

Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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Merry Christmas Everyone, please have a safe and happy break!

Next meeting 14 January, 2020 – Barefoot Bowls followed by informal meal at Imperial Hotel

Next Meetings	Tuesday 14 th January, 2020	Sunday 26 th January, 2020
Location	Bowral Bowling Club	Vicki & Ian Kelley
Program	Barefoot Bowls	88 Centennial Road, Bowral
Speaker		
Intro / Vote of Thanks		
Dinner Fee Duty		
Journalist	Ray Williams	Denise Coad
Regalia Duty		

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Upcoming Events

Barefoot Bowls – Bowral Bowling Club

Then informal dinner @ Imperial Hotel

Australia Day Celebration

Vicki & Ian Kelley's

88 Centennial Road.

President Robert welcomed all to our end of year celebration.



International Toast – Rod Aistrope



Several years ago we toasted the Rotary Clubs in the northern Finland city of **Rovaniemi** since it is the home town of Father Christmas - he even lives and works in the **Father Christmas Village** at the edge of town.

Well this year, in the absence of an original better idea we are going to toast the **Rotary Club of Rovaniemi Santa Claus** which, like both the other Clubs meets at the **Father Christmas Hotel**.

The City of Rovaniemi has a population of 63,000 and its economy revolves around breeding and training reindeer, making presents and building small but very expensive houses for the elf work force. The legacy of the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movies was the establishment of the Peter Jackson Drama School for Elves. Many of its graduates did star in the Kiwi film industry but sadly no-one is writing elven parts anymore.

Bucking the trend towards crazy white men the Finns have chosen Ms Sanna Marin as their Prime Minister. She is the youngest world leader going around at the moment.

Apparently Donald Trump made her an offer to buy

Finland or at least Lapland. Prime Minister Marin rejected the offer saying Father Christmas was not for sale.

Trump said this was very rude and in retaliation America has declared sanctions on aerial delivery of Christmas presents this year unless Amazon gets equal access. It is not sure how this will play out but the US military is on the alert for a suspicious looking bearded man wearing red clothes and head covering and carrying possible contraband in a red sack. His aircraft is described as a primitive open cockpit sled style plane powered by 8 flying animals, one with a red nose.

The Rotary Club of Rovaniemi Santa Claus is one of 35 in District 1400 and was Chartered in 1983. Its 25 Members are led by President Asko Peuraniemi.

Apart from supporting End Polio Now their other major project is delivering small food parcels to struggling elves. We wish them well in that endeavour.

PHF Presentations

President Robert had the honour of awarding PHF to two deserving members – Robbie Allen and Will Eddowes.



A another enjoyable dinner was followed by

some Italian carol singing by Louie and his mate Joe!



Photo of the week



Robbie is deservedly happy



January Birthdays

Brian Ritson, 05 Jan

The Imperial Birthday celebrations will recommence in February, 2020.

20th Febraury, Thursday

20th March, Friday.