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SPRINGWORD
Newsletter



President's Report

Christmas celebrations today are brought to a temporary halt as we digest the tragic news from Devenport in Tasmania. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the affected families.

For our Club it has been a quieter week, after the wonderful Christmas Party hosted by Sue and Paul Erikson, ably assisted by Ruth and Cindy. Thank you to you all for a delicious meal and beautiful ambience. Bronwyn and her committee had just the right mix of activities, and I went home with the beautiful rendition of 'Silent Night' by Deana ringing in my ears. The singing of 'Rudolf', was also memorable!

Tomorrow we have the final Bunnings BBQ for the year, and this will be dedicated to raising funds for the Polio Plus campaign. Thanks to all those who are assisting.

We will also draw the raffle at 11.00am - thanks to all who have contributed to making this such a successful raffle which has raised a total of about \$4,400.

Next Monday will be a social night for dinner at the Ori – please don't forget to let Norm Kitto know if you are attending.

I'm off to Queensland on Sunday for a couple of weeks, with everything crossed for an incident-free crossing of the border. Thus, there will be no newsletter until mid-January.

Peter Sparkes is still in hospital and our thoughts are with him for a speedy recovery. Our thoughts are also with Yvonne Harrison.

In the meantime, thank you to everyone for their support over the year, and for their participation in so many ways. As we draw to the close of our second year of COVID, we can only hope that things are a little better next year.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, filled with family, friends and happiness.

Jenny Kroonstuiwer
President



Thought for the week

"One thing I learned from drinking is that if you ever go Christmas carolling, you should go with a group of people. And also go in mid-December."
Louis C.K.



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Planned meetings until end January 2022

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



Pick-a-card results

There was no Pick-A-Card this week.

Upcoming events

- **26 January** – Australia Day BBQ – Springwood Aquatic Centre

Sergeant's corner

Who was it who managed a pretty unique way to celebrate a wedding anniversary?



Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre food appeal

From Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre

Our new Christmas Hamper donation bin (courtesy of ISPT Group and support by Springwood Rotary) is now at Winmalee Village shops.

All food will go into our food hamper programs and help people who have

being doing it tough over the last 2 years.

Thank you to all who have supported our food programs this year. It is very much appreciated.

(Editor's note: a special thanks to the team of Rotary volunteers who carried out some much needed modifications to the bin!)



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.



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Let your family & friends know about it too.

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



Gingerbread Houses – the finished product

This week we feature a donated Gingerbread House very creatively decorated by a flood affected family. Thank you to Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre.



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

NAVIGATING CHANGE
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.



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As always, a news-packed newsletter was distributed earlier this week – don't forget to read it. We note that editor Marilyn Kenney is taking a well-earned break over the next month!

What's happening at other clubs – the Club Buzz?



"The Club Buzz" is where you will find some exciting and relevant programs or events happening in our Clubs and in District 9685.

Just Look [HERE](#) for the latest activities and news. In almost every case, the headings or whole item are linked to either a larger copy of the document, or more information. So just click on the headings or item in the Club Buzz pages.

Thank you from Rotary Foundation

We're thankful for donors who make Doing Good in the World possible. Because of you, The Rotary Foundation is supporting people of action who are improving lives through meaningful and sustainable projects around the globe.

This year, with your support, we accomplished great things. We helped communities stay healthy by fighting diseases like polio and COVID-19. Rotary members supported our new area of focus through projects that help the environment. And we opened a new peace centre in Africa, which will allow us expand our work to build peace and prevent conflict.

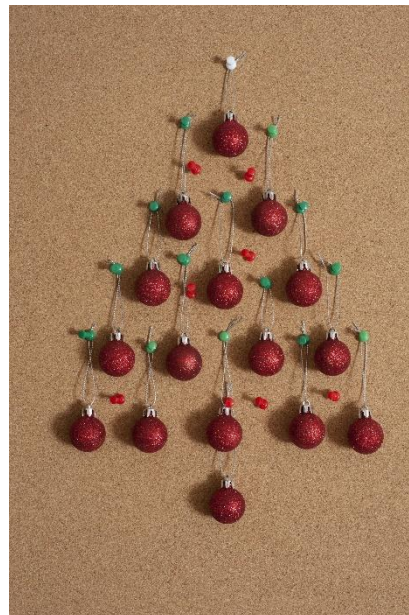


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Your gifts are more than donations. They bring peace, health, and opportunity to people in need. Your dedication to helping people through service and generous support of The Rotary Foundation makes all of this possible.

Thank you for all you do to create lasting change in your community and around the world.



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?



Photos from the Christmas Party



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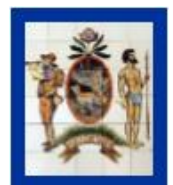
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