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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

District 9705 Charter Date 26 March 1940

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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.

Future Events

15 June - Poetry Night

22 June - First Responders - Alternate venue - Pepperfield Wisemans Rd (our second home)

29 June - Changeover - Book your table now -\$50pp which includes welcome drink and nibbles, 2 course alternate drop and 80th anniversary birthday cake. A bar will be in operation. RSVP by 18th June

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

Meeting Notes - June 8 2021

Venue: Hermitage Monastery

Journalist: Trevor Fair

Welcome: President Rod Aistrope: Rod welcomed guest speaker Hamish Ta-me, also ex Rotarians Ian & Sue Law who have recently relocated to the Highlands. Numerous partners were also welcomed.

Invocation: Brian Elliott

International Toast: Rosemary Kelly

Thursday is Portugal Day, that Country's national day honouring the death in 1580 of their most famous poet, Luis de Camões who wrote of the Portuguese exploration of the world and the growth of their empire in the 15th Century.

Portugal is in the south west corner of the Iberian Peninsula and was colonised by Phoenicians before the 4th Century BC. The Romans conquered the peninsula and the city of Porto was established at the mouth of the Douro River in the Province of Lustania.

A lot of history including an empire around the world has passed since then and nowadays Portugal is a vibrant democracy of 10.4 million people with no overseas territories any more. Porto is located on the north coast of the country. It is famous for fortified wines including port but the Douro Valley grows and makes just as much excellent red and white table wine.

The Rotary Club of Porto-Douro was Chartered in 1970 and is one of 89 in District 1970. Its 31 Members are led by President Jose Lino. Like most Clubs it hasn't had too much going on this year but did recently give three lap top computers to a community association to assist in developing social communities in the area.

Announcements:

Upcoming BBQs - Brian Ritson - This weekends logistics re BBQ x 2 and prep for the 2 BBQ scheduled for next weekend. Please touch base with Brian R for up to date details.

Serendipity Choir - Bundanoon Primary School 19th June 3:00 pm Bowral Uniting Church 20th June 3:00 pm. Booking online <u>www.serendipitythechoir.com</u> See attachment

Changeover dinner - Please book early as Hermitage has a limit of 47 diners. Also Presidential request for dress code of Lounge Suit standard. A bar will be in operation so no need to bring drinks. A variety of soft drink, beer and wine will be offered at cost. A Tab will be kept and consumers invoiced.

Breakfast Club - Term 3 commencement date 22nd July and then every Thursday . The situation will be re-assessed. Volunteers are needed.

Program for June 2021

15 June - Hermitage - Poetry Night - as it is Queens birthday week the four topics are Scotland, Dogs, Horses & Duty. Four keen orators nominated to recite. Based on last time's poetry night this is guaranteed to be a great success

22 June - Pepperfield - Catering will be provided - First Responder guest speaker

29th June - Changeover

Bowral Classic - Club has been engaged for marshalling and BBQ.

Tulip Time - Will need everyone to volunteer for the 17 days.

Sergeant Session.

Honour fine to Ian Langford for his running of the S&E Challenge And then the usual suspects

Guest Speaker Hamish Ta-me, Bee Keeping



Hamish re-came to bee keeping as a result of Covid as his usual gig of photographer and marketing dried up.

Hamish attended Hurlstone Ag College and in Yr 8 had to decide what to raise. Chose bees.

Airbnb Experiences - is a new link with AirBnB which includeslocal activities to complement the accommodation. Local activities includes patting alpacas, winery vists etc.. Hamish decided to add his details to this platform. Has received numerous 5 star ratings for his bee experience.

This is the perfect time to start a hive. In winter the bees are

very quiet. In 2022 is 170 years since the patent for removable frames. Rev Lorenzo Langstroth of Pennsylvania was inspired by mechanism and Industrial Revolution . Rev Langstroth patented the first movable frame beehive. As the design was easily copied, he did not receive any income from his patent. The main advantage of his design was that the frames could be removed without enraging the bees.





Traditional Langstroth hive

Flow Hive

The next major change was 6 years ago was the Flow hive which has dramatically changed the method of extracting honey from hives.

This time of year is maintenance time. Painting boxes, marketing decisions on jars etc. The hive expels all drones as food is scarce they cannot afford to feed non contributors to the hive..

In Spring the excitement increases. Swarms occur and there is also a need a new queen and drones. Eggs are laid, including a queen and drones.

Inside the hive the temp is 36oC. Lifetime of a bee is 40 days.

A box can way 40kg with honey so it is necessary to be physically strong to be able to move them around. There are smaller styles around.

Bee hive with base and 2 boxes \$400 Hornsby Bee Keeping, \$300 for safety gear,

Workshops - 2 hrs with morning tea - If you mask your smell the bees will leave you alone. Then you need a location. If on an urban block away from house. There is a need to register with Dept Primary Industry.

Hive should face NE as the morning sun wakes up the bees and inspires them to forage.

\$250 for nucleus with 5 boxes, Queen and workers. Should have a mentor to assist. Is a very addictive hobby.

Need to put bark etc under the hives as it is not possible to mow the grass when the bees are active.

Bee sting first aid - Claratyne and make sure you are able to breathe.

Most native bees are solitary, the bees that colonise build a Fibonacci style hive.

Native bees are important as pollinators as European bees cannot bet into some flowers.

Vicki gave the vote of thanks.

Raffle: Lynton Kettle - no prize.



Music Director Kerith Fowles OAM

PRESENTS

WE RISE AGAIN!

Bundanoon Primary School Hall 19 June 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Bowral Uniting Church 20 June 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Admission by donation Booking available online at serendipitythechoir.com



The Rotary Club of Moss Vale

73rd Annual Changeover Dinner

30th June 2021

President Ross Craig

and members of the Rotary Club of Moss Vale

Invite you and your wife/husband/partner/guest

to join us for our Annual Changeover Dinner and the induction of

Incoming President Margie Stuart and the Board of Directors for 2021/2022

Venue: Dormie House, 38 Arthur Street, Moss Vale

Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm start

Cost: \$50 per person for a two (2) course meal, drinks @ bar prices

Payment please by electronic funds transfer <u>or</u> cash/cheque deposit to:

The Rotary Club of Moss Vale, BSB 062 576 Account No. 00800229

(please include your name/s) <u>or</u> card/cash/cheque on arrival.

RSVP by 23rd June 2021 to **Ross Craig: 0488 998 640**,

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