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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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## And the next meeting – 8 December

Details Below

**SEE BELOW ABOUT ONGOING COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-SAFE RULES**

REGULAR VENUE IS THE HIGHLANDS HOTEL  
(formerly The Lion Rampant)  
Main Rd, Mittagong (corner Victoria St)

**OR WE ZOOM IF LESS THAN THRESHOLD NUMBER, 20**

2 course, alternate drop meals are \$30 per person  
Vegetarian meals are available, request when RSVP'ing Trevor

**DON'T FORGET PLEASE:**

**RSVP and pay on line no later than sunset Sundays.**

EFT to General Account (account ends 636) – no cash please.

Rotary International President Holger Knaack's theme for 2020-21,

***Rotary Opens Opportunities,***

asks Rotarians to create opportunities that

strengthen their leadership,  
help put service ideas into action  
and improve the lives of those in need.

**1 December, 2020**

*Thanks to Trevor for notes...*

Welcome from **President Rod** to:

**DG Michael Moore** and partner **Helen**.

**Carolina Torregrosa** and her Mum **Fely**); and **Dom Williams**. Both will be inducted and welcomed tonight.

Partners of members: **Ria McCosh**

Invocation: **Jim Gasson**

International Toast: **Gwenda Webb**

*Cricket loving Members will recognise past players such as Wes Hall, Gary Sobers, Frank Worrell and Joel Garner as West Indies cricketers from the island of **Barbados** at the east edge of the Caribbean.*

*Barbados is just East of the Windward Islands, that string of islands which run north off South America, curve around the Caribbean Sea to the west ending in Dominica and Cuba.*

*It was colonised by Portugal from 1532 until 1620 and occupied by Britain in 1625.*

*Yesterday it celebrated its Independence from the United Kingdom in 1966.*

*It remains a Member of the Commonwealth and still provides players to West Indies Cricket. The population is around 287 000 and its capital is Bridgetown.*

**Rotary District 7030** covers 17 countries in the Caribbean and the top of South America. 3 of the 72 Clubs in the District are in Barbados.

*The oldest of these is the **Rotary Club of Barbados** which was Chartered in 1962 and has 88 very active members led by **President Fiona Hinds**.*

*At this time last year the Club ran a rock concert with half a dozen bands including an Elton John cover band from England to raise funds for their Schoolhouse for Special Needs Project. The concert is delayed this year for obvious reasons.*

***In acknowledgement of the Independence Day of Barbados would you please be upstanding and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Barbados.***

(The typical letter that Rod sends to our highlighted Clubs is attached.)

#### **Announcements:**

**Rod Aistrophe** - WSC request to run a Drive in Theatre at Moss Vale. Comprises BBQ, food and traffic management. Yet to be confirmed by WSC. Will be in conjunction with the other Rotary Clubs. Funds for Fire Relief. Dates are 17, 18, 19 December.

**Mary Ramsay** - Spotlight BBQ now 9th December. Require 4 people 120 sausages. Wednesday. Please let Mary know if you can help.

**Christmas Party** - please book online ASAP.

Welfare Update:

**John Hoelle** - While volunteering at Thirlmere Train Museum, John tripped and cut open his face. Spent a night in Liverpool Hospital.

**Tony Glenn** - currently battling a bad case of shingles.

**New Member Inductions:** President Rod and DG Michael Moore welcoming the world's newest Rotarians!

Rod's Welcome and Induction speech

*Fellow Rotarians,*

*It is some 30 years since I last inducted a new Member into Rotary so how lucky am I to have the privilege and pleasure of welcoming two new Members into our Club.*

*Carolina Torregrosa has joined us for a number of meetings now and was proposed for Membership of the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong by David McCosh.*

*Carolina, your application for Membership has been reviewed in accordance with our Constitution and by-laws.*

*Because of your clear interest in the objectives which we all share, previously demonstrated by your involvement in Rotaract we believe that you possess the qualities, character and motivation which ideally equip you to make a positive contribution to the advancement of Rotary and service to our Community. I am pleased to welcome you into Membership of the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong.*

*Our principal motto is Service above Self and the Object of all Rotary Clubs is to encourage and foster this ideal as a basis of worthy enterprise.*

*I am very pleased to have this induction supervised by our District Governor Michael Moore and I ask him to pin on your badge signifying you joining over 1¼ million Rotarians in the oldest and largest service organisation in the World.*

*Your Membership Classification is Accountant and I ask David to present you with your dinner badge.*

*And finally I am pleased to present you with your Certificate of Membership and the Object of Rotary.*

*Fellow Rotarians I am pleased to present to you the world's newest Rotarian, Carolina Terragrosa.*

*Would you make her welcome.*

**Carolina Torregrosa** gets the Certificate with **David** nearby...



... and says a few words.



