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### President's report

Last weekend I attended both the President's cluster meeting and the District AGs and Presidents' meetings by Zoom. It was interesting to hear how other clubs are managing through the COVID situation. Almost universally fundraising is seriously curtailed and very few are having any face-to-face meetings. Several reported having lost members.

On the positive side, there are some creative ideas for new types of fundraising activities as well as a push for inter-club collaboration.

The District Governor, David Clark, has encouraged us to commence thinking about how we will respond to the 100 years of Rotary anniversary as well as planning to participate in the virtual conference planned for next year. We will progress both matters in the upcoming Board meeting.

At last Monday's Zoom meeting we had 19 in attendance and several of the Director's presented progress reports on their portfolio areas. I hope we can hear from the remaining Directors this coming week. All Directors are now planning for their first Committee meetings in the week commencing 17 August.

We were due to have a social meeting at the Ori this coming Monday, but due to insufficient numbers have reverted to a Zoom meeting. I look forward to hearing Bruce Wood give his introductory presentation, as well as hearing from a few of our longer standing members.

It was with regret this week that I accepted Gregg Josey's resignation from the Board due to increased work commitments. I extend my sincere thanks to Gregg for his support and look forward to his continuing work with the youth and vocational committee.

Jenny Kroonstuiwer  
President



### Planned meetings for August

- 10 August 2020 – **Now a Zoom meeting with Club speakers**
- 17 August 2020 – Committee meetings (no Club Zoom meeting)
- 24 August 2020 – Guest speakers by Zoom
- 31 August 2020 – TBA

### Planned meetings for September

- 7 September 2020 - Zoom meeting and Director's reports
- 14 September 2020 - Social dinner at the Ori
- 21 September 2020 - Committee meetings (no Club Zoom meeting)
- 31 August 2020 - Guest speakers by Zoom (Ian Scott will be speaking about his long career)



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### Winmalee Neighbourhood Shop

I am delighted to say that our club has proudly decided to team up with this venture.

The shop has been open since March it is serviced mostly by Rotarians and Friends. I am looking for more volunteers to help in the shop. All you have to do is fill in a volunteer form for Morna Colburn and you are covered by their insurance. If you can spare a few hours I would be very grateful. This activity gives us a great opportunity to be seen in our Rotary shirts in the community.

Pat Ainslie

### Buttenshaw Park Garden

Springwood Rotary has been involved with the gardens for about eight years. As Pat Ainslie is involved with Blue Mountains Sister City we first put in a Japanese Friendship garden as Springwood is a Sister City with Sanda in Japan. From there we took on looking after all the garden beds in the park.

When Pat was International director she saw the opportunity to have a Rotary friendship garden and we were allocated a plot to work on. Lynda Sparkes helped design the garden and past members Jennifer Wearn's son donated a piece of convict carved rock for the plaque to be attached to. The plaque was kindly donated by our dear friend Yvonne Meehan.

After talks with council our club donated a picnic table and park bench that has a plaque with Alan Cameron and Fred Thompson's names on as they were two founders of our club.

We meet once a month on the first Saturday in the morning to maintain the gardens if any member or friend would like to join us you are more than welcome.



### Do you need help with setting up and connecting to Zoom?

Both Marilyn Kenney or Jenny Kroonstuiwer are happy to visit anyone who has been finding difficulty with setting up Zoom on their phone, i-pad or computer. Please just contact one of us if you need help, as we would love to see all members engaged.



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### Phone a friend? – Phone Bob

Bob Templeman now has a phone he can use in his bedroom – 0492 920 296. He now has a new room with a window bed and sitting area in the bay window overlooking Buttenshaw Park. Bob welcomes phone calls.

### Lunches at Wentworth Falls TAFE – save the dates

Valda Bray has booked two dates for Rotary social lunches: **24 September and 3 December**. There will be a maximum of 10 people and more details will follow closer to the dates.

### Supporting Destiny Rescue

For several years, the Rotary Club of Springwood has been supporting Destiny Recue through an annual donation. Destiny Rescue is an internationally recognised Christian non-profit organisation dedicated to rescuing children trapped in the sex trade.

Its vision is to rescue the sexually exploited and enslaved, restore the abused, protect the vulnerable, empower the poor and be a voice for those who can't speak up for themselves.

Destiny Rescue currently operates various programs in Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines, Dominican Republic and other countries that remain undisclosed. Since 2011, the organisation has rescued over 5000 trafficked or sexually exploited

individuals around the world, and helped keep hundreds more from entering the sex trade through various prevention programs, ensured justice for those who have been wronged, and raised awareness to untold numbers.

Destiny Rescue realises that human trafficking is a global problem. Until no more children are sold, forced or coerced into the sex trade, Destiny Rescue is fully committed to fighting for their freedom, their restoration and their futures.

### Remember when....



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### A few photos from Sophia's holiday



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