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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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And the next meeting – 13th April @ Highlands Hotel

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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.

NB

After a detailed inspection and recommendations by Directors Vicki, PE Will, Rosemary and Mary, the Board has decided to move our meetings to the **Hermitage Marist Brothers Monastery** on Old South Road at the Bong Bong Road intersection, for a trial period extending until at least the end of June.

Our first meeting at the Hermitage will be on Tuesday, 20th April

6 April, 2021

Annd now. "Live" at the (Highlands) Local!

(Drum Roll.....) Heeeeer's Rod!

(Thanks again, Denise for notes 😊)

Welcome: **President Rod Aistrope welcomed Members and Guests:**

Leigh Robinson – Rotary Club of Wollongong

Mike Guilty – guilty of returning again as a Guest. As **Mike** said "here for another round".

It was good to see **Dom Williams** back, with **Faye**.

Invocation – **Tony Glenn**

International Toast: **John Elder**

The Indonesian islands have been inhabited for thousands of years. From the second century AD they were ruled by Hindu and Buddhist Kingdoms until the spread of Islam saw them transformed by the 13th Century into Sultanates.

From 1602 the Dutch East India Company took over government of the islands and commerce with Europe until its bankruptcy saw the Dutch Monarchy take it over as a colony in 1800.

The Japanese invasion in 1942 ejected the Dutch and when the Japanese surrendered in 1945 the independence movement was ready and Sukarno declared independence. The Republic of Indonesia was confirmed in 1950 and now it is a stable democracy of over 270 million people, a short boat trip to our north west.

*Indonesia shares the island of Timor with our friends in Timor Leste and both Timor and nearby East Nusa Tenggara were badly affected as **Tropical Cyclone Seroja** developed over the weekend. Very heavy rains caused*

damaging flooding which has left many people homeless with buildings and roads washed away and 160 dead.

*Seroja passed right over **Kupang** at the south west end of Timor and is wandering around the Indian Ocean gaining strength and working out if the Kimberley coast will be next.*

*Kupang is a port with a population of 435,000 who are served by the **Rotary Club of Kupang Central** which was Chartered in District 3420 in 2014.*

President Ratna Pongkapadang leads 18 Members in this fairly new Club.

Two projects which they have carried out in the past year have been making and distributing face masks and supply and installation of 5 permanent hand washing stations in local schools. They are sure to be busy helping their people recover from the cyclone in a precarious Covid environment.

With thoughts for our near neighbours in Indonesia and Timor Leste would you please raise a glass and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Kupang Central.

Announcements

Ian Langford:

List for Science and Engineering Challenge on tables. Please put YES or NO beside your name – do not leave blank.

President Rod Aistrope:

Change of Venue – we are looking at Marist Bros - Hermitage - Bowral for future Meetings. \$35.00 per head for Main, Desert, Bread Roll, Tea or Coffee. BYO Wine. This will be discussed with Members at Club Assembly next week's Meeting.

Club Assembly:

Plans for Science and Engineering

Challenge

The New Rotary Year

Blazeaid in May

District Governor Changeover at
Young 26/6

Sergeant Lynton strikes again:

Rose Conley – a good Driver as long as
you haven't been in a bus

John Elder – good with getting difficult
names of International Clubs and
Presidents

Brian Ritson – fined by Robert deJongh

Louie Liberale – 60 is the new 50 – he's
been booked 5 times

Tony Glenn – his Son was awarded a Blue
Ribbon at the Royal Easter Show

Dom and Faye – got home and no key so
broke into neighbours

Dom and Faye – Thursday night at their
place – everyone invited

David Rees – trimmed his beard

Rod Aistrope – Indulging at Marist Bros
Monastery

Will Eddowes – working at the Refuge

Cross Fines:

Will Eddowes for texting he had a puncture
at 4.50am this morning. His excuse - he
never got around to fixing it before !!

Lynton Kettle for buying an electric bike for
Jenetta. He ended up buying one for
himself, and his daughter and
granddaughter put on 50 klms testing it.
When they were testing it up the hill on
the way to Milton Park, they passed Tony
and Jules Glenn on their electric bikes.

Quiz Questions – Thanks to Vicki Kelly

General Questions – Rosemary Kelly – 20
Questions

Australiana Questions – Mike Guilty – 20
Questions

A lot of fun for Members - won by Trevor
Fair's Table by 2 points

President Rod closed the meeting, and
asked for Club Assembly items to be
emailed to him.

April Birthdays:

Don Graham 9/4; **Vicki Kelley** 13/4;
Brian Elliott 18/4