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President's Report

It's hard to believe it is April already. The first quarter of 2022 has been dominated with flooding and war, and neither seems to be over yet.

Bunnings last week was reasonably busy. However, there is no doubt that both COVID and the opening of the Bunnings Trade Centre have made a significant dent in our profits. Bunnings have not allowed a price rise for many years, and this is also an issue. We were raising funds for Purple Day (epilepsy research) and people were generous with their donations, but a final total is not yet available. A huge thanks to all our wonderful volunteers.

Last Monday was wet and cold, and we had only about 20 members in attendance at our Ori meeting. Nonetheless, we broke into committees after the meeting and had some very constructive discussions.

Geoff Glassock reported on the plans to develop a Dementia Café. These plans are well in progress, and are part of a larger Mountains initiative through District Community Service Chair, Lucian Keegel.

Valda organised us all to send a get well message to Bill Clague, as below. Great idea, Valda, and thanks for organising.

The Winter raffle gets underway at Bunnings tomorrow, and we are looking for sellers again over the next few weeks – see separate article. Please call down and join the Bunnings Brunch between 9-12 if you can!

Peter Sparkes, Bill Clague and Bob Templeman all continue to undergo treatment and our well wishes are with them all. Deana Atkins has COVID and we wish her a speedy recovery.

On Wednesday about 20 members and friends gathered at the Ori for a social lunch, again organised by Valda. Great company, great conversation and lots of fun. Thank you, Valda.

This coming Monday is a speaker meeting at the Ori, and we will welcome Ian Chappel from Lower Blue, who will speak about Rotary Health.

As Peter Sparkes is still unwell, please provide any attendances or apologies to me by 5.00pm Sunday, as outlined in the separate article below.

Have a good week.
Jenny Kroonstuiwer
President



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Ori dinner attendance notifications

Under the new system, all members fall into two groups:

- **Group A:** you need to advise Peter Sparkes if you **are not** attending.
- **Group B:** you need to advise Peter Sparkes if you **are** attending.

Not sure which group you are in?

Unless you have already asked Peter to record you as a regular attendee unless otherwise notified, you are automatically in Group B.

Peter can be notified on 0417 244 829 or peege@bigpond.com - however, until Peter is back on deck, please send notifications to Jenny Kroonstuiver

Thought for the week - it had to be an April Fool's story!

Australian businessman Dick Smith confounded people in Sydney on 1 April 1978, when he towed in what looked like an iceberg.

It was an elaborately done April Fools' prank. Smith had announced the arrival of the iceberg in advance, without giving away the exact date. When it was brought in, people were astounded. A radio reporter aired the news from the iceberg which made the whole thing more believable.

Even the Australian Navy reportedly asked Smith if he needed help with mooring his iceberg. But then a rainstorm revealed that it was actually a barge covered in white plastic sheets, fire-fighting foam and shaving cream.



Planned meetings until the end of April 2022

- **4 April** – Speaker meeting – the Ori – Ian Chappel – The Rotary Health Foundation
- **11 April** – Board meeting, Ori dinner & quiz night
- **18 April** – Easter Monday, no meeting
- **25 April** – ANZAC Day, no meeting

Upcoming events

- **2 April** – Easter brunch, Bunnings
- **16 April** – Bunnings BBQ – (Volunteers needed – see below)
- **29 April** – Ellison School welcome breakfast BBQ
- **1 May** – District Assembly TBC
- **6 May** – Springwood Golf Day breakfast BBQ
- **10 May** – Stuffing Day
- **21 May** – Bunnings BBQ
- **29 May** – Vocational Visit Springwood Primary
- **18 June** – Bunnings BBQ
- **27 June** – Changeover
- **July** – Ronald McDonald House dinner



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Door Prize and Pick-a-card results



Last Monday I drew a card on behalf of Dee Covington – sadly not a winner.

Marilyn Kenney and Paul Erikson won the wine. Where is your wine, Marilyn?

Sergeant's corner

Leeches leave big holes. I shall say no more.



April celebrations



Birthday wishes for April go to: Sheryn Phillips, Bob Templeman and Ken Thrift.

April wedding anniversaries: Geoff Glassock and Kevin Richards

April Bunnings BBQ – Sat 16 April

The next Bunnings BBQ will be held on Saturday 16 April. Volunteers are needed as follows:

- 8:30 -11:00: cook, server, money taker
- 11:00 – 01:30: cook, server, money taker
- 1:30 – 4:00: server

Please let Jenny Kroonstuiver know if you are able to assist.



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Bunnings Easter Brunch – Saturday April 2nd

Springwood Rotary will be selling our raffle tickets at the Easter Brunch at Bunnings Valley Heights on Saturday – please call in, buy a ticket and join us!



