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This Week's Meeting Last Meeting of the year—Cocktail Night

Introductions

Thanks

Report from our President Margaret Bell 2018—2019

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Ho Ho Ho!

Merry Christmas to you all... What a night we had last Monday! Thanks Paul and Suzanne and to all who had a jolly old time getting into the spirit of Christmas. This week is our last meeting for the year and a time to take a well earned break and be ready to do it all again in 2019! A big thank you to you all for the hard work and tireless hours devoted to Community Service and other programs over the past 6 months!

This week a few of us had fun assembling the Gluten Free Hampers for the Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre. They are all ready to be distributed, along with the regular hampers, to those less fortunate over this special time of giving. They looked wonderful and were gratefully received by Morna and her team. I thank all who donated goods and cash to make this very worthwhile project possible.

It has been the time for many school presentations as the term comes to an end. I had the opportunity to attend Faulconbridge Public School with Yvonne Meehan for their achievement awards on Wednesday and must congratulate the students and teachers on a spectacular ceremony. From the Kindy graduates in their robes and mortar boards to the farewell of the current Year 6 who are off to High School. The Band, Choir and induction of 2019 Prefects and School Captains – such proud parents! Thanks to all who have represented our Rotary Club at each of the schools!

Late Night Shopping in Springwood on Thursday was an eventful night! We sold out of sausages just as the skies opened and the rains came down ... *in buckets*!!! Santa and his Elf were a popular attraction as always with a jolly, hot Santa Ho, Ho, Hoing around the town square! The paparazzi were definitely out in force! Gift wrapping was slow but it added to the festive look of the area... with our very own gift wrapped wrapper (Sherril).

Many thanks, as always to Bill for his preparation and set up...the team were like drowned rats by the time the trailer had been packed up at the end. I really do need to thank everyone who assisted on what was a very hot, humid and then wet night...you are all stars!

We will have a relaxed, fun meeting on Monday with a birthday celebration for Sofia who has a birthday on Sunday!

The first meeting back will be a Hawaiian Themed casual get together at my home 6.30 - 9.00 on Monday 21^{st} January. Please let Peter Sparkes know how many are coming by Sunday if possible. I look forward to seeing many of you with partners there! For now I wish you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas!



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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. <u>Remember</u> you will be required to pay for any meals not cancelled after 5pm on Sunday

THE LAST MEETING Christmas Cheer at The Erikson's

Our Christmas meeting was once again at The Erikson's residence. The long table was a great look and worked well with members moving about easily. We also had The (Tomas) Ahern family there along with our Out Bound student Sophie with her family and of course Sofia. Raffle prizes where won when you led in a Christmas Carol. Fun for all.



The long table of members, partners, friends of Rotary and friends of Rotaract

It was good to see member Peter McTaggart once again out and about. Talking here with Glen a friend Cheryl and Norm K and also a friend of Granville Rotary



Christmas Hampers Packing

For quite a few years now, the members of the Rotary Club of Springwood Inc, have donated goods and money to purchase food item which have then been packaged as Christmas Hampers.

The hampers have then been delivered to The Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre, where they have been grateful received and then distributed to those in need prior to Christmas.

This year we were approached by Morna, from Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre and asked if we could donate ten Christmas Hampers of Gluten Free products to meet the special dietary needs of some of their clients. With generous donations of gluten free product and cash donations, along with money approved by the Club Board, we were able to put together ten lovely Hampers which were packed and decorated at Bronwyn's home on Tuesday afternoon by Bronwyn, Valda, Carrie and Margaret and delivered to the Neighbourhood Centre to be distributed. This is another great and generous program supported by our members.

President Margaret adding some Christmas Cheer

Valda and Carrie helping with the sorting and packing



In Memory of PDG Paul Henningham



Past Presidents Bob Templeman, Cheryl Kitto & Norm Kitto represented our Club at the Memorial Service for PDG Paul Henningham OAM, PHF at Gelnbrook on Sunday afternoon.

There was a large gathering of members from Legacy, R.S.L & Rotary present to hear several moving and inspirational tributes to a truly Humble, Proud Ex-Serviceman, Great Humanitarian and Committed Rotarian. All present acknowledging how privileged they were to have known such an "All Round Great Bloke".

Rest in Peace Paul, the world is a better place having had you serve with such commitment & passion.

