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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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**For the immediate future, the style of meeting is a bit uncertain.  
It depends on how many people are coming.**

**For now, meetings are likely to be via Zoom.**

**We need 20 members to have a face to face meeting; otherwise we Zoom.**

**NEXT MEETING: 15 September, 2020**

**On resumption of face to face meetings, you MUST RSVP by Monday 10 am  
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.

## "ZOOMING ABOUT" WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL- MITTAGONG

8 September, 2020

**President Rod** welcomed all RoZoomians attending.

Invocation – from **Brian Elliott**

International Toast – **David McCosh**

Sunday was the **National Day** of the **Kingdom of Eswatini** celebrating independence from the British Protectorate in 1968. It of course used to be known as **Swaziland**.

The country was a kingdom long before becoming a protectorate of Britain after the Boer War. It is mostly mountainous and landlocked surrounded by South Africa and bordering Mozambique on its east and has a population of 1.1 million. Its Capital city is Mbabane.

**Matsapha** is a town of 110 000 in the centre of Swaziland not far from the Capital.

**The Rotary Club of Matsapha** was Chartered in 2005 in District 9400 and is one of 5 clubs in Swaziland and 79 in District 9400 which also covers northern South Africa, Botswana and Mozambique.

The Club has only 8 Members led by **President Nozipho Dlamini** but they are active in a Rotary literacy program which buys and collects and distributes books to school children.

**Would you please raise your glass in honour of the National Day of Eswatini and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Matsapha.**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY**

**President Rod** reported on the United in Care concert organized by RCBD and supported by us and MV. About 100 logged in, the singing was nice and talent was displayed. It's hoped people feeling a sense of isolation in these covid times enjoyed the effort.

**Vicki** introduced Lucy who zoomed up to our meeting to explain what the Uniting Church is doing to support the community during covid-19.

It's clear that the Pantry is an *essential service* for some less fortunate people so they can continue to provide lunches, non-perishable food supplies and showers/clothes washing for a lot of people. The Church is working with other agencies like the Salvation Army, Anglicare and St.Vinnies to provide this practical assistance as well as offering some mental health respite, including to those affected by bushfires.

Lucy acknowledged our support (and Frank Kelly) as well as local businesses.

**Rosemary** gave a vote of thanks.

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Message from **Ken**: Following the question last night in reference to being able to make a donation to assist the Bowral Uniting Church Pantry Project enabling the organisers to buy food for distribution through the Pantry I advised that I would let you know the bank details for receipt of such donations as members maybe able to provide, see hereunder,

Name of Account: Bowral Uniting Church Working Account (BUC Working Account.)  
BSB Number 634-634  
Account Number: 100034018

Please provide the following reference:  
BMR PANTRY

If the donor would like to be recognised please send an email to  
:[treasurer@bkuc.com.au](mailto:treasurer@bkuc.com.au).

**Our Club also recognizes Ken Adams OAM! Ken, we congratulate and salute you.**

The citation reads: Mr Kenneth Bruce ADAMS, Bowral NSW 2576

For service to the community of the Southern Highlands, and to the plumbing industry.

We know Ken well but here's a reminder of his amazing resume for community service.

*Movement Disorder Foundation • Ambassador, current. • Supporter and Fundraiser, current. DreamCricket Australia: (cricket activities for primary aged students with special needs) • Formation Secretary, 2012-2017. • Represented DreamCricket tours in India and Sri Lanka, 2013.*

*DreamCricket, Bowral: • Foundation Secretary, 2008-2015. • Co-ordinator, Gala Days, Bradman Oval, 2010-2017. • Member, Formation Committee, 2008.*

*Rotary International Rotary District 9670: • Former Assistant Governor. • Chairman, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Program, 6 years. • Former District Community Service Chairman. • Rotary District Conference Secretary, 2 times. • Former Coordinator, ShelterBox. • Member, Rotary Training Team, 6 years. Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong: • President, twice. • Secretary, 3 years. • Former Treasurer and Director, Avenues of Service. • Member, since 1967. Bowral Uniting Church • Chair, Anniversary Committee, Sesquicentenary Celebration, 2013-2015. • Involved in the establishment of the Men's Shed, 2003. • Chairman, Church Council, 6 years. • Secretary, Church Council, 7 years. • Congregational Treasurer, 19 years. • Former Property Committee Member. • Building Supervisor, various projects. • Youth Leader and Sunday School Teacher, several years. • Parishioner, since 1950s. Bowral Tulip Time Festival • Committee Chair, 5 years. • Committee Member, 14 years. Berrima District Ambulance Service • Honorary Ambulance Officer, 11 years. • Board Member, 3 years. Community Other • Committee Member, Moss Vale College of TAFE, 4 years. • Former Trust Member, Vietnam Memorial, Bowral.*

Ken, Beryl and Melissa attended his investiture at Government House on Tuesday. It was live-streamed and unfortunately guest numbers were restricted by covid-19. "It was the most perfect day, an experience that I will long remember".

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**Ray W** said that he'd spoken with Jim Adams who'd just had a prostate operation in Melbourne. Due to covid, **Sue** couldn't stay. The surgeon was pleased with the work which was robotic, conducted it seems by doctors on play stations. *Update: pathology report received, no cancer in surrounding areas.*

**Trevor's** family farm Centenary and Dad's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations went well.

The **Moruya BMRC/BlazeAid Fencing Team** gathered down there to report via Zoom on their activities.

The pictures tell the story. Our team worked on a burnt-out farm and will complete 1.2km by the time they finish.

Fencing is valued at \$20,000 to \$30,000 per km, itemised as 40% materials and the rest as labour, so the team's work was valuable and appreciated.

**Next week: Robbie interviews David Reese**

**Photos below from Ian Langford**

Thanks Ian 😊



Don divides up Hans's cake (Hans is the farmer whose property they are fencing).





Supplies



<https://blazeaid.com.au/>



Ray Coulton, Don Graham and Les Vickerman.



One of the two houses which Hans lost.





Lynton Kettle, Ray Coulton, Tony Glenn and the back of the farmer Hans.

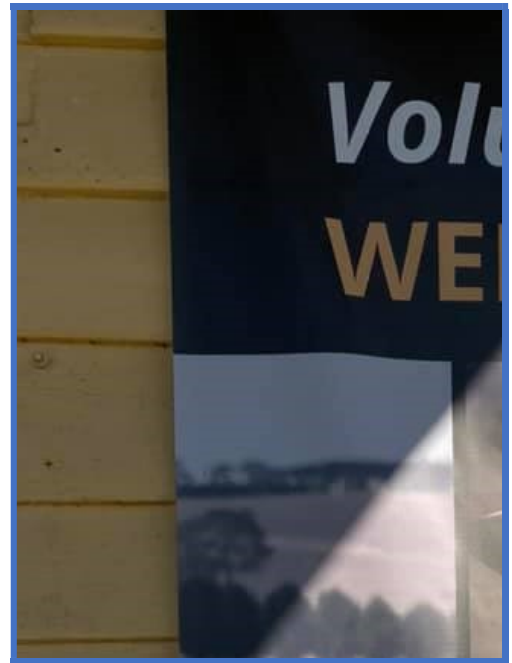


Ray & Les (plus part of Don).





Ray Coulton getting rid of the old burnt fencing.



The next photos are from Lynton, also with thanks :-)





Thankyou for representing us all so well,  
Team

