



Tulip Times



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

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**President: David McCosh
Secretary: Tony Glenn**

**Meetings: 6:00 for 6:30
Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Highway
Mittagong NSW 2575**

Visiting Rotarians		
Guests		
Next meetings....	Tuesday 25th July 2017	Tuesday 1st August 2017
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Program	Timor Leste Learning Centre	Policing in the Highlands
Speaker	Libby Bleakley	John Klepczarak
Intro/Vote of Thanks	Rob Uhl	Jo Clalmers
Dinner Fees	Robert de Jongh	Rose Conley
Journalist		
Regalia	Ray Coulton	Denise Coad

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

Welcome: Segeant Lynton Kettle

Invocation - Brian Elliott

Welcome President David

As it is the first Assembly of the year, would like to emphasise some key points

- To educate new members
- To allow goal setting
- To co-ordinate committee activities
- To discuss club business

As ideas arise I would encourage positive discussion and hopefully most will succeed.

International Toast - Will Eddowes

This Friday the people of **Belgium** will celebrate their **Independence Day** commemorating their secession from the Netherlands following a revolution.

The low countries, known by the Romans as Gallia Belgica became Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg and parts went to northern France and Germany over a thousand years.

Because of their location they were the site of many wars over centuries. After Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo it was called the Battlefield of Europe, emphasised even more by the First and Second World Wars last century. The date commemorates the ascension of King Leopold I as king of the newly independent nation in 1831.

Now-a-days there are 11 million Belgians with a constitutional monarchy and King Philippe.

In the west of Belgium is the small city of Genk in the Limburg region whose population is 66 000 and which is of course famous for its Limburger cheese.

The Rotary Club of Genk-Noorde is one of 3 Clubs serving the area. President Kristoff Henseler leads 50 Members who will run their 20th annual golf tournament in August as their major fund raiser.

They are currently involved in two projects in Africa with a Rotary Foundation Global Grant for a clean water project in Uganda and financing a water supply project with St. Vincent de Paul Society in Rwanda.



Announcements

Jacinta Sheridan - Challenge House Garden - weekend 5 & 6 August. Wheelbarrow, shovels, rakes. Mulching, gravel, edging are the tasks. Cnr Anne & Cook Streets is the location.

Rod Aistrop - Thursday week 27th Mitt RSL - Cyber Security
28th July - Goulburn S&E Challenge seeking volunteers

MEET OUR PRESIDENT

RI President Ian Riseley

Rotary's president presides over the Board of Directors and is elected to a one-year term.



Ian Riseley is the choice of the Nominating Committee as RI President for 2017/18, pending challenges prior to 1st October, 2015

Ian H.S. Riseley is a chartered accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., a firm he established in 1976. Prior to starting his own firm, he worked in the audit and management consulting divisions of large accounting firms and corporations. His firm specializes in income tax and management advice for individuals and small businesses. He has a master's degree in taxation law and graduate diplomas in accounting and income.

Suggestions / Comments from Members

Some of his goals are;

- * Volunteer hrs recording
- * set strategic goals
- * Humanitarian Service Goals
- * Use Rotary crowd funding platform

Assembly

President David touched on the Committees and member involvement. Committees are established to set and achieve goals for their portfolio. Please feel free to offer your service where possible and not to feel restrained by the committee commitments.

Responsibility Chart - indicates which member is responsible for tasks, duties within the club. Directors will assist in completion of tasks. This is currently being worked on.

Club Calendar - Looking to develop a comprehensive calendar. Members to devise where they

Real Rotary business - please think about the possibility of increasing frequency of business meetings. Suggest that we have another Assembly within 3-4 weeks. Possibly have Committee focus sprinkled within the program.

Purchasing Officer – Gerry Kroon has the responsibility for purchasing major items on behalf of the Club. Any proposed purchase is to be managed by Gerry

Major Project Proposals – Appropriate due diligence is to be undertaken prior to approval.

Club Donations – Requests to be reviewed at Committee level, reviewed by the Club prior to submission to the Board for approval.

Membership Survey – May 2017
25% of members completed the survey. Results to be circulated. Relevant committees to review results of survey.

Positions vacant – Members wishing to be more involved have the opportunity to take on some minor roles. These include

- Bulletin Journalist
- Protection Officer
- Editor of Bulletin
- Program / speaker Co-ordinator.

See Trevor for job description.

A President Elect & President Nominee are required.

Speaker for next week should be announced at close of meeting to create additional interest and build a healthy atmosphere.

David closed the meeting, advising all that next week's speaker is Libby Bleakley – Timor Learning Centre