

# Tulip Times Club Bulletin: 17-12-2024

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## Club Meetings: Attendance & Apologies

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at various Southern Highlands venues. (See below)

**Contact:** TREVOR FAIR of your attendance or apologies

**Deadline is 5pm Friday.** T: 02 4861 6917 M: 0403 176 958 email: [trevorfair5@bigpond.com](mailto:trevorfair5@bigpond.com)

Please be considerate and respond. Unannounced members and guests may miss out on a meal.

## “What’s On?”

Date	Meeting Venues	Speaker/ Topic	Journalist	Invocation & International Toast
7 Jan	Bowral Bowling Club	Fund Raising Committee	NA	NA
14 Jan	Bowral Bowling Club	Barefoot Bowls, partners & friends welcome	David McCosh	Leigh Robinson
16 Jan	Mittagong Lions Oval	11.00am BBQ for 300 Scouts	NA	NA
21 Jan	Bowral Bowling Club	Club Assembly - Futureproofing	Will Eddowes	TBA
26 Jan	The Donges	Australia Day Celebration	NA	NA
Feb 22/23	Annesley	Mental Health Training	NA	NA

**NB The journalist and International Toast Roster may have changed. Check for your name.**

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**VENUE** – Bowral Bowling Club **JOURNALIST** – Trevor Fair

**Sergeant Lynton Kettle** opened the Meeting and welcomed Members and Guests.

Sergeant Lynton welcomed all to our Christmas Party. Unfortunately, President Bob is unable to attend due to Covid but he sent his best wishes for the evening.

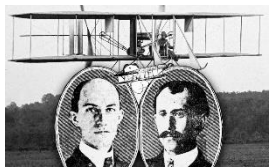
Lynton introduced **PP Don Graham** as Acting President

## Invocation and International Toast – David Patton

### Rotary Toast

For good food  
For good fellowship  
For the privilege to serve  
We give thanks

### International Toast



Wilbur and Orville Wright were American inventors and pioneers of aviation with the brothers achieving the world's first first flight with a powered aircraft.

On December 17, 1903 they succeeded in the first free controlled flight in a power driven heavier than air aeroplane. Wilbur flew their aircraft for 59 seconds over a distance of 852 feet.

They surpassed their own milestone two years later when they built and flew that first practical airplane known as the 'Kitty Hawk'. The craft was an extremely strong structure with wing spars of spruce and shaped pieces of ash and surfaces covered with muslin cloth.

The flyer was propelled by a 4 cylinder, gasoline engine developing 12.5 HP linked through a chain drive transmission to twin counter rotating propellers turning at 348 RPM.

Finding that their success was not appreciated in their own country the brothers in 1909 accompanied by their sister Katherine moved to Europe where they became celebrities.

The Wright's work inspired successful aircraft designs by others and the lead up to WW1 saw further accelerated the expansion of innovation and manufacturing. An example being the Fokker plant in Germany produced 3,300 fighter planes in the first half of 1918.



The Rotary Club of Dayton, Ohio was chartered as the 47<sup>th</sup> club of Rotary International on June 1913 and with the Club now 111 years old, has witnessed so many things in society changing over the course of its existence.

Orville Wright was an early member of the Club of Dayton with a few Dayton members having witnessed the Wright's first flight in 1903 and then the moon landings some 65 years' later.

The Rotary Club of Dayton was once a business only club that mirrored Paul Harris thinking:

Businessmen learning about one another's business, doing business with each other based upon a foundation of trust.

Today, to survive the Club must be representative of our surroundings focussing upon building productive relationships and serving our community. We are individuals of different genders and different backgrounds but remain resilient to our purpose.

I ask you to be upstanding to toast the Rotary Club of Dayton, Ohio.

**Acting President Don** outlined the program for the evening to include induction of a new member and the award of a Paul Harris Fellowship.



New Member Induction of **Dennis Coysh** was performed by **PP Don Graham**

Dennis has already participated in several projects including the Bong Bong races BBQ as well as attending numerous meetings. He was introduced by Ian Donges.

New Rotarian **Dennis Coysh** gave a brief outline of his background.

Dennis is from Somerset / with a good pommie accent. Thank you to Bob and Mary Ramsay for their support and also to Ian Donges and Leigh Robinson.

After leaving school, he worked as a chef for a few years before working in a cash and carry business.

