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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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Agenda – Fellowship & The Future Meetings

Changeover – 30th June – SHW – details to follow

PLEASE NOTE: LIVE MEETING TO BE HELD AT SH WINES

6:00pm for 6:30 \$30 - tortellini soup with either pork backstrap / barramundi

If you are coming you MUST RSVP by Monday 10 am or you will not be fed! EFT to General Account – no cash please.

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Welcome:

Sergeant Lynton welcomed all to a physical meeting – which is a nice change. A warm welcome to guests including the Conleys, partners and Rob Uhl. Special welcome to Jim Gasson who "zoomed in" from Mittagong. Well done Jim.

Invocation: Brian Pattinson

International Toast - Lynton Kettle

Iceland is celebrating its Independence Day tomorrow marking the dissolution of the Denmark-Iceland Union in 1944.

The country was settled from Scotland and Ireland before the 7th Century AD and conquered by the Vikings in 874. Until the 20th Century it was part of the three Scandinavian Kingdoms in turn forming a union with Denmark in 1918 with the Danish King as sovereign. Its population is around 320 000 and it has the most northern capital city in the world in Reykjavik on the south west coast.

On the north coast is the fourth largest town, Akureyri which is a safe harbour fishing port at the head of a fjord with a population of about 19 000.

During the Second World War it was an important air base for protection of the North Atlantic convoys.

The Rotary Club of Akureyri was Chartered in 1941 in District 1360 which covers the 31 Clubs in Iceland . President Inga Porgnysdottir leads 31 Members.



Announcements:

Membership

Des Rudolph, Induction. Des actually joined the Bowral Mittagong Rotary Club two months ago but until now, because of COVID-19, he has not be formally inducted. Tonight it gives me great pleasure to do so and to present Des with his Dinner Badge.



Graham Hicks - Your Board and I have decided to confer Honorary Membership on Graeme Hicks. Grame has been an outsanding Rotarian over many years since joining Rotary in 1978. Graeme is a Paul Harris Fellow and has also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the International President of Rotary. **PDG Graham Jones** – it has just become aware that Graham passed away in April.

PHF – Bill Lockley – a suitable time to award Bill his PHF is still being negotiated. As Bill as been working away from the District it has not been possible to arrange a suitable time.

Bowral Cycle Classic – has been pushed back until Sunday 19th October. Not sure of numbers as yet.

2020 Rotary International Convention

As you are probably aware, the 2020 Rotary International Convention which was to have been held in Hawaii is now being held as a Virtual Convention from 20 to 26 June, that is starting this Saturday. You can sign up for the convention for free. The bad news is that the program starts on Saturday 20 June at 8am Chicago Time which is 11pm our time and continue with the last session each day starting at 9am our time the next day. The good news is that these sessions are being recorded and will be available for On Demand viewing.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

General sessions, 20 and 21 June. To take part in the general sessions, go to the home page of riconvention.org. Click on the button under the **General Sessions** block, which will say **JOIN** beginning 19 June. You'll automatically be directed to a preview page where you can check your connection. Starting 20 June, at 08:00 Chicago time (UTC-5), when you select **JOIN** you'll be taken to the current session, and it will play in your browser's default language. These sessions will also be available to view later.

https://www.riconvention.org/en

Board Meeting

Your board met last night and discussed, among other things, the proposed donations to charities for this year and the membership dues for next year. As you are hopefully aware, the club's funds are held in two distinct areas:

- 1. The Project Account
- 2. The General Account

Funds in the Project Account are applied to worthy causes while funds in the General Account are applied to the running expenses of the club. Most of the income raised from the fund raising activities of the club are directed to the Project Account.

Charities

The proposed donations from the Project Account to charities are:

Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens \$2500

Shelterbox \$2000

Australian Rotary Health \$2000

Pop In (A Domestic Violence intitative) \$2000

Children's Cancer Institute Australia \$1500

Louie would like to, this year, ensure the funds are used to acquire equipment. He is planning to meet with the Institute in the near future to discuss.

Membership Dues

The funds in the General Account are primarily raised from Members' Annual Dues, Sergeant Sessions and the weekly raffle. The largest expenses from the General Account include International Rotarv Fees and Levies. ClubRunner costs, Guest Speaker costs, and The basic fixed cost of Rotary audit fees. International Fees, District Fees and Rotary Down Under is \$296 (or \$286 with online RDU magazine) before any Club running costs are added

Added to this we need to cover a funding shortfall of \$61 per member.

The board has therefore decided that the Members' Annual Dues for next year will be \$360 each or \$350 with online RDU magazine.

Notices

I'd like to remind everyone that Lynton is again offering firewood. I urge anyone who orders firewood from Lynton to direct their payment to the General Account so that next year we may be able to reduce Members' Annual Dues.



Guest Speaker William Koek – Young Endeavour Ambassador

The Young Endeavour is a sailing ship given to Australia from the UK government to encourage leadership amongst young persons.

William sailed from Hobart to Sydney. The ship has sailed around Australia a few times and has even done 2 world tours. The volunteer crew consists of 12 males and 12 females with sailing and leadership skills a good icebreaker when you do not know the other 23 participants.

Some skills William developed included learning to sail and climbing the rig at heights, especially in big seas. The take home message was not the sailing, however, the comradery of the fellow sailors many of which William keeps in touch with.

On Day 8 the volunteers needed to elect a captain, navigator etc as the permanent crew stood back to see how their skills had developed.

To be eligible, participants need to be 16-23 years of age. While the current voyages have been cancelled planning is under way for 2021.

STS Young Endeavour is a brigantine (a two masted sailing ship with a square rigged foremast and a main mas rigged fore and aft. She measures 44 metres and displaces 239 tonnes. She is designed to travel up to 14 knots under sail and up to 10 knots under power.

Birthday Celebrations

After a small break the monthly pizza lunches are back just in time to celebrate the July birthdays.

The venue will be announced closer to the day, weather dependent.

July Friday 17th – 12 noon

August Friday 21st – 12 noon

Fun Section – only because of lack of content (it's your call)

- 1. What do sprinters eat before a race? Nothing, they fast!
- 2. Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field!
- 3. What do you call a mac 'n' cheese that gets all up in your face? Too close for comfort food!
- 4. Why couldn't the bicycle stand up by itself? It was two tired!
- 5. Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? Great food, no atmosphere!
- 6. What do you call a fish with two knees? A two-knee fish!
- 7. Why do melons have weddings? Because they cantaloupe!
- 8. What happens when you go to the bathroom in France? Euro*pean*.
- 9. What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a tricycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle? Attire!
- 10.How many apples grow on a tree? All of them!

