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President's report

Last Monday's lively meeting at the Ori provided an opportunity to welcome four potential new members: Tony, Lorraine, Alan and Marc. Thank you to Roza and Frank for inviting them and was great to see so many people in attendance.

On Tuesday we held a Zoom Board meeting which was mostly an update on current projects – there certainly is a lot happening at the moment.

One possible future project we discussed was the possibility of raising funds for the outdoor furniture for the palliative care area of the Springwood Hospital. Their current refurbishments do not cover the cost of this furniture. The rough initial estimate is about \$14,000, but we are looking at more a \$10,000 figure, possibly supported through a District Grant. I'd be interested in members' comments about the feasibility of this being a major 2021-2022 project.

Our first week of raffle ticket selling netted about \$350 and some members have already returned sold tickets, so we are off to a flying start. Thanks to all the willing sellers!

On Tuesday morning Marilyn Kenney hosted a delightful International Women's Day Breakfast at the Springwood Sports Club. Thank you, Marilyn, for an interesting morning and some great company.

I am pleased to report that Yvonne Meehan continues on the path to recovery, and has now moved to a ward. We all send our best wishes.

This coming Monday is our speaker week, and we look forward to hearing from Katie McRobert and Virginia Fortunat who will be speaking about plans for the Turning Page cooperative.

Have a good week!

Jenny Kroonstuiver
President



Thought for the week

Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone may do the same for you.

Princess Diana

Planned meetings for March

- **15 March** – Zoom meeting with guest speakers
- **22 March** - Club Committee meetings
- **29 March** - brewery vocational visit

Planned meetings for April

- **5 April** – Easter Monday - no meeting
- **12 April** – Ori dinner meeting
- **19 April** – Zoom meeting with guest speakers
- **26 April** - Club Committee meetings



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Upcoming events

- **13-14 March** – District Conference
- **18-19 March** – Mental Health First Aid course
- **20 March** – BBQ event at Norman Lindsay Gallery
- **20 March** – Purple Day (for epilepsy) at Bunnings
- **24 April** – R100 breakfast BBQ
- **2 May** – Music Amongst the Autumn Leaves
- **7 May** – Variety Club Golf Day
- **14-16 May** – Rotary Leadership Institute Course – see DG's e-news

Sergeant's corner

Which President forgot the Board meeting last Tuesday night?

Who were the two attendees who went to the wrong location for the International Women's breakfast?



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Wentworth Falls lunches coming up

From Valda Bray

I have booked Wentworth Falls TAFE for 10 people on **Thursday 25 March**, and for 16 people on **Thursday 10 June**. Please contact Valda on valdabray@hotmail.com if you would like to attend on either date.

Springwood Rotary Autumn Handyperson Raffle 2021 – Tickets are now available.

Members are invited to take books of raffle tickets to sell. They are in books of 10, with each ticket worth \$5. Books are available from Jenny Kroonstuiwer (for either collection or dropping off) or can be collected from Lynda Sparkes at the Garden Centre.



We are selling tickets on Fridays and Saturdays at the Winmalie Shopping Centre, continuing each week until the raffle is drawn on 15 May or until all tickets are sold. I am looking for ticket selling volunteers - two people per each of two shifts each day: 9.00 – 12.00 and 12.00-3.00. We sit inside the main area of the shopping centre with close proximity to all necessary facilities. **Please note that we will not be selling tickets at Winmalee on the 19-20 March.**

Please email jkroonstuiwer@hotmail.com if you would like to help.



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Science and Engineering Challenge - Rotarian Volunteers Needed

From Joan Hart

The Science and Engineering challenge for year 10 is on again this year after a year in hiatus. They are looking for Rotary volunteers for **Thursday 25th March and/or Friday 26th March**. The venue is Sydney Olympic Park – parking is provided and lunch.

David and I have done this mentoring several times now and it is a fantastic day to work and supervise the kids while they do the challenges.

I thoroughly recommend this as a way for Rotary to serve our school kids and encourage them to undertake Science Subjects in Years 11 and 12.

