



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**

**Apologies must be made BEFORE 11AM EACH TUESDAY
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Visiting Rotarians		
Guests		
Next meetings....	Thursday 17 November, 2016	Tuesday 22 November, 2016
Location	Bong Bong Race Course	Golf Club
Program	Partners Night	"Foundation Dinner"
Speaker	Linda Knight	Simon Knight
Intro/Vote of Thanks	Linda Knight	Linda Knight
Dinner Fees	Stan Cornwall	Will Eddowes
Journalist	Mick Lendrum	Tony Glenn
Regalia	BYO Glass, Saddles and Whips	John Hoelle

If you are unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Ray Williams by email rayjenw@bigpond.com

Rookie Reporter - Jacinta Sheridan



President Linda Opened the meeting asking for another member to volunteer to make tonight's toast.

Toast

Mark Wallace Made a toast to The Irish Ruby Team.



Guests There were no visitors or guests.

International Toast was read by **Jacinta Sheridan** for the **Rotary Club of Washington DC** in anticipation and recognition of the current American election.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Our international toast tonight to is a Club in the heart of the American political system.

Surprisingly there are only four Rotary Clubs in the Washington capital, in the District of Columbia for a population of over 670,000. The oldest is the **Rotary Club of Washington DC** which was Chartered in 1912 in District 7620 which also covers the surrounding state of Maryland.

It is however a very large club with 168 Members led this year by an Australian, **President Ross Grantham**. They recently conducted their second annual duck race aimed at building community friendship and raising funds for the Club's projects. One of their education projects is supplying and distributing dictionaries to local school children.

In hope that the American people make a wise choice over the next day, please be upstanding and toast the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Washington DC.

Tonight's Meal – Winner Winner Chicken Dinner!

Pascal excelled tonight with a delicious chicken breast with pepper sauce and fresh veges. Très très bon, Chef!



Announcements

Gerry Kroon had a meeting organised with Dan Ross regarding the Music Dementia Program, however it has been postponed until Thursday morning.

Gerry Kroon Movie night Premier Fundraiser of The Founder. Only 40 tickets have been sold for the night. It is not enough to make it a viable evening. We need about 150 tickets sold for it to be a success. Gerry asked members to please buy and sell tickets to themselves, their family and friends. A meeting is organised with the newspaper on Wednesday for promotion of the night and the cinema will begin promoting the night also.

Ray Williams Roster for Bong Bong - still need one spot to be filled for general setup – tents etc, heavy lifting. Also for car park setup. Cathy volunteered for one spot in setting up carpark.

Will Eddowes is involved in set up of car parking. Racing NSW wants Rotary to sign an induction form - team leaders will sign on behalf of members volunteering on the day.

Brian Ritson reported that his granddaughter was involved in a Rugby Sevens Team sent to Coffs Harbour to play. The local teams played and ranked well, winning several games.

Rosemary reported that her grandson has had auditions with WAAPA and NIDA. She proudly told him when he wins his first Oscar, he's to take her, his Grandma!

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Club Assembly

President Linda had asked for members to email agenda items to discuss at tonight's meeting. Linda had not received any emails or agenda items from members. **Gerry** said he did email an item he wanted to discuss

President Linda invited **Stan Cornwell** to the microphone as he had indicated to her he had some things to express.

Stan Cornwell said it seems the current president has all power in the club and makes all decisions. Stan asked Linda "Why did you feel it necessary as president to tell Lynton his position as sergeant was no longer required? Why are fining sessions no longer a part of the meetings? The Invocation has been dropped – why?"

Stan said Trevor Fair has been a casualty this year and he fears there will be others due to the current format.

Linda Knight replied that the invocation was not being used in an effort to try to make things less formal.

Linda expressed she believes if Rotary is trying to attract younger people, for example like **Jacob Rofe** - the current local Rotaract President, then the Bowral-Mittagong Rotary Club needs to modernise. Her main goal is keeping Rotary alive so when we are all long

gone, the club continues. President Linda expressed the following:

- Happy to say grace, happy to sing the national anthem if that is what members want.
- If you want a fining session - tell me and we will have it back.
- If that's what you want, let me know and it will happen

Rod Aistrophe said is the prerogative of the president to run the meetings as they feel fit, but if we abandon all rituals we lose the tradition of Rotary. He said he appreciates Linda's changes to put her stamp on it – Rod suggested members send an email to the President if they would like the invocation to return – it may be better to have the invocation reintroduced rather than have two toasts so close together – The Presidents Toast and then The International Toast as we are having now.

Rod also made the point he feels Lynton has been a very good sergeant.

