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President's report

What a great night we had last Monday with our Zoom Changeover. After a couple of little hiccups at the start, the evening ran smoothly and I thank our MC Peter Sparkes and technical guru Marilyn Kenney for their assistance. A special thanks also to Dee Covington for the beautifully wrapped raffle prizes!

It was great to hear the inspiring address from DG Lindsay May, and we wish him a successful year. We also inducted new member Kevin Richards – welcome to the club, Kevin.

Congratulations to all the deserving award winners (listed elsewhere in this newsletter). Thank you also to every Member, Friend and Honorary Member for your support and assistance over the year.

As the shutdown seems to have no end, we have taken the difficult decision this week to delay the Blue Mountains Monopoly Project to March 2022, when we will reassess the situation. So many businesses across the mountains are struggling to just stay afloat, and our thoughts are with them. Bunnings have also advised that BBQs are cancelled until further notice.

Several of our members are facing significant medical challenges at present, and we offer Margaret Bell, Yvonne

Harrison and Norm Kitto our well wishes and support.

We have been advised that our District Grant application for the Springwood Hospital Palliative Care Furniture Project has been successful, and we will receive \$2,500. This, along with the recent donations from members, brings our total to close to \$8,000, so we are getting near to our \$10,000 target.

The first President's meeting for the year is tomorrow morning, and I look forward to reporting on the outcome on Monday night.

Stay safe and have a good week!
Jenny Kroonstuiver
President



Planned meetings for July: NOTE: new meeting format is on hold

- **26 July:** Zoom meeting and Director reports

Planned meetings for August

- **2 August:** Committee meetings
- **9 August:** Board meeting, all welcome
- **16 August:** Speaker meeting
- **23 August:** Club meeting and Director reports
- **30 August:** Vocational visit TBA



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Sergeant's corner

This week's special mention goes to all those ladies who added a daub of perfume in preparation for the Changeover Zoom meeting on Monday night.



Upcoming events

- **Deferred TBA** – BBQ Ellison PS athletics carnival
- **20 August** - BBQ Faulconbridge PS sports carnival
- **3-4 September** – Lake Cargellico trip
- **11 September** – Springwood Festival
- **10 October** – Hat Day 2021
- **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

Hosting the Olympic Games of course guarantees the world's attention, but there is more to it than simply bathing in the global spotlight. Most importantly, host cities can use the opportunity to create a positive and lasting legacy,

resulting in both tangible and intangible returns to local communities.

Eduardo Paes

The Rotary BBQ Trailer needs a new home

After six years of comfort in the Bowlers' back yard, the Rotary BBQ trailer needs a new home by 1 September 2021.

Bill has agreed to accept responsibility for housing the CFU fire-fighting trailer as his home is in a strategic location for this purpose.

If anyone has room to house the BBQ trailer in their yard, we would welcome your assistance. Please could you contact Bill directly to discuss further.

Meanwhile, thank you Bill for so generously housing the trailer for so long.



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Changeover Award winners

Paul Harris Fellow (Sapphire) – Geoffrey Glasscock



Geoff Glasscock has been invaluable to our club especially during COVID. He has worked very hard both within our Club and at District level as a counsellor.

As Community Services Director for the past few years Geoffrey's organisation of inventive fundraisers like the wine drive and the Monopoly Project, plus his natural ability to unite the club are examples of his dedication to Rotary.

He has provided support to individual members and their families during times of personal loss as well as quietly and efficiently coordinating a very broad portfolio.

As his nominator said, Geoffrey personifies all that is great about Rotary.

Paul Harris Fellow – Deana Atkins



Deana has been a committed Rotarian for only 3 years in our Club and the value she has brought to the Club is unparalleled in one so young.

As a working mother, student, business partner with her husband in their family business Landscaping, Deana has made time to become part of the Mental Health First Aide Training Program. She undertook the Course as a Trainer and has completed two training courses in the Community already with more in the wings.

She also is the first to volunteer her services in most Community Activities from Bunnings, Golf Days, Community Events, raffle sales and has played a prominent part in assisting Robin Ingram, since the death of Ross Ingram OAM, in projects at the Old Farm. Her Sergeants sessions are legendary and she is a popular member of our Club.

Deana lives and breathes the ideals of Rotary 'Service Above Self' and looks for opportunities to serve always.



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Community Service Award – Sheryn Phillips



Sheryn has been a consistent volunteer for Rotary events whenever she is available, having to balance a busy work schedule. She also played a key role in the organisation of the Music Amongst the Autumn Leaves event and is part of the active group which is organising future events at the Old Farm. Sheryn is part of the GSE alumni and is a valuable contributor to our Club.

Community Service Award – Rachel Pagitz



Rachel has demonstrated her commitment to Rotary and community service through consistently volunteering for community events and BBQs. In particular, she played a key role in the organisation of the Music Amongst the Autumn Leaves event and has previously

filled the role of Public Image Officer, a role she returns to in the coming year. Despite an incredibly busy work, family and study schedule, Rachel is an active and committed Rotary volunteer.

Duncan Berriman Award – Bill Clague



This award is presented in memory of Past President and long-standing member, Duncan Berriman. Each year it is presented to a member who has demonstrated outstanding club service and achievement. Previous winners have been Adam Law, Robin Cooper, Bronwyn Berriman and Valda Bray.

This year it goes to a person who spent many, many hours behind the scenes working on our accounts and preparing them for audit. Bill Clague is a very worthy recipient of this award, as he negotiated the difficult transition from an old accounting system to a new one, and painstakingly went through every transaction to ensure our records were completely accurate. More recently, he has once again gone painstakingly through our accounts to help prepare them for audit. Thank you, Bill, for your wonderful service to our Club.



