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President's report

Today, unsurprisingly, we were advised that restrictions will continue at least until the end of September. This means that our Zoom format will continue for the time being, and it was great to see 27 people in attendance at last Monday's meeting.

The Club Administration Committee has volunteered to provide a meeting summary for publication in Springword each week, and the first of these appears below. Thanks to the Committee for arranging this.

The Zoom morning teas – for both men and women – are continuing and are a great chance to have a chat, and we certainly do cover a variety of topics. Thank you Marilyn Kenney for organising these – they are a social highlight of the week.

So many other members are ensuring members are engaged through meal delivery, phone call, biscuit drops etc. What an amazingly thoughtful and generous group of people.

This Monday we have a Zoom meeting with Director reports and will have a general catch up with members.

Stay safe and have a good week!

Jenny Kroonstuiver
President



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Planned meetings for August

- **23 August:** Zoom Club meeting and Director reports
- **30 August:** Crazy hat and trivia Zoom meeting – see below.

Sergeant's corner

Nice move to the person who suggested that the 'Men's Morning Tea' should be renamed 'Beer at Four'!



Upcoming events

- **11 September** – Springwood Festival – presumably cancelled
- **10 October** – TBC Hat Day 2021
- **13 November** – TBC Norman Lindsay Gallery BBQ event
- **4 or 11 December** - TBC ETSY, Norman Lindsay Gallery
- **9 December** – TBC late night shopping Springwood

Thought for the week

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch them with a six-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are! *Anon*

Pick-a-card results

Last week's pick-a-card winner was Pat Ainslie who unfortunately did not take out the major prize!





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Meeting summary from 16 August

The Rotary Club of Springwood, Inc. certainly had an enormously interesting zoom meeting last Monday with two superb presentations.

Rachel Dunwell of Destiny Rescue provided insight into the work undertaken in a number of third world countries (including Philippines, Cambodia, Nepal, Thailand, Dominican Republic) rescuing children from sex slavery and trafficking. Founded in 2001 by Australian Tony Kirwin,

Destiny Rescue has to date saved over 7000 children from a life of shameful abuse and violence. The data Rachel presented was both sobering and tragic:

- At least 1 million children worldwide are victims of sexual exploitation
- 99% of them are girls (aged 0 – 18 years)
- 73% are from Asia and the Pacific
- The commercial trade of children generates \$99 billion annually (2017)
- A child is trafficked every 27 seconds.

Destiny Rescue undertakes a number of different strategies in their efforts to rescue these children and they include:

- Covert – Teams of 2 agents go undercover, gain the trust of the child and develop an exit strategy



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- Raids – Agents team up with local authorities, arresting pimps and closing establishments
- Borders – Agents patrol the countries borders and intercept children before they are trafficked into neighbouring countries
- Interventional – Investigate local tip offs and intervene where necessary, in some cases this includes the prevention of child marriages.

Once rescued, a 'Freedom Plan' is developed to enable the child to remain safe and protected from future exploitation.

More information on this incredibly valuable work can be found at www.destinyrescue.org and by viewing two documentaries <https://vimeo.com/502903349/4364c43d24> and <https://vimeo.com/476403556>

To see the Red Shoes video we missed, go to You Tube and search for 'Tony Kirwan, Little Red Shoes'.

Michelle Ellery spoke to the work of ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) and the impact it has on improving the lives of children with significant medical diseases or injuries in small developing countries in our region.

ROMAC commenced in 1988 and is an official Rotary International Project and is





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totally run by volunteers. Each year medical care and intervention is provided to between 40-50 children of 15 years or younger. Whilst initially ROMAC

was Australian based, in 2004 New Zealand also became a partner in this essential program. The medical specialities offered are wide ranging and include – cardiac, orthopaedics, ophthalmology and plastic surgery.

For the children treated each year the outcomes are usually life changing, with most going on to live significantly better lives. It's sometimes hard to rationalise that in countries just on our doorstep (Timor Leste, PNG, Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu & Solomon Islands) that the medical care we come to just expect is out of reach for the general populations of these neighbouring countries.

