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President's Report

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter for 2021. Where has the year gone? More importantly, where has summer gone? We've certainly had our share of continuing wet weather.

It has been an incredibly busy week, with three separate events occurring yesterday alone.

At Monday night's meeting, we had an enjoyable trivia session prepared by Peter Sparkes, who unfortunately was unable to be there. They were hard questions (just ask Marilyn!), but we had successful winners with Paul, Pat, Sheryn and Bruce taking out the prize.

Bill Bowler reported to the meeting on Monday night about the Amazing Race event – evidently lots of fun and thoroughly enjoyed by all. See separate article.

On Thursday morning, Bill C, Cheryl and I attended the Springwood Hospital Palliative Care Rooms Art Hanging, and were fortunate to view the magnificent Aboriginal artwork which had been especially commissioned. See separate article.

Then Bronwyn, Valda, Deborah, Margaret and Marilyn spent the afternoon preparing and delivering

the Gluten Free Christmas Hampers, which looked terrific. See separate article.

Finally, Bruce, Frank, Roza, Peter Meehan and I headed off to BBQ sausages at the Bunnings annual Christmas event, not really knowing what to expect! See separate article.

During the week we were advised that our Club had been successful in receiving \$1000 under the Volunteer Grants Grant Opportunity, through Susan Templeman's office. These funds will be used to purchase eligible small equipment items for use by volunteers.

This Monday is our Christmas Party at Ericksons. Thanks in anticipation to Paul and Sue who are always such wonderful hosts. Thanks also to the Club Administration Committee, led by Bronwyn, who have prepared a few surprises. I'm looking forward to a fun night.

We've had a bit of confusion over RSVPs, so **if you have RSVP'd for the Christmas Party but not yet received an invoice**, please contact Bill Bowler ASAP.

Have a good week!
Jenny Kroonstuiwer
President



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Planned meetings until end January 2022

- **13 December:** Christmas Party at Ericksens
- **20 December:** Informal social night, Ori. TBC
- **27 December – 17 January** - no meeting
- **24 January** – social meeting including Australia Day planning
- **31 January** – Vocational visit, TBC

Pick-a-card results

Bruce and Pat were our pick-a-card winners this week, but sadly did not take out the pot, which is now nudging \$100.

Thought for the week

A lovely thing about Christmas is that it's compulsory, like a thunderstorm, and we all go through it together.
Garrison Keillor

Upcoming events

- **18 December** – final Bunnings BBQ for the year, and raffle draw
- **26 January** – Australia Day BBQ – Springwood Aquatic Centre

Sergeant's corner

Alfred. Just how many ways did the parking team mis-use the password?



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Share the Merry ☆ You Shop, We Donate.

From Norm Kitto

As many of you are aware Winmalee Village is running a "SHARE THE MERRY" promotion. For doing absolutely nothing the Club stands to receive \$3000.00 and all that is required is for you to enter your shopping docket - over \$30.00 from any of the retailers - into the competition. You also stand the chance of winning weekly prizes and the BIG prize of \$1400.00.

So either scan the code on the attached flyer (it does work - use your camera) or go to this link :-

<https://colwin.sharethemerry.com.au/>
and get started.

Let your family & friends know about it too.

If you have any difficulties using the technology, save your dockets and get them to me (happy to collect) and I'll do the entering.



Stop Press!

Dee Covington has already won a \$100 gift card! Congratulations Dee.



Bunnings BBQ Saturday 18th December – Volunteers required

From Jenny Kroonstuiver

I still need a couple of volunteers for the following shifts on Saturday 18th December.

This will be our final Bunnings BBQ for the year, and will have an End Polio theme, so please wear either an End Polio shirt or something red!

Volunteers required:

- 8.30 – 11.00: server
- 1.30 – 4.00: cook



Are you ready for our Christmas Party?

From Bronwyn Berriman

A reminder that the theme for the Christmas Dinner is "Red and Green and Christmas Elves", and for members to start giving some thought to their outfits.

There will be three prizes and they are:

- best dressed female
- best dressed male
- best dressed couple

Mystery Judges will be nominated prior to the night.



Also a hint: it may be to members and guests advantage to come prepared with a Christmas song they are prepared to sing or a Christmas joke they are willing to tell. I will say no more.



