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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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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.

Meeting Notes

Venue: The Hermitage, 843 Old South Road, Mittagong

Journalist: Denise Coad

Trevor Fair welcomed Members and Guests on behalf of President Rod who is volunteering for BlazeAid:

Partners:

Eric Conley
Margaret Elder
Frank Kelly
Ria McCosh
Liz Pattinson
Stephanie Robinson
Faye Christie

Guests of Leigh Robinson:

Sue Johns
Narelle Davies

Invocation: David Rees – in Latin then English

International Toast: Trevor Fair

May 4th - be with you. As Rotary does not have a Club on Mars - yet this week we are toasting the RC of Port Moresby.

On this day during WWII the US air and naval fleets turned back a Japanese invasion force heading for the strategic Port Moresby, in the Battle of the Coral Sea. The Battle of Coral Sea was the first air sea battle in history. As a result of the battle, the Japanese air fleet was left depleted, and without sufficient planes to cover the ground attack on Port Moresby.

The Rotary Club of Port Moresby, District 9600 was chartered in 1957. District 9600 includes part of Qld, Nauru, PNG and Solomon Islands. President Signe Dalsgaard leads a club of 18. One of the Club's largest annual fundraisers is their Golf Day where they normally raise about \$60k AUS. The RC of Port Moresby is a key participator in the Rotary program, RAM, Rotarians against Malaria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Trevor Fair:

Letter from EH Holden Club for catering for a Rally in Easter 2023. They require a response this month.

Interact Club: Any ideas/projects to Gwenda or Robbie for Interact Club to ensure they remain engaged.

Chevalier College 75th Anniversary: President Rod to attend Chevalier College 75th Anniversary on Friday May 7.

BlazeAid Volunteers:

Rod Aistrope
Ray Coulton
Don Graham
Ian Langford
Luciano Liberale

They are getting a lot of work done, and encourage other Members to go down. There are vacancies for other Members - Leigh volunteered.



Gwenda Webb:

The Breakfast Club at Bowral High School will be starting up on Thursday Morning May 13. A list is on Tables to put your name down if you are able to volunteer, and how many days a month. 9 Members have volunteered.

Rosemary Kelly:

All Members are invited to attend Ray's Irish Wake on May 17, 2021 at Southern Highlands Winery – 11:30am for 12:00. Please RSVP May 7 to his Daughter - Courtney Gugusheff - at the email address included in her email:

raysirishwake@gmail.com

Will Eddowes:

List on Tables to visit Boral Cement on Friday May 28, 10:30am to 12:30pm followed by Lunch at Moss Vale.

Sergeant Lynton Fine Session:

Who has had Covid 19 injections at Mittagong Health Centre – did they have trouble parking?

Any Member needing a Badge please see Trevor.

Eric Conley - Lynton's Grandson met an "ugly old Bus Driver" on a bus.

Eric's qualifications and title: Supervisor and Logistic Support for Education Department".

David Rees – Invocation in original Latin.

Will Eddowes – on a bike ride, and then it started to rain so he got a lift home.

Guest Speaker – Brother Bill Sullivan – The Hermitage, Mittagong



It is great here at this place! What happens in the Media rarely happens. Religious people are normal people. There is no mystery.

There are 200 Brothers in Australia, and other Countries are being added. The Order is Educators. The Kids are easy – it is the Bureaucrats and Parents who have issues.

Brother Bill then showed us their Religious Habits, which are White or Black. They are not Priests. They are Social Workers, Educators, etc. They are run and sponsor Retreats for Students or Families.

The Hermitage is a Sacred Place – a Place of peace and calm. They have Prayers in the morning in the Chapel. The Chapel is a place of "Welcome and Hospitality". There is no judgement or rules.

Thursday night is a Roast Night.
Sunday is Brunch and Lunch.
Tuesday Night is our Rotary Club.
It is a great time getting to know people – Church People are nice People.

They now outsource their Winery to Tertini Winery. The Vineyard was too labor intensive. They also have cattle on agistment. If it was a Silent Retreat they could not run the Cellar Door.

Brother Bill was previously a School Principal at Randwick. He has been at the Hermitage for over 8 years.

Some questions from Members:

Frank Kelly – on a family Member in Ireland, and a Coffin under her bed.

Brian Pattinson – how beautiful the Hermitage Chapel is. Brother Bill will open the Chapel for our next Meeting.

A Brief History of The Hermitage:

Originally acquired to serve as the Novitiate (a training centre for young men to become Brothers), the property was purchased in 1905 from Dr Edwin Chisholm. After the Novitiate was transferred to Sydney in 1985, the vacated premises were renamed 'Marist Farmhouse' and used for young adult ministry.

The Juniorate, (a secondary boarding school for boys aspiring to become Brothers) moved to Mittagong in 1917 and remained there for 55 years. With its closure at the end of 1972, the vacated premises were then used for school retreats and the site was renamed the 'Marist Retreat Centre'.

From the beginning of 2006, both sites were merged to form The Hermitage, the original name given to the property in 1906 when the Brothers first bought it. It was given this name in honour of the Mother House of the Marist Brothers near Lyon in France, built by the founder of the Brothers, Marcellin Champagnat, in 1824-26.

Raffle - won by Frank Kelly who put his name on the Ticket Stubs.

Guest Speaker next week is Ashley Stapleton - Computer and Device Security Basics.

Apologies to Trevor by 12 noon Friday for next week's meeting. Otherwise we look forward to seeing you there. EFT to the General Account \$35. BYO drinks.

May Birthdays:

Rod Aistrope 3/5

Jo Chalmers 16/5

Will Eddowes 26/5

Jim Gasson 22/5

Brian Pattinson 31/5

Community Cooking School

We hope you have enjoyed our classes so far in 2021! It has been fab to reopen the doors and see so many smiling faces again.

Just a heads up we have now released the next class "Breakkie Bonanza" online for sale to be held Friday 28 May @ 9.30am – 12.00pm.

Sick of battling the crowds in town at the moment to get your favourite Sunday breakkie? Us too! Become the ultimate breakfast master in this cooking class & we will teach you how to poach eggs like a pro, make hollandaise from scratch, plus a few sweet brekkie dishes that will melt in your mouth, all for less than the cost of one breakkie at your favourite cafe!

Join in for all the laughs, all the fun & delicious food! Can't make it, tell all your friends & get them to join in or donate a class to someone in need.

Book via the link - we hope to see you again soon.

<https://www.thecommunitycookingschool.org.au/.../brekkie.../>

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