



# Tulip Times



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

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

## Visiting Rotarians

Min Aistrope, RC Bourke  
Eric Conley, RC of Berrima District

## Next meetings....

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

### Location

**Highlands Golf Club**

Southern Rise Bakery  
Clarence St Moss Vale

### Program

Policing in the Highlands

Breadmaking

### Speaker

John Klepczarak

Matthew Fitzgerald

### Intro/Vote of Thanks

Jo Clalmers

Trevor Fair

### Dinner Fees

Rose Conley

Ian Langford

### Journalist

### Regalia

Denise Coad

NA

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

## Welcome: Segeant Lynton Kettle

## Invocation – Will Edowes

## Welcome by President David -

Guests: Libby & Josie Bleakley, Slavica Zirkovic, Stephen Coupe, John Bunter, Brian Lips

## International Toast - Ray Coulton



Tonight our Guest Speaker, Libby Bleakley, will tell us about the progress of developing and running the Timor Lesté Learning Centre in Dili and in October our RAWCS Team of 10 will head over to build new accommodation and medical treatment buildings at Tibur, just west of the capital.

So tonight our International Toast is to a new Rotary Club in Timor - the Rotary Club of Dili Lafaek which was Chartered in 2016 in District 9570 which also covers the northern half of Queensland.

Timor Lesté was known as Portuguese Timor after it was colonised in the 16th Century. It was abandoned in 1975 following the Portuguese revolution and, after a short civil war Indonesian invaded July 76. They stayed until '99 when they destroyed everything before giving the country up to United Nations administration and INTERFET security.

Independence was finally restored on 20th May, 2002 which is now their National Day. As you know there remains much reconstruction and repair to be done including to the education system which Libby and her project are part of.

Our Team will make its contribution on behalf of our Club

and Rotary to improving health care, particularly in tuberculosis diagnosis and treatment facilities.

In its short existence the Rotary Club of Dili Lafaek is already delivering womens' health education in high schools with its *Days for Girls Project*. It also conducts *Beach Clean Up* days collecting litter from the city beaches. The Club has 40 young Members led by President Herculano Amaral.



## Announcements

**Don Graham** - Youth Programs - has allocated roles amongst team members  
Still seeking a host family for the Oct-Dec period.

**Jacinta Sheridan** - Community Service  
Saturday 5th Sun 6th August - gardening work at Challenge House - general landscaping duties will be required on either / both days.

**Will Eddowes** - Vocational  
Working on a Pride of Workmanship for carers is being considered.  
Factory visits are being planned - plastic pipes in Lackey Rd, also a recycling waste plant (Camden)

## Guest Speaker- Libby Bleakley

Introduced by Rob Uhl



This a return visit to the club with the aim of providing an update, since last here 18 or sol months ago.

Have currently raised \$300 k to build and run the centre. Now have 5 paid staff who are all Timorese, which is one n the secrets to the success. The centre includes a Plus Fitness Gym. Xanana Gusmão is now the patron, also trains at the Centre. Approached the owners of the Gym, and was able to get significant funding from the owners of Plus Fitness. Sewing Centre now operational with the aim to self funding. The centre is also developing sustainable gardens.

Martial Arts gangs are still an issue in Timor, even though they have been outlawed. The rules of the gym include do not bring machetes, knives to the gym,

The Timor government would now like 2 more centres within the country.

Libby now works months on and 3 weeks in Timor.

Every member of the centre has a job within the centre. This gives them respect for the centre

David closed meeting with an update of next week's speaker and thanked to all the guests and partners.

