

Inaugural Darts Night Next meeting - 8th January 2019

If anyone can access a dart board and/or darts please advise Trevor

Next Meetings	Tuesday 8 th Jan 2019	Tuesday 15 th Jan 2019
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Program	Darts Night	
Speaker	President	
Intro / Vote of Thanks		
Dinner Fee Duty	Mary Ramsay	David Rees
Journalist	Trevor Fair	
Regalia Duty	David McCosh	Brian Ritson

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

Australia Day – Saturday 26th January



UPCOMING EVENTS

In lieu of the meeting of 29th January

Club meetings will pause for 2 weeks over the festive period.

First meeting back will be:

Highlands Golf Club

Darts Challenge

Will give the ex-pats something to succeed at??

Gerry & Miel Kroon have again agreed to be host.

5 Martha Street Bowral

As usual bring a plate (with something on it).

A schedule will be circulated in the New Year!

WELCOME

President Lynton welcomed all to the Club's Christmas Celebration for 2018.

In the Christmas theme of celebrating the birth of baby's best wishes were conveyed to two sets of grandparents being Will & Rosemary Eddowes, as well as Peter and Kellie Worner.

As the evening was a casual affair, best represented with a collage of photos, please enjoy.

Invocation: Brian Elliott

International Toast: Rod Aistrophe

As you will know the ALP National Christmas Convention has been on in Adelaide and in a helpful gesture of uncanny coincidence, the current Prime Minister announced the result of his thoughtful deliberations on where the capital of Israel should be located just to focus our attention. You will also know that his wise choice was West Jerusalem.

At this time of the year who can disagree with such an important announcement.

So President Lynton suggested that tonight's International Toast might be to the **Rotary Club of West Jerusalem** - but alas the International Rotary Directory has no officer information for that Club. It may well be a state secret.

So we look a little further north to Nazareth about 25km from the Sea of Galilee.

Jesus was of course born in Bethlehem, a long walk south of Jerusalem but escaped with his Mum and Dad to Egypt to avoid King Herod's wrath but the family eventually returned to Nazareth where he grew up and learned a trade to fall back in case the preaching business didn't work out.

The rest is history. The reason we meet tonight is to celebrate his birthday and his message of peace and love to the world.

Nazareth was established as a village around 2200 BC but only 400 people lived there in Jesus' time when Judea was a Roman Province.

When Israel was created in 1947 Nazareth was Jordanian on the West Bank of the River Jordan. It became a haven for Palestinians but since the 6 Day War in 1967 the West Bank has been a disputed part of Israel.

Its population is now 7 600 Arab Israelis, 69% of whom identify as Muslim and 31% Christian. Pretty much all 40 000 of the Jewish Nazarenes live in the adjacent settler city of Upper Nazareth. The town is the caretaker of many places of Christian significance so central to Jesus' life and the celebration of his birth in Bethlehem 2 018 years ago.

There *is* no Rotary Club in Bethlehem but there is one in **Nazareth. The Rotary Club of Nazareth** was Chartered in 1952 in District 2490 and has 44 Members led by **President Azimi Elias**.

They do know how to celebrate - they had 350 at last year's Christmas Party and raised significant funds for their Club projects.

Entertainment

Included some humour from Don Graham, Les Vickerman and Sergeant Robert de Jongh.

Songs were belted out by Louie and guests, as well as Rosemary Kelly who sang a beautiful song in Latin.

We hope you enjoy the photos courtesy of Ian Langford et al.





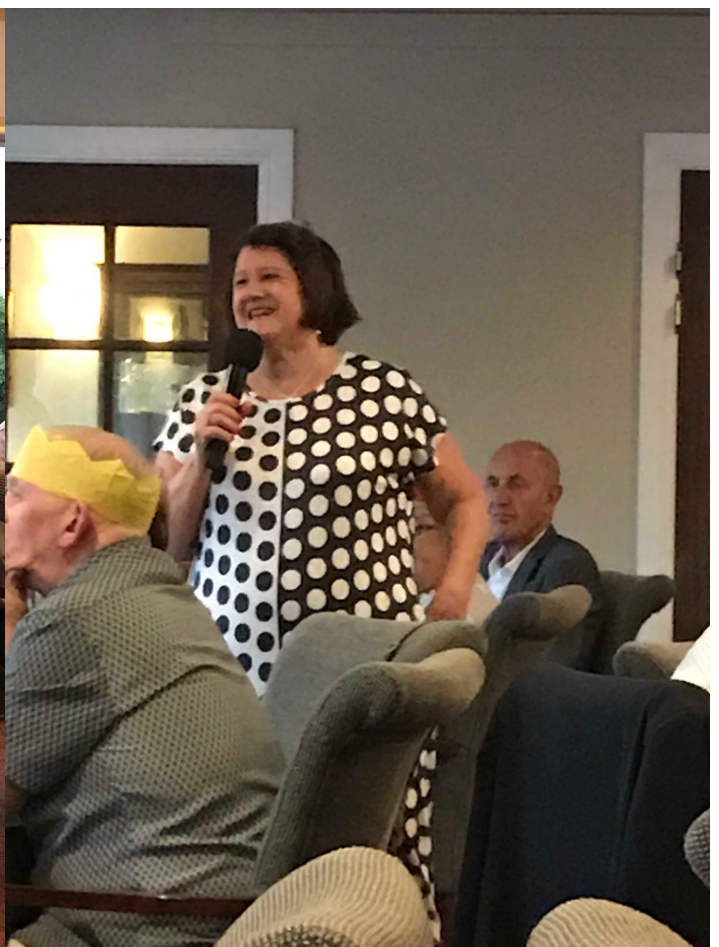


Photo of the Week

