



Report for Apr 20, 2022; Volume 83, No: 37 Rotary Club

of Bowral-Mittagong (Combined with Moss Vale)

District 9705 Charter Date 26 March 1940

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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

April 26 - Bowral Bowling Club - Leigh Robinson – Trivia Night / Environment Initiative

April 29 - April Birthdays Pizza Lunch - Imperial Hotel

May 3 – Kookabar Café, Bowral

May 10 - Bowral Bowling Club - Appreciation Night - 10 Guests

May 17 - TBC

May 24 - Bowral Bowling Club - Club Assembly

May 31 - TBC

June 7 - The Hermitage

June 14 - Bowral Bowling Club

June 21 - TBC

June 28 - The Hermitage - Club Changeover - Partners and Guests

*****Confirm by Sunday for Tuesday Night**

Venue: Special meeting at Dormie House where we were hosted by Moss Vale Rotary.

Journalist: Trevor Fair

Welcome: Sergeant Malcolm Webber welcomed all to the meeting.

Toast: to the Queen, Australia and the people of Ukraine

Four Way Test: Colin Borland

Grace:

President Margie welcomed all and especially the 13 members of Bowral-Mittagong. Also welcome to John McPherson-RCBD, Also Clare Daggart friend of Margie and Adam de Totth-Area Governor.

Announcements:

Will Eddowes - Will thanked RCMV for the invitation to join the meeting. The 2 clubs have shared numerous activities including Tulip Times, Dream Cricket and the upcoming MUNA and Science and Engineering Challenge.

Steve Bradley - Treasurer talked to the recent event at the market day where the club netted over \$3k. The Show Society has allowed the Club to their commercial kitchen on a permanent basis.

Youth Director Malcolm Webber spoke about the Science Challenge as well as MUNA.

Friday 25th November - Claim the Date - Golf Day. - CanAssist is the focus charity for this year.

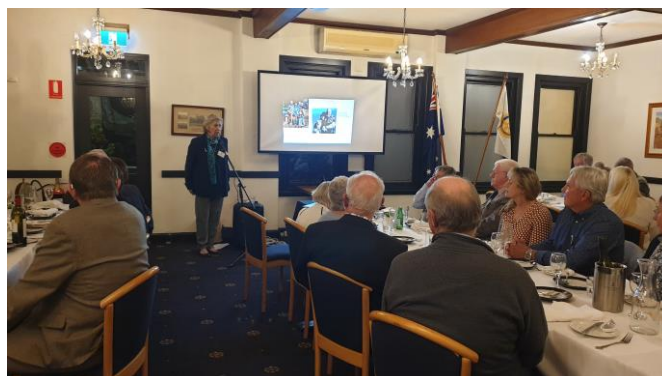
Raffle Draw: The wine prizes was shared between both clubs with our member Denise scoring a nice bottle of white.

Fine Session: Looks like all sergeants use the same script. Usual suspects as well as a wide caste net captured numerous contributions.

Margie Stuart:

A story about my father Major William Macintosh Gillespie. I am not a historian, however I do have the letters from her father to her mother.

Mac to his mates, Jock to the Aussies. The Gillespie brothers, father and uncle of Mac owned Chattan Iron Works, Bonnybridge outside Edinburgh. The business prospered until the Great Depression, where downturn and embezzlement caused the Works to be sold.



William and spouse Meg moved to Australia, William junior was enrolled at Scots College in the 1920's, where he joined the Cadets. Mac joined CBA and followed his pursuits of sailing, running and horse riding. His experience in the CMF led to him to be commissioned as Lieutenant at the outbreak of WWII.

After outbreaks of the war Mac went to Africa, including Tobruk. Returned to Australia for training in jungle warfare. North Qld was the most appropriate location for preparation before being shipped to PNG. Mac's duties were to lead rescue missions where they rescued soldiers and airmen beyond enemy lines. This terrain was a lot different than Africa with mainly swamps and thick jungle.

The most memorable mission was to rescue the crew of a downed B25 bomber in August 1944. It took over 3 weeks to locate the plane which was situated in the middle of a swamp. It was during this exercise that Mac befriended a crew member who was a North American Indian Chief. Even after the war they continued to communicate.

Remember Birthday Pizzas
at Imperial – Friday 29 April

Here is the International Toast from a few weeks ago that I did not get due to technical difficulties...It is too good to not publish – Thank you Rod

INTERNATIONAL TOAST - MOLDOVA

During the Russian invasion of Ukraine over 4 million people have been displaced. Many of these have gone to the neighbouring countries, mainly Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania and lesser known Moldova.



Moldova is a small landlocked place surrounded by Ukraine on the north and Romania to the south. Its north eastern border is only 60km from Odessa which is under attack.

Moldova is the poorest country in Europe and since it emerged as a principality in the 14th Century it has been owned and occupied by the Ottomans, Russians, Romanians, Germans and the Soviet Union until it gained its independence in 1990.

It suffered forced deportations of native Moldovans under Stalin and since independence it has, like Ukraine and Georgia been subject to part of its territory declaring independence and support for Russia.



Moldova remembers victims of Stalin's deportation

Given their history the Moldovans have no liking for Russia and when it attacked Ukraine they immediately applied for membership of the European Union as a security measure.

The Capital is Chisinau, a city of 640 000 in a country of only 2.6 million.

Despite their limited means the Moldovan people have been very welcoming to Ukrainian refugees.



The 20 Members of the **Rotary Club of Chisinau Triumph** led by **President Ion Gabura** have been fully engaged in distributing food and clothing and offering help to the refugees. Much of the supplies have come from Rotary in other countries.



This then is their principal project at the moment.

The Club was only Chartered in 2020 and is in District 2241 which covers Romania and the other 7 Clubs in Moldova.

In recognition of the great humanitarian work which our fellow Rotarians are doing in crisis zones around the world and especially in and around Ukraine would you please raise your glasses and toast the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Chisinau Triumph.