

TULIP TIMES



Next Meetings	14 th November, 2017	THURSDAY 23 rd November, 2017
Location	Highlands Golf Club Old Hume Hwy, Mittagong	Bong Bong Race Track
Program	Timor Leste update	Racing and Fun
Speaker	Ray Coulton	
Intro / Vote of Thanks		
Dinner Fee Duty	Rob Uhl	
Journalist		
Regalia Duty	Les Vickerman	

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

Welcome

Acting President Trevor opened the meeting with a welcome to Derek White, RC BD

Invocation – Brian Elliott

International Toast – John Hoelle

The 9th of November is the Independence Day of the Kingdom of Cambodia celebrating the end of French colonial rule in 1953.

The history and culture of the Khmer people go back several thousand years. Their name for their country is Kampuchea - the land of the Khmers.

After the period of communist rule under the dreaded Pol Pot the Kingdom was restored with Norodom Sihanouk as head of a nominally democratic state of government. His son, Norodom Sihamoni is now King ruling 15.7 million people.

Cambodia is bordered by Thailand to the west and north, Laos to its north and Vietnam to its east with the Gulf of Thailand to the south.

The Rotary Club of Phnom Penh located in the capital was chartered in District 3350 in 1995 and has 22 members led by President Andre Struve.

The majority of its Members are expatriates who are very active in working with Clubs from around the world facilitating Rotary Foundation Global Grants in health and education.

Among their own projects are supplying Books for Classrooms for 5 to 10 year olds, feminine hygiene kits, wheelchairs for kids and Emergency relief *Aquaboxes*, similar to *Shelter Boxes* delivered to flood damaged villages.



Announcements

Derek White – RC Berrima District Movie Night

Movie = Wonder

Date = 30 November

Time = 6:00 for 6:30

Cost = \$25 includes refreshments

Proceeds = Rotary projects including play equipment

Trevor

1. **Fireside chats.** Newer members who would like to learn more about Rotary are invited to Imperial Hotel every 2nd Wednesday of the month. 5:30-6:30 pm. Commencing tomorrow evening. If the weather is fine, will be in the beer garden, if not too good in the pizzeria area. All welcome, especially members who would like to learn more. With the merging of Districts in 2020 there are some exciting leadership roles being developed that may suit members.

2. **Bong Bong Races** meeting is to be held Bong R Race Course on the Thursday 23rd.

This years entertainment will include members competing in egg and spoon races. As well as members betting I am seeking starters for the 3 races.

Race 1: Bendooley Stakes open to all male attendees

Race 2: Gibraltar Oaks – open to all female attendees

Race 3: Bong Bong Cup – open to all.

If anyone would like to peruse the race rules prior to the meeting, please contact me and I will provide details. Basically based on the 4 way test.

3. **District Conference** 23-25th March. Commencing at Eden Brewery on the Friday with the main conference being held at the RSL.

Registrations are now open on District Website.

Allen Cupid, Gwenda + myself are on the organising committee. Seeking a co-ordinator for the House of Friendship. - Rotary Programs showcase, Mittagong RSL is doing most of the set up- co-ordinator to manage the space,

Rosemary – Christmas Party

Together with Julie Glenn are arranging the Christmas Party. Seeking Hamper items please by 5 December.

Ray Coulton – Bong Bong Races

Seeking assistance on the Wednesday for set up and Friday for parking, BBQ, Bus tickets and pack up.

Gerry Kroon – Empire Art Alley

Thanked all for attending. Was a bit disappointed with turnout of members, schools and guest of honor.

Brian Pattinson – Dream Cricket

Thanked everyone for their assistance with the washed out Gala Day.

Will Eddowes – Media article on Timor Leste.
Wednesday 1st SHN.

Ray Williams thanked everyone on behalf of Jenny regarding her broken leg.

