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From President David Rayner 2019-2020



As we near the halfway mark of the year it is an opportunity to reflect on our achievements and thank our members for their contributions and efforts. In many ways each of our members have contributed to the successes of our Club that we all have shared with our local community and the wider Rotary community.

One of the pleasing aspects of this year has been our support for our local community and the people in either drought or fire affected areas. The initiatives and energy of our members is more than impressive. Examples of this is the Gift boxes for drought affected people (14 put together at short notice), the gluten free hampers for the Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre (10 of the best hampers we have ever put together), the \$2,000 contributed to the Taree Rotary Club to support their fire affected local area, the \$400 along with the other five Rotary Clubs in the Mountains to keep the Talking Gazette functioning until their next Government Grant comes through, the ongoing support for the Sensory Garden at the Springwood Primary School, support for several functions at the Faulconbridge Primary School, support for the Pinnaroo before and after school centre at the Winmalee primary School, support for the Ellison Primary School movie night, support for the Emergency Department of the Nepean Hospital, support of the Monday meals at the Springwood Neighbourhood Centre and the list goes on.

These achievements can only happen with the efforts from a very dedicated and active Club who have been able to engage with our local community and achieve the results we have.

Add all this to the Youth programs we support including YEP, RYLA, RYPEN and MUNA, and it has been a busy half year. A big thankyou must go to our Host families for opening their homes to our exchange student Noelle. I will not try and name the individual drivers of these activities for fear of missing some one out, however we as

Happy New Year



a Club know the members who have gone above and beyond to make this all come together.

We have also had our fair share of ill health of members this year and a big thank you must go to those who have supported our members when it was most needed. We have continued to build a strong relationship with our main fund raiser Bunnings who offer us the opportunity to raise funds to support the many activities we undertake. We need to continue to seek new opportunities for fund raising as it appears that the days of large net fund-raising events are becoming harder to identify due to increased competition and the changing demographics of our

Another pleasing activity we have been involved with is the co-operation of the six Rotary Clubs in the Mountains to work together on common projects. Whilst this has happened in the past at certain times there is a growing awareness that by working together, we can achieve so much more particularly for our local area. The incoming presidents for the next Rotary year appear keen to keep this activity going.

We have attracted a new member in Rosa Sage who transferred from Central Blue Mountains Rotary Club to Springwood Rotary Club and we all extend a big welcome to Rosa who comes to us with many years of Rotary experience.

In closing I wish to thank all members and friends for their support for our Club and the unselfish contributions that they give in their own way. It is greatly appreciated. We look forward to the balance of the year with the same enthusiasm and achievements.

Maureen and I wish all our Members their Families, Honorary Members and Friends of Rotary the very best for the Christmas Festivities and a safe and happy New Year.

> President Dave Rayner

The First Fortnight for 2020		
20th January	Social Night—First meeting back for the year the Ori Hotel	
27th January	Rotary Meeting—7pm Ori Hotel	



Monday 25th November 2019 Springwood Rotary Annual General Meeting

....memorable





Monday 2nd December the members were a lot more awake and alert as we heard from Provisional Rotaract Club of Nepean Lower Blue Mountains member Kieran Naicker (Rotary In Action). He talked passionately about the vision of his club which has a energetic membership that also include people with disability. If anyone know of someone who is interested please contact Kieran via their Facebook page.

We also welcomed to our club Rosa who has transferred from another Rotary club.



Monday 9th December saw members once again at Paul and Suzanne's place for our Christmas dinner. We thank them for their generous hospitality 🕻 A great time with members, partners and Friends of Rotary.

We also were delighted to be able to celebrate Noelle's 16th birthday







Gluten Free items.

A few Rotarians gathered together to assemble 10 Gluten Free baskets for the Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre.

This year we also included vouchers for the purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables from the local store Mountain Fresh Growers at the Winmalee shopping centre. We take this opportunity to thank all those who donated either goods or money. Once all the baskets where made they were delivered to the Winmalee neighbourhood centre.







Thanks go to Lynda Sparkes who this years distributed kits to 5 local chemists, Blooms Springwood, Faulconbridge, Blaxland, East Blaxland and Glenbrook. Program results from 8 District clubs that participated as of 18/9/19— Kits sold, 16,872, Tested 14,183, Positive Detected 1,174.

Thank you also to President David and PP Margaret for their help.



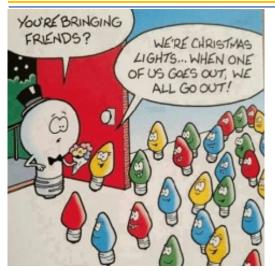








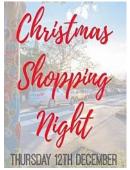
Thanks to Pat along with Friends of Rotary, husband Alan, Janne, Alan G, Leigh with Margaret & Roger for their commitment each month to maintain the International Friendship Garden. After years of neglect, Springwood Rotary wanted to create a garden for all to enjoy. In 2012/13 the garden was redesigned in conjunction with the Blue Mountains Sister City Committee. All that was left of the previous garden were some trees and the rock edging. The first area to get a overhaul was the Japanese Garden. Now all the garden beds are complete. There is also a park bench named in honour of 2 of our charter members Fred and Alan.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SPRINGWOOD INC.						
BUNNINGS BARBEQUE ROSTER						
Saturday 21st December						
	Cash Register	Set-up/ Supervisor	Serving	Cooking		
8.30 11.00	Geoff Glassock	Margaret Bell	Rosa Sage	Frank Ross*		
11.00 1.30	Jenny Thomas		Dee Covington	John Fuller*		
1.30 4.00	Peter Sparkes	Dave Ravner	Sherril Dalv	Colin Kennev*		

