



# *Tulip Times*



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

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**President: David McCosh**

**Secretary: Tony Glenn**

**Meetings: 6:00 for 6:30**

**Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Highway**

**Mittagong NSW 2575**

Visiting Rotarians		
Guests		
Next meetings....	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Program	Bras for Fiji	CLUB ASSEMBLY
Speaker	Heather Tait	David McCosh
Intro/Vote of Thanks	Sue Adams	NA
Dinner Fees	Rosemary Kelly	Don Graham
Journalist	Trevor Fair	Trevor Fair
Regalia	John Hoelle	Tony Glenn

## Welcome: Segeant Lynton Kettle

Lynton welcomed all to our first meeting of the year, with a special welcome to President David.

## Invocation: Jim Gasson

A well attired Jim gave the traditional Rotary Invocation to a receptive audience.

## President David McCosh



David introduced his Board, especially for new members and those who did not attend last week's meeting.

A summary of the Board meeting was given including member resignations, as well as the aims of the new Board.

The goals for 2017-18 include;

- Improved communication
- Allocation of responsibilities to ALL members
- Promotion of Rotary across ALL the Highland Clubs

## Announcements:

David McCosh

- Club Assembly will be held on 18 July. Any topics to Tony Glenn
- David will be away next week. Ian Langford will act as President.

Trevor Fair

- A Vocational visit will be held on 8 August at Southern Rise Bakery, Clarence St, MV – 6 pm. Seeking suggestions for a dinner venue after somewhere in MV. Any suggestions to Trevor ASAP, please.
- District Directories are available. There is enough for every member.
- Clown Doctors raffle tickets are now on sale. See Trevor for a \$10 ticket. First prize a new car.

Jacinta Sheridan

- Challenge House requires some landscaping, garden edging etc. Planning to work on both 29<sup>th</sup> July, and 5<sup>th</sup> August. Jacinta would appreciate many volunteers to help.

## Presentation – Dream Cricket Bowral

The Club, through a Government Grant presented to DC-B \$5,000 for the provision of kits. Each Thursday Dream Cricket runs clinics at Bradman for students. Is becoming a very popular activity. The kits will assist greatly.



## International Toast – Rod Aistrophe

The City of Normal is located in central Illinois, midway between Chicago and St. Louis in the United States of America. Today isn't a normal day in Normal. It is special because it is their Independence Day.

Normal was founded in 1865 around Illinois State Teachers College. Teachers schools used to be referred to as *normal schools* and the name was adopted for the town that grew up around it. The college was converted to the multi-degree Illinois State University in 1965.

Normal has a population of 55 000 and is a twin city to Bloomington with a population of 133 000. The two cities are separated by the appropriately named Division Street. For well over a century



this division was important since the town of Normal was dry because of the wishes of Jesse Fell, the original developer of the town.

Fell Avenue named after him runs between the two major universities - Illinois State at the north end and Illinois Wesleyan University at the south end.

Another note of interest. The remnants of Route 66 between Chicago and Los Angeles winds through Normal but is now only marked by a series of brown tourist road signs.

There are 5 Rotary Clubs in the twin cities. The Rotary Club of Bloomington-Normal Sunset was Chartered in 2001 in District 6490 and has 25 Members led by new President Ramesh Chaudhari.

Today, like most Americans they will be celebrating their Independence Day with a street parade, fireworks and festivities.



### Guest Speaker – John Hoelle

John, in his address provided some background to the history of American Independence Day with some useful trivia tips as well as how some customs occurred.

Two interesting facts included that since the Boston Tea Party Americans do not drink hot tea.

Cricket was a popular sport until the Civil War. Since you need a prepared pitch to play cricket, and as the soldiers moved regularly, baseball was an easier sport to play. Just toss 4 bases and you have a game.



### Joker Draw

This week, to close off the accounts for the past year, the Joker Pot was up for grabs. Three tickets were drawn with the first drawn selecting a card, etc.

The 3 contesters were Gwenda Webb, Ray Coulton and David McCosh.

Ironically the last card in the deck was the Joker won by David.

Well done to Jo for an entertaining segment for the meetings.

