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President's report

This week we have a bumper edition of Springword. Suddenly there is a great deal happening.

Last Monday's presentations were certainly inspirational, and my thanks once again to Liz Roberts for her terrific summary (see below).

Other activities included in this newsletter are the Rotary masks, wine sales. Christmas cards for farmers, Pride of Workmanship, and many more.

Just a note re the wine sales – can anyone who places an order please let Geoff Glassock know so that he can check that the club funds come through?

Norm Kitto has also advertised to fill the Director positions for the coming year. I encourage all members to consider nominations, as this is a great chance to become further involved in the wonderful work of Rotary.

This Monday we have Directors' Reports, and then a bit of fun. I am going to randomly pick three people to talk for two minutes on a topic yet to be advised. Don't worry, it will be an easy topic!

Stay safe and have a good week!

Jenny Kroonstuiver
President



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Planned meetings for September

- **27 September** – Club meeting with Director reports

Planned meetings for October

- **4 October** – Committee meetings
- **11 October** – Board meeting,
- **18 October** – Zoom speaker meeting
- **25 October** – Zoom speaker meeting + Director's reports

Upcoming events

- **10 October** – TBC Hat Day 2021
- **13 November** – TBC Norman Lindsay Gallery BBQ event
- **8 November** – Club AGM
- **29 November** – Pride of Workmanship presentation night
- **4 or 11 December** - TBC ETSY, Norman Lindsay Gallery
- **9 December** – TBC late night shopping Springwood

Sergeant's corner

Which member allowed his wife to cut his hair this week – and is still speaking to her?





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Pick-a-card results

There were three draws for pick-a-card this week. Sadly, neither Bill Clague, Colin Kenney, nor Kevin Richards were winners. The finishing pot was \$973.25.

Thought for the week

Has a bee ever landed on you, and instead of getting scared, you appreciate the possibility that you got confused for a flower?



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.

- **Tuesday 28 September 7.00pm:** The Great debate. Lower Blue Mountains and Central Blue Mountains Rotary will be debating "It was better to be born in 1950 than 2000". Who will reign as debating champions? Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4370568065>

Have you ordered your Rotary face masks yet?

From Frank Ross, International Director



You can now order Rotary branded face masks through the Springwood Rotary Club.

These masks are black with the Rotary Wheel on them.

They will cost \$13.50 each with a minimum order number of 5 per person (This price is based on a minimum order from the supplier of 400 masks). They are washable.

The proceeds of this fundraiser will go to Destiny Rescue.

Orders can be forwarded to Frank Ross at frn67@aol.com These orders need to be submitted as soon as possible for prompt delivery.

Last Monday's meeting

With thanks to Liz Roberts

It's difficult to do justice in a brief overview of the two presentations we were treated to this last Monday evening.



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The first presentation was by **Lyn Bevington and Shirley Lewis** of the Blue Mountains People for Reconciliation (BMANTaR) on The Uluru Statement from the Heart (Uluru Statement). Lyn and Shirley provided insight into the Uluru Statement noting its inception at the First Nations National Constitutional Convention at Uluru in May 2017 where 250 Indigenous representatives from across Australia came together to reach consensus of the most meaningful and appropriate way to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution; with the intent of providing First Nations People a voice in Parliament.

Lyn and Shirley also noted that the Uluru Statement has now been translated into more than 65 languages with Lyn and Shirley recently being involved in the launching of the Gaelic translation of Thomas Mayor's book, *Finding our Heart*. Thomas Mayor is a Torres Strait Islander man born on Larrakia country, Darwin. He is a gifted writer and eloquent speaker who has a real passion for the recognition of First Nation People and their ancient sovereignty of Australia.

For members interested in gaining more information on the history of the Uluru Statement you can go to <https://fromtheheart.com.au/uluru-statement/the-history/> or the Blue Mountains People for Reconciliation www.mcrn.org.au/index.php/our-

[sector/bm-people-for-reconciliation-antar](#)

The second presentation of the evening was to introduce a Rotary Project - and what a fantastic and life changing initiative this is! **StoveTeam International** has been built on the initial work of American Rotarian, Nancy Hughes, who having witnessed the damaging effects of open fire cooking vowed to make a difference. She transformed a small Rotary project into this now international organisation and along the way has been personally recognised with a number of prestigious awards including White House Champion of Change; American Mother of Achievement and the International Purpose Prize.

