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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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And the next meeting – 1 December

Details Below

SEE BELOW ABOUT ONGOING COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-SAFE RULES

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

OR WE ZOOM IF LESS THAN THRESHOLD NUMBER, 20

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

DON'T FORGET PLEASE:
RSVP and pay on line no later than sunset Sundays.

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.

24 November, 2020

Let's call this a virtual, virtual meeting due to technical difficulties.

This is last week's International Toast that was missed from TT 21.

The exotic Principality of **Monaco** was settled by the Greeks in 6th Century BC. Its name derives from the Greek words for "one house" for the temple built to honour Hercules, who was reputed to have driven out the other gods from the site.

The Grimaldi family seized the land in 1297 and through a number of different rulers over time including France after the Revolution and Italy and Germany during the Second World War ended up as the rulers again with Albert the second now Prince of Monaco. Albert's ascension to the throne on 19th November in 2005 has become the National Day.

A treaty with France guarantees Monaco its sovereignty and security and provides for all the services to its city, Monte Carlo.

Monaco occupies only 2.1 square kilometres of land but has a population of 38,300 rather rich folk - the nominal GDP is \$185,700 per person (compared with our \$50,800 - and we are 10th in the world)!

Mind you their total GDP is only \$7 billion compared with our near \$1.4 trillion. It is the densest settlement on the planet.

The Rotary Club of Cap d'Ail Portes de Monaco was Chartered in 2019. It is only the second local Club in District 1730 which includes 70 other Clubs across southern France.

President Yannick Fleche oversees this new Club of 17 Members.

Thankyou for joining me last week in our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Cap d'Ail in Monaco.

Here's some of their recent covid-related activity, translated from FaceBook:

Chambre d'agriculture des Alpes Maritimes

Nov 5, 2020

ALEX TEMPETE: Thank you Rotary Club.

Remember, the Chamber of Agriculture met with Rotary Club who wanted to mobilize for disaster farmers.

Thus, Rotary covered the rental costs of a small truck for deliveries from Bendola nursery to Saorge.

We share Chimene's message with you
" Thank you anyway for your help again!

We use trucks to deliver orders, hence the little one loading on the picture!

It's really a struggle season. We sell a good half of the production on fairs in normal times. We are reorganizing ourselves to sell the production ".

👉 A big thank you to the Rotary members who made it possible:

- part of emergency heliportages
- Buying straps and tarps for carrying hay
- taking charge of part of the transport of hay





SERVICE OPPORTUNITY SOON

DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHTS FOR BUSHFIRE RELIEF

Wingecarribee Shire Council is organising three free drive-in theatre nights at the Moss Vale Show Grounds on **Thursday 17th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th December**. Attendance will be limited to 120 cars per night and of course strict Covid-19 protocols will be in place.

We have been invited, along with others to

play a part in this community event to get people socialising again in a safe way and raise further funds for relief of local victims of last year's bush fires. While the event will be free donations will be encouraged.

All of the equipment logistics, arrangements and finance will be done by Council funded by a State Government Grant and RFS Members will be assisting on the nights subject to bush fire fighting duties.

Our involvement may be in assisting with the development of a traffic management plan before the event, marshalling of patrons including traffic flows and parking in viewing positions, ticket collection and QR scanning at the entrance, running our BBQ maybe selling other food as well, etc.

It is possible that we will be asked to take the lead role in running the event which will involve extending our Rotary insurance coverage and participating in planning and sourcing support for providing specific services. There will be no cost to our Club apart from food and drinks which we sell.

Council will make a donation to the participating clubs and the proceeds of our food sales would be ours.

The Board has indicated its strong support for our involvement but it can only happen if our Members make it happen. This is a rare opportunity this year to make ourselves visible, conduct a worthwhile community service activity and raise funds for our Club projects.

If you can make a firm commitment to this project on any or all of the evenings and setting up and taking down our stuff, please email Rosemary Kelly right away and make your support and availability known.

A reminder of the Highlands 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.