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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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**And the next meeting - 27 October: Face to Face if we have 20!!**  
**Otherwise, we Zoom**

**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: RSVP no later than Monday lunchtime.**

**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.**

**20 October, 2020**

**Invocation: Brian Pattinson**

**Welcome – President Rod**

**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: Les Vickerman**

**Zambia** will be celebrating its independence from Great Britain this Saturday. We will be celebrating with them at our World Polio Day barbecue.

It had been colonised during the latter part of the 19th Century after Dr Livingston got lost walking through and Cecil Rhodes' geologist found copper. It was named Northern Rhodesia after him in 1911.

For most of its colonial period it was governed by a London appointed administration with advice from the British South Africa Company part owned and directed by Rhodes himself.

In 1964 it became a Republic with Kenneth Kaunda as the first President of the one party state which has evolved peacefully to now be a stable multi-party democracy with a population of 17.4 million.

The country still relies on copper for over 60% of its export income.

The **Capital** is **Lusaka**, a city of 2.7 million with 7 of Zambia's 22 Rotary Clubs.

**The Rotary Club of Lusaka** was Chartered in 1954 in District 9210 which also covers Malawi, Zimbabwe and part of Mozambique.

It has **32 Members led by President Pamela Samoyo** who have just completed and handed over a new water supply and sanitation project at a health outpost in rural Zambia. Rather like our Vanuatu project at Eles Centre School last year they supplied and installed a water storage tank, septic system, flushing toilets and wash basins converting a toilet block to provide proper hygienic facilities.

**In recognition of the Independence Day of the Republic of Zambia would you please be upstanding and toast the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Lusaka.**

**Announcements from President Rod and Leaders - Update**

There won't be an Assembly next week, now scheduled for 3 November.

**Vicki Kelley** has arranged a speaker from Your Angel to talk about an innovative robot that helps kids with physical and emotional challenges. Don't miss it!

We've told the publican that we plan to be back. There were only 11 starters this week for the planned face to face meeting. The Board needs to understand why and how any concerns can be addressed. Obviously there is shared concern about

Covid-19. In particular, the long-term future of the Club is an issue to be dealt with. How do we sustain participation?

**Ian Langford** hears that WHAM, the mens' health initiative, will come to us on request.

**Brian Pattinson** – a person supported by the Food Pantry is back on his feet and donated 100kg of rice recently.

**World Polio Day** – the BBQ at Corbett Plaza in honour of this day will go ahead **next Saturday** from 9 to 1. **Rod** will issue a service protocol and **Robert** will organize a roster. Zoom meeting this Thursday evening to discuss details.

**Robert** then talked about the situation with Polio in the world. This remains a stunning story. See the attachment – we're headed towards Zero cases in the world and the removal of this scourge.

**Ray W** to add story to our Facebook page.

**Members: please feel free to discuss any face to face meeting concerns with President Rod.**

**Meantime, somewhere, after a Zoom meeting....**



*"Your meeting's over. You can relax your Zoom Face now."*