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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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And the next meeting - 13 October: Face to Face!!

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: you MUST RSVP no later than Sunday evening.

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.

6 October, 2020

(Thanks so much, Denise, for these notes.

RW 😊

Journalist: Denise Coad

Invocation: Brian Elliott

President Rod Aistrope: welcomed Members, Partners and Guests. To use a famous quote - "HOW GOOD IS THIS" – Our first face to face meeting for this Rotary Year.

Members attending: Rod Aistrope, Robbie Allen, Jo Chalmers, Denise Coad, Rose Conley, Robert De Jongh, Will Eddowes, Brian Elliott, Trevor Fair, Jim Gasson, Don Graham, Vicki Kelley, Rosemary Kelly, Luciano Liberale, David McCosh, Brian Pattinson, David Rees, Des Rudolph, Les Vickerman, Gwenda Webb

Partners: Eric Conley, Mara De Jongh, Rosemary Eddowes, Frank Kelly, Ria McCosh, Liz Pattinson

Guests: Carolina – Guest of David McCosh

President Rod introduced our Highlands Hotel hosts: Brett and Maz Tonkinson

They thanked **Des, Vicki, Rosemary and Mary** for organising the Venue.

Brett would appreciate feedback, as they would like to continue to host our Rotary Meetings.

Brett went through the 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: Jo Chalmers

The Sotho people emerged as a separate tribe in southern Africa in the early 19th Century when they fought against the dominant Zulus. They then came into conflict over land with the Dutch descendant Boers who were trekking north away from British rule in the Cape Colony.

Eventually their King appealed to Queen Victoria to be taken under protection and the new territory of **Basutoland** remained a British Protectorate until 1966.

Lesotho celebrated its **Independence Day** last Sunday.

The country is surrounded by South Africa, has a fairly low rainfall and 80% is over 1 800 metres above sea level. It has a population of around 2.1 million and its capital, **Maseru** on the northwest border with South Africa has 400 000 residents.

The Rotary Club of Maloti in Maseru, one of only two Clubs in Lesotho, was Chartered in 1994 in District 9370 and has 35 Members led by **President Yande Sikazwe-Mothae**.

September was Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month which has always been a focus for the Club. This year they received 60 boxes of books from *Books 4 Lesotho* from Australia and accepted other local community book donations. They distributed them to libraries, schools and the Juvenile Correction Centre.

In recognition of the Independence Day of Lesotho would you please be upstanding and make out International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Maloti-Maseru.

Announcements:

Denise Coad gave an emotional update on Judy Ritson. Brian was hoping to join us for our Meeting tonight. Judy is having daily Radiation treatment at Macarthur Cancer Therapy Centre in Campbelltown. There are 3 wonderful Doctors looking after Judy, and they are giving daily updates to Brian. Due to Covid 19 there is only one visitor at a time during set visiting hours. Please keep Judy and Brian in your thoughts, and send them your love and prayers.

Rosemary Kelley Please bring food donations for Oz Harvest and the Bowral Uniting Church to future Rotary Meetings.

Robert De Jongh End Polio Now Day October 24. Robert is hoping to organise a BBQ at Corbett Plaza. If it is going ahead he will ask for Volunteers.

Don Graham Moruya BlazeAid fencing program to help bushfire impacted properties. Our volunteers were: Les, Lynton, Will, Tony, Rob U, Don, Ray C, Louie. They completed 1 ½ Kms of fencing, and the value is \$20,000 to \$30,000 per klm. We volunteered \$30,000 in value – Material 40% and Labour \$18,000. Don may look at another program in November – a week or 10 days – as there is plenty of work to be done.

President Rod We are a service business so Members need to help out:

Mary Ramsay – Fundraising. Gwenda Webb – Youth

Sec Trevor: How to become an Australian Citizen.

