



Tulip Times

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

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President: Linda Knight 0418 126 240

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Meetings: 6:00 for 6:30

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

Visiting Rotarians		
Guests	Mary Kelley, Roz Benton, Jaqui & Tom, Slavica Zivovic, Robyn Liberale	
Next meetings....	Tuesday 16th May	Tuesday 23 rd May
Location	Highlands Golf Club	Highlands Golf Club
Program	Tiwi College Garden	
Speaker	Phil Purnell	Ian Johnson
Intro/Vote of Thanks	Gerry Kroon	Linda Knight
Dinner Fees	Robbie Allen	Gwenda Webb
Journalist	Trevor Fair	Trevor Fair
Regalia	Rod Aistrope	Rob Uhl

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Welcome - Linda Knight

Guests

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President Linda proposed a toast to RI

International Toast - Robbie Allen

Alderny Island from air



The Second World War in Europe ended on this day in 1945 with surrenders taking place over several days at various locations across the theatres of war.

One of those, the Channel Islands, had been occupied in June 1940 after the fall of France and were still garrisoned even after the D Day Invasion in 1944.

The islands, Guernsey, Jersey, Salk, Alderny and a few smaller ones are 30 km off the coast of Normandy. They were the property of the Duke of Normandy, also known as William the Conqueror when he invaded and became King of England in 1066. The islands came with him and when Normandy was incorporated into France in 1204 the residents decided to stay with England out of respect for William and have done so ever since.

During the war most of the residents were evacuated and thousands of POWs and slave labourers were brought in to build heavy fortifications. The islands were blockaded by the Allies and the population and workers as well as the occupying soldiers came near to starvation in the winter of 1944/45.

After Liberation on 9th May, 1945 the Channel Islands returned to Britain as a Crown Dependency as the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

One of those islands is Alderney with a population of 2 400 and the Rotary Club of Alderney, Chartered in District 1110 in 1979.

President Hilary Bentley leads 27 Members. The proceeds of their recent fund raising dinner went to End Polio Now.

Announcements

Rob Uhl - Inter club visit with Jerrabomba RC. Oct / November 2017 is being muted, expressions of interest next week.

Linda thanked Tom Parkinson for his contribution to Rotary, specially as he and Jacqie have decided to make Canada home. Many of the fun nights have been organised by Tom. With special thanks for his efforts its Music for Dementia.

Tom was introduced to Rotary by Graham Jones as a GSE member. Graham said a few careful words about Tom on the GSE tour.

Linda and Graham then presented Tom with a PH fellow award.



Guest Speaker- Simon Knight – Incredible India

Incredible India incredibly noisy, dirty, busy, beautiful, incredibly wealthy and poverty.

Simon works for DuPont in Rajistan, which has 9 mines, and specialises in behavioural safety.

Getting to work - By flying, by train and by road, Construction is very much underway in India. Brickworks re made by the side of the road, Cement advertising is the biggest industry in India,

Toll ways are very common and very cheap.

Accommodation - Some hotels have magestic views, however the guest rooms at the mine site are not 5 star.



Climate - Either wet or dry and hot.

Cultural - Religion , skin colour, cattle worshipping, caste system conflict issues are a challenge in India

Shopping - best place to shop is the traveling market.
Vegetable markets on the side of the road,

Opportunities

Polio vaccination
Tourism

Heads and Tails - with Louie as chief tosser.

Linda closed the meeting at 20:15 pm

