

Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's theme for 2021-22,

***Serve to change lives,***

is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving other is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

**Future Events**

- 12 July Board Meeting at Oxley Partners @ 5.30pm
- 13 July Club Assembly, the new Board seeks all membership input as planning a very busy year Hermitage @ 6pm for 6.30pm start
- 20 July Sue Hayward, RC of Darling Harbour. Another Club's view on fundraising and membership Hermitage @ 6pm for 6.30pm start
- 27 July Christmas in July - Bowral Golf Club - Partner night - \$55pp.

**\*\*DRINKS** - In preparation for the Changeover numerous bottles of wine and beer were procured. We need to offload these at cost, we will be bringing a selection of reds and whites and beer to the upcoming meetings. So instead of bringing your own why not try one of the selection. Also available for raffle prizes.

**Please Note: Apologise by Friday noon, attendance is the default position.**

**Meeting Notes - June 8 2021**

**Venue:** Zoom meeting – via homes / offices

**Journalists:** Trevor Fair & Will Eddowes

**Welcome: President Will Eddowes:** Will welcomed the 12 attendees via Zoom.

**Acknowledgement to Country** – President Will Eddowes acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land and paid his respects to Elders past and present and emerging. Will also acknowledged NAIDOC week.

**Invocation:** Robbie Allen

**International Toast:** Rod Aistrope

Thursday week ago part of a 13 storey apartment building at Surfside, a northern beachside suburb of Miami collapsed. With the remaining building precariously unstable and Tropical Storm Elsa approaching the remainder of the building was demolished on Sunday night local time, the 4th of July.

Rescue efforts brought out those who survived but only 24 bodies have been recovered and there are 121 still unaccounted for. It's amazing to think how quickly life and everything we have can be taken from us through no fault of our own, even in an affluent country like the US or here in Australia.

We are lucky. Our lives go on, notwithstanding the pandemic even though it makes a hash of our plans for Rotary meetings. The Rotary Club of Bal Harbour meets about 2km north of the collapsed condominium site. It wouldn't surprise us if a Member or two lived in the building. The Club was Chartered in District 6990 in 1953. It's new President is Gayle Mintz who leads 13 Members most of whom are in their 30s and 40s.

With thoughts for the people who lost their lives and the remainder whose homes were demolished on the Weekend. I propose our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Bal Harbour in Miami.

### **Announcements:**

**Zoom** - Unfortunately, many of you misunderstood the time of the meeting or assumed that it would be later. Apologies to those who missed out. Zoom meetings in the past have started at 5.30 and we propose to stick to that for any future Zoom.

**Changeover** - it was unfortunate that it was not Face to Face. Will thanked all the organisers.

**ANZ – Bowral** – Now has no Council or ANZ Bank. Will spent 40 minutes trying to contact the Bank to determine what temporary arrangements are being made. Unfortunately no satisfactory resolution was achieved. This is a photo of our branch after the fire in Bowral last week.



**First Responders** - Louise Murphy spoke several weeks ago. As mentioned she was running a retreat in Penrose on weekend of 6-8 August. It was raised that Rotary may be able to assist with catering. Will has discussed with Louise. Brian Ritson has drafted a possible menu. There will be 15 FR people plus the Murphys. Will emailed Louise to say we were interested to discuss further but stating 'no commitment'. It seems she didn't read that bit but enthused about us doing the catering! At present Brian and Will plan to visit the venue next weekend to discuss the menu and all other details. Also discussing with Carolina to see if Your Angel may be able to assist with meal preparation. We will need helpers over that weekend.

**Tulip Times** - Carolina has agreed to become Editor this year. Ideally 4 journalists are required to assist. Hopefully we will be able to get sufficient nominations without needing to draw names out of the hat.

**History Tours** - Will mentioned a plan to run History Tours in 2022. Some pre-planning has been done by Brian Ritson and Will but it would require a team to work on a number of details. Would require a team to manage this opportunity. As well as a brochure, would require drivers for a mini bus, and interesting venues to create an interesting tour. Planning for 2022 to commence. More of that later.

**Board Meeting** - It is proposed that we hold Board meetings on the first Monday of each month at 5.30pm unless there is good reason to defer. Trevor has kindly agreed to host us at Oxley Partners. If it is a problem for anyone, please let me know. Assuming no objections, the first meeting will be next Monday, 12 July.

**Next Meeting** - Hopefully next week we will be able to re-convene at The Hermitage.

**Special Mention** – A big congratulations to Samuel Gee Pies !!! Nerida and our own Des Rudolph, with Mike Dealtry won the prize for Best Cornish pasty and several silver and bronze awards for their other pies. Nerida is a seventh generation baker, and the pasty that won has been in her family for five generations. Thanks to community support, Samuel Gee survived Covid and are doing really well now that their location is well known.



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