



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	Matt Froome	
Next meetings....	Tuesday 29nd August 2017	Tuesday 5th September 2017
Location	Highlands Golf Club Old Hume Highway Mittagong	Highlands Golf Club Old Hume Highway Mittagong
Program	Shake it up Aust Foundation	DG visit – Bill Seelis
Speaker	Vicki Miller	Bill Seelis
Intro/Vote of Thanks	Rose Conley	David McCosh
Dinner Fees	David Rees	Mary Ramsey
Journalist	Trevor Fair	
Regalia	Brian Ritson	Brian Pattinson

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Welcome by President David

Guests – AG Mat Froome
Host sister Juliet Sheridan
Julie Bourrigaud

International Toast – Vicki Kelley



Tonight we will hear from our new exchange student Veerle who will talk to us about her home town Elst in Holland so I won't pre-empt her talk.

This is an opportunity for us to thank her Sponsor Club, the Rotary Club of Elst Over-Betuwe for sending her to us for the next year.

The Club serves the 22 000 people of the city of Elst and other places in the world, especially Africa. Earlier this year they organised an event called *Walking for Water* where Year 7 and 8 Primary School children walked 6 km carrying 6 litres of water in a back pack - just like many African children do every day to bring water to their families.

The event raised 18 000 Euros which, with a Matching Grant from the Rotary Foundation went to providing water tanks and toilets to villages in Ethiopia.

Some of the 60 Members of the Club have recently had their hands on renovating a home in Elst for an elderly sick member of the community. And they found and sent Veerle to us on Global Youth Exchange.

The Club was chartered in 1968 in District 1550. The President of the Club is Carla van der Pol.

Elst Bridge



Announcements

Ian Langford - Tulip Time Roster 91% full at present.
Food & Wine - 18 slots still to fill.

Michael Lendrum - Challenge House - landscaping , shovelling, barrowing, packing road base , paving, turf laying, irrigation installation.



David McCosh - Jacinta was at the site painting all the plant boxes.

Don Graham - 4 Way Speaking Competition is being hosted by Berrima at Bowral Bowling Club 30th Aug.

Gerry Kroon - Movie night - possibly in Autumn, Trivia Night also in Autumn, Carboot sale is also being planned

Ray Coulton

Peter Bunting – Is still in Liverpool Hospital and hopefully when back in Bowral would appreciate some visits.

Timor Leste travellers - Please complete paperwork ASAP online

Guest Speaker - Veerle (Fearla) Schute



Don Graham provided a brief background on Youth Exchange which was developed by Australia and Nebraska with a student exchange in 1959.

Don Graham introduced Veerle and announced the 4 families who will be hosting her during her stay.

Veerle Schute

“When I was about eight years old I walked downstairs and saw a bunch of suitcases standing in the hallway. I thought ‘That’s odd, I did not know we were going anywhere’. But then I found out that a Japanese exchange student named Haruka would be staying with us for 9 months. She wanted to go home because she was not happy with her first host parents and at her school. I could not talk to her as she did not understand Dutch and I did not understand Japanese. We did have lots of fun together and she really started to feel like a big sister”.

Veerle likes to travel and see other countries. She also likes to draw but is not creative, Likes to play hockey, trains juniors,

The trip to Australia was long and traveled via Frankfurt, Bangkok, Sydney. Took 90 mins to get through immigration. Have been to the zoo, harbour, Also walked City to Surf. Went to Blue Mountains . Attends Bowral HS. Subject choice is less rigid than Holland. Drama technics etc.

Bucket list - to as much as possible, Going to Hamilton Island in Sept with Jacinta & Luke.



Joker Draw - Ria/David McCosh 3 Hearts.

Calendar of upcoming events

- 9 & 10 Sept – Home & Garden Show, Bong Bong
- 12 – 24 Sept – Tulip Time, Corbett Gardens
- 30 Sept – Bowral Rugby 7's – Eridge Park
- 30 Sep – 1 Oct – Food & Wine Festival, Corbett Gdns
- 14 Oct – Opoberfest – Bowral Memorial Hall
- 15 Oct – Bowral Long Lunch, Centennial
- 22 Oct – Bowral Cycle Classic
- 27 Oct – Dream Cricket – Bowral, Bradman