Dennis then worked for Robertson Foods in Cornwall. Pommie members will remember the Golliwog label before it was expunged as politically incorrect! Daughter Emma was born there. After Robertson Foods Dennis then worked on special projects.

He set up a sales agency for 25 years before retirement in France where he and Doreen lived for 12 years. They then sold their house to a local farmer. Brexit also caused some issues. They contemplated their next move to either UK, Spain or Australia.

Son Alex encouraged them to come to Australia where he was located on the Northern Beaches. When they came they decided sand and surf was not their style but The Highlands did suit. Dennis was welcomed by members.



### Announcements:

**16 January 2025** is the Scouts BBQ at the Mittagong PCYC. **President Bob** is currently finalising details with the PCYC and there will be calls for volunteers by email.

**1 February 2025** – Bowral Rugby Club is seeking assistance with a rugby trial game. Around 3000 are expected to attend - which could be a good BBQ opportunity. Details will follow. Next meeting will be 14 Jan bare foot bowls at the Bowling Club. Commences at 5:30 with normal meeting at 6:30.

Thank you to **Rosemary** for her efforts in making up the hampers and managing the raffle this evening.

### Hill Top Playground

Last Saturday was the official opening of the Hill Top Playground and Ian Langford was there to deliver an full photo coverage of events on the day.

The opening event was a proud moment for the Hill Top Playground Committee. **Mayor Jesse Fitzpatrick** of Wingecarribee Shire Council opened the proceedings followed by **Judy Hannan MP**, State Member for Wollondilly. Rotary was represented by **Robbie Allen, David Rees, Ian Langford, Leigh Robinson and Bob Miller.**

**Leigh Robinson** then presented an oversized Corflute Rotary cheque for **\$4,000** towards the repair of the previous vandalism damage on behalf of **RCBM.**

There was a Federal grant which covered about half the playground and the Wingecarribee Shire Council funded the remainder.



**PP Don Graham** described the significance of a Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) and announced an award for Will Eddowes:

Will Eddowes:

The presentation of a PHF recognition award is Rotary's way of expressing its appreciation for your substantial contribution to the success of our Club not only through your functional knowledge and skills but ability to generate and create solutions to problems that result in improved performance.

You join a remarkable company of people throughout the world, all recognised for their commitment to Service Above Self to benefit local and international communities.

It gives me great pleasure to present you with these emblems of appreciation.

We congratulate you and thank you for your commitment to Rotary's common goals.

Please stand and join me in congratulating Will.



**PP Don Graham** made a very important announcement:

**Robbie Allen** has agreed to be **President Elect**, taking the reins for 2025/2026. The response in the room clearly showed that this was a popular decision. Congratulations **Robbie!**



**Robert De Jongh** was asked by **Acting President Don** if he had a suitable joke, Robert's offering got the usual mix of laughs and groans – more when he had explained it!

**Ian Donges** ran quiz 1, 'Who am I' for women: the answer was Sam Mostyn.

**Barbara Humphries** ran quiz 2, 'Where am I', the answer was Lapland

**Ian Donges** ran quiz 3 for men: the answer was Ray Hadley.



**Sergeant Lynton Kettle** ran a short fine session.

**Rosemary Kelly** is to be congratulated for assembling seven beautiful hampers which were the subject of the raffle. The money made was around \$800 which the club will top up to \$1000 for the Uniting Church food program.

The evening closed with a couple of **carols**, the words of which were projected on the screen. Not a musical masterpiece but good fun!

**President Bob Miller** sent this message from the Covid isolation bay:

Club Members,

Our Christmas Party, I understand, was thoroughly enjoyed by members, partners and guests and was the culmination of an exceptional period of achievement for the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong.

The preparation and commitment that contributed to the evening's enjoyment reflect the teamwork and collaboration that has resulted in successful outcomes drawn from the many challenging projects undertaken during this past six months.

The Club's interaction with the community went beyond donations, with many initiatives undertaken designed to promote goodwill and understanding with fellowship remaining our key driver for strengthening our membership.

Congratulations and feel proud of what we have achieved.

May you all have a safe and enjoyable Christmas.

**Bob**

## *Birthdays*

DECEMBER: Rose Conley 25/12; Barbara Humphries 19/12; Paul Leotta 19/12; Leigh Robinson 7/12.

JANUARY: Des Rudolph 10/1; Brian Ritson 5/1.

## *Gallery*