Ian Cropper Ian's general feeling is, number one, what happens in the club needs to be more relevant to more people so more people may want to join. It has been discussed and we can drop the invocation and the role of sergeant. President is doing a good job keep doing what you're doing.

Gerry Kroon This is 2016 - need to modernise and get rid of old irrelevant stuff.

Mark Wallace Said it is important to remember what happens at Rotary meetings – But how do the traditions help me achieve my goals of joining with Rotary? It is important to remember reasons for joining rotary are service and community and to make that the focus.

Graham The way a Rotary meeting is conducted is ideal when using the Rotary formula. The idea is to polish that formula, but not pull it to pieces.

Tony Glenn Expressed concern that meetings have consistently been finishing early. was telling me there wasn't rotary structure taking place. We need to have a meeting for 1.5 hours to allow adequate time for social interactions and formal activities to take place.

Ian Langford important to recognise what young people do, members from Rotaract would laugh at a grace and a national anthem. We need to accept things have to change to help people feel comfortable. Ian expressed he always found grace difficult as we are meant to be non- denominational.

Ian said he does miss the fine session. He was surprised the club has decided against a fine session. "Linda you're doing a good job and it is your year to do things your way".

Brian In the old days the head table was set up, the president and board members all sat together. Coats had to be worn. Ties had to be worn. People were fined if they took their coat off -could only do so if the president took his coat off first, then other members had permission to follow his lead. As things progressed over the years, the coats and ties were left behind and people started feeling more relaxed and settled. Brian said he thinks the club is progressing in the right way.

Linda Knight I am the president but I can't do everything - speak up. Research shows clubs staying in old the format are in danger of dying.

Linda thanked **Stan** for bringing up points. She asked for a show of hands of who would like fines brought back. Mixed reactions – several shows of hands for yes, several comments around tables that the fines and language used were at times inappropriate.

Gerry Kroon Years ago he started writing a script about Rotary of what we have done - Ian Langford Ian cropper saw it. We fail to tell the community about what we are done in the club. Need to update to update brochures to tell community what we are doing.

Ray Williams volunteered to take on this project.

Linda agreed, we don't tell our Rotary story - we don't need to sell Rotary, we need to tell people what we have done.

Gerry Kroon On 7th November Gerry visited the Rotary Shed and inspected the freezer - interesting information in there - need to improve stock control of drinks, meat etc. Statistical information required to ensure against wastage and unnecessary storage.

A purchasing person is needed to ensure best price when purchasing products.

Seems we are often purchasing meat and drinks when there are meat and drinks in storage.

In the freezer Gerry found 25kg thin sausages, 36 kg thick sausages, 10 kg bacon, hot dogs,

Onions and cakes. Nothing had a date on it. Poor management means we buy new sausages when not necessary and are old ones underneath new ones??

Gerry Offered self as purchasing officer for BBQ's.

Moved **Simon Knight**

Seconded **Rosemary Kelly**

Rosemary stated we used to by meat from Williams Butchers. For some reason we diverted from that. We should go back to William's and stick to one butcher. Only need to go to other suppliers if we run out on the day and Williams are not open.

Brian Elliot spoke about concerns with sauces. Brian took sauce home from the last BBQ. Some sauce was so old it was out of date and should not be used. Fresh sauce now been placed in all bottles. Bottles need to be cleaned to prevent mould when stored.

Linda Knight commented the above discussion is a serious issue - we don't want to be poisoning people.

Rod Aistrope I organised the BBQ for Eridge Park which was difficult to measure what was needed. There were leftovers. Bought sausages from Simons 25 % discount. Thought it better to leave frozen sausages for Bong Bong next week.

Rod agreed a purchasing office would be good to off load responsibility from the person organising BBQ.

Sandra Adams There is a need for meat to be rotated and sold within a three month period. Meat needs to be dated when packed away. New meat needs to be placed underneath older meat that is needing to be used.

Ray Williams BBQs are a main income earner and we do well with them. Nowadays, BBQs are being replaced with more modern equipment

and there will come the day when Rotary are told they can no longer use the old BBQ set up.

O H and S concerns when using BBQ - new people need to be told how to use objects and utensils. Need to be told tins etc not put them on top of BBQ as they become too hot and can lead to serious burns. Weight of equipment an issue when lifting – up to 60kg.

Loui BBQ business is badly run. No need for a freezer - Butcher would supply fresh meat on the day. We are here as a club to benefit the community. BBQ needs better organisation, need someone responsible not spending all the money unnecessarily and not keeping account of purchases.

