

**And the next meeting – 15 December**  
**Christmas Dinner**  
**Glass Café, 84 Main St, Mittagong**  
**6pm for 6.30**

**Book Now Please to confirm numbers**

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**2020**



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.**

8 December, 2020

*Thanks to Trevor for notes...*

Welcome from **President Rod** to:

Returning Members **Brian Ritson & Bob Rheinberger**

Invocation: **Denise Coad**

International Toast: **David Rees**

The Seleucid Empire of Syria extended from south Turkey to Persia and Afghanistan and included Palestine in the second century BC.

In 164 BC, in response to defiling of their temple by a politically appointed high priest the Maccabean Jews rioted and regained control of the city of Jerusalem from the Seleucids.

The Jewish festival of **Hanukkah**, the **Festival of Lights** starts at sundown on Thursday, 10th December and runs until sundown on 18th in celebration of that event.

The rituals include lighting of each of the nine candles of a menorah, one more each night until on the last night they are all lit. The belief is that the lamps in the rededicated Temple of David burned for 9 days even though there was only enough oil in each lamp for one day.

The City of Jerusalem now-a-days has 1¼ million residents and of course it is the centre of constant tension – nothing has changed in 2½ thousand years or more.

The **Rotary Club of Jerusalem** is the nearest to the Temple. It was Chartered in 1929 in District 2490 and has 22 Members led by **President Dieter Ziulkowski**.

They are still meeting by Zoom and like us, their activities lately have been

limited by the pandemic.

**Would you please raise your glasses in recognition of the Jewish Festival of Hanukkah and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Jerusalem.**

See <https://www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org/> for an interesting read. RW

### **Announcements:**

**Rod Aistrop** - Drive in movie - due to lack of member and other clubs' support, we've withdrawn our support of event.

**Will Eddowes** - Spotlight BBQ - 9am - 1pm. Thank you to all for volunteers.

**Mary Ramsay** - Christmas Dinner 6pm for 6:30pm - **still need some people to get to the numbers.**

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### **AGM**

*Presidents Report - PP Robert de Jongh*

*Treasurer Report - Trevor Fair on behalf of Treasurer Ian Langford - moved Trevor Fair, seconded Vicki Kelley - Moved*

*Treasurers Report for this year update -*

*President's Report for this year update - Constrained in Club activities. Confident that we will be able to take on some projects in the New Year.*

*Election of Officers and Directors  
- Election of Secretary - Trevor Fair  
- Election of Treasurer - Jo Chalmers  
- Election of Directors - Denise Coad, David Rees, Robert Rheinberger, Robert de Jongh  
- Election of President Elect (2021-2022) - Brian Ritson*

*Will Eddowes - Comments  
Firstly thank you to those who have volunteered for Board positions.  
Positions we are looking at are;*

*Denise Coad - Club Service*  
*David Rees - Community Service*  
*Robert de Jongh - Youth Service*  
*Rod Aistrope - International*  
*Bob Rheinberger - Fundraising*  
*Vocational Service - TBC*  
*Foundation - TBC*

*Ray Williams has volunteered to support wherever he can be of assistance.*  
*Brian Ritson & Des Rudolph are both keen to assist where they can.*  
*Mary Ramsay is keen to continue with Tulip Time.*

*Will would particularly like to focus on Community Service. As well as keeping our name in the headline, it is an opportunity to encourage the community engaged.*

*AGM closed 19:33.*

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## **Club Assembly**

Science & Engineering Challenge still scheduled for 31st May - 1 June 2021.

4 Way Test - did not occur as no candidates.

Community Garden - is currently being planned.

Moss Vale Community Garden - 12th January meeting at Welby Garden Centre. Jill, Co-ordination of MVCG will present at the Club in the New Year.

Seeking projects for the next 6 months. If anyone has any ideas, please bring to the Board.

Venues - current venue background noise is an issue. Unless a new opportunity, we will stay put.

Golf Club is still a possibility in the New Year.

**Sausage Off** - to meet at the shed. To have a taste test checking the quality and taste of local sausages.

Alternate opportunities for food opportunities.

Need to review the catering quantities, stock controls etc. LL to co-ordinate.

Purchasing Officer - the responsibilities to include food & drink ordering etc to maximise profitability.