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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

District 9705 Charter Date 26 March 1940

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And the next meeting – 3 November: Robbie Allen's home

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)

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

Please note: <u>RSVP</u> 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.

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Thanks to Trevor for the notes

Welcome - President Rod

President Rod welcomed Carolina Torresgrosa, Dom Williams, as well as Melinda Moss and Lisa McGill, our guest speakers tonight, from Your Angel

International Toast: Mary Ramsay

Scotland was established in 843 AD as an entity amalgamating the Clans north of Hadrian's Wall. We don't know what the date of the establishment actually was but 27th October seems as good as any.

So tonight we will recognise its 1177th anniversary and make our International Toast to a Club in Scotland.

In the Southern Highlands our history of association with Scotland includes our regional name and the prominence of Argyle in our street names.

So if we look to that association we can look to the Argyll area on the west coast of Scotland and to the resort town of Oban.

It is an important ferry port serving the islands with 8 500 residents. It was a base for the Royal Navy during the war and now relies on tourism and transport for its local economy.

The Rotary Club of Oban was chartered in District 1230 in 1949 and has 41 Members led by President Kees van Rein. They meet at the Royal Hotel on Argyll Square.

Their web site shows a wide range of projects over the years. They pride themselves on their reputation as a sporting Rotary Club running golf, clay pigeon shooting, curling and other event days all as an excuse for fund raising.

They have even run duck races.

So in recognition of the long history of Scotland and our more recent association with it would you please be upstanding, raise your glasses and toast the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Oban.

Announcements

Robert de Jongh - Polio BBQ Saturday world polio day BBQ. Revenue \$594, net \$270. Board has agreed to round up to \$500 for End Polio Now.

Denise - Judy Ritson is currently at home with a daily visit from a nurse.

Vicki - next Tuesday is Melbourne Cup. Have an alternate plan of Pizza & Wine night at Robbie Allen's home, including a Club Assembly. 6:00 for 6:30 start.

Gwenda - 4 Way Spea king Test - students to submit talks via Video.

Mary Ramsay - Spotlight BBQ promotion new date in December at a date to be confirmed. Lookingfor 6 helpers.

AGM - 8th December - Will Eddowes looking for Board members and also President Nominee for 2022-2023.

Jim McAlpine - RCMV Golf Day looking for assistance.

Rod thanked the hosts for their hospitality and the new room allocation.

Lucky ticket Draw was won by **President Rod.**

Dinner

Alternate drop of either Chicken Schnitzel or Fettucini Carbonara followed by dessert.

Guest Speakers

Lisa & Mel - Local charity "Your Angel"



Peter Kazacos has set up a local Foundation. Peter's Foundation has developed a Robot.

Mel - Everything that is done is with a focus to provide an opportunity to give life skills.

School holiday activities - free activities. Also open to the General public who do pay.

Katz Kids Worksop

Robot is used with kids with Autism, behaviour disorders, etc. The program "Cooks Cooking School" - as a commercial proposition to try and support the charities, did not work for many reasons, so came within the Your Angel Charity.

The doors are open for anyone, \$25 per session. 2-3 recipes each class.

Work closely with Community Links.

During Covid, cooking school had to close.

Lisa, a trained chef, has worked with

Unilever, Hello Fresh and Jamie Oliver NSW operations.

The employee payroll is Lisa & Mel, both part time.

Every Thursday, develop recipes for the week, 2 courses each meal. The kit includes all the ingredients, volunteers help pack. Supporting 25 families. \$25 per pack.

15 recipe kits have been delivered. 567 kits, 344 kits 1550 mouths, have been free. As well as being supportive, also emotionally and empowering support.

Looking to develop a Christmas premium food kit, try and use as many local suppliers as possible.

\$50 kit for Christmas.

The area currently covered includes Camden to southern Wingecarribee.

The kit will also be open to the general public, where there will be a donation built into the price.

Ultimately buy one, get one free.

Currently have 10 volunteers on the books.

Next Week:

Due to the Melbourne Cup next Tuesday, it was agreed that we would not meet at the Hotel.

However Robbie Allen will host a Pizza and Wine night, combined with a Club Assembly and Fellowship.

Robbie's address is 18 Daphne St, Bowral M:0427 314 162

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.