

# TULIP TIMES



<b>Next Meetings</b>	20 February, 2018	6 March, 2018
<b>Location</b>	Golf Club	Golf Club
<b>Program</b>	Grand Duchess Olga's Treasures	Highlands Concierge
<b>Speaker</b>	Gabriella Lang and Janet Epps	Patrick Knott
<b>Intro / Vote of Thanks</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Dinner Fee Duty</b>	Robbie Allen	Vicki Kelley
<b>Journalist</b>	Trevor Fair	TBA
<b>Regalia Duty</b>	Robert de Jongh	David Rees
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**4<sup>th</sup> Estate: Jacinta / Ray W**

**Guests:**

**President David** opened the meeting

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Katie Constantinou and Helen Denning guest speakers from Wingecarribee Adult Day Care

Susan Macdonald and Josie Peacock From Harbison Care and Music for dementia

Trish and Bob Rheinberger – Uniforms for Vanuatu Project

Veerle Schute back from trip to Bali

Matt Froome AG and Veerle's host

Maria de Jongh

Rosemary Eddowes

Ria McCosh

Brian Elliott did the Invocation

**INTERNATIONAL TOAST** was read by John Elder

**Berlin Wall**



**Potsdamer Platz, November 1989**

*As is well known, after the Second World War Germany and Berlin were divided into 4 administration zones between Britain, France, the USA and the USSR. Free movement between these sectors was allowed but after mass emigration of people from the Russian zone into the western zones the border was closed leaving Berlin isolated within what would become East Germany.*

*The city remained as the only easy way out and after continued mass movement of people from the USSR Sector brought the total of escapees from the coming harsh regime to over three and a half million the Russians decided to build The **Berlin Wall** surrounding the western sectors.*

*Construction of 155km of wall with a wide cleared death strip of guns, pits, razor wire, mines and patrols began on 13th August, 1961. It symbolised what Churchill called the "Iron Curtain" across Europe.*

*During its 28 years over 5 000 people attempted escape - about 200 of them died trying.*

*In 1989 revolution in Poland and Hungary led to uprising in East Germany and in November free access through the wall was allowed. Its demolition began in 1990 and Germany was reunited that year.*

*Yesterday marked the day that the Berlin Wall has been down longer than it was up. It serves as a reminder that the determination of people to be free will always triumph in the end.*

***The Rotary Club of Berlin-Potsdamer Platz** is based on the major town square close to the centre of the city which was split by the Wall at its south west corner.*

*It was **Chartered in 2007** and is one of 19 Clubs in Berlin and 87 in **District 1940**.*

***President Martin Mohns** leads 45 Members. Their recent projects include a playground for a children's hospice and a vocational information day conducted with another Club.*

***In celebration of the fading memory of the Berlin Wall and those who lost their lives trying to cross it, would you please be upstanding and toast the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Berlin-Potsdamer Platz.***

## **Announcements**

**Don Graham** pre notice of MUNA 12/5 at Wingecarribee Shire Council Chambers. Kids will debate topical subjects taking on the role of a country from that country's point of view. Heads up only – will be asking for volunteers to help at a later date..

**Veerle** back from Interact trip and will tell us about Bali, participated in lots of hands on work, including building a piggery, painting and donating hygiene products.

**Jo Chalmers:** Received a message from Julie – outgoing exchange student who got to Switzerland safely. Spent 10 days with host family, also language camp. First day at school, maths and French test. Made friends and has met other exchange students. Grateful to have help, has a nice counsellor.

**Gerry Kroon** has 100 tickets for movie in two weeks, \$25 each. British comedy "Finding your feet" Brochure to be distributed to local businesses about what Rotary is doing, will also be presented to people at movie.

An invitation will go to 90 businesses by email; details now held in ClubRunner.

**Will Eddowes:** article about our outgoing exchange student Julie in SHN (*Ed: nice job, Will*)

Visit to Frensham, starts 11am Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. Advance notice of proposed rip to Polair and coffee roaster, 21 April, 11 interested, more later.

**Mary Ramsay** needs men or women to make sambos on morning of 22 Feb for the movie night. Please contact her if you can help.

### **Guest Speakers: Wingecarribee Adult Day Care Service**

#### **Intro by Jacinta Sheridan**

**Katie Constantinou** has been on the Board of Directors for 18 months. Katie trained as a lawyer and has a background in Public Policy. Katie is currently studying a Masters in Aging. She has personal experiences of both dementia and aging through her relationship with her grandmother.

**Helen Denning** is the Executive Officer and oversees daily management of the centre. Helen has a wealth of experience working in a variety of community service organisations. Helen has been with WADCC for eight years.

**Katie....Is** on the Board, at Bowral centre at capacity, need to fundraise to extend centre. 200k towards goal of 400k, will extend and upgrade. Grant funding too from Federal government. Have successfully applied to be Tulip Time partner, will be split between Dementia Australia and our Wingecarribee group. Hope to liaise with us BMRC before and during Tulip Time. Katie thanked club again for assistance with working bee last year.

**Helen** expressed the main aim of WADCC is to help clients with social interactions, increase their cognitive awareness, maintain independence, alleviate depression and provide respite for carers. Social groups are held in Bowral, Moss Vale and Hill Top.



#### **Vote of thanks**

Gerry and Jacinta presented Music for Dementia kits. 9200 songs on USB and now they have 3 sets.....

### **Josie Peacock re Harbison**

Josie spoke in Feb 2017, had 10 iPods, now have 31 with a lot of music, have added music to personal playlist. Listeners get great enjoyment from them.

**Vanuatu Sewing project....**Trish and Bob Rheinberger went to Vanuatu, looking for project, visited Bishop, helped out in Santo, made benches for a church, deconstructed, titivated, cleared drains, Bob worked with cattle. Saw an opportunity to make clothes. Principal asked them to make school uniforms.

100 girls, 2 uniforms for each, became a big chore. Many people have helped including Mara who has been to 'sewing sweat shops' at Trish's house. Group has made 500 uniforms. Polo shirts have been purchased for about \$2.50 each and will be donated to boys at the schools for uniforms. Last year Trish saw that local women in Vanuatu were keen to learn. She took machines and fabric. Lincraft really helped with giving 50% discounts. 4 day Workshops, thus need for more machines. Robert de J was interested in Trish's project and made a presentation and took it to RCBM. Individual member donations as well as some club funds have enabled Rotary to purchase 9 sewing machines and 1 overlocker for Trish to take to Vanuatu. Gerry Kroon negotiated discounted price for Janome machines with Theresa from Nowra Sewing Essentials.



### **Vote of thanks**

Jacinta and Gerry presented one of the sewing machines to Trish. Other machines arrive at the end of the week. David said what a great club effort to turn this initiative around so quickly.

**Next meeting in 2 weeks time. 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**President David** closed the meeting. He urged us to register for the District Conference (these are well worth attending and not expensive)

District Conference: register here <https://www.rotaryd9710.org.au/home/news/news-and-events.html/2017district-conference>