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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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**For the immediate future, the style of meeting is a bit uncertain.
It depends on how many people are coming.**

For now, meetings are likely to be via Zoom.

We need 20 members to have a face to face meeting; otherwise we Zoom.

NEXT MEETING: 8 September, 2020

**On resumption of face to face meetings, you MUST RSVP by Monday 10 am
EFT to General Account (account ends 636) – no cash please.**

Subscriptions are also due.



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.

"ZOOMING ABOUT" WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL- MITTAGONG

1 September, 2020

President Rod welcomed all RoZoomIans attending.

Invocation – from **Luciano**

International Toast – **Brian P**

The **Slovak Republic** is located in central Europe bordered by Hungary in the south, Ukraine to the east, Poland to the north and Austria and the Czech Republic to the west. The land was settled by the Slavs in the 5th and 6th Centuries and from the 10th Century became part of the Kingdom of Hungary and eventually the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

With the breakup of the Empire in 1919 the independent state of Czechoslovakia was formed and with the exception of the disruption of World War 2 remained together until they voluntarily separated in 1993 into the Czech and Slovak Republics after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Today, 1st September is Constitution Day celebrating the adoption of the Independence Constitution in 1992.

Now-a-days Slovakia is a country of 5½ million with an advanced economy with high living standards and is a Member of the European Union and the OECD. Its capital is Bratislava of 660 000 people on the western border with Austria, only 50 km from Vienna. It is a busy Danube River port and manufacturing centre, home to Skoda cars.

The Rotary Club of Bratislava Danube is in District 2240 which has 16 Clubs in Slovakia and 44 Clubs in the Czech Republic.

It was Chartered in 2007 and has 22 Members led by **President Gerta Flassikova**.

They run a riding for disabled children program called *Don't Forget* which uses ponies to give children the opportunity to interact with large animals, like our Riding for the Disabled Australia organisation.

Would you please join me in acknowledging Constitution Day in Slovakia and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Bratislava Danube.

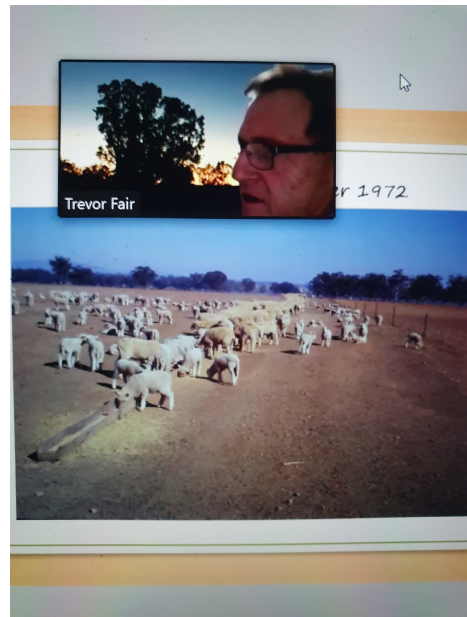
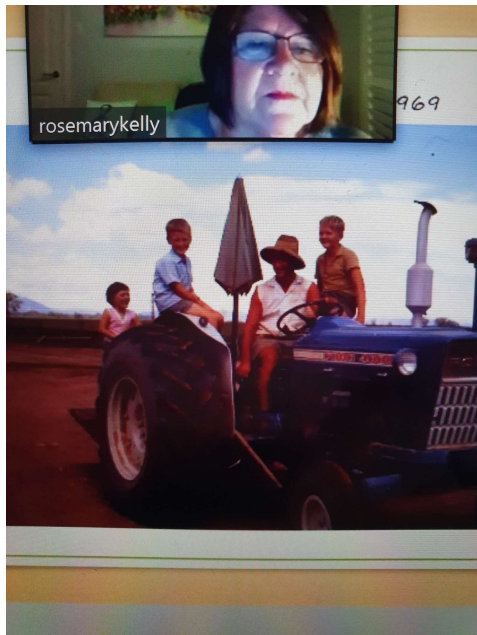
Announcements for the good of Rotary:

President Rod described how our attempt at the "United in Care" project was frustrated by apparent indifference and privacy concerns from some of the aged care institutions that had been approached. Notwithstanding that, attached are some details about the event.

Vicki, recovering well after her recent operation, is galloping forward (!) with information about Shire community development grants for communities impacted by bushfires; more information to come via Kath Brennan, the Wingecarribee Community Development Officer. **Brian R** to be approached to see if we can get some input from the RFS.

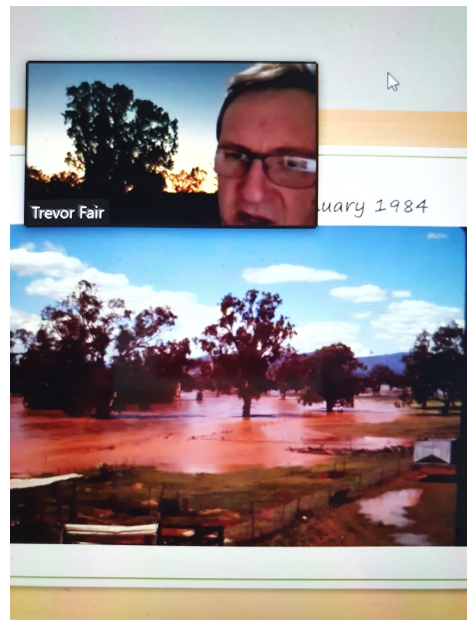
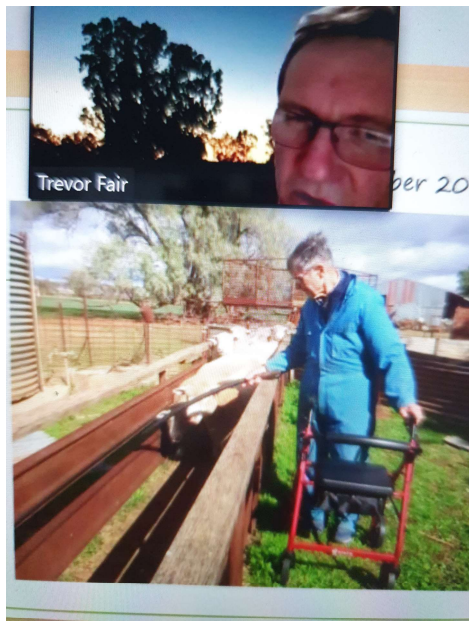
Vicki also arranged a short video with an important warning about the impact that covid-19 has had on the health of the Professor of Cardiology at John Hunter Hospital. Just don't get it, ok?

Then it was over to Trevor, the kid in the blue shirt below (*sorry Rosemary, I still have computer problems and couldn't edit this photo*), who provided us with a history of the Fair Farm in Tamworth. The history is being celebrated this weekend with his father's 90th birthday.



Dad still running hard after his fairly recent hip replacement.

Of droughts and flooding rains....”



“I love a sunburnt country, A land of
sweeping plains, Of ragged mountain
ranges,...

**A great story, thanks Trevor. We all
wish your Dad many happy returns!**

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FYI: VH-XWI was ferried from Broken Hill to Aldinga, SA yesterday. The ferry met covid requirements and the plane performed perfectly.

I start transition training next week. And yes, Aldinga Airfield is in the heart of the McLaren Vale vineyards.

Stay safe everyone, see you next Tuesday evening 😊