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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.**

**Please bear with Rod and Trevor for now. Some meetings may be via Zoom.**

**We need 20 members to have a face to face meeting at SHW, otherwise we Zoom.**

**NEXT ZOOM MEETING: 25 August, 2020**

**5:30 unless advised otherwise.**

**If you are coming to a face to face meeting, you MUST RSVP by Monday 10 am or you will not be fed!  
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

18 August 2020

*Before I go on: I had a major computer catastrophe this week. Eventually I recovered most of my data but screen shots from our last meeting are lost forever. Currently I can't play with images. Sorry to Mary and Gwenda especially as I had a few really nice photos 😞.*

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**President Rod** welcomed all.

Invocation: **Brian Elliott**

International Toast: **Brian Pattinson**, who also had computer malfunctions – so President Rod stepped up.

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

The Indonesian islands have been inhabited for thousands of years. From the second century AD they were ruled by Hindu and Buddhist Kingdoms until the spread of Islam saw them transformed by the 13th Century into Sultanates.

In 1602 the Dutch East India Company moved in and essentially took over government and commerce with Europe until it became bankrupt and the Dutch Monarchy took it over as a colony in 1800.

A strong independence movement had developed during the 20th Century which was assisted by the Japanese invasion in 1942 which ejected the Dutch. Part of the political movement worked with the Japanese while the rest established an underground.

When the Japanese surrendered on 15th August, 1945 they were ready and Sukarno declared independence on 17th August. The Republic of Indonesia was confirmed on 17th August, 1950 and now is a stable democracy of over 270 million

people a short boat trip to our north west.

**Bandar Lampung** is a port city of just over one million on the southern tip of Sumatra.

It is served by the Rotary Club of Bandar Lampung which was Chartered in District 3410 in 1984. **President Linda Melati** leads 29 Members.

They have two continuing projects which meet objectives of the Rotary Foundation in education and health.

They provide advanced books through the Rotary Reading Centre Foundation in local village schools and build small toilet buildings in the villages which otherwise have no sanitary facilities.

**In recognition of the Independence Day of our neighbour Indonesia would you please raise a glass and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Bandar Lampung.**

Announcements for the good of Rotary:

**Mary** reported on Vicki who is lining up for a new hip. We all send our very best to you, **Vicki** and hope that you have a speedy recovery. 😊

9 people went to a birthday celebration for **Ray Coulton**.

**Mary** advised that the Cycling Classic has been cancelled, thanks to Covid-19. Many people come from interstate and even New Zealand. It's possible it will be on next March.

To add to that, **Rod** advised that Bong Bong Races are also cancelled for this year. Our fund-raising efforts will be severely curtailed this year – does anyone have any ideas?

And to add to that, it seems that Dream Cricket may not happen as a gala event but **Ken Adams** thinks that clinics might proceed in the bigger schools.

**Don** gave an update on the FireAid trip from 30/8 to approximately 11/9. Eight

are intending to go; accommodation is sorted; it was decided by show of hands to dispose of the meat in the shed freezer as it's use-by date was uncertain and to offer the drinks to BlazeAid if they were within date. Call Don for any last-minute information.

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## **MEMBER ONE ON ONE**

Mary interviewed Gwenda about the state of the real estate market in the Highlands. It was really interesting to watch and listen to our two professionals working in the industry.

In summary:

There are just as many listings as ever and turnover is strong; the difference is that purchasers are actively canvassing for properties.

Inspections are now mainly by appointment and purchasers can be checked to see if they are qualified – a better result for all. Agents can form relationships with prospects. Most sales are by Private Treaty; auctions have dropped off.

The Sydney rental market is suffering as there are fewer immigrants entering the country.

There were a few questions about the current market and some observations about Over-55 retirement villages.

We're looking for more One on One interviews; any volunteers?

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Trevor is surveying members about the Zoom meeting time. Stand by for any change but meantime, we meet again at 5.30 Tuesday 25/8