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Next Meetings	Tuesday 6 th March, 2018	Friday 20 th March, 2018
Location	ТВС	Highlands Golf Club
Program	Highlands Concierge	Club Assembly
Speaker	Patrick Knott	David McCosh
Intro / Vote of Thanks	Brian Ritson	
Dinner Fee Duty	Denise Coad	Robert De Jongh
Journalist	Trevor Fair	Trevor Fair
Regalia Duty	Trevor Fair	Ray Coulton
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Welcome

President David welcomed all and reminded everyone that we are now meeting fortnightly.

He also reminded us that this week is cinema event.

Welcome to our guest speakers Gabriella Lang and Janet Epps. Also Veerle, and Roz Benton.

Invocation - Brian Elliott

International Toast: Jacinta Sheridan

The Caribbean Island of Saint Lucia located in the Lesser Antilles near Barbados was first occupied by French pirates in 1550 as a base for attacking Spanish shipping. From 1664 it was a French colony and after changing hands many times was eventually claimed by the British in 1803 and owned as part of the settlement after the Napoleonic Wars.

St. Lucia became independent from Britain on 22nd of February, 1979 and will celebrate its 39th anniversary on its Independence Day this Thursday.

It has a population of 180 000 with a relatively high standard of living and an economy which relies on tourism and exports of bananas and petroleum products.

The capital is Castries with a population of 60 000 and two Rotary Clubs.

The older Club is the Rotary Club of St. Lucia which was Chartered in 1966 in District 7030.

President Joanna Charles leads 40 Members who are holding a fund raising concert this weekend featuring their own caberet singing group, the Rotary Calabashers who you can see and hear on their Club facebook page - they are very good.

Among their projects are distribution of wheelchairs to needy people and taking part in a national anti violence against women campaign.



Announcements:

Gerry - Cinema tickets have sold out which is a good result. The film will be shown in Cinema 1. Rotherwood Wines have delivered the wines, McDonalds, Mittagong are providing the muffins. Mary Ramsay - Local supermarkets have donated all the ingredients so the Club should not have to outlay any funds.

Gerry -Chevalier have agreed in principle to allow the car sales to occur. Will now discuss technicalities.

Will - Vocational visits - seeking expressions of interest in visiting Polair. Will be a Saturday, possibly 21st April. Also considering a visit to Spantek, Breamar. Watch this space.

Jacinta: Clean up Australia Day; 4th March is the official day. As details become available will publish.

Tony: Car Rally is being planned, with either over a weekend, or mid week. Day only options are being considered.

Ray Williams - Tulip Times: some people are not receiving the TT so if you know of anyone please advise and details will be updated.

Rod A: Science & Engineering challenge committee seeking some newer members to assist. If you are interested in helping 500 students enjoy the science experience so please talk to Rod, Ian L or Will E.

Guest Speakers

Janet Epps and Gabriella Lang



Janet and Gabriella discussed their interest in the Russian history, especially pre-revolution. Some interesting facts are that because no orders were given to destroy the archives, they remained intact in a basement. These archives are still being uncovered. Allowing history to be corrected and updated. Janet's interest was mainly that her relative was a tutor to the Tsar's children.



Gabriella is currently studying her Phd in Russian history and when she became aware of some letters in Janet's possession the met and together wrote a book.



Joker Draw

Graham Hicks was the moderately lucky winner however the 8 Hearts is no longer in the deck.

NEXT MEETING -6^{th} March. Will NOT be at the Golf Club as there is a prior booking. Watch email for an update on the venue.

Calendar of upcoming events

24-25 Feb – PETS - Belconnen 23-25 March – District Conference 5-6 May Dist Assembly – Batemans Bay HS 27-29 May Science & Eng Challenge 2 June – TRIVIA Night – start arranging tables 26 June – Club Changeover 1 July – District Changeover What were you doing on Friday 23^{rd} March? You now have 2 more options.

1. Come to Eden Brewery and welcome attendees to the 2018 District Conference. \$20 for beer and a pie



2. Barefoot Bowling and learn about Men's Health

