

TULIP TIMES



Next Meetings	No meeting 10 th – Ten Pin Bowling 13 th	17 th October, 2017
Location	Highlands Tenpin Centre, Mittagong	Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Hwy, Mittagong
Program	6:00 – 9:00	TBA
Speaker	Jo Chalmers, Team Captain	
Intro / Vote of Thanks	NA	
Dinner Fee Duty	\$22 for 3 hours unlimited bowling	
Journalist		
Regalia Duty	NA	

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

Invocation – Rod Aistrope

(Brian E was put out bigly)

International Toast – Rod Aistrope

Today is the German national holiday, the Day of German Unity which commemorates the day in 1990 when Germany was finally re-united after the collapse of East Germany.

In Munich the day also marks the end of this year's Oktoberfest, the beer and food festival which of course is a modelled on our own Southern Highlands Food and Wine Festival which has also just completed.

Munich is the third largest city in the Country with 1.45 million people and 6 major breweries. It is the capital of Bavaria located near the Swiss border in the south.

The Rotary Club of Munchen Bavaria was Chartered in 2007 and is one of 23 Clubs with Munchen in their name. The Club has 63 Members led by President Thomas Nesseler. They meet on Thursday evenings in the Ratskeller. This is not as bad as it sounds because it is actually a beautiful restaurant in the cellar of the Munich Town Hall - the Rats Halle. The venue is right in the centre of Munich on Marienplatz.

Among the Club's projects are funding of a tutor for 6 of the children in the Women's House, a safe facility for women with children fleeing domestic violence.

They also fund a place for socially disadvantaged children, such as a refugee, at an after school project where they are helped with social, schooling and emotional issues resulting from their circumstances to help them fit into society.

Munchen Bavaria sounds like a very compassionate Club.



Announcements

Jo Chalmers – Tenpin Bowling Challenge -6 pm Friday 13th. Feel free to dress up in Halloween costume. \$22 for bowling, \$9 for food platters

Blue Books are now available for members. Please add an AM after John Elder's name. Apologies John.

Rod Aistrope – Timor trip commenced well. Everyone seems to have arrived. Will provide updates as they become available.

History of Tulip Time – Ken Adams

Ken provided some historical context concerning the commencement of Tulip Time, especially with Rotary involvement from the beginning.

In early days a Rotarian was the Chair of the committee as were the whole executive. Rotary had an arrangement with Tesselaar where tulips were "rented" for the season and returned to the supplier. Tulips have 3 very productive years, which Rotary capitalized on.

Once Council took over, the process and focus changed.

Tulip Time / Food & Wine Wrap Up Review

- Open Garden information at entrance
- Mini buses to Garden Tours – Rotarians to drive
- Look at Leura Garden Scheme as a model
- Food & Wine – not enough food stalls – possibly a BBQ including vego food
- Soft Drinks and water were in short supply
- Ensure Rotary gets paid for rostered hours, even if given early mark
- Prepaid tickets, why need to wait??
- Cash only queue
- Shade cloth between entrance tents for sun protection
- Be vigilant on OH&S. Missing pavers were an issue
- iPods – put postcode as first data entry – saves issues of locals
- iPods – Food & Wine process much better
- Improve the entry façade – get rid of the security fencing
- Merrigang Entrance – needs signage to encourage patrons to walk around the corner
- Tents are a blight on the tulips
- Get businesses to sponsor tree names (especially the Japanese Crabapple)
- Water fountain location could be better

Public Notices – For Interest Calendar of upcoming events

13 Oct – SH Bowling Challenge

14 Oct – Opoberfest – Bowral Memorial Hall

15 Oct – Bowral Long Lunch, Centennial

22 Oct – Bowral Cycle Classic

27 Oct – Dream Cricket – Bowral, Bradman

28 May/ 29 May Science & Engineering
Challenge

24 Nov – Bong Bong Picnic Races

19 Dec – Christmas Party

Berrima Rotary are at Bunnings on the weekend of the
7th & 8th October promoting mental health and ARH.



When the winds drops, and the sun appears so does the Octopus.



To all the volunteers – Thank You!



Another delightful display of tulips!



