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I **decided** to rewrite this newsletter after standing at our letterbox at daybreak on Saturday morning and listening to the Last Post echoing down the gully behind our house.

Some very talented person was playing the Last Post along Singles Ridge Road and it was as clear as a bell on our side of the gully. This made me think about many things, particularly our service men and women who have over the years given so much without question to make us the luck country. Sure, we have our challenges at present both individually and as a country and will face many more in the coming years to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, however on reflection we are fortunate to live in the country that we do and have the support of our community, family and friends.

Fred Thompson laid a Reith at the Cenotaph in Springwood Saturday on behalf of The Rotary Club of Springwood. Thank you to Fred for this as it is very important to maintain our support for those close to us and our community that have given, allowing us the lifestyle we enjoy. The local RSL

Subbranch contacted me last week to encourage our Rotary Club to continue with the tradition of laying a Reith on ANZAC day. I assured Jim that we did not need any encouragement.

On Club matters we had our first ZOOM Board meeting on Thursday 16th April, the meeting went well with a few technical hitches but allowed us to meet and discuss the matters that needed to be addressed. One key area for discussion is the need to make sure that with limited fund-raising opportunities between now and the end of the Rotary year, that the incoming Board have enough funds to operate with. Thank you to those Club Members who have made donations to the Club, either for the Centurion Program or to donate some or all their weekly meal cost to our Club. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.



We also had our first Zoom Club Meeting last Monday 21st April, this was very well attended with 20 Members dialed in. We had a few technical challenges; however, they were low key, and it was good to hear and see the many smiling faces. Many thanks to Marilyn Kenny for setting up the meeting and controlling the "Mute" button, not that it was needed very often. We will be meeting via Zoom at 7.00 pm each Monday Night until the social isolation restrictions are lifted. We are working on introducing guest speakers in the coming weeks. The Zoom meeting

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format allows us to draw on a wider range of speakers without the need for travel etc.

We need to recognize the effort that Pat Ainslie has contributed to helping the Winmalee Neighborhood Centre open their "OPP Shop" in the Winmalee Shopping Centre. Whilst this is not a Rotary sanctioned activity there are several Club Members supporting Pat in this activity.

It was disappointing to hear at the District Assemble that an area of concern within RI is the increase of harassment and bullying complaints by Rotarians on other Rotarians. This is one of many reasons for the focus on Learning and Development programs to change this trend. Rotarians are encouraged to go online and take advantage of these facilities.

A suggestion by Geoffrey Glasscock at the last Board Meeting was to ask our members and other Blue Mountain Rotary Clubs if they had any unused Laptops to be recycled for school students. Funding for the schools only goes so far and some students are disadvantaged and are being left behind with their studies for lack of access to computers during our present home schooling needs. We have had a very good response from one neighbouring Club as well as Scenic World (who will be donating approx. 20 computers). If any members or friends would like to donate you can clean your computer yourself before handing onto Geoff or you can contact [Blue Mountains Computers](#) who have kindly reduced the service cost by half to \$90 to clear your laptops. This is part of our community support program. Contact Geoffrey for collection of computers once they have been cleared of data. I will let Geoffrey update the Club on the details on Monday night. The Policeman for the year event has been postponed till next year in view of the socializing restrictions.

As you would know, Paul and Susan Erickson have arrived home safely after a long and interesting experience, I am sure that in coming weeks Paul

would welcome the opportunity to tell us more of the details of their trip.

As reported by Valda last Monday, Bob Templeman is at home and coming to task with the challenges of physio, we wish Bob a speedy recovery and encourage Club members to call Bob and offer their encouragement as we need him active for when we meet again.

Ross Ingram is at home, with his radio therapy ongoing. We continue to keep Ross and Robin in our thoughts and prayers and aim that Ross will return to us at some time in the future.

Thank you to Valda Bray for her tireless efforts in keeping our Club informed on the welfare of our members. Valda spends many hours keeping in touch with as many members as she can.

Well done to several of our Lady Members who have been organizing ZOOM morning teas. This is an important part of staying connected during these trying times. A great idea and a bit of fun.

That is all for this week.

Best wishes to all. David Rayner

❖ Here is a link to see where there are COVID -19 case via postcode. We can check on our own area as well as loved ones in this state. Scroll down the page and you can see where we sit the world. [Cases Near Me](#).

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