**Dominic Williams** is inducted...Rod's welcome

*Dominic Williams has also joined us for a number of meetings now and was proposed for Membership of the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong by Don Graham.*

*Dominic, your application for Membership has been reviewed in accordance with our Constitution and by-laws.*

*Because of your clear interest in the objectives which we all share, previously demonstrated by your Membership of several other Clubs, most recently the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove over 44 years we know that you possess the qualities, character and motivation which ideally equip you to continue to make a positive contribution to the advancement of Rotary and service to our Community I am pleased to welcome you into Membership of the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong.*

*Since you will already have a box full of Rotary pins we won't burden you with another, but I will ask the District Governor to present you with your Certificate of Membership of this Club.*

*Your Membership Classification is Barrister and I ask Don to present you with your dinner badge. I present you with a copy of the Object of Rotary.*

*Fellow Rotarians I am pleased to present to you one of the world's longest standing Rotarians but our newest, Dominic Williams. Would you make him welcome.*

Dominic then said a few words to mark his transfer into Membership of the Club.



and welcomed by **Don...Dominic** also had a few words to say.



**DG Michael Moore** addressed the meeting: (did anyone place bets on how long?)





Michael acknowledged the indigenous people of the land. He has researched the contribution each club makes and has observed the activities of our Club, including Youth, community and international.

Rotarians contribute 470,000 hours each year. In AUD the work is worth over \$1B. Rotary is in a unique position to be able to assist with distribution of Covid vaccines. This year's logo is "Year of Opportunities". This aligns with the merge of Districts either side of the Hume Highway.

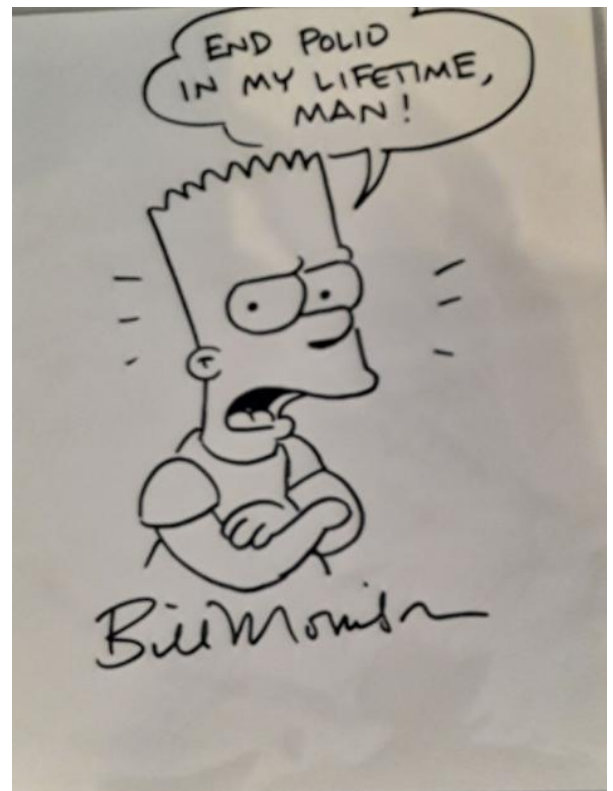
100 years of Rotary - one project is to distribute Cervical Cancer prevention packages across the Pacific.

District 9700 was vulnerable to a merger, however the 2 DG's at the time grasped the initiative and drove the merge process.

A new Rotary area of interest is the 7<sup>th</sup>, being "The Environment".

There are 4 requests from **RI President Holger Knaack**.

1. New and innovative club models eg, Zoom, Mums & Bubs, Passport Clubs, Corporate Clubs.
2. At least one Strategic Meeting at each Club on where we want to be in 5 years and a map of how to get there.
3. Be careful to make sure that new members are a good fit, and are looked after.
4. Polio eradication – finishing the job.



Our new District is the size of England. The new District Management Structure is comprised of a Strategy Committee chaired by DGE, and Operations Committee chaired by DG.

RI Governor Nominee is Jennifer Jones (Pres 2022-23) from Canada. Correlates with a female DG for D.9705.

District Conference - 20th & 21st March - Bathurst - Motor museum on Friday night 19th, as well as an array of prominent guest speakers.

DG will be requesting each club to provide a 5 minute slide show outlining activities the Club is undertaking.

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### **A reminder of the Highlands Hotel's Covid 19 Government Guidelines:**

The space we are using is very flexible in size and through the use of screens will be managed in accordance with all the Covid 19 requirements. There will be round tables of 8 People; each table will be at least 1.5 metres from each other.

On entry each participant will receive a wristband to identify them as a participant in the meeting; this will ensure no-one else enters our space, and we don't drift into other areas of the hotel.

All members will need to be seated throughout the meeting, to avoid mingling with non-meeting guests. You can change table but NOT stand to chat.

Drinks can be purchased at the bar by attendees, but you must return to your designated area.

We will have the disabled toilet suitably signed for our exclusive use.