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The Ross Ingram Award – Norm and Cheryl Kitto



The Ross Ingram Award is a new award to be presented to a member for outstanding Community Service. PP Ross Ingram, who passed away suddenly last year, was an exceptional community member who provided extensive service to or community over many, many years. He will always be remembered for his exceptional support to bushfire victims, the seniors' community lunches, and to so many people in need in the community.

The initial recipient of this award is not one, but two people. Norm and Cheryl Kitto have long been active supporters of the Ronald McDonald House, and have been first to volunteer for any community appeal or event. In particular, during the COVID outbreak over the past year their support of both members and others in the community by collecting meals, shopping etc has been notable.

Congratulations to Norm and Cheryl Kitto.

Meet our members - Bob Templeman (with thanks to Jan Templeman)



Bob was born at Barmedman in 1930 and with his twin brother was one of 5 children raised on the land. He attended a one-teacher school at nearby Reefton until he reached high school, when he moved to Yass with his family and attended the local high school. This involved a 7-mile bike ride into the wind to and from school each day through "rain, hail and snow" and he claims the wind changed and he had to ride into the wind to get home again. This has become a family favourite story!!

After doing his Leaving Certificate, he joined the Commonwealth Bank, with his first postings being to Dee Why and Manly branches, and then to a very desirable position on migrant ships, setting up bank accounts for the new arrivals. He did 13 trips from Fremantle to Sydney on board migrant ships and was then posted to the inspection staff where he travelled extensively around NSW cities and towns.

Bob decided that he wanted to study accountancy so asked the bank for a transfer to a place where he could study



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at Technical College, and he was appointed to head office in Canberra where he began his accountancy course at night. After several years of this, he left the bank and accepted a position with Goodyear tyres in the late 1950's.

I met Bob in 1959. After a year there, Goodyear wanted him to travel overseas but he told them he had had enough of living out of suitcases, was still studying at night and he was engaged to me. Once he completed his accountancy course, he became cost accountant at Speedo Knitting Mills, where he stayed for many years.

We married in 1961, bought a home at Beacon Hill and later at Belrose, and had a daughter Susan and a son Robert. However, Bob really wanted his own business, and we bought our first newsagency at West Lindfield which we ran for 4 years, during which time we had another son, David. We then sold it and bought Strathfield Newsagency.

Strathfield Plaza opened in 1981 and together with my brother-in-law, a pharmacist, we combined adjoining shops to make a combined newsagency and pharmacy. We sold the street newsagency shortly after this and as no deliveries were involved with the plaza shop, Bob was relieved that he no longer had to get up at 3am to prepare papers and sometimes deliver them. We ran this shop until 1987, sold out and travelled to

UK, Europe, USA, New Zealand, Pacific Islands and the Antarctic over the next few years.

Bob pursued a number of charitable causes including Walcha- the Work and Leisure Centre for disabled adults at Bexley, and Motor Neurone Association of NSW where he was financial director for many years. I returned to teaching at a school for severely and profoundly disabled children (aged 4 to 18 years old) at Lakemba, which I loved.

In 2006, we decided to retire to Blue Mountains. Bob transferred from Strathfield Rotary, (which he joined in 1981, and served as President in 1983) to Springwood Rotary, where we both have made some wonderful friends.

Bob is now 91 and his mobility unfortunately had deteriorated so much that our family was forced to make the decision to put him into care at Uniting Care Springwood in 2020 where the staff have been wonderful, especially considering the virus problems of the last 2 years. He still prides himself on being an Honorary Member of Springwood Rotary Club and his 40 year association with Rotary.



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Meet our members – inviting contributions

Several members have contacted me this week to say they are writing! This is good news, and I look forward to their contributions.

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

District Directory – online version

The District Directory is on the District Website for access or download - rotarydistrict9685.org.au.

You will need your ClubRunner login to access the District site.

The Rotary Leadership Institute Course 64 13th to 16th August, 2021 by Zoom

There is still time to register for this Learning Opportunity. Past RLI courses concluded with great success and rave reviews. Don't miss out.

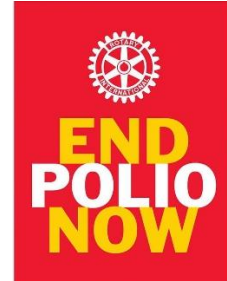
Go to the 15 July District E-news for the registration link – this course is open to all members and is highly recommended.

Article by PDG Bob Aitken, Rotary End Polio Now Coordinator

(the full article is available on our Facebook page)

Polio fundraising remains the vital challenge in the new Rotary year. As we draw closer to that elusive goal of Polio eradication, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative cannot be halted or even hampered by lack of funds.

Rotary requires US\$50 million per year to gain full benefit from the Gates Foundation matching grant of US\$100 million and fund the campaign for the year.



So, let's be blunt ...

Rotarians in Zone 8 (New Zealand, our near island neighbours and Australia) have never been strong personal givers to Rotary's priority project – PolioPlus. Crunch time has come for Polio funding in Zone 8.

As END POLIO NOW Coordinator in Zone 8, my challenge is for EVERY Rotarian to personally donate to Polio and EVERY Rotary Club to commit to President Shekhar Mehta's request for US\$1,500 to fund our priority project ...

A tough challenge is often hard to accept but, if we always do what we have always done, these TWO major goals will never be achieved. Let's make the commitment now and get plans underway – especially for World Polio Day on October 24!

PDG Bob Aitken, Rotary End Polio Now Coordinator
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