



# TULIP TIMES



Next Meetings	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2018	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Program	Blaze Aid	Australian Rotary Health
Speaker	Mary Howarth	Mark Wallace
Intro / Vote of Thanks	Ray Coulton	Tony Glenn
Dinner Fee Duty	John Elder	Brian Elliott
Journalist		
Regalia Duty	Will Eddowes	Jim Gasson

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## Welcome

President David invited everyone to Club Assembly and introduced Vicki Kelley as the Facilitator for the evening.

**Invocation** - Brian Elliott

**International Toast** - Louie Liberale

**Tunisia** was colonised by the Phoenicians from what is now Lebanon in the eighth Century BC and is located on the north coast of Africa just across from Sicily and Italy. Its principal city was Carthage whose trading and military power grew to cover the whole African coast along the Mediterranean, Sicily and Sardinia and southern Spain by the 3rd Century BC it threatened Rome's growing power.

Hannibal beat the Romans in battles in the second Punic War in 201 BC and almost made it to Rome itself but Carthage was finally beaten. 50 years later after another war Carthage was destroyed.

Its ruins are now-a-days major tourist attractions in the capital city Tunis.

From the 8th Century the Arab Moslems conquered North Africa ending with Tunisia being part of the Ottoman Empire until in 1881 the French colonised it with neighbouring Algeria and Libya.

**Tunisia gained independence from France on 20th March, 1956 and celebrates its Independence Day today.**

Today Tunisia has a population of 11 million with a reasonably high standard of living.

**The Rotary Club of Carthage was Chartered in 1975 and has 17 Members led by President Nejiba Haoula.** (pronounced Hay - oo - lah)

It is one of 35 Clubs in Tunisia in District 9010 which also covers Algeria, Mauritania and Morocco.



## Announcements

Will Eddowes - Spantek 10 April visit, please register with Will ASAP. Could be the last opportunity To visit a working factory.

Jacinta Sheridan - Clean up Australia - Certificate presentation

Gerry Kroon - Trivia Night 2 June, Please approach businesses for donations / silent auction items to ensure the night is a success.

Don Graham - Interact Club 7 April BBQ. Need several bodies to assist with guidance

MUNA - 12 May at WSC Council Chambers. Gwenda needs 6 people for the day.

Tathra Fires - Bank Account details for donations will be circulated shortly

## Club Assembly

**Re-Districting update** - Ian Langford

Highlands focus, with a declining membership across districts requiring merging of Districts. Our District 9710 will combine with District 9700 to create a new District 9705.

The new District will have 6 Areas with Area Governors to assist the District Governor.

The question was asked whether the Highlands Clubs to merge with Sydney District 9675.

General discussions on whether the merge to country or city is more beneficial.

President David asked the members whether to prepare a submission to join District 9675.

**Youth Exchange Student** - Facilitated by Vicki Kelley

A conversation to allow everyone a chance to listen to the points of view and to have a say.

Rod Aistrop will present the For argument, and Don Graham to present the Against argument.

Rod - provided some history about the YEP. 100k people every year are touched by the Rotary program. Program fits into many of the Rotary programs. Currently there are some alternate programs that are competing with the YEP.

Don - While Don agreed with the positives the biggest issue is the practicality of the logistics. There are 3 things that need to be in place for a successful program

Host families - currently have 1.5 families

Age of students is also an issue. Older students are enrolled in Yr 11. Where there is a serious focus on studying.

Cost - not a major issue however needs to be considered in balance to RYLA and RYPEN programs.

Members, from each table were able to make comments, ask questions regarding the program. A common theme was whether the program had outlived its usefulness.

Possibly a focus on the Pacific area.

Suggested that a candidate be selected from Southern Hemisphere where the student will be in synch with our school system.

Jacinta - Juliette Sheridan, via Jacinta wrote a letter in support of YE, and all of the good times she had with the exchange student. Also the bonds and experiences "Do not crunch dreams and take away the happiness."

President David tabled the Motion "that for the current year the Club do not host a student for the current year (intake). Carried that the Club will not take a student this intake.

Joker Raffle - Vicki Kelley drew Green 83 (Sue Adams) cut the deck and drew 5 hearts.



### **Rotary Club of Berrima District – Meeting schedule**

*4th and 18th April - lunch meeting at 12 noon for 12.15pm (close 1.30pm)*

*11th April - breakfast meeting at 7am for 7.15am (close 8.30am)*

*25th April - No meeting ANZAC Day*

*2nd and 16th May - lunch meeting at 12 noon for 12.15pm (close 1.30pm)*

*9th and 23rd May - breakfast meeting at 7am for 7.15am (close 8.30am)*

*30th May - evening social event; time, place and cost to be advised*

*6th and 20th June - lunch meeting at 12 noon for 12.15pm (close 1.30pm)*

*13th June - breakfast meeting at 7am for 7.15am (close 8.30am)*

*27th June - Club Changeover Dinner (evening at time to be advised)*

*The meeting fee is \$25 per head, and the venue remains the Bowral Bowling Club. 40 Shepherd St Bowral.*

### **District 9710 Conference**

Thank you to all members who assisted in making the conference a great success. Special thanks to Gwenda, who excelled at event organization, yet again

Saturday entertainment with "Sony & Cher"

