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President's report

This week has been very quiet, but it has been great seeing members and friends keep in contact through walks, social media, Zoom morning teas etc.

Thanks again to Liz Roberts for providing the Monday meeting summary which is included in this newsletter.

I'm so grateful that we live in an electronic age! It's now eighteen months since I was able to physically visit my WA family, but in the last week I have managed to speak with most of my children and grandkids, as well as share their school and sporting achievements, and watch one of my grandsons 'skin a cat' (don't ask!) on the gym rings.

This same connectivity makes it so easy for us to keep in touch with each other, and I really enjoy the various Facebook posts, etc from our members. A special thank you goes to Cheryl Kitto who regularly adds articles to the club website.

This Monday is our Crazy Hat Zoom meeting. It should be a lot of fun! Thanks to John Fuller and Peter Sparkes for your organisation.

Stay safe and have a good week!
Jenny Kroonstuiver
President



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Planned meetings for August

- **30 August:** Crazy hat and trivia Zoom meeting – see below.

Planned meetings for September

- **6 September** – Committee meetings
- **13 September** – Board meeting, all welcome
- **20 September** – Zoom Speaker meeting
- **27 September** – Club meeting with Director reports

Sergeant's corner

This week's special mention goes to the member who was helpfully renamed 'Pee' by one of the local take-aways!



Upcoming events

- **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

Pick-a-card results

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





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Thought for the week – inspirational Paralympians

Alexander Tuckfield is looking forward to donning the green and gold for the first time as he makes his international debut at Tokyo 2020.

Growing up swimming from a young age, Alexander began to swim competitively in 2015. Born with congenital cerebral palsy, the NSW native showed promise in the pool immediately.

At the 2021 Australian Swimming Trials, 16-year-old Tuckfield qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics when he placed second in the S9 Men's 400m Freestyle.

Get your crazy hats ready for a fun night next Monday



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 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.



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

John Fuller, Vocational Director

Meeting summary from 23 August

President Jenny opened the meeting with a welcome to 19 logged in members and noted her pleasure at the good number of attendees tonight and last week when we hosted the two very interesting guest speakers. Jenny then invited the committee Chairs to provide their reports.

Whilst Secretary **Norm** didn't have any matters of significance to report, anyone who has ever held the secretary role in an organisation, knows that a day doesn't go by without some task to be undertaken – so thanks Norm. As a side note – Norm and Cheryl recently delivered a full car load of groceries to Hawkesbury Helping Hand, with some of these finding their way to Wilcannia where the impact of COVID-19 is being very challenging for that community.

Treasurer **Bill Bowler** provided an overview of the Club's current finances noting that regardless of our current limited face to face opportunities for fund raising that we remain solvent. The Club will be able to meet the commitments it has made to a number of projects, whilst also noting in Bill's words "there isn't a lot of money to splash around".

Cheryl, our Youth Committee Chair stated that at this time the RYLA





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applications are still being submitted with the view of this still going ahead later in the year.

Bronwyn spoke to a number of matters in relation to Club Administration, commenting on the fact that we now have guest speakers booked until the end of November. Upcoming attractions include Judy Finch who will speak to the thought-provoking topic of the 'Uluru Statement From The Heart' - this statement proposes a permanent first nations voice in our Parliament. We also have planned an online presentation on the work being undertaken to reduce the harmful effects of poor cooking and heating methods used in poor countries.

Bronwyn also outlined a number of activities she has arranged for her committee to undertake to ensure we continue to be engaged and active as a group during lockdown. In particular Valda gained a special mention for her ongoing commitment to keeping in touch with so many of our members who are a little isolated or currently not well,

with the added bonus of the culinary gifts from her kitchen.

Geoff remains busy with the Community Service projects, with particular note being the upcoming Lazy Oak at Mudgee wine sales. Geoff noted that \$100 from each case sold goes to the Club. So, we can all feel good whilst we partake of a drop – it's a win/win!



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Geoff also spoke to a dementia related project that he will provide more details of in the near future.

District Communications Director, **Marilyn** remains busy with day-to-day Club communications, etc. as well as undertaking a significant amount of work with Rotary at a District level. The production of the District Newsletter is top of list and it goes without saying she does a very professional job of this. Marilyn noted that Rotary branded facemasks are available for purchase at \$20 each, and that members can avail themselves of a number of learning and development opportunities on the Rotary website.

Our Foundation Chair, **Bill Clague** noted that the grant monies for the Palliative Care Unit at Springwood Hospital should be received within the next few days. Bill informed members who would like to donate to this project and would benefit from a tax deductible receipt that this is currently being negotiated.

(With thanks to Liz Roberts)

Meet our members

No contributions have been received for this week.

Please keep them coming!

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





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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>

Applications open for the January 2022 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Director Cheryl Kitto has advised that Applications open for the January 2022 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) on 1st September 2021.

Applicants need to apply online at
www.d9685ryla.org.au

Applications will then be forwarded to local Rotary Clubs to conduct interviews and conduct a selection process. Please refer to the email sent out by Cheryl on 27 August for further information.



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Join family fun Online Trivia Fundraiser

Sunday 29th August 7-8.30pm

Kenya school classroom and playground equipment fundraiser

Adults \$20, under 18s free



To book, go to: [Online Trivia Fundraiser for Kenya School Tickets | TryBooking Australia](#)

Remembering when we were allowed to have crowds....

