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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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And the next meeting - 20 October: Face to Face!!

SEE BELOW ABOUT ONGOING COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-SAFE RULES

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

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

Please note: you MUST RSVP no later than Sunday evening.

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.

13 October, 2020

(Thanks so much, Trevor, for these notes.

RW 😊

Journalist: Trevor Fair

Invocation: Brian Elliott

Welcome - Sergeant Lynton welcomed all, re-introduced himself and gave a special welcome to **John Barrett & Ian Scandrett** from Friends of Bowral and Council, as well as **Carolina Torresgrosa** and visiting Rotarian **Dominic Williams**. Dominic joined Rotary in 1968 in Forbes before transferring to Sydney Cove in 2001. Dominic has moved to SH and is looking for a new Rotary home.

A reminder of the 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.

International Toast: Trevor Fair

Spain celebrated its National Day yesterday, being the date in 1492 when Christopher Columbus landed in the Bahamas and claimed the Americas for King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.

It was also the day on which the Spanish recaptured Granada to complete the *Reconquista* - the reconquest of the southern half of the Iberian Peninsula from the Moors which had lasted 781 years since the Muslim invasion in 711 AD.

Columbus, who was actually Italian sailed from and returned to Palos de la Frontera near Cadiz on the Atlantic south coast in Andalusia. There is no Rotary Club in Palos but there is one in nearby Huelva which was established as a port by the Phoenicians in the 9th Century BC and occupied in turn by the Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans and Visigoths before the Moors.

Today Huelva is a city of 145, 000 served by the **Rotary Club of Huelva** which was Chartered in District 2203 in 1984.

President Andreas Rodriguez leads 15 Members struggling along like much of Europe and especially Spain with the resurgence of the virus. They are still active in providing food parcels to people in need of support during the pandemic.

Would you please be upstanding and, in recognition of the National Day of Spain, toast the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Huelva.

Announcements:

Reports:

Rosemary Kelly - Uniting Church Bowral has a plant sale this weekend - proceeds will continue funding for Welfare Officer.

President Rod - Update on recent activities

- BBQ for World polio Day is being planned for Corbett Plaza.
- Community Concert in conjunction with Berrima District - 16 nursing homes participated with 1100 people accessing site.
- BlazeAid - team recently went to Moruya area where 1.5km of fencing was erected.
- Club has donated a freezer to OzHarvest.
- Welby has recently employed a Community Liaison Officer, planning is under way for development of activities.

Judy Ritson update - Judy is currently at home. A medical conference is to occur next Monday to plan further treatments. The Club has sent flowers to Judy.

Sergeant's Session

Lynton didn't waste any time and went straight for various jugulars!

Ian Scandrett / **Rosemary**

Will Eddowes for flying

Fencing Team - 1.5km of straight stock proof fencing. **Brian Elliott** is to check

Trevor Fair - 60th birthday

Building stimulus - Government, move out of Sydney, &

Vicki Kelley - it was a simple paint job, now a full renovation.

John Elder also responsible for building stimulus

Real Estate heat - **Gwenda**

Ian Langford has missed standing at Corbett Gardens

Steam Train - **John Hoelle** was driving the Steam Train -3801

Des Rudolph - joined the Club at lock down - first opportunity

David McCosh - moving out of Welby to Pepperfield

All the wood buyers - need to buy some more to get rid of stock @ summer prices.

Guest Speakers



Ian Scandrett - Councillor on WSC -

Has been on council for 9 years on WSC. Comes from a service background. Parents heavily involved in volunteering, so it was just expected?

Still trying to make a difference. Next election is Sept 2021.

The Station St project commenced with funds from the Port Kembla lease. Was initially the Bowral St Bypass now called Station St Bypass. The main aim is to get vehicles off Bong Bong St (which is the designated road).

The project morphed, and by this term was just a Station St bypass. Original cost was \$9.5m now ballooned to \$15.5m

John Barrett - Friends of Bowral & Friends of Wingecarribee.

Have been able to see, through FOI, the decision making process. One aim is to get Bong Bong St as a Council road. What has transpired is a re-alignment of Station St. RMS has not accepted the change of designated road to Station St as it does not meet current standards.

149 trees are identified for removal. Of special significance are the 8 Oak trees which were planted in 1936 for the coronation of King George VI.

Disappointment is not just Council, but also State Government with land allocation

especially near the train station. Dept of Infrastructure are required to approve of any changes to project.

Friends of Wingecarribee is a new group which has recently formed. Looking to run candidates however is a complicated process. Also looking at the gender imbalance. Looking to coach persons to become Councillors, including the infrastructure and logistics etc.

Q&A

The Stage 2 (Bowral St to Links Rd would remove 40% of vehicles from Funston St Roundabout),

Moss Vale Bypass has \$20m grant 2.5m currently issued for planning phase.



A message from President Rod

We have secured the Corbett Plaza site for a BBQ on Saturday, 24th October as our World polio Day Event. Subject to weather it will be from 9am to 1pm.

Please, all and any volunteers, can you advise **Robert** of your availability? If anyone can help check and organise gear at the shed, please let Mary or David know.

If anyone has the inclination we could run BBQs at Corbett Plaza or elsewhere on a regular basis while we don't have much else to do. Thoughts please.