



Chris Benton  
My Father  
My Husband  
My Friend







# ***Tulip Times***

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

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***President: Linda Knight 0418 126 240***

***Secretary: Sue Adams 0438 249 703***

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

***Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Highway  
Mittagong NSW 2575***

<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>		
<b>Guests</b>	Superintendent Rod Smith, Inspector John Klepzarek	
<b>Next meetings....</b>	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 20017</b>	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2017</b>
<b>Location</b>	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
<b>Program</b>	Rotary Fellowships	Bowral Hospital Re-development
<b>Speaker</b>	Ross McConnell	Steve Hall
<b>Intro/Vote of Thanks</b>	Linda Knight	
<b>Dinner Fees</b>	Brian Pattinson	David McCosh
<b>Journalist</b>	Will Eddowes	Jacinta Sheridan
<b>Regalia</b>	Brian Ritson	Terry Mortensen

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



## Welcome

President Linda welcomed visitors including Superintendent Rod Smith and Inspector John Klepzarek.

Tony Glenn said a few words concerning Chris. In lieu of flowers Roz and Kendal have requested a donation to the Charlie Teo charity [www.curebraincancer.org.au](http://www.curebraincancer.org.au)

The Woodlands Rural Bush Fire Brigade will be forming a guard of honour, as will our Club. Members may wish to wear their PHF regalia.

## International Toast - Brian Ritson

The small Mediterranean island of Cyprus, located 75km south of Turkey and 100km west of Lebanon.

Being in a highly strategic location for trade and empire it has been occupied over time by the Assyrians, Egyptians, Persians, the Greeks including Alexander The Great, the Romans and others.

It was controlled by the British from 1878 with over 77% of the population of Greek heritage and 18% Turkish. From the early '50s the Turkish Cypriot community started agitating for independence but when it came in 1960 it was as a single Cyprus Republic dominated by the majority Greek Cypriots.

Inter-communal violence escalated and the United Nations established a peace keeping force in 1964 but in 1974 Turkey invaded and the island was partitioned.

UN Peace Keepers have been there ever since including an Australian Police detachment continuously since 1964. NSW Police were among the first contingent, coming under fire from Turkish Cypriot and Turkish forces.

Things have settled down now and there are attempts to reunite the country.

The Rotary Club of Nicosia was chartered in 1938 in District 2452 which has 78 Clubs spread over 9 countries stretching from Armenia and Georgia in the north east to Bahrain in the south east, Sudan in the south and Jordan in the middle.

President Nick Paraskeva leads 66 Members who will hold a major fund raising party later this month with funds going towards End Polio Now and a reforestation project run by their Rotaract Club.

*Nicosia vista*



## International Toast Responses

*Dear Rotarian Rod,*

*Many thanks for the below, it is a great honour! I will mention this to our members at our next weekly meeting – if you or any member of your club are ever in our part of our world let us know, you are very welcome to come and visit us!*

*Best regards*

*Nick*

*Nick Paraskeva | Associate Director | Cyprus Finance*

## Announcements

David Rees - Breakfast Club roster –please advise if you are able to assist on either Tuesday, Thursday or standby ASAP.

Rosemary Kelly - update ADC Centre – Task includes clearing some ground at the rear of the property. Once the new fence is erected, project can commence. Possibly 1 or 2 days plus some plants. Seeking 4-5 persons.

Brian Pattinson - Dream Cricket, Bowral - current secretary has resigned so there is a vacancy to assist with the program.

Simon Knight - Vocational visit to Eden Brewery is being planned. Seeking an expression of interest from members. Can only accommodate the Club on a Thursday.

Meeting of 7th March - need a different venue, considering The Mill. Will require 30 attendees to open. Is Club Assembly night. Please advise Linda & Trevor whether you will be attending. Cost will be \$25 / head.

The Mill Café



## Guest Speaker

Rob Uhl introduced guest speaker Rod Smith.

*Superintendent Rod Smith*



Rod has been a friend of Rotary since his time in Wagga Wagga. His current posting is as Superintendent of Monaro command which has had 2 recent winners of the Police of the Year Award.

The Monaro Command covers the lower area of the state including Delegate, snowy mountains etc. The Police Alpine Unit consists of a team of 10 and training includes 5 day cross country skiing, ski-doo's etc. Another challenge is the ACT - NSW border and negotiating with the AFP.

Rod has spoken to RYLA attendees and believes it is difficult to engage with young people. Some young people lack the confidence and trust to communicate with Police. Community engagement with young people is better utilizing face to face communication and not social media.

Domestic violence policing has changed. Police now have the power to decide on action and not relying on the victim giving approval to intervene. Police carry cameras to incidents, and this evidence can be used in court. Guilty pleas have increased with this tool.

Alcohol issues are also being policed more closely. While ice is not an epidemic any one person on ice is an issue. It is very likely that one use of ice is sufficient to get hooked.

Joker draw – Ticket drawn by Rod, Trevor had the unlucky ticket and drew the 2 of Spades.

## DIARY

7<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday – Club Assembly, The Mill, (Old Magnet Mart), \$25 pp + BYO and take empties

9<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday – Eden Brewery Visit. 2 pm 19 Cavendish St, Mittagong. RSVP Sue A by 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

*Eden Brewery, 19 Cavendish St, Mittagong*







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# *Suitcase Stories 2017*

REAL LIFE STORIES OF THE REFUGEE EXPERIENCE

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114-116 MAIN STREET , MITTAGONG

Saturday 4th March: 2pm & 7pm

Tickets: \$30 Adult / \$20 Concession / \$15 Students

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