Guest Speaker – Robert de Jongh

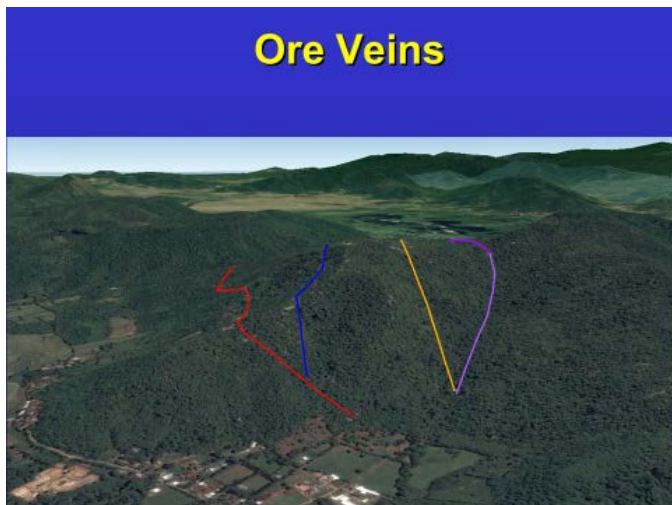
Topic – Why am I still here?

As many know Robert was to move to Indonesia to take up the position of GM at a new gold mine. He had even moved out of home into the garage while his daughter house sat.

However:

There were some due diligence issues with the mine as explained by Robert.

He was offered this job and provided further advice about how it could best be mined economically. This led the owner and the venture capitalist to mothball the larger project and come to an arrangement with the illegal local miners. So Robert might get a chance to be President again.



Some of the issues included the design of the extraction method, location of the seam, illegal miners.

Result

- Mining model had to be redone
- Labour intensive mining method
- Less ore to be mined at higher grade
- 25% of original ore to be mined to recover 90% of original contained gold
- Insufficient data for detailed mine planning so 25000 metres of drilling required

Result

- Capex for mine and plant reduced to 30% of original which was too small for financier
- After 6 months an equity partner found
- Equity partner agreed to fund drilling
- Three months later drilling not yet started but equity partner demands bigger share for same investment
- Owner cancels deal with equity partner and mothballs project to concentrate on a better project

Final Result



Fortunately for us, Robert is still amongst us with a new supply of jokes.

Heads and Tails

Brian Ritson kindly donated a large bucket of roses, which after a lengthy elimination process was won by Ken Adams. Beryl is one lucky lady.

Public Notices – For Interest Calendar of upcoming events

24 November – Bong Bong PRC
19 December – Christmas Party
23-25 March – District Conference
27-29 May Science & Eng Challenge

Jan Stevens-King has been asked to help a young mother suffering from MS. A single lady with an 8 year old daughter. There is a Facebook page [smyelinforms](https://www.facebook.com/smyelinforms) with quite a lot of info also Melissa has a gofundme site at www.gofundme.com/getmelissatomoscow

While the procedure Melissa is hoping to have access to is in Moscow, the same procedure is in the USA but very expensive.

Ray Williams had some 20 raffle tickets to sell on our behalf, hoping the members would help a local lady in desperate times.

5 Martha Street, Bowral

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Painting watercolour, acrylics and mixed media –

Miel Kroon is an award winning local artist inspired by everyday living in and around the Southern Highlands, and while traveling.

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Painting, mixed media – *Remke Veness uses mixed media to create colourful, thought provoking paintings on canvas.*

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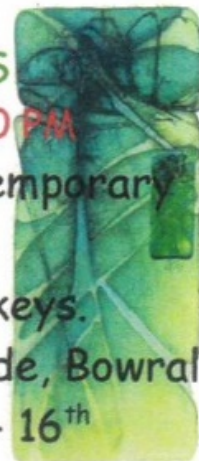
OPENING NOVEMBER 4TH AT 2.00 PM

**An Exhibition of Miniature and Contemporary
Artworks**

Inspired by upcycled ivory piano keys.

Ten Thousand Paces, Springett's Arcade, Bowral.

10.00am - 6.00pm November 4th - 16th



Get Melissa to Moscow



I am raising money to go overseas to undergo a procedure known as HSCT (Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation) which will halt and possibly reverse my MS. I am 35 and was diagnosed when my daughter was just one.

www.gofundme.com/getmelissatomoscow

or Raffle tickets from Rav Williams or Paul Stevens-King



Oxley College

EVE on the GREEN

Saturday 25th November 2017

GATES OPEN: 4PM

SHOW KICKS OFF: 5PM • WRAP: 7:30PM

Bring your family and friends, picnic blanket or camp chairs and join us for a fantastic fundraiser starring John Waters, Leo Sayer and the best local talent on the Oxley green.

Food Stalls by Geoff Jansz and drinks available on the Eve.

Tickets are limited so book early at eveonthegreen.eventbrite.com.au

Money raised proudly supports local kids in need.

Come celebrate with us and help make it an Eve to remember.

