



Rotary

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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.

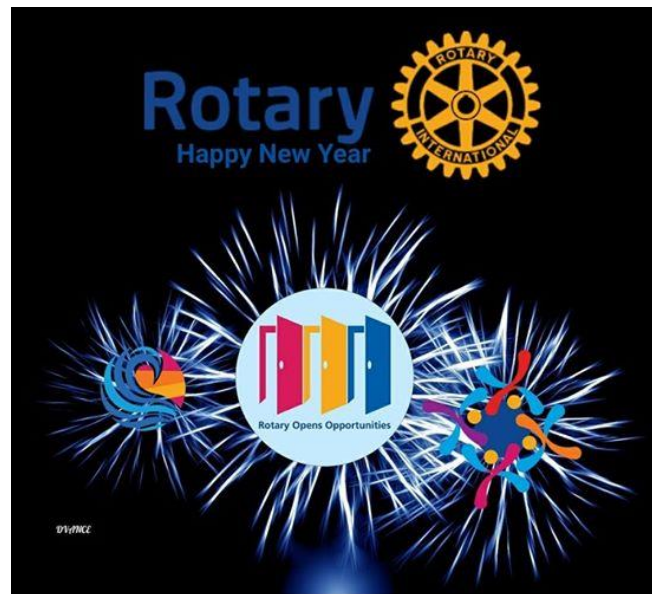
NEXT MEETING: 14 JULY, 2020

Samuel Gee's Pies & Pastries, 1 Hume Highway Balaclava.

6:00 for 6:30 unless advised otherwise.

**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

7 July 2020

14 attendees Zoomed in for the first meeting of the new Rotary Year.

President Rod welcomed all.

Invocation: Brian Elliott

International Toast: Rod Aistrope

Monday, 6th July was the Independence Day of the Union of Comoros which comprises the Comoros Islands which lie to the north west of Madagascar in the Mozambique Channel off the east coast of Africa.

The Comoros Islands were occupied by Portugal in 1503 as a colony until France took over in 1886.

The new nation became independent in 1975. It has a population of 850 000 and its capital is Moroni.

The Rotary Club of Moroni was Chartered in District 9220 in 1965 and has 13 Members led by President Abou Cheikh.

It recently conducted the National High School Chess Championship and has a health support project in the Moroni High School.

In recognition of the Independence Day of Comoros please make our International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Moroni.

Announcements:

Mary Ramsay – requesting the Club purchase and donate a freezer to Ox Harvest for storage of food items.

Des & Nerida Rudolph have kindly offered to donate excess pies to Ozharvest and the freezer would be of great assistance in storing these and other items.

Member welfare check – members provided an update on state of play of other members they knew of.

Meetings – next week agreed to meet at Samuel Gee’s Pies & Pastries, 1 Hume Highway Balaclava.

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Speaker – Kristen Wenz – TED Talk “What if a single human could change the world?”

https://www.ted.com/talks/kristen_wenz_what_if_a_single_human_right_could_change_the_world?utm_source=twitter.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=tedsread

Kristen’s talk was about the importance of birth certificates, especially in the developing world.

People need birth certificates for

- Vaccinations
- Education
- Bank accounts
- Passports

There are estimated to be 1 billion people in the world without a birth certificate. Governments cannot provide services if they do not know who is requiring these services. Human traffickers prey on children with out birth certificates as they are basically untraceable.

Countries can do the following to improve the accessibility to a birth certificate

1. Reduce the distance to access a birth certificate
2. Reduce the cost of getting a birth certificate
3. Simplify the process
4. Remove discrimination
5. Increase demand by raising public awareness

What can we do?

Change occurs where there is awareness. Everyone needs to raise the awareness of the need to have a birth certificate.

After the presentation members discussed the issue of having no birth certificate. Even in Australia late last century seasonal workers did not have birth certificates and therefore were not able or made it more difficult to get a bank account.

In other news:

Will has been leading a Vocational Services team across NW NSW. He is also a dab wheel changer when a tyre gets ripped by some \$#@ stone on a desert track.



Don has been leading a cultural tour, mainly from 5pm. No sign of Priscilla here.



and your Editor has been flooded with "Photos of the Week"

Take legal advice: read the fine print. 😊

Engineers Australia – Webinar 30th July – Electric Aircraft – some local connections.

Additional details to come.