To volunteer please contact David Ellyard on david@davidellyard.com

Rotary BowelCare Reminder: 1 March – 31 May 2021

From Lynda Sparkes

There are major changes to the Rotary BowelCare Program this year.

The BowelCare kits will no longer be available for purchase in pharmacies. All sales will now be conducted through the BowelCare office, for the three-month period, by phone or using the Mail Order form. The purchase price of \$25 is inclusive of postage and fees, pathology

testing and notification of your result to yourself and your nominated doctor.

The kits will be available to purchase from **1st March 2021 until 31st May 2021** by using the Mail Order form or by phoning the BowelCare office Tuesday to Thursday 9am – 3pm on (02) 4341 6695. If you are purchasing through Mail Order, please complete, sign and return the **Mail Order form printed on the last page of this newsletter** using the instructions provided.

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Continue to look after your health by participating in the annual Rotary BowelCare Program.



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District Assembly for Incoming Board members (updated)

District Assembly is planned as an online event again this year after the great success of the event in 2020. It will roll out over several weeks during April and May, for each group of your Club management team, commencing with the General Session on Sunday April 18th.

Even though this is the training program for all incoming Boards of your Clubs, everyone is welcome to attend, however registration is essential. So, watch this space for details and be ready to join the fun!! More details will be published soon but here are the dates for your diaries.

The District Assembly will occur over 6 non-consecutive Saturdays and Sundays with some variations to the dates listed in the last eNewsletter.

The dates are commencing Sunday April 18, then Sunday May 16, Saturday May 22, Sunday May 23, Sunday May 30, Sunday Jun 6.

What is Purple Day?



Purple Day (26th March) is a global initiative dedicated to raising epilepsy awareness. Purple Day was founded in 2008, by nine-year-old Cassidy Megan of Nova Scotia, Canada who started Purple

Day to get people talking about the condition and to let those impacted by seizures know that they are not alone. She named the day, Purple Day after the internationally recognised colour for epilepsy, lavender.

Purple Day has grown into a well known and supported national awareness day with thousands of people across Australia gathering within their community, education and corporate sectors to raise much needed awareness and funds for those affected by epilepsy.

We will be raising funds for Purple Day at the Bunnings BBQ on March 20.

Meet our members – Peter Sparkes



I was born in 1938 and lived in Belmore (Go Bulldogs!), and occasionally Narooma when my Father (RAAF) was away during the war. We moved to Wagga in 1949 when Dad was posted to RAAF Forest Hill. I attended Wagga High until the Intermediate.

In 1952 Dad was posted to 78 Wing in Malta and the family was able to join him. I completed my schooling at the Royal Naval School, Tal Handaq, Malta. While in



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Malta I joined the Boy Scouts and gained my Queen's Scout Badge.

On returning to Australia at the end of 1954 I went into Teachers College at Wagga and trained as a Small School and Primary Teacher. My first school had only 13 kids. During this time I achieved my BA degree through the University of New England, and transferred to the Secondary System. My main teaching subject was Geography.

My Secondary career encompassed Leeton, Narrandera, Blaxland, St Marys and Nepean High Schools (from which I retired as Principal).

In 1963 I married Robyn and we have 3 sons - David and Michael born in Leeton and Geoffrey born in Narrandera. While in Narrandera I became a JP.

In 1972 I was selected as a member of District 270 GSE Team which visited Texas. In 1990 I was invited to join Springwood Rotary Club (courtesy Jim Burton). I have held numerous positions in the Club including two as President; the first being the year the Club was opened to female membership.

I have performed a variety of roles at District level, including ADG and I am the grateful recipient of a PHF (2 Sapphires).

Robyn passed away in 1996.

Four years later Lynda and I were married and we enjoy seeing our seven grandchildren and one great granddaughter grow up.

I have been a Freemason for many years and in 2000 I served a two-year term as District Grand Inspector of Workings (similar to a DG).

Photos from the International Women's Day Breakfast



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