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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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**And the next meeting – 27th 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.

20 April, 2021

Welcome:

President Rod welcomed all and complimented the surroundings.



Rod also thanked Brother Bill for his planning and hospitality. Brother Bill provided an explanation of facilities. One of the areas of service of the Marist Brothers is hospitality.

Invocation: Brian Elliott

International Toast: David McCosh

Zimbabwe celebrated its Independence Day last Sunday marking 41 years since independence. In the succeeding years it has struggled under the Mugabe government and is only now starting to recover since his death in 2019.

It was colonised by the British South Africa Company in 1840. In its short history, the Country went from self-governing colony in 1923, to the Central African Federation with Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, 1953 to 1963, back to self governing colony as Rhodesia when Independence was granted to the other two countries renamed Zambia and Malawi, to an independent Rhodesia following the Unilateral Declaration of Independence from

Britain by the predominately white government of Ian Smith.

15 years of civil war followed. The war ended in 1980 when the Country was renamed Zimbabwe and independence was established under an African Nationalist government.

Bulawayo is the second largest city in Zimbabwe with 1.2 million residents. It was a significant manufacturing town but over the years much of the expertise and skills left for safer places and manufacturing has declined.

Still serving the people of the city is the Rotary Club of Bulawayo, Chartered in 1931 in District 9210 which also covers Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia.

President Sithenjisiwe Masiya leads 21 Members who are busy providing support to the poor of the city.

In recognition of the Independence Day of Zimbabwe and the continuing life struggles of its people, would you please raise your glasses and toast the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Bulawayo.

The RC of Northbridge, Sydney will be toasting our club tonight at their regular meeting.



The main meal was an alternate drop Pork and Apple Sauce or Roast Beef, slow roasted and Yorkshire Pudding.

Announcements:

Board meeting:

Breakfast Club is to be receiving a \$1000 donation to recommence in several weeks. A strong show of hands of volunteers

Marquee covers are to be replaced.

Firewood trailer will be purchased for sale of firewood as a fundraiser.

Don Graham: BlazeAid - early May at Adelong. Next time it would be great to see some females participating.

BlazeAid 2 - is being planned for October. It would be great to see some additional people then.

Will Eddowes - Boral Cement Works visit was planned for last March. Boral are now prepared to run a tour, Friday morning in May is being scheduled.

Registration for meetings. Need to advise Hermitage by Friday lunchtime.

Next week's program is Adam deToth, Area Governor.

Louie Liberale - KKKK Golf Day 27th April BBQ is being run by another organisation so maybe next time.

Science & Engineering Challenge - 1 space left in Primary Schools, 4 spaces for High Schools.

Mittagong RSL are adapting rooms to cope for Covid-19.

Seeking volunteers for 31 May and 1 June.

Guest Speaker - Leigh Robinson

Vicki Kelley introduced Leigh who has just completed his PHD in Volunteering.

"Volunteering The How, The Why and the Wherefore".

The environment that volunteers work in.

What is volunteering and what isn't it?

A major focus on volunteering burnout.

Volunteering is where time is provided with no reward, with no coercion,

Motivation is one of the keys to understanding volunteering.

Stress should be non-existent
Satisfaction should be high
Longevity should be as long as you can continue physically and emotionally

Well-being of each other is a concern of all of us.

Burnout is understandable but most Rotarians work through it.

Rewards

Are you Egoistic or Altruistic? Are you a Rotarian because you would like to make change in the world through service?

Volunteering is about service before self!



Raffle: Rose Conley - Wine only

Next week: Area Governor Adam de Totth will be joining us, providing an update of District matters.