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President's report

Our Bunnings BBQ raised \$451 last week, under freezing conditions. Many thanks to all our volunteers, with a special thanks to prospective member Kevin Richards who was a great addition to the team. Thanks also to Nyree Waterson who served on the last shift at short notice.

Our two speakers provided a very interesting night last Monday.

Steven Jackson provided an overview of the planned works at Springwood Hospital, explaining where our proposed project to raise funds for the lounge and outdoor furniture for the palliative care unit fitted in. I'm really looking forward to getting this project underway, and Bill Clague has already prepared a grant application.

Casey Larden then demonstrated just why the Youth Exchange program is one of the best programs Rotary runs. Speaking about her year's experience in Belgium, Casey explained how she overcame initial homesickness to have the year of her life, and how it has impacted her since her return. I cannot wait for the Youth Exchange program to start up again.

I've been hearing of a number of members heading off to have their COVID shots over the past few weeks and encourage as many members as possible to take up the opportunity. This will give us

the confidence to hold more face-to-face dinner meetings.

We will have a Monopoly planning meeting this week and welcome any member who would like to assist in approaching prospective sponsors. Please contact either Geoff Glassock or Jenny Kroonstuiwer if you would like to be involved.

This week is for Committee meetings and Directors will advise meeting arrangements separately.

Have a good week!
Jenny Kroonstuiwer
President



Planned meetings for May

- **24 May** – Club Committee meetings
- **31 May** – Vocational visit – Blue Eco Homes

Planned meetings for June

- **7 June** – Ori Dinner meeting – Special General Meeting
- **8 June** – Incoming Board meeting
- **15 June** – Board meeting – current Board
- **14 June** – Public Holiday – no meeting
- **21 June** – Zoom meeting with guest speakers
- **28 June** – Changeover dinner



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Upcoming events

- **1 June** – Ori lunch to celebrate the life of Yvonne Meehan – contact Valda Bray to book
- **10 June** – Wentworth Falls lunch
- **28 June** – Changeover Dinner
- **4 July** – District changeover

Thought for the week

I took a speed-reading course and read War and Peace in twenty minutes. It involves Russia.
- Woody Allen

Secondhand books at the Garden Centre

Lynda Sparkes has a great range of books for sale at the Garden Centre, with all proceeds going to Rotary projects.

Prices are:

- \$2 each, or
- 3 for \$5, or
- 6 for \$9.

Lynda has plenty of stock at present (so no further donations are needed for the moment), so why not call in and browse?



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Notice of General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting will be held on **Monday 7th June 2021 at The Ori** to:

- approve amendments to the Clubs By-Laws & Constitution.
- to accept the Audit Report (deferred from Annual General Meeting) for the 2019-2020 year.

Relevant documents will be forwarded as soon as possible.

We will again be ordering from the menu on the night and you are therefore requested to advise Peter Sparkes - for room seating & table settings - by Sunday 6th before 5.00pm of your attendance and / or apology.

Springwood Rotary Autumn Handyperson Raffle 2021 – drawn Saturday 22nd

We are done! Although we did not sell all 1,000 tickets, we were close. A huge thanks to the many sellers (and buyers!) who have made such a huge effort over the weeks, many of them turning up week after week.

Results next week!

Sergeant's corner

Who passed up the duck race to cook sausages at Bunnings last week? Now *that's* commitment.



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District 9685 Changeover 2021 (last chance, as seats are limited)

DG David Clark and DGE Lindsay May invite you to attend the District Changeover for 2021.

The details are:

DATE: SUNDAY, 4th July

VENUE: CASTLE HILL RSL, 77 CASTLE St, CASTLE HILL.

TIME: 12.00 for 12.30 pm

DRESS: Colourful (Bollywood)

COST: \$50 per head (two course lunch)

Registrations are now open.

Transport in the big red bus

If you would like to be transported on the big red bus, please notify Norm as soon as possible as places are limited.

Which Committee will you join for 2021 - 2022?

It is time to start thinking about 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.

Committees will be:

- Club Administration
- Community Service and fundraising
- Foundation
- International
- Youth
- Membership
- Vocational

There will be more information in upcoming newsletters as we commence planning.

