at the issue from the outsider point of view and not what suits our own preferences.

The links to the membership videos are;

<https://vimeo.com/165108104>

<https://vimeo.com/166771607>

Joker draw - pot up to \$1200 however the kitty is \$500. Jacinta was the barrel girl and Linda had the lucky card 5 Spades.

## Diary Notes

- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Australian Rugby Choir – Chev College – 3 Rotary Clubs assisting
- 28<sup>th</sup> May – BBQ Glenquarry – for FAIM
- 26 June – District Changeover
- 12 July – Club Changeover
- 17 July – Inner Wheel Changeover
- 13-25 Sept – Tulip Time, Corbett Gdns

 The Rotary Clubs of the Southern Highlands proudly present



**The Australian Rugby Choir in Concert**

Under the musical direction of Rachel Campbell, with Classical Guitarist Camilo Gonzales

**Chevalier College, Saturday, May 21, 7.30pm**

**Tickets \$35** (Conc. & family tickets available)

**Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/LHUR](http://www.trybooking.com/LHUR)**  
Any branch of BDCU Alliance Bank (or ph 4860 4000)  
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