Grahame Jones A topic we don't want to hear about is membership development. One nights' meeting, select two past presidents to do membership development. List on a board membership types we are looking for. Teams of two find those particular classifications of membership, teams of two work on who is appropriate in the area to approach. President sends a cheery letter to that person - an invitation to come to the club. We can do this, it's not painful and it works.

Gerry Kroon we have done that in the past and result was zero.

Linda tried in past but venue wasn't right.

Rosemary tried cocktail party but it wasn't successful.

Mark Wallace Jude Ford came up from Yass. Similar to what Graham suggested with recent developments. You do the scouting, but remember criteria has been changed to what a Rotarian is which in effect has made the classification system defunct. Definition works to the effect of a business or community leader - anyone can join so long as they are of good character. Jude's idea is approach someone who might be suitable for Rotary and have a night they are invited to. Rotarians tell their stories on the night. Follow up by the president the following day. 90% success rate from this approach in various communities.

Graham Hicks younger people need to have other people of the same age group present so they feel a fellowship straight away.

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Brian Dream Cricket Day - Interact Crowd helped Brian and Robin a great deal. Couldn't have done the day without them. Need to follow up and thank them.

Mark Wallace District Conference in Highlands next year is going to be huge demand on this club and other clubs in the area. Role of sergeants will be needed. Setting up and packing up for morning/evening sessions a big job. As Mark is District Governor, this club will be host club. Many roles will be needed from this club to assist with various roles.

Dates: 6th, 7th, 8th October 2017. Weekend after long weekend. Bathurst race weekend.

"Ctrl and Click" for Mark's excellent promotional video



Linda We all need to get on board with next years' conference. A year to get it organised. Aim to have it better than Goulburn.

Gerry and Mark discussion around new Rotary logo - use up old logo but new logo to be introduced. Four years ago new logo introduced needs to be used now when possible.

Lynton Men's Health Month - Three members went to lecture held during the week. Looking around the room many of us need to get there.

One RYLA candidate is **Lucy Backhouse** who is NSW wood chopping champion. She has been accepted into Law at Wollongong Uni. Credit to **Rob Uhl** for organising it.

Second candidate is **Nina Barnard** who works at Priceline in Bowral. She is the daughter of Donna – the bereavement counsellor at

Southern Highlands Bereavement Care Service who was guest speaker a few weeks ago.

Linda/Gerry Reminder - movie night - need for members to buy tickets

Heads and Tails was played

Rod Aistrop won floral arrangement

Raffle

Linda drew the lucky ticket C63



Jacinta Sheridan had this ticket but drew an unlucky four of hearts. The Joker remains intact! Instead of a bottle of wine, this week **Brian Ritson** had donated a prize of toiletries for her to take home.

President Linda Thanked everyone for their input into this evenings Club Assembly Meeting and closed the meeting with the following quote:

"You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have"

Post-script to Tulip Times 2016



Ian Langford presents a Club cheque for \$2,000 to the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation, the designated Charity for this year's event. The recipient is Ms Marcella Zemanek, Tulip Time Festival Ambassador for the Foundation

PLEASE MARK THESE DAYS IN YOUR DIARY???

- Bong Bong Races – 18 November
 - Movie Night “The Founder” Thurs 24 November
 - **BBQ - Friday 25 November 5pm-7pm launch of the Southern Highlands Arts Fund at the Bowral Memorial Hall**
 - Club Christmas Party – 20 December
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And finally:-

The new Rotary Logo for your information -



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Free Community Information Sessions November 2016



LOCAL Medical Specialists will be presenting their thoughts on enhancing the health of men (and women) in the Southern Highlands, during the month of **NOVEMBER**.

<i>Mental Health</i>	Campbell MacBean , Psychologist	<i>Thursday 3rd November</i>
<i>Sleep Disorders</i>	Dr. I Ali , Respiratory Physician	<i>Thursday 10th November</i>
<i>Dementia/</i>	Dr J Barnett , Specialist Geriatrics	<i>Thursday 17th November</i>
<i>Alzheimer's Disease</i>		
<i>Bone Health</i>	Dr. N Hartnell , Orthopedic Surgeon	<i>Thursday 24th November</i>

Plus 4 Local GPs, Pharmacy, Exercise Physiology and Diet

WHEN: Four **Thursdays** in **November** at **6pm(Sharp)-7:30pm**

WHERE: St. Jude's Anglican Church Auditorium,
Bendooley St., Bowral

WHO WILL BENEFIT? : Men of all ages.... and their partners
and their familyand their mates.

Plenty of parking, wheelchair access, light refreshments available.

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