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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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**And the next meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> April  
@ The Hermitage,  
Cnr Old South Rd and Bong Bong Rd  
Mittagong.  
Mud map attached.**

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**“Down the track”, news from Vicki**

**We are planning a trip to the Thirlmere Rail Museum followed by lunch - so stay tuned for details**

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.

**13 April, 2021**

**Welcome to the Club, for the last time at The Highlands. And now:**

**(Drum Roll.....) Heeeeer's Rod!**

**President Rod Aistrop** welcomed Members and Guests:

**Leigh Robinson** - Rotary Club of Wollongong (perhaps for the last time???) and **Mike Guilty**.

Invocation: **Brian Elliott**

International Toast: **Trevor Fair**

*Last week we toasted the Rotary Club of Kupang recognising the people of Indonesia and Timor Leste, who were beaten up by Tropical Cyclone Seroja which started up there. We observed that it was off into the Indian Ocean to wander about.*

*Well it did that, met up with Cyclone Odette and on Sunday night rolled over the Western Australia coast at Kalbarri about 120km north of Geraldton. Travelling at over 50km an hour across country it crossed the south coast into the Great Australian Bight around 6am on Monday and has since joined up with another non-tropical cyclone in the Southern Ocean.*

*Whilst no lives were lost in Australia, Seroja took over 160 in our neighbouring countries. It did a fair bit of damage but did bring good rains to the farmlands of WA.*

*There is no Rotary Club in Kalbarri but there are two in Geraldton in **District 9445.***

**The Rotary Club of Geraldton** was Chartered in 1950 and has 23 Members led by **President Karen Godfrey**.

*They have a history of RAWCS projects with their efforts directed towards Africa*

*and Indonesia. There will certainly be work for them in helping the recovery in their region.*

**With our thoughts going out to our own people affected by Seroja, would you please raise your glasses and make our International Toast this week to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Geraldton.**

**Announcements**

**Ian Langford:**

List for Science and Engineering Challenge returned to our tables. Please put YES or NO beside your name - do not leave blank.

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**President Rod Aistrop:**

There were no Agenda Items submitted by Members before the Assembly.

**Club Assembly Agenda:**

**Ian Langford** spoke about RC of Moss Vale. They are looking for reciprocal service opportunities eg building a bigger team for MV Show to do gates and kiosk.

Members generally agreed to support this.

**The New Rotary Year**

**PE Will Eddowes** spoke about the next Rotary Year. As with President Rod, we need to be seen in the community.

Will's Board is

- Trevor Fair - Secretary
- David Rees - Community Service
- Denise Coad - Club Service
- Louie Liberale - Membership
- Rod Aistrop - PP and International
- Brian Ritson - Fundraising
- Robert de Jong - Youth

Ray W – Publicity, IT and PR

Tulip Time and Bong Bong Races are scheduled to happen in Spring 2021. So is the Bowral Classic; no news yet if we'll get a role.

We'll be looking at new opportunities to get members, especially younger people, including offering corporate membership.

Will's looking for a fresh effort with the website and ClubRunner.

One possibility for fundraising is offering SH historical tours.

When covid-19 allows, Breakfast Club should resume. They will need some funds - ? \$1,000.

At this time, nothing is happening with RAWCS

Comments from the floor:

Opportunities include:

Graffiti Day leadership

100 Years of Rotary

Our own celebration for 80 years (planned for last years but foiled by covid-19)

Pushing for Rotaract SH

Celebrating vaccinations

Foundation Director?

**NEXT WEEK: PARTNERS NIGHT AT OUR NEW VENUE, ON TRIAL UNTIL JUNE.**

**MAKE SURE YOUR OPINION IS KNOWN OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.**

**SEE MUD MAP (appendix) FOR ACTUAL LOCATION AND PARKING.**

**\$35/HEAD, BYOG.**

**Birthdays in April**

**Don Graham 9/4; Vicki Kelley 13/4; Brian Elliott 18/4**