1. What do we commemorate on Anzac Day?

↪ a. The landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli, Turkey during World War I

↪ b. The arrival of the first free settlers from Great Britain

↪ c. The landing of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove

2. What are the colours of the Australian Aboriginal Flag?

↪ a. Black, red and yellow

↪ b. Green, white and black

↪ c. Blue, white and green

3. What is the Commonwealth Coat of Arms?

↪ a. The national anthem

↪ b. Australia's national flower

↪ c. The official symbol of Australia, which identifies Commonwealth property

4. What happened in Australia on 1 January 1901?

↪ a. The Australian Constitution was changed by a referendum

↪ b. The separate colonies were united into a federation of states called the Commonwealth of Australia

↪ c. The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps was formed

5. What is the capital city of Australia?

a. Brisbane

b. Canberra

c. Perth

6. Which of these is an example of freedom of speech?

a. People can peacefully protest against a government action

b. Men and women are treated equally in a court of law

c. Australians are free to not follow a religion

7. Which of these statements about government in Australia is correct?

a. The government does not allow some religions

b. The government in Australia is secular

c. Religious laws are passed by Parliament

8. Which of these is an example of equality in Australia?

a. Everyone follows the same religion

b. Men and women have equal rights

c. Everyone belongs to the same political party

9. Which of these is a responsibility of Australian citizens aged 18 years or over?

a. To attend local council meetings

b. To vote in federal and state or territory elections, and in a referendum

c. To have a current Australian passport

10. Which of these statements about passports is correct?

a. Australian citizens can apply for an Australian passport

b. Permanent residents can hold an Australian passport

c. Australian citizens need a passport and visa to return to Australia

11. Which of these statements about voting in Australian elections is correct?

a. People are free and safe to vote for any candidate

b. Voting is by a show of hands

c. People must write their name on their vote

12. What is the name of the legal document that sets out the basic rules for the government of Australia?

a. The Australian Federation

b. The Australian Commonwealth

c. The Australian Constitution

13. What is a referendum?

a. A vote to change the government

b. A vote to change the Australian Constitution

c. A vote to change the Prime Minister

14. Which arm of government has the power to interpret and apply laws?

a. Legislative

b. Executive

c. Judicial

15. Which of these is a role of the Governor-General?

a. The appointment of state premiers

b. Signing all Bills passed by the Australian Parliament into law

c. The appointment of the Head of State

16. Which of these statements best demonstrates Australian values about freedom of expression?

a. Everyone can peacefully express their opinions within the law

b. People with different views from me need to keep quiet

c. Only approved topics can be discussed

17. Should people in Australia make an effort to learn English?

a. People in Australia should speak whichever language is most commonly spoken in their local neighbourhood

b. There is no expectation to learn any particular language in Australia

c. Yes, English is the national language of Australia and it helps to get an education, a job, and to integrate into the community

18. In Australia, can you encourage violence against a person or group of people if you have been insulted?

a. Yes, if you do not intend to carry out the violence

b. No, it is against Australian values and the law

c. Sometimes, if I feel very offended

19. Should people tolerate one another where they find that they disagree?

a. It is against the law to disagree with one another

b. No, people only need to treat each other with respect if they agree with one another

c. Yes, peaceful disagreement reflects Australian values in relation to mutual respect

20. Which of the following is an example of contributing to the Australian community?

a. Volunteering or fundraising for a charity is a great opportunity to strengthen our community

b. I should not make any effort to get to know other people

c. People in Australia should not contribute to the community because Australia is a free country

Vicki Kelley Next week's meeting Guest Speaker may be Scott Connolly from ONTRAC. This will be confirmed.

October Birthdays:

Terry Mortensen 7/10, Les Vickerman 14/10, Rosemary Kelly 31/10

MEETING CLOSED AND MEMBERS INVITED TO STAY FOR A WELCOME RETURN TO ROTARY FELLOWSHIP.

Speaking of Volunteering....



"I don't usually volunteer for experiments, but I'm kind of a puzzle freak."