StoveTeam is involved in providing cooking stoves to people in the impoverished South American countries of Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala. A very interesting and informative video presentation was given by Forest Resener, the communication and operations director of StoveTeam.

Forest noted the effects of breathing smoke from in-house open cooking fires kills more people worldwide than Malaria and AIDS combined. An incredible 4 billion people use Biomass (wood, dried dung, etc.) to cook their food; the CO2 emissions from the burning of these fuels is said to be significantly impacting climate change. There is also the direct personal effect to the household with the smoke of



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these fires being equivalent to inhaling the smoke of 3 packs of cigarettes a day. It's noted that those most directly impacted are women and children who are tasked with cooking in most instances.

From the initial giving and installing of stoves, StoveTeam have gone on to investing in these countries to allow the local people to build their own factories to manufacture these stoves. Cheap, efficient stoves are made by local people from local natural resources; these stoves being efficient, significantly reduce the fuel needed to cook, saving forests and the man/people power used to source this fuel and the environment. Burns, particularly for children have been reduced; In-house smoke is all but eliminated with obvious improved health outcomes and importantly these people are now partnered in this program creating wealth in these communities whilst improving their health and lifestyles.

It's inspiring to see the work and determination of one Rotarian and her small Club impact and improve the lives of over 600,000 people to date, with this number no doubt to grow.

Send a Christmas Card to a farmer

Help bring the city and country together this Christmas by helping us create and send thousands of handmade Christmas cards to farmers all over Australia.

Rural Aid is calling on the communities of Australia to show their love and kindness by making a lasting impression on our farmers who help feed us, clothe us and keep our country rolling. We want you to make the cards with your own words and design, rather than buying a card.



To help Rural Aid distribute them as quickly as possible, participants need to follow these steps:

1. The cards cannot be larger than 120mm x 170mm. You could fold a bigger card down to that size but this is the MAXIMUM size we will be sending on.
2. Do not put your cards in an individual envelope. Instead, place all of them in a bigger envelope and mail them to Rural Aid at PO Box 1342, Sunnybank Hills QLD 4109
3. Rural Aid will have thousands of envelopes here ready to put your card in and send onto an Aussie farmer.
4. Please ensure that all cards have a personal message written inside, and are not blank.



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All cards must be at Rural Aid's Brisbane office no later than November 17th, 2021. Therefore all cards need to be to Norm Kitto by 30th October.

Follow the link below and you can see some of the fantastic work Rural Aid is providing and the appreciation of the farmers

<https://youtu.be/XPqkAK5RKpk>

Some additional information about StoveTeam

From Forest Resener



I put together a few things for club members who might want to stay connected:

- Anyone who didn't make it can learn more about StoveTeam with this video about our work: stoveteam.org/why-stoves
- There are over a dozen ways to get involved, plus inspiring stories from the field at stoveteam.org/next-steps

The most powerful way to provide support is by sponsoring one of our stove projects. StoveTeam is currently focusing on our [Justa stove project in Guatemala](#). You can [download a project description](#)



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[here](#).. Our goal is to install 5,000 cookstoves into homes in the next 3 years. We are working on gathering club and district support to fund our efforts and would welcome any support from your club!

If you would like to support this project, we would love to work together with you to find the best way to recognize your club and follow up with you to demonstrate what we have been able to accomplish. To provide support, we can accept donations in either of two ways:

- A cheque made out to StoveTeam International, sent to PO Box 14707, Portland, OR 97293
- An online donation at stoveteam.org/donate

There are over a dozen additional ways to become involved, including joining our volunteer trips (currently on hold due to COVID, but you can join the waiting list) at stoveteam.org/next-steps

If you enjoyed it, please share the interactive video with other clubs or individuals who you think might be interested:

<https://video.mindstamp.io/watch/DSrtygWyPFla>

And one last thing, can I add you or anyone from your club to our email newsletter list? I send out an update about our programs every month! Please let me know, or you can sign up yourself here: stoveteam.org/email



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Donations to the Springwood Hospital Palliative Care project are now tax deductible

Thanks to the substantial efforts from Bill Clague, **Support to Springwood Hospital Palliative Care Ward (RABS)** with number 29-2021-22 has now been registered on the RAWCS national website. The online donation facility has now been switched on.