Save your Christmas cards and mail stamps for **ROMAC**

ROMAC's Southern Region wants the stamps off CHRISTMAS CARDS and MAIL posted to YOU during the festive season. This will raise money to help ROMAC patients and won't cost you a cent! All you need to do is this:



 Once you open your mail, locate the stamp and cut around it (PLEASE DO NOT PEEL OFF!) leaving roughly a 2cm border.
Make a collection and post it, with a note saying "FOR ROMAC", to:

> Shields Stamps and Coins Pty Ltd 52 Burgundy St Heidelberg, Victoria Australia 3084.

Thank you for your help and have a good Christmas.

Blue Mountains 2019 Local Australia Day Awards



Do you know a local citizen who is inspirational?

Blue Mountains City Council is calling for nominations for outstanding local citizens, as part of the annual Australia Day Awards

The Blue Mountains Local Australia Day Awards recognise and reward those citizens who have a consistent record of excellence, who have made outstanding achievements in their field and have contributed in a significant way to the Blue Mountains community.

Click on the link below for more details

https://www.facebook.com/175066762601689/ posts/1981971701911177/



RLI seeks to have Rotary Clubs identify those Rotarians who appear to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills which is important in voluntary organisations.

The three part course 2nd and 3rd March 2019 is held on Saturday or Sunday at our <u>District Office</u>. Morning tea and lunch are provided.

Each day starts at 8:30 for 9:00 am and finishes around 3:45pm.

Please see below for registration

https://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/sitepage/rotary-leadership-institute

Late Night Shopping Springwood



Once again The Rotary Club of Springwood Inc. participated in the late night shopping event with sausage sizzle and gift wrapping with the added excitement of Santa turning up to delight all. We also had our Out Bound student Sophie on hand to help.

Our double canopy awning was a hit for the student performers and musicians to muster under from the light rain.

All went swimmingly 'til the storm really hit and that stopped the fun time had by so many families who ended up nearly needing to swim for cover or to their cars.













Up Coming Events

December	
2nd Sun & 3rd Mon	Sunday 2nd Bunnings BBQ & MHERV / Monday 3rd MHERV at Ori Hotel Carpark Springwood
3rd Monday	Club Meeting
6th Thursday	Bunnings Christmas BBQ
10th Monday	Christmas Party at The Erickson's
13th Thursday	Late Night Shopping BBQ & Gift Wrapping & Pedestrian Ushering
15th Saturday	
17th Monday	Club Meeting—Last one for the year
January	
7th Monday	No meeting
14th Monday	No meeting
19th Saturday	Bunnings BBQ
21st Monday	Club Meeting—First meeting back at Bell's Place—Tropical Theme
26th Saturday	Australia Day
28th Monday	Public Holiday—Australia Day

Tomas Ahern

Guten Tag Alle !

Well some of you might know, the Germans are very fond of Christmas, and everywhere you go your reminded it's the Christmas season, cause of all of the Christmas markets ! And everyone is drinking Glühwein!

On the first weekend of December, I had my last district orientation, I had to give a presentation on australia for the new outbounds, I was awarded my certificate of completion, and alot of goodbye hugs, and during my last month, it's been getting colder, and darker, I have only 1 and a half weeks of school left !

And starting to find gifts and souvenirs ! (I'm still avoiding packing) after Christmas, on the 28th of December till the 3rd of January I will be on a Ski Tour in the Italian Alps with 2 other districtscts, and around 80 exchangers!

> Merry Christmas and a happy new year! Tomas Ahern

Members of the Board 2018–2019

Margaret Bell
David Rayner
Paul Erickson
Jenny Thomas
Norm Kitto
Bill Bowler
Geoffrey Glassock
Dee Covington
Bronwyn Berriman
John Fuller
Adam Law
Norm Kitto
Cheryl Kitto
Yvonne Meehan
Sherril Daly
Cheryl Kitto
Marilyn Kenney
Valda Bray/
Lynda Sparkes



Tomas giving his presentation and receiving his certificate of completion. *Well done Tomas*



Dates for Your Diary

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month				
		Intro's	Thanks	
December				
17th	Club Meeting—last for 2018			
January 2019				
7th	No Meeting			
14th	No Meeting			
19th				
21st	First Club Meeting for the year at The Bell's			
26th	Australia Day BBQ (Saturday)			
28th	No Meeting—Australia Day Public Holiday			
February 2019				
4	Toni Thomas - VIEW & The Smith Family	Sherril D	Cheryl K	
11	Club Meeting			
16 th	BUNNINGS Jazz Festival Norman Lyndsay Car Parking Only			