Social lunch at Wentworth Falls TAFE – Elevation 867 - Tuesday 17 May

From Valda Bray

Valda has made a booking for 16 people at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 17th of May.

There are still a few vacancies, so if you would like to attend, please contact Valda on valdabray@hotmail.com



Winter raffle ticket selling – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are off and running again and looking for ticket sellers as follows:

- **Tuesdays:** 10.00-1.00, and 1.00-4.00 Springwood town centre
- **Thursdays:** 10.00-1.00, and 1.00-4.00 Winmalee shopping centre
- **Fridays:** 10.00-1.00, and 1.00-4.00 Winmalee shopping centre (TBC)
- **Saturdays:** 10.00-1.00, and 1.00-4.00 Winmalee shopping centre or Springwood Town Square (alternate weeks)
- **Pub sales:** you choose day, date and time, and let me know.

Please take a book of tickets to sell.

Books are available in batches of 20 tickets and can be collected from the Springwood Garden Centre (thank you Lynda!), at Rotary meetings, or directly from Jenny Kroonstuiver.

Visit to the Sensory Garden – Sunday 29th May – SAVE THE DATE

From Vocational Director, John Fuller

The next Vocational Visit will be on Sunday afternoon the 29th May.

We will have afternoon tea at Springwood Public School to view the Sensory Garden, a completed Springwood Rotary Project. The garden will also be dedicated to past member and Springwood Primary School Principal, Alan Cameron. Final details will be announced closer to the date.



Paul Harris Fellow Nominations

Club members are invited to submit nominations for Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) awards, which will be considered by a committee and then awarded at changeover at the end of June. Nominations are made confidentially and are known only to the President and the Committee.

Following are the criteria:

- Nominees can be club members, or community members who have provided distinctive service to the club or local community
- The awards are for recognition of effort and service in excess of what would normally be expected for their given role
- Nominations can relate to service in a specific event/project, or to service provision in general over a period of time
- Service provided must reflect the principles of the four-way-test



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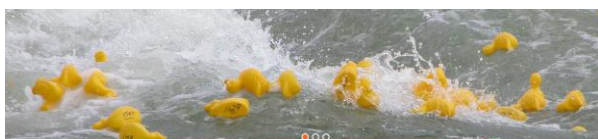
- All nominations are to be sent to me, and I will pass them on to the Committee.

Nominations must be made in writing and received no later than

Wednesday 11 May 2022.

Wild and whacky projects from other Rotary clubs

This is a new regular item which I will run for a couple of months. Please share your suggestions!



The Great Rotary Whitewater Duck Race

The Great Rotary Duck Race is one of the Rotary Club of Kurrajong North Richmond Inc. major fundraising events that provides much needed funds for non-profit organisations and clubs.

Thousands on ducks take on the whitewater and the fastest rubber ducky wins!

The spectacle of thousands of rubber ducks racing down Penrith Whitewater Stadium course attracts people from far and wide, whether they have a chance to win the prize or not.



Time to sign up for RLI! Blast off to the new Rotary Year!

Club members are encouraged sign up for the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) for this relevant, valuable learning and professional development opportunity! Designed for Rotarians of all experience levels but with at least 12 months of Rotary membership under their belt it is a chance to boost confidence and enthusiasm.

The RLI course is offered Face to Face and online (via Zoom) and will be conducted as a compact weekend course. Each course will commence with an introductory session on Friday night and continue over Saturday and Sunday.

It is great value at \$75 for the F2F course with am tea and lunch provided. The online offering is only \$30 including all materials and undertaken from the convenience of their own home!

Registrations are completed online at <https://www.rotarydistrict9685.org.au/sitepage/rotary-leadership-institute> . Payment must accompany bookings.

Dates are:

RLI 68: Fri 13/Sat 14/Sun 15 May 2022 F2F
 RLI 69: Fri 3/Sat 4/Sun 5 June 2022 Online
 RLI 70: Fri 19/Sat 20/Sun 21 Aug 2022 Online (registration available soon)
 RLI 71: Fri 7/Sat 8/Sun 9 Oct 2022 Face to Face* (registration available soon)
 *May be changed to online if circumstances dictate.

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Photos from this week's activities



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FIST FULL OF GIFT CARDS

Winter Raffle

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Maximum 1200 tickets to be sold

1st prize: **\$800** in gift cards
(\$100 fuel; \$200 Woolworths, \$500 Bunnings)

2nd prize: **\$400** in gift cards
(\$100 fuel; \$100 Blooms; \$200 Bunnings)

3rd prize: **\$300** in gift cards
(\$100 fuel; \$200 Bunnings)

4th prize: **\$150** in gift cards
\$100 Bunnings; \$50 Coles

Will be drawn Saturday 18th June at Bunnings Valley Heights



All proceeds will be used to support Rotary Initiatives such as Shelter Boxes for refugees and Youth projects

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