



# ***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**

<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Eric Conley	
<b>Guests</b>	James, Julie, Randall, Colin & Hannah Kelly, Annette Firth, Rens Traet	
<b>Next meetings....</b>	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>
<b>Location</b>	The Mill, (Old Magnet Mart) BYO & TYO	Highlands Golf Club
<b>Program</b>	<b>Club Assembly</b>	<b>Jim Harrison – St Pat's Theme</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	Linda Knight	Jim Harrison
<b>Intro/Vote of Thanks</b>	NA	Jim Harrison
<b>Dinner Fees</b>	Ian Langford	Simon Knight
<b>Journalist</b>	Trevor Fair	Trevor Fair
<b>Regalia</b>	NA	Lynton Kettle

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## **Journalist – First Class : Jacinta Sheridan**

### **Welcome**

**President Linda** opened the meeting at 6.30 with a toast to Rotarians worldwide and to Youth Programs.

### **Toast**

Rotarians around the world are always doing something. Through our youth program young people are being introduced to Rotary and may become future Rotarians.

A Toast to Rotarians around the world and their youth programs.

President Linda welcomed our guests;

- James Kelly, RYE returning student
- Julie & Randall Kelly – parents
- Annette Firth – Grandmother
- Colin & Hannah Kelly
- Rens Traets

### **International Toast – Gwenda Webb**



The Balkan Peninsula is the land mass with Greece at the south end with Austria, Hungary and the Ukraine across the north.

Over time it was occupied by many empires and kingdoms with the Ottomans controlling it from the 15th to the 19th Centuries AD then the Austro-Hungarian Empire took it over. They came to rue that when Crown Prince Franz Ferdinand was assassinated in Sarejevo, in Bosnia Herzegovina in 1914.

After the War Bosnia became part of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia and after the next war then it was in the Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia.

Bosnia Herzegovina declared itself independent on 1st March, 1992 and was then subjected to the viscous Bosnian War until peace finally was achieved at the end of 1995.

It will celebrate its Independence Day tomorrow.

The country has a small Adriatic Sea coast in its south but is surrounded by Croatia on the south west and north, Montenegro to the south east and Serbia to the east.

Banja Luka, in the north was infamous for the atrocities during the war but is now a peaceful city of 200 000 largely rebuilt over the past 20 years.

The Rotary Club of Banja Luka was originally established in 1934 but closed in 1941. It was re-Chartered in 1999 in District 1910 which also covers eastern Austria. There are now 13 Clubs in the country.

Since 2010 the Club has run a program with other Clubs from Austria and Germany to teach new skills for new jobs and youth entrepreneurship supported by Rotary Foundation Grants.

President Zorislav Stojic leads 31 Members in this very active Club.



### **Announcements**

#### **Linda**

Thanks to everyone who donated to Roz Benton for her day of pampering later in the year. Enough money was donated that Roz will be able to put an amount towards a trip if she chooses.

#### **Rosemary Kelly**

Successful morning at Adult Day Centre last weekend in Bowral. Thank you to Rob, Gwenda, Tony, Lynton, Ian, Louie, Michael, David, Trevor and Rosemary who volunteered their time. Area was cleared very well and looks great. Phone call was received to say thank you. The Adult Day Care Centre's plans for extensions are looking like taking place sooner than expected, so further gardening and beautification will be postponed till after that is completed.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day helping. In the past, our club regularly helped with small projects like this within the community. We hope some more of these local projects can be continued in the future.

**Jim Harrison**

Pride of Workmanship Award Ceremony will be held 30th May 2017.

Jim asked those Rotarians who have a business and can nominate a worthy worker, please do so. If Rotarians know of a business they can distribute nomination forms to please do so. Also include services such as Police etc.

Vocational visit 9th March to the local brewery, please give indication to Trevor of attendance.

**Mark Wallace**

10 March Moss Vale Annual Golf Day. All day event \$75 a head includes breakfast, lunch and golf.

**Linda Knight**

Next week Club assembly at The Mill. Please email agenda items. If it's not put forward on the agenda, it won't be discussed. BYO Drinks and take empty bottles with you.

**Ian Langford**

Volunteers needed for science and engineering day please volunteer if you can.

**Brian Patterson**

Dream cricket sponsors night last week. Very successful, looking forward to more sponsorship next year.

Raffle that was run, to raise money for Dream Cricket, Ken Adams won 4th prize of \$1000.

First prize was \$34000 cruise, the winner didn't believe the winning phone call and thought he was being scammed!

**Jacinta Sheridan**

Rotary sign at Mittagong rest area opposite the caravan park is in very good condition, however completely hidden by tree branches. Gerry will contact council to have this addressed.

**Rod Aistrophe**

Spoke about Housing Project in Fiji run by - Peter Drysdale in Koroipita. NZ government has provided aid and supported the project. 280 house completes in village of Koroipita and 900 houses completed throughout Fiji. Our RAWCS team was looking at the possibly of going there this year, however they are overwhelmed at the moment with funds and volunteers. People who have been involved in the past can be proud of their achievements - a great project with great success.



Image of housing built by Rotarians - Koroipita Fiji.

**Guest Speaker**

Rob Uhl introduced James Kelly. Rotary youth Exchange Student



James began his presentation demonstrating his new ability to speak French. He thanked Rob and the whole Bowral-Mittagong Club for helping make his trip of a lifetime possible. James shared a slide show of his trip, giving a monthly recount of the year.

January was difficult and he had no French language at all. February he developed relationships with his host family and went on a snow trip, his first time to see snow.

March first time to Paris and visited The Louvre. Also visited a Canadian War Memorial in a small village. James' family is Canadian so the visit was moving for him. April changed host family's - had four host siblings which reminded him of home. Went to London for a school trip. Enjoyed Trafalgar Square. Visited some universities and also Hogwarts.

May presented some difficulties with homesickness and frustrations with the French language. Went to London again. Had help from 'oldies' who are exchange students who have been on exchange longer.

June was also very hard, but was also the best month. Went to Disneyland and on Euro Tour – a two week trip to 8 different countries.

July/August returned to first host family. Visited South of France including a beach. Visited mountains near Spain - culture was very different to the North of France. Also enjoyed visiting a bar run by an Aussie who shared his

secret stash of BBQ sauce and chicken salt! September met the 'newbies' and he was now part of the 'oldies', providing knowledge and support to new exchange students.

October experienced his first soccer match in France. Visited Le St Mont Michel which was beautiful.

November his mum and sister came to visit. Went to Rotary a meeting. Rotary in France seems quite different. Members are all businessmen who donate money, but are not hands on in the community.

December was last month of exchange. Each weekend, host families helped him to see several places each weekend. Christmas stalls were very festive. James made



several close friendships with school friends and host families. Went to a rotary meeting in Napoleons Castle.

James feels he has gained so much from his year on exchange. James has plans to be an Aeronautical Engineer. Feels his time away has helped him to make this decision. Feels his family has grown immensely from his experience.

**Vote of thanks** David Rees thanked James for sharing his wonderful experience.

**President Linda** closed the meeting at 8:10



Adult Day Care Working Bee









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114-116 MAIN STREET, MITTAGONG

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