District Assembly events for incoming Board members this Sunday

Just a reminder to incoming Board members! This Sunday's events are:

- 9.00-10.15 am - Community Service
- 10.45 – 11.45 – Vocational Service
- 12.30-1.25 – International Service

Don't forget to read the 20 May edition of District 9865 E-News

The E-news was sent to all members on 20 May and is packed with useful and interesting information. There is so much happening in our district!

Shop window display in Beecroft – inspiring!



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Meet our members – Valda Bray



I was born the night the Japanese subs decided to enter Sydney harbour during the Second World War, and I don't think my parent's life was ever the same! I am the middle child with an older sister and younger brother.

My childhood was normal for the period, we did as we were told, and my Father quietly ruled the family. I didn't like school, but revelled in my 3 years at Sydney Kindergarten Teaching College, and loved teaching primary age children here, in Puerto Rico and England.

I married a mad scientist in the 60s and moved to Puerto Rico where David was born. Manchester, in England, followed where Peter was born. Back in Australia, Andrew and Geoffrey were born.

I've always hoped there would never be a war between these nations. Puerto Rico, an American Protectorate, was an interesting island, unfortunately very badly damaged a few years ago by a hurricane. The observatory collapsed last

year, as regretfully the previous American Government refused to help financially, whilst exploiting the people and land!

From the seventies it was just the boys and me. They have all succeeded in their chosen careers, marriages and family life, and I delight in seeing my family together. Fortunately, the boys are very close, but they still gang up against me!

I moved to Paradise in 2001 and have loved all aspects. I joined Springwood Rotary club in Bill Clague's year and have enjoyed meeting many people and making firm friends. I was privileged to be chosen as an observer for an Interplast trip to the Solomon Islands, and believe that week was a highlight in my Rotary life, and showed, mercy and empathy at its best.

Life has had many ups and downs, all character building I'm told. I clock up another significant birthday next year, and hopefully I will be around for some time, to help in the community, and our club, where I am a very proud member.

Meet our members – submitting a short biography

All members have now been sent an email inviting them to contribute a 300 word bio, so if you missed the email or have forgotten, please go ahead and send me an article!



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Fundraising and Recycling Opportunities

1. Return & Earn

Fundraising by recycling your eligible 10c containers.

How our supporters donate their containers using the fundraising barcode.

1. You must scan your unique barcode **BEFORE** returning eligible drink containers at their local Return and Earn Reverse Vending Machines. Can be done at ANY machine in NSW. Message "Rotary" will appear on screen, then start feeding containers in.
2. When finished returning bottles and cans, **select COLLECT on the touchscreen.** **DO NOT select "Donate"** A message should then appear that says "your funds will be transferred".
3. The refunds will be automatically transferred to our PayPal account.

2. The Lids for Kids scheme

Drop them to Norm or he will collect and again Lynda is happy to receive at the Nursery.

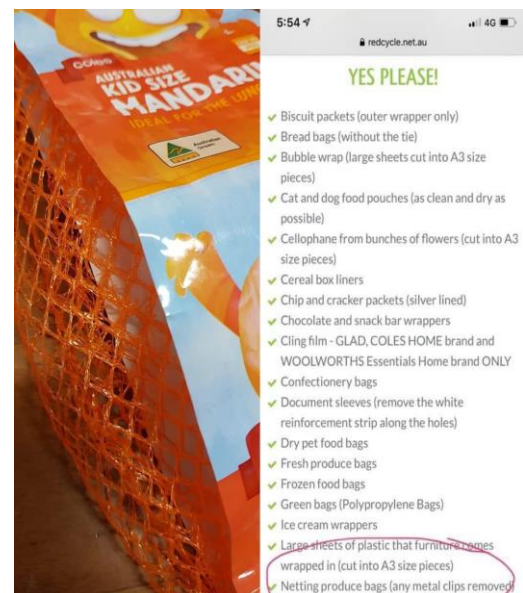


3. REDCYCLE

Coles Supermarket at Winmalee have a receptacle/bin at the entry.



They just need to scan the fundraising barcode. You can print and cut out this code if you wish or Norm has laminated ones. You can also save to your I-Phone as a picture and use to scan.



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