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## Special Edition recognising the service above self by PP Ray Williams



## **High Flight**

Oh I have slipped the surly bonds of earth And danced the skies on laughter Silvered wings sunward I've climbed And joined the tumbling mirth

Of sun split clouds and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence
Hovring there, I've chased the shouting wind along
And flung my eager craft through footless halls of air

Up up the long delirious burning blue I've topped the windswept heights with East grace Where never lark, or even eagle flew

And while with silent, lifting mind I've trod The high untrespassed sanctity od space Put out my hand, and touched the face of God!

- read by Rosemary Kelly



## 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.

## **Meeting Notes:**

**Welcome:** President Rod welcomed all especially Adam de Totth - Area Governor, and Mary Crammond - President RC of Terrigal. Also welcomed were Faye Christie, Mara de Jongh, Michael Dealtry and PP Ray Coulton.

**Invocation:** Brian Elliott

International Toast: Don Graham

Tanzania was part of colonial German East Africa before the First World War and was a British Mandate as Tanganyika following the war. Zanzibar is on an island off shore from Dar es-Salaam which was inhabited for 20 000 years before the Portuguese took it as part of their empire expansion in 1503. It had been the major east African trading port with Arab and Asian traders from 1000 years ago especially in gold and spices. It was also the centre for the east African slave trade and was dominated by Arab Muslim rulers until Britain banned the trade and forced them out in the mid 19th Century and took it as a protectorate.

With the retreat from colonies after the Second World War Tanzania became independent merging with Zanzibar in 1964. It celebrated its National Union Day yesterday.

Zanzibar has a population of 1.5 million and its economy still relies on spices and nowadays tourism. Part of Zanzibar City is Stone Town, the first part of the town built of permanent materials. The Rotary Club of Zanzibar Stone Town is the only one on the island and was Chartered in 2005. It is in District 9211 which covers Tanzania and Uganda.

President Michael Nelson leads 16 Members who have just this month completed two health and hygiene projects in local village schools with support from English and European Clubs with District Foundation Grants. The photographs on their facebook page are striking reminders of our own most recent toilet block project at Eles Centre School on Nguna Island in Vanuatu – ours was of course better and prettier.

Rosemary Kelly recited a poem written by Ray Williams' daughter about flying. (see page 1)

#### Announcements:

Terry Mortensen had a tumour removed from stomach, and is home and feeling chipper. Looking forward to visitors.

Don Graham - BlazeAid - leaving on Sunday for a couple of weeks. Expecting to generate \$30k of work in kind over the 2 weeks.

Robert de Jongh - Wood Trailer has been procured. Ready to cut wood as soon as we return from BlazeAid. Need some signage etc.

### Induction:

President Rod and Area Governor Adam inducted Michael Dealtry as our newest member.



Shelterbag Presentation: Visiting Rotarian Mary Crammond - RC Terrigal.

2019 took club members to twin Club in South Africa. Shelter bag.

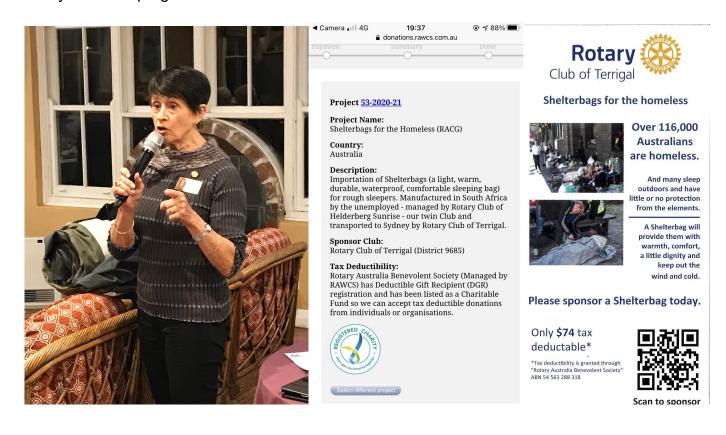
Covid made Mary aware of Australian homeless. On the Central Coast there are 1000 people homeless any night.

Fund raising included Grant of \$10k plus matching from Club. This month

Shelter bag is a warm waterproof sleeping bag design, light weight design.

Bag costs \$55 plus freight from South Africa. Sponsorship is \$74 per bag and is ax deductible.

Currently outreach program is the conduit for disbursement.



### Area Governor - Adam de Totth



Projects and sharing - Today Adam has heard about wood drives, BlazeAid etc and other Club projects.. Rotary is encouraging Clubs to connect with other organisations to enlarge projects and then to promote via social media. Utilising the theory of synergy.

After meeting at the recent District Conference Narooma and Narrandera became sister Clubs and aim to run joint projects.

DG Michael, to manage the new enlarged District developed Areas within the District and created Area Governors to assist with the management of the District.

Although the official title is Area Governor, Adam believes his real statement of duty reads as dogs body and am available to answer questions.

Raffle - Don Graham - Just the wine.

#### Remember:

Apologies to Trevor by 12 noon Friday for next week's meeting. Otherwise we look forward to seeing you there. EFT to the General Account \$35. BYO drinks.