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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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**And the next meeting – 16th March
Social Night @ KookaBar (TBC)**

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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.

9 March, 2021

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

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

President Rod welcomed all, especially **Michael Guilty** and **Leigh Robinson**.

Invocation - **Jo Chalmers**

International Toast - **Rod Aistrope**

Yesterday we celebrated International Women's Day.

After the last few weeks it was a pleasure to be able to think happy thoughts about those we know and love and all women who always have been the ones who civilise us and make our society the kinder and better place than it would otherwise be.

We certainly appreciate our women Members and I for one am thankful that Rotary is no longer the all male entity it was for 85 years.

This is a better Club for your Membership. Thank you all.

As a mark of progress within Rotary our District Governor in 2022-23 will be Geraldine Rurenga from Wagga Wagga Murrumbidgee and for the first time ever, our President of Rotary International in 2022-23 will be Jennifer Jones of Canada.

Tonight's International Toast is to the home Club of RIPN Jennifer Jones, the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland in Ontario.

Windsor is a city of 345 000 in the south east of Canada on the Saint Lawrence Seaway channel between Lake Huron and Lake Erie with the city of Detroit on the opposite west bank.

Windsor-Roseland was Chartered in 1981 in District 6400 which crosses the border and includes Ontario and part of

Michigan in the US.

President Mara Riccardi leads 41 members who raise a lot of money with a raffle and card game which they run on facebook each week. The jackpot prize stands at \$10 000. Something that we might consider!

In recognition and celebration of International Women's Day and all of the women in our lives would you please make our International Toast to the RIPN Jennifer Jones and the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland.

Ed note: Rod sent the Toast (attached) and a short time later received a very gracious reply from President Mara. It was indeed a lovely Toast and letter, Rod 😊

Wed, Mar 10,

mara riccardi <maral.riccardi@gmail.com> (12 hours ago)

to Rod, Trevor, me, Ian

Many thanks for this.

I will pass this lovely letter to our membership, and RIPN Jennifer as well.

YIR,
Mara Riccardi
President 2020-2021

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Announcements

This Saturday we are trialling the poftertjes at Corbett Plaza. **Brian & Des** have procured some benches etc for the event. **Brian** spoke about the benches which have been refurbished. Cost of \$160 for materials.

This Saturday need 5 people to assist. 2 cooks, cashiers and a floater. See **Brian** if you are able to assist.

Carolina - Cooking Classes - Your Angel - Community Cooking Classes. Upcoming classes. \$30 per class includes ingredients

25th 10:30-13:00, Easter Baking 25th March. Brekkie Bonanza 28 May, It's Pie Time 19th June, Hey Pesto Pasta 29th July.

Mary Ramsay

Tulip Time - 17/09 to 4th Oct. New format, 2 sessions with 1600 9:30 13:00 then 13:30 - 17:00. Visitors area required to book before the event.

Movie Night - 30 September No Time To Die - 2 cinemas to fill. need 10 people.

Vicki - International Women's Day - Cath Brennan, WSC Community Officer, spoke about a woman who lost everything from her garden. Has bought all the trees and just need some labour.

District Conference - weekend of 19th - 21st March, Bathurst. Please consider attending.

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Guest Speaker - Pop In - **Vicki Kelley**

The centre is to open in a couple of weeks. 18 months ago a think tank discovered that there was little to support women and the children in the SH. Domestic violence is like cancer, does not discriminate age, wealth etc. Not just physical violence. 70% is male to female.

The big disturbance is that it becomes a cycle, does not go away. The children are traumatised sometimes for life. BDCU Children Foundation.

1 woman is murdered by partner every week in Australia. Australian Police deal with a domestic violence incident every 2 minutes. Rural and regional areas is much higher than in the city.

After the bushfires, areas affected have a much higher incidence.

Southern Highlands 1000 women and children are affected each year. Services whom look after these victims are under financed, time poor and resource depleted.

12 months ago it was decided not to set up a crisis centre, however have a pop in centre, with no government funding. Based

on evidence, and has the aim to be agile. UoW study over 2 years to determine effectiveness. Argyle Housing is keen to replicate in Wagga Wagga and Griffith.

Service Model - How safe are you? House, information, resources etc. Links with other service providers.

Core values

Kindness, Dignity, Respect.

Dedication to personal growth.

Importance of Community.

Trust and safety.

It was a conscious decision not to rely on Government funding.

Board of 7. Staff of 3 case managers plus many volunteers. Pro Bono specialists also assist with support. Argyle Housing have been very supportive as has UoW. Local donors are also providing support.

Just waiting on Council to provide CC and installation of fire material, then can open.

Volunteers, during open hours, must be female. Male volunteers after hours.

Pop In has a very informative website. The strategies to attract women is through other support agencies, and will act as a Hub. 30 women already on waiting list with referrals from hospital, schools, medical professionals.

Security is a high priority, and have access to police as well as hospital security.

Next Week - Social Night - Kookabar TBC.

And finally:

