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Meeting December 15 2021

President **Brian Jenkins** welcomed 28 Rotarians and 11 partners (**John Barke, Cheryl Sandow, Colleen Dunn, Jo Howell, Sue Irvin, Gillian Jenkins, Julie Kennett, Kerryn Little, Mary Meagher, Peter Wilson & Ainslie Wilson**) to our end of year Christmas celebration dinner.

He updated us on celebrations and forthcoming meetings:

- Donehue's Rose Garden BBQ on January 19 (\$15 per member)
- No meeting on January 26
- Grangeburn on February 2 – Strategic Plan and Social Media

He read a letter from WDHS thanking us for our help at the golf day raising funds for the MRI.

Brian also asked for volunteers to fill in the roster for the harness racing meeting on December 30 (this was completed during the meeting).

Heather Ward updated us on Defying the Drift. The attendee that we sponsored (**Bailey Jervies**) enjoyed it immensely, found it very informative and will report to the club on April 13.

Chairman James Dishon invited "**Lucky**" **Ken Warburton** to draw the weekly raffle (A decorated potted Christmas tree donated by **Jenni Barke**). The winner was **Gerri Griffin**.

wards (prizes donated by **Brian and Gillian Jenkins**).

President Brian asked tables to complete the Christmas quiz, and then announced the correct answers. The winning table had 14 correct answers from the 15 questions. Congratulations to **Colleen and James Dunn, Sue and Peter Irvin, Glen and Jo Howell and Gerri Griffin**.



Chairman James then judged the costumes

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best hat – Ken Warburton• Best outfit – Lorraine Wilson• Best shirt – Kevin Safe•	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most conservative – Lloyd Hocking• Most inappropriate for the weather - Peter and Sue Irvin• Other – Kerryn Little
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Kris Kringle presents were then distributed by **Kevin Safe and Lorraine Wilson**.

Brian then thanked everyone and closed the meeting.

Coming up for our club

- Next meeting will be on 19 January at Les Donehue’s Rose garden. **Time will be 6.15 start and the cost will be \$15 per Rotarian with a partner and \$7.50 for single Rotarians. Half of members to bring a salad and the other half a sweet to share. Meat will be supplied. A notice will go out prior to the night. You will need to fill out the apologies on shared drive so that we will know numbers.**
- 26 January – Australia Day – No Meeting
- 2 February – Presentations of Draft Strategic Plan by Brian & Social Media by Lorraine



Bike Riders Thursday meet at Ansett Museum 9:00am (see article)

Coffee @The Roxburgh Fridays 10:30am

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Café Catalpa closing down tomorrow

LIZZIE HALLAM

EVERY Thursday morning, at 9am on the dot - rain, hail or shine, but not wind - an informal group of cyclists has been meeting at the Ansett Museum for three years to ride to Tarrington's Café Catalpa for their morning coffee.

Sadly, today is their last ride to the iconic restaurant, as owners, chef Michael Hilsdon, and mother, Heather Hilsdon, have made the decision to close their restaurant tomorrow after 14 years.

When asked if the decision was due to the proverbial pandemic, the response from Mrs Hilsdon was an emphatic no, it was a personal decision.

"In fact, Catalpa has been doing better than ever. Our takeaway business has absolutely taken off because of the temporary closures. We've had people travelling from far and wide to pick up meals, it's just been amazing," she said.

The informal cyclist group was formed a few years ago by some Rotarians and friends who were approaching retirement and decided they needed to do something to continue to socialise, but also involved fresh air, exercise and good coffee.

Club spokesperson, Jennifer Barke reflected on the great times they've had so far riding together, peddling a few yarms along the way, before stopping for coffee at Catalpa.

"We're not an elite group of cyclists, anyone can join in, young or old, and we have picked up a few newbies along the way," she said.

"Catalpa is a really lovely halfway point on our ride and the coffee has been worth it, but we're going to have to find another caffeine stop."

The group collectively thanked Heather and Michael Hilsdon, and Catalpa staff member,

A LOCAL cyclist group savoured their last coffees this week at Café Catalpa, before it closes tomorrow, and thanked the wonderful owners and staff for their hospitality - (from left) owners, Heather Hilsdon, with son and chef, Michael Hilsdon, with staff member, Megan Tonissen. Photo: BILLY EASSON.

Megan, for their enduring hospitality and for putting up with their weekly banter.

"Today we're saying thank you to the Hilsdon family and staff for the warm reception we've always received over the last few years," Mrs Barke said.

Heather and her husband Colin Hilsdon, who has assisted on weekends at Café Catalpa along with their daughter-in-law, Michael's wife Matilda McGoon, say there has always been a timeline for when they would finish work and have put Café Catalpa on the market for sale.

"We've loved every minute with our regular clientele and visitors to Tarrington, it has been wonderful. It will be a sad day on Sunday but we're sure the right people will come along soon and take over the reins and when they do, we'll be here to help," Ms Hilsdon said.

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Roster for coming meetings						
	Cashier	Chairman	Social/bar	Fellowship	Property	Bulletin
19 Jan	TBA					

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Family of Rotary – all our members and their families are important to us.

Almoners Rose Howard and Bruce Wheeler

It was lovely to see Beth at our meeting. Past member Catherine Winter-Cooke is in hospital after a fall. Thinking of all those who have health issues. Hoping that 2022 is a much better year for everyone.

Birthdays	Anniversary	Inductions
David Garfoot 23/12 Lloyd Hocking 31/12	Marg & Les Donehue 16/12, Kerryn & Barry Little 21/12 Gillian & Brian Jenkins 26/12 (40 years)	Les Donehue 16/12, 29 years Kevin Safe 17/12, 42 years David Garfoot 18/12, 25 years



December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

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- Hamilton Medical Group
- Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation
- James Dean Pharmacy
- Guardian Pharmacy Hamilton – Robson’s



Weekly Bulletin, Webpage and Facebook

The weekly bulletin will eventually be published through ClubRunner.

Our club webpage can be accessed on <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1943> It is now live. This will allow stories from our bulletins to be published on the webpage and information from the District and RI webpages (which also use ClubRunner) to be shared. Our club also has a Facebook page which shares stories and events, and this page is also shared to other Facebook pages to get our message out.

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