

# 12 December 2022

# Quote

"The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise."

# **Bruce's Banter**

## Last Monday. Xmas Party

While originally 42 were coming, unfortunately Covid has been rife, resulting in 12 having to apologise. Still a great night, very well organised by Toula, entertainingly MCed by Stefan, great decorations by Di, great raffle by Betty and many thanks to Deretta and Anne for yet another fine job on the door. A fun night with a lovely vibe and collegiality.



#### Carols at Boronia.

Beautiful weather and a good location made for a successful Rotary stall for the annual Carols at Boronia. Ian did a wonderful job of leading the Rotary team and I'd like to thank Betty for her sponsorship of the fireworks and to Hari, Alister, Anne, Deretta, Di, Julian, Narelle, Trevor, Bob and Heather. The sales went well with a net profit of around \$450.

#### Next Meeting. Bowls at North Epping. January 30

John Royer will coordinate this annual activity. Details as we get closer.

Best wishes to Monica and Margaret Goddard following their recent surgery.

#### Monday Program February- June

Anyone with ideas for our Monday nights please contact me. It is your Monday nights so please have an input.

#### Thanks to Deretta.

Last Monday Epping Rotary gave two \$50 vouchers to Deretta as a small gesture to thank her for the wonderful job she'd done as Secretary for many years. Thanks Deretta.

#### Community Garden Application.

Peter has spent many hours preparing for the submission for the Community Garden at St. Albans. The Board has approved \$3000 as part of the \$40,000 application which will hopefully be a join project with Bending Bank, Epping Rotary and St. Albans. Thanks Peter.

#### Cumberland Forest Walk. January 12. 9.00 am.

It's a long time before we meet in January 30, so I thought we'd meet on January 12 for a walk and coffee. Hopefully Monica will be fine to join us as it's close by and this walk provides many options. More detail as we get closer.

#### Happy Xmas and Thanks

Have a great Xmas and a prosperous and enjoyable 2023. Thanks for your great support and I look forward to seeing everyone at bowls on January 30.

#### Bruce

## **Boronia Carols Report 2022**

The mighty blue and yellow marquee belonging to the Epping Rotary Club was erected at the Boronia Carols again this year. We have a long history of providing affordable food and snacks at these Carols at what remains the largest public gathering in Epping for the year. This year we kept it simple with \$2 popcorn, \$3 snow cones and soft drinks for \$3.

The crowd built up slowly from 5.30 pm and looked a little disappointing at first but by the end of the night – estimates of attendance were put at around 5000. The evening was perfect. Customers slowly built up and at some stages there were queues of twenty or more customers waiting in line. A large team of Rotary volunteers were on hand to keep up with demand. The following deserve special mention:

Setup at 2 pm: Ian Bittner, Alister, Bruce, Hari Rana

Early Shift: Ian B, Narelle, Anne, Trevor, Deretta

Late Shift: Hari, Julian, Ian B, Heather, Deretta, Anne

Bump out 9.30pm: Alister, Ian B, Julian

Support: Bob Nash, Di Walker, Betty O

Covid Positives: Ian Stevenson, Justin Kang

The profits for the day were modest – there is not much margin in \$2 popcorn – but our customers were largely mums and small kids so we catered for our target audience quite well. We had a great location for a change and the organisers gave us access to their generator for the event.

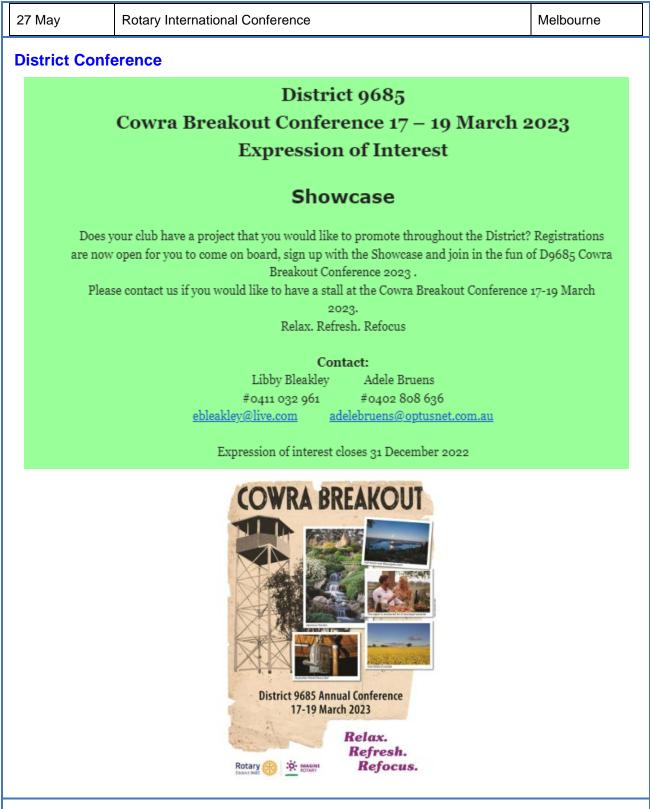
The management committee for the Carols will change next year and I will step away. Would I bother going if I was not actively doing something – probably not. Will I be going along next year – probably not.

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# Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
30 January	Barefoot Bowls	Nt Epping BC
Date	Other Events	Venue
12 January	Cumberland Forest Walk. January 12. 9.00 am.	
17 March	District Conference	Cowra



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Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves



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