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President's Report

Well, it's only thanks to Valda that you even have a Springword this week. After a lengthy debate about which day of the week it was, during which we each had to consult our calendars, we finally agreed it was Friday, at which point I realised I had better start writing!

With the Public Holiday on Monday, it has been a relatively quiet week.

Planning for changeover continues, although quite a few people have yet to RSVP. Please respond to Norm as soon as possible as we need to start finalising numbers.

During the week the Board have been finalising the disbursements from this year's fundraising – about \$40,000! This is a great result, and the full list will be printed in the Annual Report which will soon be distributed to all members.

Peter Sparkes and Bill Clague continue to face health challenges, and our thoughts are with them and their families.

This week our ever-alert Norm Kitto saw a Facebook post from a fellow offering bottles and cans to a charity – he was first to reply and netted a cool \$41.40 from the machine. Great job, Norm!

This coming Monday is our final speaker meeting for this Rotary Year and we welcome incoming District Governor Mina Howard, who will be speaking about an exciting Rotary Project for the little town of Clarence. Mina will be accompanied by Kat Boeringer, President of Association of Bell, Clarence and Dargan.

Group A people, please remember to let Jenny Kroonstuiver know if you **are not** coming; Group B and guests will need to advise if they **are** attending. All RSVPs by 5.00pm on Sunday please.

Have a good week – and stay warm!
 Jenny Kroonstuiver
 President



Planned meetings to the end of June 2022

- **20 June** – Speaker meeting - Mina Howard
- **27 June** - Changeover

Upcoming events

- **18 June** – Bunnings BBQ
- **27 June** – Club Changeover
- **2 July** – District Changeover
- **14 July** – Ronald McDonald House dinner
- **3 September** – Springwood Festival BBQ



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Thought for the week

In a power outage, the first step is admitting you are powerless.

Anonymous.

Winter raffle

The raffle will be drawn at Bunnings tomorrow, at the changeover between the second and third shifts. Good luck everyone!

Sergeant's corner

OK, this one is on my son, the one who turned 40 but whose party had to be cancelled when the whole family caught COVID. His mates did not let the opportunity pass. They set up a very lively party in his driveway, with his family at the top, and the rest sitting down the bottom past the chalked demarcation line. To top it off, they bought him a watermelon outfit which he wore all day.



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Door Prize and Pick-a-card results



There were no draws this week.

District Changeover 2022

From DG Lindsay May

District Changeover is a time to celebrate the achievements of Clubs this year and to enter the new Rotary year with optimism.

Come and meet your fellow Rotarians from across 9685 and support the handover from District Governor Lindsay to District Governor Elect Mina.

Awards will also be presented to our leading clubs.

The evening is filling fast so don't miss out.

We cap at 260 guests.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Bikes for Kids fundraiser

From Adam Law

With all the trading I'm doing for a cycling event next year March 2023, I decided to raise money for great cause.

I would love if you could help me by donating any amount you can and for every \$218.00 we raises a kid get a bike and helmet. So please dig deep and lets change the kids' lives, 1 bike at a time.

<https://fundraise.variety.org.au/fundraisers/adamlaw/bikesforkids>





From Operation Cleft

*From PP Bruce McEwen
Chair, Operation Cleft Australia Inc.*

With thanks to you and your fellow Rotarians, Operation Cleft Australia, together with our Bangladesh partner have brought a smile to the face of more than 1,500 life threatening, Cleft suffering Children over this last challenging 12 months.

Rotary continues to prove that 'When the going gets tough the tough get going'. Our surgeons and hospital support staff have not stopped, despite all the tough times they have continuing to operate – to change faces and change lives!

Thanks for your help in transforming the lives of so many desperately needy children. Through your gift and your Club's support, these children can participate in school, benefit so much from the life-long value of education, enjoy good health, make, and sustain friendships, play normal sport and Smile!



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Update on regionalisation pilot

*From Regionalisation Pilot Project
Team Co-chairs Ingrid Waugh
(NZ/Oceania) and Peter Frueh
(Australia)*

For the past three years a group of Rotarians and Rotaractors have been working on a pilot project to consider how we can enhance Rotary and Rotaract and ensure we remain relevant for the future while also addressing some of the challenges we have been facing for a while.

