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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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For the immediate future, the style of meeting is a bit uncertain.  
It depends on how many people are coming.

Please bear with Rod and Trevor for now. Some meetings may be via Zoom.

We need 20 members to have a face to face meeting at SHW, otherwise we Zoom.

NEXT MEETING: 28 JULY, 2002

If you are coming to a face to face meeting, you MUST RSVP by Monday 10 am or you will not be fed!  
EFT to General Account (account ends 636) – no cash please.

Subscriptions are also due.



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.

## “ZOOMING ABOUT” WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOWRAL- MITTAGONG

21 July 2020

President Rod welcomed all.

Invocation: Rosemary Kelly

International Toast: John Hoelle

Today the people of **Belgium** are celebrating their **Independence Day** commemorating their secession from the Netherlands following a revolution and the ascension to the throne of Leopold the First as king of the newly independent nation in 1831.

The low countries, known by the Romans as Gallia Belgica became Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg and parts went to northern France and Germany over a thousand years.

Because of their location they were the site of many wars over centuries. After Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo it was called the Battlefield of Europe, emphasised even more by the First and Second World Wars last century.

Now-a-days there are 11 million Belgians with a constitutional monarchy and King Philippe. In the north east of Belgium sharing a border with Holland is the small city of **Tongeren** in the Limburg region whose population is 31 000 and which is of course famous for its Limburger cheese. Tongeren was the main town of the region when Julius Caesar conquered the area in 54 BC.

**The Rotary Club of Tongeren** was Chartered in District 2140 in 1955 and has 44 Members led by new **President Alexander Ruskin**.

They usually conduct a major fun run which of course has been cancelled this year. They have however been supporting their Rotaract Club in making surgical face masks and are packing and delivering fruit and vegetable boxes to needy families during the pandemic.

**In recognition of the Independence Day of Belgium would you please raise a glass and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Tongeren.**

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## Announcements

Rod reported a \$5,000 District Foundation Grant towards our building of facilities at the proposed Welby Community Garden over the coming months. The Grant is subject to confirmation by the Rotary Foundation. The project will provide us with opportunities for high profile worthwhile community service which we can safely undertake while the virus prevents other activities.

A **freezer** has been bought (RRP \$700, purchased for \$550) **for food donations to Oz Harvest**. The purchase from Harvey Norman was arranged with significant discount by Frank Kelly. It will be based at the PCYC in Mittagong especially for surplus pies provided by Des and Nerida Rudolph and was handed over by PP Rosemary Kelly this morning. Pictured with Rosemary at the presentation is Jenny O'Regan and Jenny with her husband Phil, Frank from Oz Harvest and Chris from PCYC.



Louie and Ian have finalized figures from the **Antony Liberale Golf Day for the Childrens Cancer Council**. The total is \$10,650. Louie is hoping we can get a Rotary Wheel on a selected piece of equipment.

Another great effort, Louie for this cause so dear to your heart and ours too.

Rod advised of a service opportunity supporting a future visit by the Rotary Clubs of NSW **Men's Health Education Rural Van**. The assistance sought from our Club involvement will be in securing a site, probably Corbett Plaza, pre-publicity to raise awareness and attract customers and support at the Van by one or two people at a time on Saturday and Sunday, 22nd and 23rd August.

This is a good opportunity to perform a community function promoting men's health and something we can safely do while other activities are restricted. If you can help in any way please let Community Service Director Rosemary Kelly know.

**Ted Talk** this week was by the author of *Eat Pray Love* with an encouraging message about your elusive creative genius.

[https://www.ted.com/talks/elizabeth\\_gilbert\\_your\\_elusive\\_creative\\_genius?referrer=playlist-the\\_most\\_popular\\_talks\\_of\\_all](https://www.ted.com/talks/elizabeth_gilbert_your_elusive_creative_genius?referrer=playlist-the_most_popular_talks_of_all)

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An opportunity to "give back" to the Empire Theatre in Bowral. Details: call 0403 176 958

**MOVIE NIGHT**  
WED 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 6PM

Berrima District  
**Rotary**

**GIVING BACK to EMPIRE**

Rotary Berrima District Giving Back Movie Night

In years gone by Empire CINEMA has supported Rotary and local projects for Youth and Seniors, let's give back. Covid has impacted many locals and businesses including Empire Cinema and with your support let's give back and watch a movie to SUPPORT a local that has supported our community.

Rotary Berrima District is managing the ticket collection and giving 100% to Empire Cinemas as we GIVE BACK to Empire Cinema and say THANKS BOOK NOW

When:	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> July 6pm
Where:	Empire Cinemas 327 Bong Bong Street Bowral NSW
Cost:	\$12 per ticket
Movie 1	Where'd You Go Bernadette. New release Cate Blanchett family drama
Cost:	\$10 per ticket
Movie 2	Red Shoes and the Seven Dwarfs – kids/family
Why?	Support a local business that has supported others

**BOOK NOW** <https://www.trybooking.com/BKNI0>

Engineers Australia – Webinar 30<sup>th</sup> July – Electric Aircraft – some local connections.

Additional details to come.

**Photos of the week:**

**Sue and Ian Langford at Culbara Beach (lucky blighters!)**



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**GROUP LEARNING LAST WEEK: HOW TO WATCH A VIDEO ON ZOOM! WELL DONE, PRESIDENT ROD. LUCKILY THE HELP DESK WAS AVAILABLE. AIN'T TECHNOLOGY AMAZING?**



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On a personal note, I'm still at Broken Hill. The aircraft is performing beautifully. I've now done 16.5 flawless test hours, no bugs (except on the windscreen 😊).

8.5 test hours to go and then she can travel anywhere in the country and beyond; subject of course to covid-19.)