



Tulip Times

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

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Meetings: 6:00 for 6:30

***Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Highway
Mittagong NSW 2575***

Visiting Rotarians	Craig Ross, RCMV Janet Sinclair, RCCC Graham Jones, RC Kings Cross	
Guests	Rens Traets, RYE	
Next meetings....	2 August, 2016	9 August, 2016
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Program	iPods in Nursing Homes	TBA
Speaker	Don Ross, CEO Harbison	
Intro/Vote of Thanks		
Dinner Fees		
Journalist	Trevor Fair	
Regalia		

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President Linda welcomed all, with a special welcome to visiting Rotarian Ross Craig, RC MV. And Rens Traets (Dutch YE Student). Janet Sinclair RC CC Graham Jones from the RC KC.

A little speech about Rotary was followed by a toast to Rotary International.

International Toast -- Ian Langford

Our first 4 of our Team of ten led by PP Lynton Kettle with PP Ray Coulton in assistance left for Vanuatu last Friday. The remainder left on Monday and today set about their tasks in Lorevulco Village in the north of the Island of Espiritu Santo.

Over the next couple of weeks they will build a double classroom and fit out the Birthing Centre with water supply and sewerage, a toilet, shower, basin and sinks and hopefully leaving it functional.

Friday is Vanuatu's Independence Day celebrating the end of colonial rule by Britain and France although the Team has reported that the celebrations started yesterday and they couldn't get anyone to work.

The Rotary Club of Santo is based in Luganville, about an hour by road from the job so direct involvement in the Project from their Members is limited.

The Club was Chartered in 1974 and has 12 members led by **President Leong Man San**.

Village welcome for the workers



Formwork – Notice the safety boots



Employment for everyone!



Reports:

Rod Aistrophe - have received photos from Lynton and the concrete pour. While this is curing the birthing centre has commenced. Recouped \$14k with a current deficit of \$6k. Media coverage has been good with radio and newspaper articles promoting the cause.

Brian Pattinson - Dream Cricket application to WSC, however was granted \$600. Veola Mulwarree Trust has provided \$15k for 3 years

Linda. Theme Serving Humanity - summary.

Rose Conley - driving community bus with her helper. The helper met a Rotarian etc

Rens Traets 15 yo - still a bit jet lagged - lives 1 hr from Amsterdam.

Rens and President Linda swapping banners



Due to the non show of the programmed speaker, Gerry Kroon agreed to step in at short notice. His topic was about his experiences in Nigeria in the 1960's.

Guest Speaker - Gerry Kroon

The reason why the Dutch are the tallest race in the world is because the Dutch have many intensive dairy cattle. During the winter months, the effluent is collected and spread across the fields. Rumour has it that the cattle are fed growth hormones. The Dutch lived, ate and breathed all of this. Hence they grew very tall. Rens as a prime example of this theory.

Nigeria

Spent 2.5 years in Nigeria with Dutch foreign affairs. After being sacked from Philips when decided to go to the funeral of friend

May 1965 went to Nigeria - Industrial Centre sheet metal working, foundry, etc. Worked in the jungle, for the week, and then returned back to camp for the weekend.

Played soccer was the only white player. But with bow legs was not a good goalie.

Nigerian experience ended with a civil war where he left quickly fleeing from the rebel soldiers.

Speaker Gerry



Rens proving Gerry's theory

