



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	PDG Bill Seelis AG Mat Froome Jacob Rofe	
Next meetings....	Tuesday 12th Sepember, 2017	Tuesday 19th Sepember, 2017
Location	Highlands Golf Club Old Hume Highway Mittagong	Highlands Golf Club Old Hume Highway Mittagong
Program	Member – Trivia Night	CLUB ASSEMBLY
Speaker	Trevor Fair	David McCosh
Intro/Vote of Thanks	Trevor Fair	
Dinner Fees	Michael Lendrum	Vicki Kelley
Journalist		
Regalia	Terry Mortensen	Ian Johnson

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

**Welcome by President David
PDG Bill Seelis
AG Matt Froome
President Rotaract Jacob Rofe**

Invocation – Denise Coad

International Toast – Brian Ritson

Tomorrow is the National Day of Swaziland celebrating independence from the British Protectorate in 1968.

The country was a kingdom long before becoming a protectorate of Britain after the Boer War. It is mostly mountainous and landlocked surrounded by South Africa and bordering Mozambique. It is an absolute monarchy with an advisory parliament.

It has a population of 1.1 million and its Capital city is Mbabane on the western border, about a 3 hour drive from Johannesburg.

The Rotary Club of Mbabane was chartered in 1965 and is one of 5 clubs in Swaziland and 79 in District 9400 which also covers northern South Africa, Botswana and southern Mozambique.

President Davan Rehmeier leads its 20 Members in some very hands on community building projects.

They recently engaged the Primary School community in Vuvulane, a village near the eastern border of the country, to build a school kitchen. Over a hundred parents and friends turned up to help in digging footings, mixing and pouring concrete, laying blocks and completing the building including building baking ovens.

They run a Dental Outreach Clinic with volunteer dental staff and support from Canadian Rotary Clubs which visits schools and communities around the capital.



Announcements

Ian Langford

- Tulip Time Roster, still some slots available
- Food & Wine – still 12 slots available

Trevor Fair

- Next week – Member Trivia Night, aimed at members of our Club. Will be a fun night and is an entrée to next year's big Trivia Night arranged by Mary R and Trevor F
- 31st October – being the 5th Tuesday of the month, will be a social evening at a venue to be determined.
- Clown Dr Ball – raised \$60k
- SH Bowling Challenge – Friday 13th October – Halloween theme
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Ray Williams

– Rotary is operating a BBQ on the last weekend of the Festival – will require assistance with set up, BBQ and knock down. Please make some time to assist

Rod Aistrophe

- Challenge House – a big thank you to those who assisted throughout the whole process. Last weekend finished with paying, turfing etc

DG Report – Bill Seelis



Firstly, a big thank you to DG Steve for agreeing to lead the District for a second year.

This year's theme "Making A Difference" with emphasis on service not fund raising. The difference a Club can make is up to each individual.

Polio – this year there have been 9 cases worldwide. Three in Afghanistan, and 6 in Pakistan. Donor fatigue is an issue, however it is important not to lose focus and ensure the job is completed.

The DG's focus is for each Club to increase contributions to the Foundation by 10% and also each member by the same %.

District Conference is on 23rd – 25th March, 2017 at the Mittagong RSL. Ed: Has an fantastic organizing committee!

RI President would like every Rotarian to plant a tree. Two tube stock will be donated to each Club in the District to kick start this initiative.

Ray Coulton gave the vote of thanks especially for the drive here in such difficult conditions.

NEW - Public Notices

The breakfast (barbecue by Bowral Lions) is open to all the local community including volunteers etc. who help at Tulip Time.



Calendar of upcoming events

9 & 10 Sept – Home & Garden Show, Bong Bong

12 – 24 Sept – Tulip Time, Corbett Gardens

30 Sept – Bowral Rugby 7's – Eridge Park

30 Sep – 1 Oct – Food & Wine Festival, Corbett Gdns

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

The Challenge is back on – Friday 13th

If you would like to help our Club return the trophy to where it belongs, see Jo Chalmers for training schedule etc.



NEXT WEEK – Member Trivia

Just bring along a sense of humour and some gold coins.