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The Amazing Race at Norman Lyndsay Gallery Saturday 4 December

Last Saturday's Amazing Race parking event was lots of fun. After a foggy start, the weather cleared for an entertaining day. All 85 teams were dressed for the occasion, and our team parked 65-70 cars.

Thanks to Bill Bowler and Bruce Wood for the photos!



Alfred





Morna posted the following comment onto Facebook:

"Another wonderful donation to our Christmas Hamper Program, from the The Rotary Club of Springwood - beautiful Gluten free hampers. Thank you again for your ongoing support."



Gluten-free Christmas Hampers

A big thank you to all the donors, as well as Margaret, Bronwyn, Marilyn, Deborah and Valda who gathered to assemble the baskets last Thursday. The finished baskets were delivered to a very grateful Morna Cobham at the Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre.



Bunnings Community Christmas Party

After a last-minute shift to the new Trade Centre because of the weather, Frank, Bruce, Roza, Peter Meehan and Jenny K met to run a free BBQ from 6.00-8.00pm last night.

The antiquated BBQ proved to be quite the challenge, and Bruce and Frank struggled to keep up with supplies whilst battling the occasional fat fire. Peter, Roza and Jenny faced the horde of hungry children and



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families, and we ran out of sausages not once, but twice.

The Bunnings staff had put a great deal of effort into organizing games, presents, treasure hunts, and of course, a very skinny Santa. It was lots of fun, despite a few challenges, and at least next year we know what to expect!



Springwood Hospital Palliative Care Rooms Art Hanging

Springwood Rotary was privileged to attend the opening of the refurbished Palliative Care Rooms at the Springwood Hospital on 9th December.

Local Darug artist Leanne Tobin was commissioned with Chris Tobin and

the Painting Up Country TAFE Aboriginal Art Group to create artworks to adorn the Palliative Care rooms, telling their stories inspired by the Darug and Gundugurra land on which we are honoured to work and live.

The event included a Smoking Ceremony and art-viewing, and lunch. The Springwood Rotary Club's efforts in raising over \$11,000 for the lounge room furniture (yet to arrive) was acknowledged and appreciated.



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the pandemic. Modest Lynda was taken back a bit by my suggestion.

You can imagine my surprise when I read Friday's Rotary bulletin and learned that Lynda had indeed received this award!!! 😎 All I can say is "YOU BEAUTY!!!" So well deserved!!!

CONGRATULATIONS, LYNDIA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Gingerbread Houses – the finished product

It was great to see that Bronwyn put her grandchildren to work to make up a gingerbread house. Great work team!



A note from Carrie Graham

A couple days before the Pride of Workmanship award presentation, I was buying plants in Lynda's garden centre when I asked her if she were going. In truth, I forgot what she said. But I said to her I thought she deserved to receive an award because she has done wonders with her centre throughout

Calling all knitters

From Jenny Kroonstuiver

The team of knitters is growing! Bev Waterson has a copy of the pattern and would happily pass it on to anyone else who would like to join the knitting group to knit some bears.



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**It's time to book your place
at District Conference
March 18 – 19 2022, West HQ**

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ROTARY DISTRICT 9685 CONFERENCE 2022



Early Bird discounted bookings end 31 Dec 2021.

Early Birds are in the draw to win
A Haier 121L Bar fridge, donated by
Fisher & Paykel

This is the first time in 3 years we can
come together. Please support your
District and **Register Now!**

Conference Dinner is Friday evening
March 18 and Saturday 19 will be an
action-packed full day commencing
with the NSW Police Band at 8.30am,
finishing with relaxing Sundowners
after 4.30pm. Visit the Friendship Circle
to see Club Projects in action! Stay at
the Novotel West HQ, Friday and
Saturday and enjoy a weekend
staycation at Rooty Hill.

The Four-way Test

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



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**A message from Destiny Rescue
Australia**



This 10-year-old orphan thought her
uncle would protect and care for her.
She was wrong.

At Destiny Rescue, our priority is to
remove a child from sexually
exploitative and harmful situations.



Click the image to watch our 60-sec
video of a survivor describing the
situation she was rescued from — in
her own words.

This Christmas, give her the gift of
safety — and Bring Her Home.
Double your donation in our Matching
Campaign.
All donations over \$2 are tax-
deductible.

Bring her home today

Did you know?

It's just 15 days until Christmas!

