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President's report

This week Sherril Daly and I have been working on producing the 3-5 minute film about our Club. Thanks to all those who have been scouring photo collections for us, and also to Fred Thompson for agreeing to be filmed as part of the project.

The films are due by the end of January. The finalists will be featured at the District Virtual Conference in March 2021 and the two winners will be awarded a PHF to give to someone of their choice.

Valley Heights Bunnings have once again generously donated a \$500 voucher in lieu of the cancelled January BBQ. We now have sufficient donations to put together another raffle, and this will be prepared for drawing around Easter.

We have our first meeting for the year this coming Monday. Bring your wine, nibbles, pets etc, as this will be an informal catch up. I'll be asking all attendees to tell us about their Christmas break, and Bill Bowler to give us a brief update on the plans for the Australia Day event.

Have a good week – and Happy Australia Day!

Jenny Kroonstuiver
President



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Australia Day Celebrations



Australia Day 2021

Springwood Aquatic and Fitness Centre

The seven Blue Mountains Rotary Clubs, supported by Blue Mountains City Council, are providing free sausage sizzles across the Blue Mountains this Australia Day. Rotary secured a grant through the Australia Day Council to provide the sausage sizzles on 26 January 2021.

They will be available at Blue Mountains Leisure Centres between 10am and 2pm on the day and will strictly follow COVID safe procedures, as outlined by NSW Health.

These events provide an opportunity for Blue Mountains residents to reflect on the challenges of the past year, respect the sacrifices and contributions of those who responded in a time of need and celebrate being together.

Rotary is proud to be able to show support to the Blue Mountains community





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and to Reflect, Respect and Celebrate
on Australia Day and in the 100th year of
Rotary in Australia.

Thought for the week

I love a sunburnt country, a land of
sweeping plains,
Of rugged mountain ranges, of droughts
and flooding rains.
I love her far horizons, I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror - the wide
brown land for me!
Dorothea Mackellar

Planned meetings for January

- 25 January – general Club Zoom meeting

Planned meetings for February

- 1 February – Club Zoom meeting with Director's reports
- 8 February - Club Committee meetings
- 9 February – Board meeting
- 15 February – TBA
- 22 February - Zoom meeting with guest speakers

Pick-a-card!

Pick-a-card will return once meetings resume.

Registering for District Conference 2021

Registration information and links were contained in the most recent District Governor's e-news (sent out 21 January).

Please take a few minutes to register!

Registration is free!

The rotary leadership institute course 61 26th to 28th February, 2021

There is still time to register for this Virtual Learning Opportunity. RLI60 has just recently concluded with great success. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. See the Rotary District 9685 e-Newsletter for further details.

What are Rotary Action Groups?

Rotary Action Groups are independent, Rotary-affiliated groups made up of people from around the world who are experts in a particular field, such as economic development, peace, addiction prevention, the environment, or water.

Action groups offer their technical expertise and support to help clubs plan and implement projects to increase our impact, one of Rotary's strategic priorities. This support includes helping clubs find partners, funding, and other resources. Action groups can also help clubs and districts prepare grant applications, conduct community assessments, and develop plans to monitor and evaluate their projects.

In coming newsletters, one of these Rotary Action Groups will be featured each week.



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Rotary Action Group Against Slavery

There are over 40 million enslaved people, according to Walk Free's Global Slavery Index. That's four times more than those taken out of Africa during the 400 years of the Atlantic Slave Trade. Modern slaves, however, are disposable, cheap, and being hidden from plain sight have no human rights. Very young children are now in greater danger than ever before as sex traffickers exploit opportunities arising from natural disasters, deprivation, civil conflict, and mass migration.

RAGAS working with others globally will change that by:

- *Creating awareness:* Telling Rotarians and the wider public that millions are held captive for illegal gain
- *Taking action:* Supporting, working with and promoting global anti-slavery bodies and activities through Rotary Clubs, campaigns and projects that help protect children and adults from slavery and its consequences.

YOU can help make that change
RAGAS already has members in over 65 countries. Join us NOW and help create a slave free world.

Australian Rotary Health

Seeking a Casual

Media and Communications Officer

Australian Rotary Health is looking for an enthusiastic and experienced Media and Communications Officer to join our small team in Parramatta on a casual basis (minimum 10 hours per week).

If you would like to find out more or apply, take a look at our job advertisement on Seek.

For enquiries about the role, contact Jessica Cooper: jessica@arh.org.au

Gingerbread Houses

Thank you to Jan Templeman for her photos of the family's gingerbread house. It looks terrific!



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