



Report for Dec 7, 2021; Volume 83, No: 21 Rotary Club  
of Bowral-Mittagong

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**

December 13 - Board Meeting

Dec 14 Rotary Christmas Party – Partners Night @ The Hermitage

January 11 - Samuel Gees Pies and Pastries

January 18 - Kookabar Restaurant

January 25 - The Hermitage PLUS Guest Speaker

February 1 - To be confirmed

February 8 - The Hermitage plus Guest Speaker

February 15 - Club Assembly

January 26 - Brian Ritson's home - Australia Day Lunch for Members & Partners

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

**Venue:** The Hermitage, Mittagong

**Journalist:** Denise Coad

## **Sergeant Lynton:**

Opened the Meeting. As we are looking at the Board for next year a lot of Members have not turned up!

## **Welcome:**

President Will welcomed Members, and Robyn Liberale.

**Invocation:** Ken Adams

**International Toast:** Paul Leota

Paul's first time to do the International Toast

The **Republic of Niger** is a landlocked country in the north of Africa. It is surrounded by Nigeria and Benin to the south, Burkina Faso to the west, Mali and Algeria to the north and Chad to the west.



Its 1.27 million square kilometres is 80% Sahara Desert with the River Niger running through the west of the land. It is home to 24 million people of low average income and poor living standards.

Its economy was underpinned by uranium mining which has declined and now is mostly subsistence farming. Life is not easy.

The area has had human and prehistoric habitation for 200 000 years and was wetter and more fertile until around 6000 years ago when it started drying out.

It was ruled and had its own empires and kingdoms over time until European colonisation from the 17th Century. In 1885, to stop fighting over territory the European powers met at the Berlin Conference and divided up the continent into spheres of influence and the French got the top end of Africa.

Under President de Gaulle power was devolved to the colonies which became members of the French Union and on 18th December, 1958 Niger declared itself a Republic. **Next week it will celebrate its Independence Day.**

The Capital of Niger is **Niamey**, a city of just over a million people. There are 6 Rotary Clubs in Niger three of which have been Chartered in the last 2 years.



*Niamey, Capital of Niger*

The oldest is the **Rotary Club of Niamey** which was Chartered in District 9102 in 1967. It has 25 Members led by **President Salamatou Gerard.**

Her Club has continued a long term project to provide tables and bench seats, toilet facilities and clean water to local schools in partnership with overseas Clubs.

**In celebration of the Independence Day of Niger would you please rise and make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Naimey.**



**President Will:**

Our Annual General Meeting will start after Dinner.

**Mary Ramsay:**

Bowral Classic Marshalling update. She will be emailing corrections to the Roster.

It is critical that Members attend the Marshalling Briefing on Thursday at the Mittagong RSL, which is for an hour. If you cannot attend let Mary know, and she will pick up your Packs.

Thanks to the Members we have brought in items for the Christmas Raffle. If Members have items for the Raffle please contact Rosemary for collection, as we have to make them up on Monday.

**Brian Ritson:**

Bowral Classic BBQ update. Parking at Loseby Park will be difficult.

A Roster is being prepared.

**President Will:**

We have been asked to do a BBQ at Renwick on December 19.

**Will** read out the reply from our International Toast to the Rotary Club of Barbados, and their Independence.

Update on the work at PopIn.

**Denise Coad:**

Updated Members on Meeting Venues up until February 2022

**Annual General Meeting:**

Will - Motion that the Minutes from 12/2020 be accepted – ***Attached to the Bulletin email.***

Moved - Brian Ritson.

Seconded - Rod Aistrop

No Objections

Carried

**Past President Rod Aistrop Report:**

A copy of the Report is on all Tables.

The year was limited with opportunities and achievements, but we held the Club together and survived.

Thanks to Vicki Kelley.

Thanks to Trevor Fair.

Thanks to Members.

Club's Donation to The Rotary Foundation.

Louie's Golf Day.

BlazeAid.

Science and Engineering Challenge.

Wood Trailer

We finished the Year with \$75,000 Net Assets.

Thanks to his 2020/2021 Board:

Trevor Fair

Ian Langford

Robert de Jongh

Will Eddowes

Vicki Kelley

Rosemary Kelly

Gwenda Webb

Ian Johnson

Mary Ramsay

Rod - Motion that the Treasurer's Report from 2020/2021 be accepted.

Moved – Will Eddowes

Seconded – Carolina Torregrosa

No Objections

Carried

**Will Eddowes: Club Board 2021/2022**

Leigh Robinson has put his hand up for Club President next year.

Jo Chalmers will carry on as Treasurer

Trevor Fair will continue as Club Secretary

Carolina Torregrosa has agreed to continue on the Board

Ian Law has put his name down as a Director

Will Eddowes will be Past President

Application Forms are available for Members to nominate to the Board.

No objections for next Year's Board nominations.

Oxley Partners have waived their Fee again this Year.

Will - Motion that Oxley Partners will continue as the Club's Auditors.

Moved – Jo Chalmers

Seconded – Will Eddowes

No Objections

Carried

The Club's By-Laws will continue based on the Rotary International By-Laws.

**President Will** then closed the Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to all those appointed.

**Raffle:** Won by David McCosh

Carolina won the Raffle for Flowers donated by Brian Ritson - *Thank you Brian*



**Rose Conley:**

Happy Birthday today to Leigh Robinson

**Sergeant Lynton – Fine Session**

Leigh Robinson for President Elect

Brian Ritson for moving to South Coast

Ian Langford for Daughter Sally's American Citizenship

Louie Liberale's Moustache

Rod and Lynton's Vasectomy

Robert de Jongh's Roy Rogers joke

**Birthdays Update: Nov & Dec**

Ian Langford 23/11

Robbie Allan 25/11

Ian Johnson 26/11

Leigh Robinson 7/12

Rose Conley 25/12

Let's start Birthday Pizza Lunches again !!

**Thank you letter from Rotary Club Sarajevo (30<sup>th</sup> November International Toast):**



Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

Dear President Will and Friends in Rotary,

Thank you for your kind letter, we were delighted to receive that you recognized our club at your meeting. We appreciate celebrating our National Day.

We are familiar with the work of your club and wish you and the future.

Sincere greetings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nedžad", is written in a cursive style.

Rotary Club Sarajevo

President 2021/2022