



# Tulip Times



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

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**Meetings : 6.00 for 6.30pm  
The Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Highway  
Mittagong NSW 2575**

Visiting Rotarians	Janet Sinclair, EC Canberra City	
Guests	Libby Bleakley, RC Blackheath	
Next meeting..... <b>NB!</b>	Apologies to Trevor Fair 4861 6917 or 0403 176 958 before 11am on day of meeting Members not registering apologies may be liable for the dinner fee!	
	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b>	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b>
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Time	6:00 for 6:30 pm	6:00 for 6:30 pm
President	Ian Cropper	Ian Cropper
Program	Red Cross Blood Bank	Music as Dementia Therapy
Speaker	Jared Flynn	Gregg Hodgson
Intro/Vote of thanks	Rod Aistrope	Linda Knight
Dinner Fees	Robbie Allen	Will Eddowes
Meeting Host	Linda Knight	Robert De Jongh
Journalist	Trevor Fair	Trevor Fair
Sergeant		
Regalia	Ray Coulton	Rob Uhl
<b>If unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Mark Wallace by email <a href="mailto:wallace9710@inet.net.au">wallace9710@inet.net.au</a></b>		

**Journalist: Trevor Fair**

President Ian welcomed all the visitors including; Visiting Rotarian - Janet Sinclair, RC of Canberra City And Guest Speaker Libby Bleakley, RC Blackheath

Gwenda Webb - a lady, apparently, gave an excellent rendition of the Invocation.

**International Toast – Jim Harrison**

The **Independent State of Samoa** celebrates its Independence Day tomorrow.

*Apia - Somoa*



Samoa along with all of Polynesia was first settled during the Lapita migration from Asia through the Indonesian islands 2½ to 3 thousand years ago. The Pacific islands were colonised by Britain, France, Germany and the US from the early 18th Century and by agreement in 1899 Germany got Samoa until New Zealand invaded in the first week of the First World War and claimed it.

Samoa is a member of the Commonwealth and is a Parliamentary Republic with a Samoan Paramount Chief having the role of Head of State unlike Australia. The country is made up of 2 large and 8 smaller volcanic islands with a population of 198 000. The capital, Apia with 37 000 people is only 2 metres above sea level and at risk from sea level rise.

**The Rotary Club of Apia** is Samoa's only Club. It was Chartered in 1970 and has 13 Members. It is in **District 9920** which also includes 52 Clubs in American Samoa, Cook Islands and French Polynesia across the International Date Line and Fiji, Tonga, Kirribati and part of the North Island of New Zealand. Its **President is Tony Callaghan**.

The Club is holding a Summer Garden Party at the New Zealand High Commissioner's Residence in June to raise funds for its ongoing Education Project which provides books and teaching materials to the schools of Samoa.

In April the Club Members packed and shipped 3 000 blankets for the people of Fiji affected by Cyclone Winston. They also started building a children's playground which will be completed by the end of the year.

**Reports**

Rob Uhl - **RYE** looking for hosts x 2 to host a young Dutch exchange student ASAP.

Robert de Jongh - **BBQ** - raised nearly \$900. Thank you to all who assisted. The host also donated a gift for Heads & Tails.

Rod Aistrope

- \$1000 from WIN Bluescope for **Science**

**Engineering Challenge**

- District Grant surplus of \$2000 has been successful for the RAWCS project. Also have applied for 2016 grant application.
- **RAM** Badges are for sale \$10 each to raise funds for Malaria project.
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Gerry - **Carpet Factory** Picton has moved to Minto, Expressions of interest to visit carpet factory were strong so will proceed to arrange visit to site.

Ray Williams - **Club Runner** website – Now has a YouTube feed and a carousel of photos. Looking for feedback on format and content of site.

*Early morning breakfast at Glenquarry*



Heads and Tails for expensive bottle of Bubbly apparently?

The lucky winner was Ray Williams.

Joker winner was Ron Sheppard however 7 Spades was extracted from the deck which is good for most members.

Guest Speaker – Libby Bleakley

The guest speaker was ably introduced by DGN Mark Wallace. Libby Bleakley, RC Blackheath is a GSE member who went to Alaska. Is a serving police officer, and has taken a year off to promote the Timor Leste project.

Raised \$36k by walking from Sydney to Canberra.

Was employed in Timor for 3 years, 1 year with UN and 2 with AFP. Taught policing. 1.1m people with 70% unemployment and 60 % under 30. Ran Redfern PCYC club and is trying to implement a similar project in Timor.

Leasing land with 15 year term with demountable buildings, with 2 Timor managers. Now a RAWCS project.

Everyone wants to speak English, as this is the key to employment. The school runs 4 days week, 3 sessions per day. 100 members of the local Rotaract club, whom are being trained to run the school. Based on volunteer support. This is insurance so that the model can keep operating when Libby and team step down.

Need funding for lease, payment of manager, and potentially scholarships.

Timor learning Centre - Facebook link.  
<https://www.facebook.com/TimorLearningCentre/>

*Libby Bleakley*



President Ian thanked Libby, Janet and everyone for attending.

Educating Rita – Mittagong Playhouse

Dates are 24/25/26 June and 1/2 July.

Group tickets (10 or more) are \$20 (standard) and \$25 (premium). Individual tickets are \$25/\$28. Those booking before 10th June go into a draw to win 2 nights at a Callala Bay beach house for up to 4 people. Details on our FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/Educating-Rita-at-The-Playhouse-420770468122551/> Tickets at [www.trybooking.com/jyzo](http://www.trybooking.com/jyzo) or the Mittagong Info Centre (booking premium applies) As always, some of the proceeds of our productions will be donated to local charities. Last year \$3,000 each to BDCU childrens foundation and CanAssist Southern Highlands.

*Vote of thanks to Libby by DGN Mark*



### Diary Notes

- 26 June – District Changeover
- 12 July – Club Changeover
- 17 July – Inner Wheel Changeover
- 10 Sept – Clown Dr Ball, Mitt RSL
- 13-25 Sept – Tulip Time, Corbett Gdns



## Annual Raffle

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| <b>1st Prize</b> | <b>Hyundai i30 Active X Automatic Hatch</b> , including all on-road costs, metallic paint<br><i>Value \$28684</i> |
| <b>2nd Prize</b> | <b>Ironstein Wrought Iron Chandelier</b> , hand forged<br><i>Value \$3500</i>                                     |
| <b>3rd Prize</b> | <b>Dean Trailers Garden Tipping Trailer</b><br><i>Value \$1000</i>  |
| <b>4th Prize</b> | Opal from <b>Ackroyd Opals</b><br><i>Value \$500</i>  |
| <b>5th Prize</b> | <b>Sydney Harbour Marriott</b> Accommodation, one night including breakfast<br><i>Value \$300</i>                 |
| <b>6th Prize</b> | VIP Dinner, including beverages, for 4 at <b>The Shaggy Cow</b> , Mittagong<br><i>Value \$300</i>                 |

This raffle is an initiative of The Southern Highlands Support Group, who fundraise for Clown Doctors. The raffle is run in conjunction with the group's Annual Ball. This will be held on Saturday 10th Sept, 2016 at Mittagong RSL, where the raffle will be drawn.

Please contact Amy at [amy.robins@clowndoctors.org.au](mailto:amy.robins@clowndoctors.org.au) or Jan and Paul at [cicique@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cicique@bigpond.net.au) for more information.

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