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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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**And the next meeting – 16th February
Highlands Hotel, Mittagong**

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.**

9 February, 2021

"Live" at the Highlands Hotel.

President Rod welcomed all, including **Luciano's** friend **Michael McEvoy** and **Leigh Robertson** from the RC of Wollongong.

Denise Coad gave the Invocation and **Brian Ritson** read the International Toast.

(We have had responses from the last two, see below).

District 7030 consists of 67 Clubs spread over 14 countries in the Caribbean with 2000 Rotarians. Two of those Clubs are in Grenada and tonight we acknowledge its Independence Day, celebrated last Sunday, 7th February by making our International Toast to the Rotary Club of Grenada East.

Grenada is part of the Lesser Antilles Island chain which runs north off the coast of South America. It was occupied as a French colony in the 17th Century and ceded to Britain a hundred years later. It achieved independence in 1974 but was the subject of political insurrection in 1983 which was ended by an invasion led by the United States under President Ronald Reagan when the less socialist government was restored.

*The population is only 111,000; the Capital is St. George's and the principal economic activity, not surprisingly, is tourism. The Club was Chartered in 1977 in District 7030 which covers 122 Clubs in 17 countries in the eastern Caribbean and the north coast of South America. It has 18 Members led by **President Charlie Hossle**.*

One of the Club's continuing projects is the conduct of eye clinics in the community in conjunction with a Club from Louisiana in the US. Would you please be upstanding in recognition of

the Independence Day of Grenada and toast the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Grenada East.

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Correction: concerning the 2021 Science & Engineering Challenge and Discovery Day.

Covid-19 allowing, the Discovery Day is on **May 31st** and the Science & Engineering Challenge is on **June 1st**. Please mark your diaries accordingly.

Fresh Committee members needed. See Ian or Rod for an interesting and very worthwhile job. Help a young person think about STEM for the future!

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Announcements:

President Rod thanked those who offered to help with a sausage sizzle last weekend. It hit a snag because of fickle summer weather. (Boom Boom.)

The Conference is in Bathurst this year. From 19-21 March. Talk to **Mary** for registration and travel details.


He thanked the innovative Vicki Kelley for coming up with a last-minute substitute for our guest speaker from Sydney Bridge Climbs (he's coming this Tuesday).

Four members created ten questions each in the topics of Sport (**Lynton**), Music (**Rosemary**), Australian History (**Don**) and Politics (**Ray**). What started off fairly calmly became very competitive with the Top Table pipped at the post by the Bottom Table at the last minute. It was good fun; thankyou Vicki 😊

Finally, **Sergeant Lynton** managed to find just enough dirt on a long line of punters to make a lot of money; but this was a dry run

just to keep him in touch but penniless on the night.

The punters included **Leigh** for coming back; **Trevor** for getting back on the bike and then falling off; **Denise** for her birthday; **Ray** for being homeless; **President Rod** for paying for his son; and **Louie** for constant talking.

Oh, and his 50th wedding anniversary with Robyn. Louie and Robyn, congratulations on this marvellous milestone from all of us 

Please take a Clown Doctors [calendar](#) from Ray W for a \$10 donation to support this amazing organisation, co-founded by the late Dr Peter Spitzer, PHF (presented by our Club in 2012.)

For your Diaries

16th Feb

Andrew Buttfeld of the Sydney Bridge Climb is talking at our Dinner meeting

18th Feb Thursday

February birthdays @ the Imperial Hotel, Bowral