Tax deductibility is granted through "Rotary Australia Benevolent Society" – ABN 54 563 288 318.

The hyperlink below will take donors directly to our secure donations page.
<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/29-2021-22>.

Donations already made by members will be put through this process.

Pride of Workmanship is coming soon

From John Fuller, Vocational Director
 Nomination forms for The Rotary Club of Springwood Pride of Workmanship 2021 Awards will soon be emailed to all members.

Please consider nominating a local employer, employee or contractor, whom you feel has given 'service' above and beyond your expectations during their normal performance or where they have stepped up during the very difficult times, for example COVID.

The Awards will be given out on 29 November and hopefully, we will be able to hold a face-to-face event.



Club positions for 2022-2023

From President Elect, Norm Kitto
 Election for your Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2022 - 2023 will be held shortly and I am reaching out to all members seeking expression of interest in becoming a Director of the Club.

- Director positions to be filled :-
- President Elect 2023 - 2024
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Club Administration
 - Community Service
 - International Service
 - Youth Services
 - Vocational Service
 - Foundation
 - Public Officer

- Support positions to be filled:-
- Membership
 - Sargent at Arms
 - Public Image
 - Communications - Web & Facebook



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Please be assured, that if you would like to "have a go" at any of the positions but feel you don't have the knowledge or experience that I guarantee all the support you require will be available.

This is also an opportunity for you to talk to other members and encourage them to consider nominating.

I look forward to receiving your positive responses (by **10th October**) to be part of, hopefully, a return to a "normal" busy Rotary year filled with face to face Service, Fun & Fellowship



The LIFT THE LID WALK 'walk and talk' format is deliberately not a race, but an opportunity to get your locals together to raise awareness of the serious mental health issues we face in all areas of our communities, schools, homes and workplaces.

Now more than ever, we need to break down the stigma that continues to plague our society so that people are more comfortable to discuss and seek

mental health issues. As the sole beneficiary, 100% of funds raised from the LIFT THE LID WALKS will go to supporting vital Australian Rotary Health research.



It's not too late to register your Hat Day event! Rotary Health is celebrating on Sunday October 10, but you can host an event anytime during Mental Health Month in October.

If you are in lockdown, there may be some COVID-19 safe ways to get involved. This may include an online trivia night or Zoom get together.

You can even join our FREE webinar on October 10, featuring experts in children's mental health. Or check out our events calendar to find an event near you.

Members' suggestions on how our club might celebrate this event would be welcome! Please contact any one of the Directors with your ideas.



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Springwood Rotary FUNDRAISING Wine Drive

The Rotary Club of Springwood and Lazy Oak Wines have partnered for a unique fundraising drive to help support the initiatives and ongoing great work that our Rotary Club does.



What is it?

It's like your classic lamington drive but better...because its wine! Every case of wine sold results in funds going back to The Rotary Club of Springwood, in fact a huge \$50 from every half case (6) and \$100 from every case (12) sold will go back to your club, making this one of the most beneficial (and delicious) adult fundraisers going around.

How do I order?

Simply visit the [Lazy Oak Wines](http://www.lazyoak.com.au) on www.lazyoak.com.au to order. Select the Rotary Fundraiser case of wine of your choice (yes, there's options) and then select your Club so that your \$100 or \$50 donation will be allocated directly to the Rotary Club of Springwood.

What next?

The team at Lazy Oak Wines will then dispatch your order to your nominated delivery address and your donation will be sent to your Club.

Please note!

Only people 18 years and older are eligible to participate in this fundraiser.

Wishing you all the best in your fundraising drive!
Cheers,
The Lazy Oak Team



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