In February 2022, the Rotary International (RI) Board gave its approval in principle to proceed with the pilot, subject to approval by clubs. A second green light was the Council on Legislation approval for changes of governance in April 2022. We are now one of just two regional pilots in the Rotary world looking to explore, develop and test new ways of operating.

What are we seeking to achieve through regionalisation? We want to ensure the best support possible to Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs. Through a less layered and more devolved contemporary approach members can continue to do what they do best – projects and connections/fellowship. We aim to reduce duplication and streamline processes, encourage even broader and more collaboration in areas such as public image, marketing Rotary, partnering with business, government and service partners, and make leadership roles more attractive and doable.

To do this, we envisage a Regional Council for Zone 8 and Rotary Australia and Rotary New Zealand (Oceania) bodies to be formed. An Interim Regional Council with limited roles will likely start on 1 July 2023, with a final model in place by 1 July 2026. Monitoring and evaluating how the changes are delivering benefit are an important part of the project. We don't know yet exactly what the final model will look like and you will have your chance to have a say.

It is important that you, our fellow Rotarians, are consulted throughout this process. In fact, the project cannot proceed without the support of members and clubs.

The third green light needed to proceed is support of Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs, a condition of the RI Board's approval. Support of clubs will be shown through a vote, which will happen in September 2022, with a vote first of clubs then of districts.

From mid-June right through to August, every club and member will have the chance to hear about what is proposed, to have their say and to ask questions. Each district has a District Regionalisation Representative who is coordinating the briefing of clubs.

Being a pilot gives us the chance to shape our own Rotary and Rotaract futures.

If you would like to find out more there is information available on the dedicated website, creatingtomorrowrotary.org along with the opportunity to "Have your Say" and "Subscribe" to updates.



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There will also be opportunities to volunteer and get involved in work groups.

If you want to learn more about the background, visit creatingtomorrowrotary.org/initiation-petition

Other helpful resources include a Fact Sheet and a video.

You can also reach the Regionalisation Pilot Project Team directly at rotaryregionalpilot@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

Rotary  **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**
27-31 MAY 2023
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA June 2022

2023 RI Melbourne Convention
Special Registration Fee 5 days only

Special Registration Fee

Ensure you register for this once in a lifetime opportunity as the 114th Rotary International Convention is held in Melbourne 27-31 May 2023.

The best and cheapest registration fee of **US\$425** is available for 5 days only during the Houston Convention [4-8 June 2022, Houston time]. Fee increases to US\$475 on 9th June. Register online at: <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

Volunteer at the Convention

Feel like volunteering for a role in support of and at the Convention? After 9 June, you can register as a volunteer on the HOC website.

To volunteer within the venues, you will also need to be registered for the Convention, but there are plenty of volunteering opportunities outside the venues for those not registered as delegates. Register on line from 9th June at: <https://rotarymelbourne2023.org>

Take advantage of the limited-time discount registration rate* from 4-8 June 2022. Register today at convention.rotary.org.

*Registration must be paid in full between 4 and 8 June 2022 to receive the discount.

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**MENTAL
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Learn the skills. Make a difference.

Michele (Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains) and Cheryl Kitto (Springwood Rotary Club) has recently completed their qualification to teach accredited Mental Health First Aid. This course was extremely interesting and beneficial to all those who attended. In the current social environment, it could be of great help to be able to assist anyone in need.

Michele and Cheryl would like to teach as many members of our community as she can and is offering a course to fellow Rotarians and Volunteers from the Blue Mountains area.

Michele & Cheryl will be holding a
Mental Health First Aid Course

on

Thursday 14th & Friday 15th July 2022

at

Glenbrook Guide Hall, 10 Hare st, Glenbrook

8:30 for a 9am start until approx. 4.30pm both days

Cost: \$50 (for workbook and lunch both days)
(These courses normally cost \$280.00)

We are only requesting funds to cover costs

*Please contact Michele of your interest in attending
including any dietary requirements?*

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