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President's report

Last Monday's AGM, so ably chaired by Peter Sparkes, was a success, and it is pleasing to see such a strong Board elected for 2021-2022. Following the meeting, with assistance from Valda, we have identified an auditor and the audit is underway.

We also undertook a review of the last six months, and in reflection it has been a busy period. My sincere thanks go to all the current Board members for their hard work, willingness to test and try new ideas and preparedness to tackle all challenges head on. It is great to work with such a supportive group of people.

During the week Bill Bowler and Norm Kitto attended a meeting with the mountains Clubs and the BMCC in relation to a planned Australia Day event. The proposal is that mountains swimming pools will be opened free to the public as a 'thank you' and Rotary Clubs will serve BBQ sausages etc. The event is also a celebration of 100 years of Rotary and will include an Australia-wide address from the Governor-General. Bill Bowler is in high demand for his expertise in preparing COVID plans, and he is our contact person for this event – thank you Bill! Thanks also to Upper Blue who submitted a successful application for funding to support the initiative. More details to follow in coming weeks.

Yesterday was the second of the Wentworth Falls TAFE lunches, organised by Valda Bray, and from all reports it was great fun. It was especially good to see that Yvonne Meehan and Margaret Bell were in attendance!

During the week Beth Fuller was admitted to hospital, but we are glad to hear she is home now and recovering well.

I understand several members have been making up their gingerbread houses. Please send me a photo of your efforts to share!

We are going to indulge in some 'training' at this Monday's meeting, and at short notice Marilyn Kenney has kindly agreed to put together some short films.

Next week will be the last Springword until mid-January, so if you wish to have anything included, please let me know by Thursday night.

Have a good week!
Jenny Kroonstuiwer
President



Thought for the week

Nothing ever seems too bad, too hard or too sad when you've got a Christmas tree in the living room. All those presents under it, all that anticipation. Just a way of saying there's always light and hope in the world. *Nora Roberts*



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Wentworth Falls lunch

Pick-a-card!

Adam Law was the Pick-a-card winner this week. Sadly, not a joker winner.

Planned meetings for December

- 7 December 2020 - Club Zoom meeting
- 14 December 2020 – Christmas Party, hosted by Paul and Sue Erikson

We will then be on break until 25 January 2021.

Gluten Free Christmas hampers for Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre

The Rotary Club of Springwood has once again offered to prepare gluten free Christmas hampers for Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre.

Bronwyn Berriman will be collecting food or cash donations until 16th December - the hampers will be packed and distributed later that week.

If you would like to donate goods or cash, please contact Bronwyn on 0417 408 976



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Looking for a volunteer to put together our Rotary Video

From Jenny Kroonstuiver

As part of next year's conference, we have been asked to put together a 3-5-minute video about what our club has been achieving over the past year. I'm looking for a volunteer to do the actual filming and editing – I am happy to work with them in relation to planning the content. I'm also open to suggestions as to what we should include! The film is due to be passed to the Communications Director by the end of January. **Please contact Jenny on 0400760094 if you would like to assist.**

Registering for District Conference 2021

Registration information and links were contained in the most recent District Governor's e-news (sent out 5 November). Please take a few minutes to register!



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Donation to Ronald McDonald House

From Norm Kitto - A big thank you to the Bowlers for this generous donation. Safely delivered to the House.



Bunnings BBQ 12 December – volunteers still needed

11.00-1.30 – server needed

1.30 – 4.00 – cooker needed

Please email Jenny Kroonstuiver on jkroonstuiver@hotmail.com if you can help.

Christmas gift ideas from Rotary Health

Now that it's December, Christmas is right around the corner! If you are in need of Christmas gift ideas you might consider a donation to Australian Rotary Health research on someone else's behalf. A great idea for the person who already has everything.

Another idea is a Mental Fitness 2021 diary from Resilience Agenda. Use the code ROTARY2020 for FREE SHIPPING.





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Trees of Hope

From AG Peter Agar

This year, a number of local charities and organisations have been asked to decorate one of the Christmas trees located in the foyer of Panthers in Penrith. These trees are known as the Trees of Hope. Members are asked to vote for their favourite tree/organisation and the winners will receive monetary prizes for their project.

One of the trees (Tree #2) has been decorated by the Friends of Nepean Emergency (FONE) group, which is a project originated by Lower Blue Mountains Rotary and supported by members of several Rotary clubs and volunteers from the local community.

To support this Rotary project, which is doing so much good at Nepean Hospital, please encourage your members, who are also members of one of the Panthers affiliated clubs, to visit Panthers and fill in one of the voting forms available in the foyer. You can vote as many times as you want up until December 17.

Here is a link to the Trees of Hope information page on the Panthers web site. Thank you for your support.

<https://penrith.panthers.com.au/trees-of-hope/>

Carols – from the Rotary Clubs of North Ryde and Macquarie Park

This year due to COVID -19 restrictions our regular North Ryde Carols on the Common will be an online livestream video event providing great Christmas entertainment. The event will go live on December 13 @ 7.00pm and will be available from then until 25 December on the website:

<https://www.carolsonthecommon.org.au/>

or on the Facebook page :

<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryCarolsOnTheCommon>

The Carols on the Common "Believe in the Magic of Christmas" event will be raising funds for Foodbank NSW & ACT and Riding for the Disabled (NSW) Ryde Centre and other Rotary Local Community Projects.



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