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Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

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Guest Speaker – Tuesday

Tuesday 16th June – Young Endeavour – William Koek, Ambassador

If anyone is able to present, or knows someone willing to present, please contact me ASAP.

If not you will get either Robert or myself again.

PLEASE NOTE: LIVE MEETING TO BE HELD AT SH WINES

6:00pm for 6:30 \$30 - 2 courses + glass wine

If you are coming you MUST RSVP by Monday 10 am or you will not be fed!

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Welcome

Welcome:

President Robert welcomed all to this week's meeting. Especially guest speaker Mike Greenslade from ShelterBox Australia.

Invocation – Brian Elliott

International Toast - Louie Liberale

Norfolk Island used to be the only self governing external territory of Australia until 2016 when it lost its autonomy and now has an Administator and an elected Advisory Council. The population of about 2300 now vote in Federal elections in the seat of Bean which is mainly in the south of the ACT.

They now have to pay Australian taxes and comply with Australian law and they are not happy. The late Colleen McCullough who died in 2015, was its most famous resident and she would definitely not have been happy.

Norfolk Island was first settled by Polynesians in the 14th or 15th centuries but abandoned after a few generations. Captain Cook bumped into it in 1774 and it was settled with convicts from Sydney in 1788 for strategic reasons. It was again abandoned in 1813 and resettled, again with convicts from 1825 to 1855 when it was yet again abandoned.

Finally in 1856 the Pitcairn Islanders, descendants of the *Bounty* mutineers were settled there and were the basis of today's permanent settlement.

Yesterday they celebrated Bounty Day commemorating the arrival of the remainder of the Bounty mutineers and their families from Pitcairn Island.

The Rotary Club of Norfolk Island was Chartered in 1973 and is one of 41 Clubs in District 9910 which includes the northern part of the North Island of New Zealand, New Caledonia and Vanuatu, a vast spread over the South Pacific. President Sally-Ann Thompson leads 13 active Members who have in the past

conducted island wide immunisation days for Polio Plus.

Announcements

Liberale Golf Day – Current estimate is that \$9000 has been raised. Louie would like to thank the 40 players and numerous volunteers.

Presentation – ShelterBox – Mike Greenslade

Mike is a Rotarian based in Alstonville, NSW. As well as the CEO of ShelterBox Australia, he is also their official photographer.



ShelterBox stated as a Club project, and has now affiliates in 15 countries. The largest is the UK, followed by UAS. Australia and Canada are of similar size.

ShelterBox was originally about the box and it's contents. The concept was an easy sell. However, it became apparent that not all components of the box were required.



The focus is now on people. ShelterBox is now more professional with filed volunteers required to complete coursework + 10 days of face to face training.



Mike has crowd funded a book based on his photos acquired while on ShelterBox secondments. It comprises 3 parts.

Disaster – Images are sent back to Australia to assist with fundraising efforts.

Response – ShelterBox works with parties on the ground to get aid to the region. Rely heavily on freight companies to get free freight.

Resilience – ShelterBox staff return 12 months after to review deployment and assess processes of the operations.

Tents now used include UN styles which are heavy duty, as it has become apparent that some people live in the tents for a longer period than previously.



As well as the new book which is on sale for \$65, the ShelterBox community also has a Book Club. The idea of the Club is to raise awareness. Costs \$10 month to join and the members meet via Zoom.

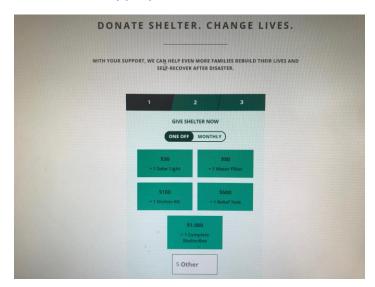


Off The Grid – World Refugee Day. Encourages participants to camp in their backyard, with no power and minimal food in an attempt to replicate the plight of refugees.



Covid-19 has disrupted the deployments during this year. ShelterBox is currently working with partners like Care in places like Vanuatu. There are currently 8 deployments worldwide at present.

The ShelterBx currently costs \$1000, however the focus is now on ShelterKits which cost \$100. Cash is the preferred option to allow allocation as appropriate.



https://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au/donate/











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