



**If anyone is able to present, or knows someone willing to present, please contact me ASAP.
If not you will get either Robert or myself again.**

Tulip Times Bulletin



Welcome

President Robert welcomed all to our Zoom meeting.

Announcement:

Tulip Time Festival will not be proceeding this year. Unfortunate as the Grey Army is a captive audience this year.

International Toast – Rod Aistrope

Last Sunday, the 3rd of May was a very important day for the people of Poland and me. For the Poles it was Constitution Day, their national day commemorating the adoption of its first Constitution in 1791. The day was celebrated until it was suppressed under German and Russian rule in 1939 but was re-established with the fall of the communist government on 1st June, 1989.

It was however also celebrated from 1947 when I was born.

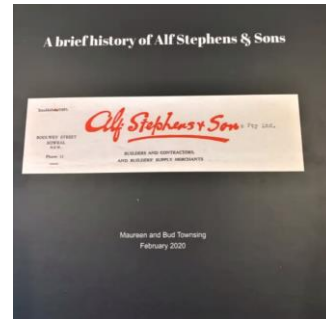
The Rotary E-Club of Poland meets in a fantasy world called Skype so staying home hasn't really affected them whereas I couldn't go out to celebrate.

The E-Club was Chartered in District 2231 in 2016 and has 12 Members led by President Karolina Kedzierska-Kapuza.

The Club's project focus is on providing equal education opportunities for disadvantaged children by supporting classroom teaching in primary schools.

They also raise funds to support a rehabilitation centre in Kyrgyzstan.

Guest Speaker – Ken Adams Alf Stephens & Sons - Builders



Ken's interesting talk focused on a local building Company Alf Stephens & Sons.

Editor has taken the liberty of using information from Berrima District Historical Society as published by SHN in 2014 for text in this article.



The Boss: Alf Stephens kept the firm going well into his mature age.

The significant contribution of the two Alf Stephens, father and son, will be portrayed in this series of articles. As well as being enterprising, both were prominent local aldermen and keen sportsmen.

The local Stephens saga begins with the father Alfred who, as a lad of about 15 years of age, emigrated from England to NSW on the vessel Aberdeen, arriving at Sydney in April 1886. He travelled with his mother Catherine and five brothers.

The family had lived in Lancashire, where their father, William Henry, a prominent carpenter and builder, had died prior to their departure.

Several of his sons served apprenticeships under him, including Alfred who was listed on the

shipping indent as a joiner. Shortly after arriving, Alfred came to Bowral.



Alf Snr became an alderman on Bowral Municipal Council and his reputation was enhanced with his appointment as contractor for the building of a court house in Bowral using the unique local trachyte stone quarried at The Gib.



BY the 1920s the local building firm of Alf Stephens & Son was flourishing under the control of its founder's son, Alfred junior.

Alfred kept up his keen boyhood interest in cricket and became captain of Bowral's First Grade team in 1921, earning the nickname 'Skipper'.

It was under his captaincy that a young scorer named Don Bradman was sent in to bat when the team was short a player.

Although the bat was much too big for the boy, the bowlers soon realised the folly of exercising restraint towards him as the runs began to mount up.

A bat was cut down in the Stephens' joinery shop to suit his size.

Alfred had a concrete cricket pitch laid down at his home for team practice and Don was included in these players until he left for Sydney to play with the St George Club.

Thus Alfred played a significant role in encouraging Sir Donald Bradman's career and accompanied him with the Australian Eleven to England in 1930, 1948 and 1953.



During the 1920s Alf Stephens & Son won contracts for the erection of major buildings in the district, including Ranalegh House at Robertson, Dormie House in Moss Vale and a new Methodist Church in Bowral.



A sample of the buildings constructed are shown below



Kenilworth 1925



St John's Church of England, Moss Vale



Empire Cinema Theatre – roof raising – 1927



Canberra Church of England Grammar School - 1929

Sudoku of the week

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Westwood Building – Annesley Girls School – 1956

The Fun Section



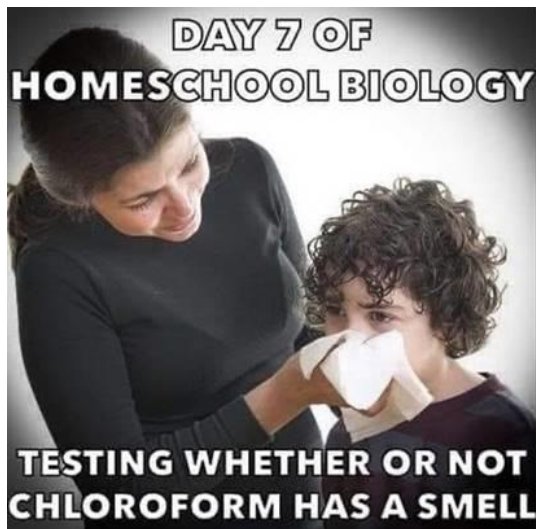
**AND JUST LIKE THAT:
HAVING A MASK,
RUBBER GLOVES,
DUCT TAPE,
PLASTIC SHEETING
AND ROPE IN YOUR
TRUNK IS OKAY.**

**HOME SCHOOLING
UPDATE:
MY CHILD JUST SAID
I HOPE I DON'T
HAVE THE SAME
TEACHER NEXT YEAR**

**All those
grandparents who are
missing their grand
kids right now. Once
this is over you can
have them for a
month. Sincerely, a
tired mom.**

**Three weeks of
home schooling my
7, 9 and 12 year olds
went surprisingly well!
They have all graduated
High School and are
now ready to move out
and get jobs when
quarantine is over!**

**DAY 7 OF
HOMESCHOOL BIOLOGY**



**TESTING WHETHER OR NOT
CHLOROFORM HAS A SMELL**