Michelle stated that ROMAC requires approx. \$750,000 annually to treat the 40+ children; she invited us to consider becoming a friend of ROMAC.

More information on ROMAC can be found on www.romac.org.au



(With thanks to Liz Roberts)



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Lockdown thoughts from one of our Friends

With the extended lockdown, I started to reflect on some of the impact it has had on myself.

I have been reading books via my kindle so much that when I was reading a real book and didn't close it, I thought I had flattened the battery – I'm an idiot.

I have started ordering my groceries on line, and only now realised I should have done this 5 years ago when we moved in, that way the delivery guy can walk up the 24 steps to the front door – I'm a slow learner.

I have just started ordering home items On-line, with all my purchases being in daylight, unlike a friend of mine who decided she must buy, at 2 am in the morning, little rubber stoppers that go on the bottom of dining room chairs – I'm hoping I don't get that bad!
Sherril Daly, Friend of Rotary

Get your crazy hats ready for a fun night



Due to the current restrictions we will not be having a Vocational visit on the 30th August. Instead, you need to get your thinking caps on as we will be having a fun night where you will need a 'crazy





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hat', a riddle or
joke and a bit of trivia knowledge.

Jenny will be our Judge for the night and
thanks to Peter Sparkes who will be
providing the questions.

Hopefully we can get together before our
next Vocational night which is due end of
November.

John Fuller, Vocational Director

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.

- **Upper Blue, Tuesday 24th August at 7:30pm:** Kellie Parkin the Executive Manager of the Tiny Homes Foundation.
- **E-Club: Sunday 15 August 7.30pm:** Andrew Woodward, RAWCS CEO.
- **E-Club: Sunday 19 September 7.30pm:** Jacob Stein, from Robert Stein Wines

Meet our members

No contributions have been received for
this week.

Meet our members – inviting contributions

Thanks to those who are sending in
contributions. Please keep them coming!

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

A letter from Operation Cleft Australia

I would like to thank our many Rotary
Clubs for their interest and support for the
program over the past 16 years of this life-
changing project. Your contribution is
invaluable. You can be sure that we plan
and work hard to make a positive and
sustainable impact on the lives of
underprivileged children born with a cleft
lip or palate in Bangladesh.

The pandemic has meant the last 18
months have been very trying for the
Bangladeshi Community. Despite all the
challenges, lockdowns, and Covid-19
community fatalities Operation Cleft
together with our partner DCKH have
completed more than 1,600 life changing
surgeries in this last 12 months.

This wonderful humanitarian Rotary
program could not achieve the impact
without Rotary Club support. For more
than 16 years we have reached out to
the poorest of the poor in Bangladesh,
offering hope and providing services that
would not be available without Rotary.
The success of this project with more than
15,000 free surgical operations now
completed is only possible because Clubs
have joined with us to make it possible.

But there is still much to do with more
than 5,500 children in Bangladesh born
with a cleft lip or palate each year.



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Thank you for helping to transform the lives of these children. Your support means that these children can now participate successfully in school, enjoy good health, attract, and make friends, be accepted in their communities, play team sports and.... Smile.

PP Bruce McEwen

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>

Letter to Richard Voris, Paralympian from Winmalee

This week our Club sent a letter of congratulations and best wishes to Richards Voris, a local member of the Australian Wheelchair Rugby 2020 (2021) Paralympic Team. Richard is No 9, and we look forward to seeing the team compete.

Grandparents again – Congratulations

Congratulations to Marilyn and Colin Kenney on the birth of their second grandchild, Oliver.



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Rotary District 9685 E-News

The latest edition was sent to all members in Thursday 19th August. Congratulations to Marilyn Kenny for yet another newsletter packed full of information.

Donations to Hawkesbury Flood Victims

Last week the Rotary Club of Springwood delivered a car full of groceries to Hawkesbury Helping hands for distribution to flood victims in the Hawkesbury.

Winmalee Village has been collecting donations from local residents, who have been very generous. Linda from Helping hands graciously accepted the donation on behalf of over two hundred families who suffered loss during the floods, many of whom have lost crops, produce and income.

Thank you to all who donated and a big thank you to Winmalee Village Management.





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