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President's report

At last we have some positive signs about emerging from lockdown with perhaps potential for some face-to-face meetings before the end of the year.

I am also hoping that once we are allowed to meet with some numbers we may be able to arrange a morning tea in the park (any park!) to share in enjoying this beautiful spring weather.

A special thanks to Marilyn this week for continuing to organise the morning teas and drinks Zoom sessions, which are such an important part of keeping in contact. If you do not currently participate and would like to, please contact Marilyn.

Thanks also to Geoff Glassock who has been progressing the fundraising wine project and will soon be accepting orders for wines.

This coming Monday is the Board meeting. All members are welcome to attend - just contact either Norm or me for the link.

Norm correctly identified last week's mystery photo – it was the milk factory tour organised by David Rayner, and a really interesting night!

Stay safe and have a good week!

Jenny Kroonstuiver
 President



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Planned meetings for September

- **13 September** – Board meeting, all welcome
- **20 September** – Zoom Speaker meeting
- **27 September** – Club meeting with Director reports

Sergeant's corner

Who was the person who sat in the gutter opposite the garden centre to eat a blueberry muffin?



Upcoming events

- **10 October** – TBC Hat Day 2021
- **13 November** – TBC Norman Lindsay Gallery BBQ event
- **29 November** – Pride of Workmanship presentation night
- **4 or 11 December** - TBC ETSY, Norman Lindsay Gallery
- **9 December** – TBC late night shopping Springwood

Pick-a-card results

There was no pick-a-card this week.

Thought for the week

Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'

Robin Williams





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September is Rotary Education and Literacy month

The Rotary Foundation supports education through scholarships, donations, and service projects around the world.

Rotary members make amazing things happen, like:

Opening schools: In Afghanistan, Rotary members opened a girls' school to break the cycle of poverty and social imbalance.

Teaching adults to read: Rotary members in the United States partnered with ProLiteracy Detroit to recruit and train tutors after a study showed that more than half of the local adult population was functionally illiterate.

New teaching methods: The SOUNDS program in South Africa, Puerto Rico and the United States teaches educators how to improve literacy by teaching children to recognize letters by sounds instead of names.

Making schools healthy: Rotarians are providing clean, fresh water to every public school in Lebanon so students can be healthier and get a better education.

Enhancing educational systems: In Kenya, Rotary clubs are working with the Global Partnership for Education and local and national governments to



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advance life-long learning opportunities for poor and marginalized children.

The Rotary Leadership Institute Course 65 8th to 10th October, 2021, Face to Face

There is still time to register for this Learning Opportunity, which is a great way to learn more about the work and operations of Rotary. Past RLI courses concluded with great success and rave reviews. Don't miss out.

You can register at:

<https://www.rotarydistrict9685.org.au/site/page/rotary-leadership-institute>

Applications open for the January 2022 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Director Cheryl Kitto has advised that Applications open for the January 2022 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) on 1st September 2021.

Applicants need to apply online at www.d9685ryla.org.au

Applications will then be forwarded to local Rotary Clubs to conduct interviews and conduct a selection process. Please refer to the email sent out by Cheryl on 27 August for further information.





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Interesting guest speakers from other Clubs

Periodically I receive notification of interesting guest speakers from other Clubs. Members are welcome to join in and listen to any of the following. Please contact me and I will send you a live Zoom link.

- **Friday 10 September 6.00pm Rotary Chinwag** - 'Chinwag' get together, are a bit like going to the pub for a beer - you never know who you will meet, what you will talk about, but you do know it will be fun.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3833840670>
- **Tuesday 28 September 7.00pm:** online Club debate. Lower Blue Mountains and Central Blue Mountains Rotary will be debating "It was better to be born in 1950 than 2000". Who will reign as debating champions? Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4370568065>

ZOOM Latest News

As we are all using Zoom for Club meetings or social meetings, this message from Zoom affects all of us.

"Beginning November 1, 2021, customers will be required to update their Zoom software to ensure it is no more than nine months behind the current version, at any given time. From that point on, users will be prompted to update their software when using the platform should their

version fall behind this nine-month window.

This change is in line with industry practices and designed to help ensure that Zoom users receive the latest Zoom features, as well as any privacy and security enhancements we make to the platform. To prepare for the new schedule, we recommend customers update to the latest release supported by their organization or at minimum software version 5.5.0, prior to November 1st.

Starting in September, we will introduce a prompted update to help customers update to the latest version of the Zoom client. If you have prompted updates turned off for your organization, you will not see the prompt."

Do you have a MyRotary Account yet?

My Rotary is a place for members of Rotary to access tools and information to make your membership experience better. It contains a wealth of informative training, news, announcements etc about everything Rotary.

Recent statistics compiled by Secretary Norm Kitto show that 65% of our members have an account – let's aim for 100%!

Setting up an account is simple: just go to <https://my.rotary.org/> and click onto the 'Join' button.



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Destiny Rescue update



Last month, fifteen girls ranging from age 5-17 were identified and rescued in a large city in Uganda.

Among the youngest were 5, 10 and 11-year-olds.

Each child was being exploited in exchange for basic survival needs.

One girl, age 12, was pressured by neighbourhood boys and endured abuse in exchange for money so she could purchase school supplies.

Each child will be assisted — based on age and specific needs.

After we make a rescue, our emphasis is to help the child stay free.

In these survival situations, our staff and volunteers evaluate and address the vulnerabilities and struggles of each individual. They determine how to best support the child in her newfound freedom.

Help us rescue children in 'survival sex' situations and support their freedom.

Donate today through our secure payment gateway.

This week's photos – suggest a caption!



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