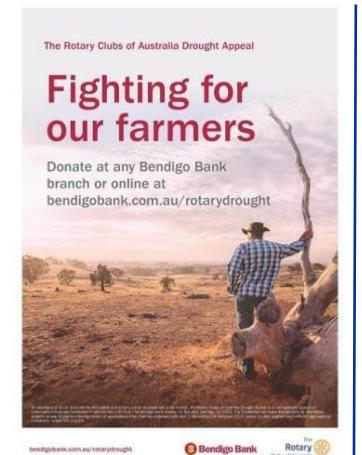
*food temperature readings

Late night shopping went very well with the weather perfect for shoppers. Thanks to all our members who helped make this another success. The local schools also took advantage of our gazebo for their performances. We had the BBQ covered and the crowd control...wellcontrolled.











From our DG Kalma Mc Lellan

For those I have visited, I hope that you have Feb 29 in your diary as a special fundraiser, and that you are organising practice sessions of the 'nutbush' for your performance at 11am.

If you are wondering about the record we are trying to beat nationally, click on the link below to watch this year's dusty red attempt in Birdsville:

Nutbush World Record Big Red Bash 2018

Surely we can get together to give this record attempt a big nudge?!?!? We are hoping to raise some money for the <u>National Indigenous Health</u> project as well as have some fun!





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An estimated 3.6 million Japanese families eat KFC during the Christmas season. There was no tradition of Christmas in Japan, and so KFC came in and said, this is what you should do on Christmas. Millions of people weather long lines to **order** fried chicken **weeks in advance** to carry on the tradition. Since only about 1% to 2% of the Japanese population is Christian, the country didn't have many established Christmas traditions. If you want to get in on the festive fun, however, you need to plan ahead. People are forced to wait in lines for hours on Christmas Day if they don't pre-order their meals.



Please let Geoffrey know of your availability for next years

Australia Day Celebrations

Jazz in the Gardens And

Springwood Festival

It all sneaks up all too fast







The Rotary Club of Springwood

The Growing Library
Support Your Community
All BOOKS \$2
All DVD's \$2





The Rotary Club of Springwood has been associated with the Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre for approximately 10 years.
Every Monday Ross and Robyn Ingram,
Bob Templman, Alan Cameron and new to the team Frank Ross have been helping prepare and serve community lunches.
Collectively they have done over 700 hours of volunteer work every year.
The Rotary Club of Springwood has donated tables, storage cabinets and some kitchen items over the course of time.

The Christmas lunch is a busy time as it is expected to have over 100 guests. Springwood Rotary, The Salvation Army and The Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre all have additional members to help out on the day.

We thank our volunteers for all their hours in helping our community senior members each Monday have a place to come and meet, chat and share a meal.

Volunteering - The gift of giving

If you are having an outing to some of the places listed below please think of including Noelle as she has made a

Bucket List

In no particular order

Sydney NSW Canberra

Madame Tussauds
White Rabbit gallery
Sydney Fish Markets
The grounds of Alexandria
Stockton Beach Sand Dunes
A show at the Opera House
Sydney Tower Buffet
Bondi icebergs pool

Canberra
Watson Bay
Mayfield Garden
Kiama blowhole
Sport games
Jet boating
Art gallery NSW
Sea life aquarium
Buffalo dining club



Contact Noelle to make arrangements noelle.arnold@bluewin.ch

Apologies

Please contact for Apologies, Additional Guest, Dietary Changes ETC. Peter Sparkes peege@bigpond.com or phone 0417 244 829 by 5pm on Sunday. Speak clearly and leave your name and contact number with the message. Remember you will be required to pay for any meals not cancelled after 5pm on Sunday

The Rotary Club of Springwood 2 month Calendar

December 2019		
2	Club Meeting—ROTARACT	
7	Buttenshaw Park Gardening	
9	Club Meeting—Christmas Party at the Erickson's	
12	Late Night Shopping Springwood	
16	Rotary Meeting 7 pm The Ori Order your own meals Social meeting with Trivia	
21	Bunnings BBQ SUNNINGS	
January 2020		
4	Buttenshaw Park Gardening	
18	Bunnings BBQ	
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Hello Readers I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your comments of encouragement on the publication of our newsletter. Thanks also go to the members who forward photos of events that I was unable to attend along with all the additional stories that are either handed to me or emailed. We together make our newsletter an informed and interesting read. I just glue in the pictures. Stay safe and have a plan. I thought I would have this picture of a cute emu



Reminders

- Margaret is looking for members on 18th January Bunnings BBQ as she requires 5-6 more to cover shifts
- First meeting back will be on Monday 20th January. Please let Peter Sparkes know if you will be attending
- Australia Day will be on Sunday 26th January and will have 2 shifts 8.15 am to 11.30 am and second shift from 11.20 to 2.15pm. Please let Geoffrey know of your availability.
- Also let Geoffrey know of your availability for Jazz in the Gardens 29th February and the Springwood Festival 28th March
- Due to a malfunction with production of prosthetic hands we will not be collecting any more tops and tabs for the time being. We thank you for your supply and will let you know when we will be collecting again