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President's report

Well, one week ago we were celebrating having had our last Zoom meeting, and here we are again. Our 'wine' (whine?) night was a riot last Monday and we were left with the suggestion that this coming Monday should be a pyjama and wine Zoom meeting.

On a more serious note, despite not having yet managed to have our Changeover celebration, the new Board is now in place, and we had a brief meeting on Thursday to set the fees, which will be held at the same level as last year. We also reaffirmed our commitment to the Springwood Hospital furniture project and committed \$650 to a mental health training program being implemented by MYST into the mountains high schools.

I would like to welcome all new and returning Board members:

- **Secretary:** Norm Kitto
- **Treasurer:** Bill Bowler
- **Club Administration:** Bronwyn Berriman
- **Foundation:** Bill Clague
- **International:** Frank Ross
- **Community Service:** Geoff Glassock
- **Youth:** Cheryl Kitto
- **Membership:** Roza Sage
- **Vocational:** John Fuller

In addition, the following non-Board positions have also been filled:



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- **Sergeant:** Marilyn Kenney
- **Meet and Greet:** Fred Thompson and Bruce Wood
- **Public Image:** Rachel Pagitz
- **Welfare:** Valda Bray
- **Door and attendance:** Peter Sparkes

This is the last opportunity for members to elect which committee they would like to be part of – any remaining members will be allocated to committees at our next Board meeting. See the separate article in this newsletter.

I hope everyone is managing lockdown without too many dramas. Please do not hesitate to call on one of us if you need assistance, or even just for a chat.

At this stage we have everything crossed that the Changeover Dinner will go ahead on 12th July.

Have a good week!
Jenny Kroonstuiver
President



Planned meetings for July: NEW MEETING FORMAT

- **5 July** – now a Zoom meeting – in pyjamas!
- **12 July:** Club Changeover – rescheduled
- **19 July:** Ori dinner: District Governor visit
- **26 July:** Ori dinner and Director reports





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Upcoming events

- **4 July** – District changeover (Zoom)
- **10 July** - parking, Norman Lindsay Gallery
- **16 July** - BBQ Faulconbridge PS sports carnival
- **23 July** – BBQ Ellison PS athletics carnival
- **3-4 September** – Lake Cargellico trip
- **11 September** – Springwood Festival
- **13 November** – Norman Lindsay Gallery BBQ event
- **4 or 11 December** - ETSY, Norman Lindsay Gallery
- **9 December** – late night shopping Springwood

Thought for the week

This week, a Dad joke:

Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, tomorrow *romaines* to be seen.

Which Club Committee will you join for 2021-2022? **Last chance to nominate**

It is time to select your Committee membership for the coming year. Members will be able to choose which Committee they are part of, and those who do not make a choice will be appointed to a Committee by the Board. Please just email me with your requests.

Committees will be:

- Club Administration – Bronwyn Berriman
- Community Service and fundraising – Geoff Glassock
- Foundation – Bill Clague
- International - Frank Ross
- Youth – Cheryl Kitto
- Membership - Roza Sage
- Vocational – John Fuller

Sergeant's corner

How many members are back to celebrating bin night?



Rotary Theme – 2021-22: Serve to Change Lives

RI President Shekhar Mehta is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving other is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.



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An outgoing message from RI President Holger Knaack

Friends, we have now come to the end of an important chapter in our Rotary lives, and I cannot adequately express my gratitude for all you have done to make the most of our time.

At different moments this past year I have quoted both the French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre and the wizard Gandalf from "Lord of The Rings," who both wisely advised us to focus not on the nature of the times we are living in, but our special role in the making the most of them.

You have done just that. You have been forced to take a tried-and-true structure of face to face meetings, big and small, and convert them into digital connections over screens. You have given up travel, but added more regular meetings with Rotarians and Rotaractors around the world. You have both kept up our historic commitment to End Polio Now, and taken on the monumental current task of helping the world cope with the COVID-19 pandemic and do all we can to help the world become fully vaccinated as quickly as possible.

We have achieved so much together – from maintaining membership numbers, amid real fears of seeing steep losses, to becoming more cost-efficient at every level of our organization, to preparing for a new Area of Focus on the environment and declaring Africa Wild Polio Free. As I

said in my speech to you at the 2020 International Assembly, change is inevitable whether we like it or not – and you have fully embraced change faster than any of us could have imagined.

The need for change will not ease when the pandemic finally passes. Rotary will still need to do more to live up to our core value of Diversity and fully embrace the call for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Our future will depend on reaching new groups of people we have traditionally overlooked. And we must do this while making sure that everyone we entice into Rotary joins a club where they fit and belong.

I encourage you to remain active advocates for change across Rotary. This means taking the new tools that we embraced during the pandemic and finding a way to make them a permanent part of what we do. It also means rethinking everything about our organization – and looking for opportunities in every challenge we confront.

Rotary is not just a club that you join, it is an invitation to endless opportunities. And as I have said many times before -- and believe more now than ever -- everything we do opens an opportunity for someone, somewhere.

Thank you for sharing this opportunity, together.

Holger Knaack

President, Rotary International 2020-21



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Meet our members - Pat Ainslie



I grew up in a historic town, Berwick upon Tweed, in England. The last town in England on the east coast, it has changed hands with Scotland 13 times and was still at war with Russia until about 20 years ago.

My hobbies at that time were dancing and dressmaking, mostly wedding dresses and evening gowns. I was part of a local entertainment group which competed in a television series with other border towns.

I lived in Scotland for 16 years in Coldstream, another border town and home of the famous regiment The Coldstream Guards. I was persuaded to take the girl guides then ended up being the district commissioner. By then I had another interest in gardening. I enjoyed entering the local show every year to show my roses and won many prizes. I still love my roses.

My work at that time was working for an agricultural company where I trained as a cereal crop inspector. I was actually the first woman in England to be an accredited inspector. I was also involved with the haulage side of the business.

Moving back to England I ran a haulage company for ten years before moving to Australia. The owner of the company always said if I ever left he would sell the business, which he did, six weeks after me leaving.

Apart from my paid work I was a member of the Northumbria Police for 28 years. It is a voluntary service known as Special Constables. I worked up through the ranks to Divisional Commandant in charge of 300 officers, covering 600 square miles. The highlight of that part of my career was when I received a commendation from the Chief Constable for my involvement in a local murder.

Twenty-three years ago I arrived in this wonderful country after marrying my husband, Alan, after getting together again after 30 years. I have continued my community work, being involved with Rotary, Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre, Sister City committee and Buttenshaw gardens. More recently I am getting involved with Support the girls Australia.

I will always support our community and we love to travel.

Meet our members – your contribution needed!

I need more material!

All members, Honorary Members and Friends are invited to contribute a short bio – about 300 words.



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