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President's report

We drew the Autumn Handyperson raffle last Saturday and had three delighted winners. We sold a total of 841 tickets, bringing in funds of \$4205, and after expenses this will be a profit of just over \$4,000.

I would like to extend a huge thanks to our many ticket sellers, in particular Valda Bray and Bev Waterson who turned up week after week. Thanks also to Norm Kitto and Bill Bowler for their hard work in putting the prize together, and transporting it to and from the shop, as well as to the winners. Thanks as well to Bunnings, who donated the prize. Bunnings provide a wonderful support to our club.

During the week, two further club positions for the coming year were filled. John Fuller has agreed to take on Vocational Service, and Rachel Pagitz has agreed to become the Public Image Officer. Thank you both for agreeing to take on these roles.

The Club Administration Committee has been hard at work planning for the upcoming changeover dinner which will be held at the Royal Hotel on 28th June. Invitations will be sent out soon.

At the Monopoly meeting on Thursday we nominated teams to start visiting businesses to try and attract sponsorship. If anyone else would like to be involved,

please contact either Geoff Glassock or myself.

This week is our Blue Eco Homes vocational visit, organized by Cheryl Kitto. It will be a cold night, so don't forget to rug up!

Have a good week!
Jenny Kroonstuiver
President



Planned meetings for May

- **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

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



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Thought for the week

Age is of no importance unless you're a cheese.

Billie Burke

Sergeant's corner

Makeup whilst driving. Enough said.



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.

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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District Assembly events for incoming Board members / office holders this Sunday

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

- 9.00 – Membership
- 10.45 – Public Image



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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.

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.

What's new from Australian Rotary Health?

Telethon Kids Institute Chair Julie Bishop has pledged \$50,000 to fund an award designed to help young female researchers overcome persistent barriers to career and leadership success.

The first recipient is Dr Amy Finlay-Jones, an outstanding youth mental health researcher whose work focuses on improving mental health and developmental outcomes across the early life course.

Rotary Virtual Convention 12-16 June 2021

We always need moments to connect and celebrate. Join us at the 2021 virtual convention to learn and engage with the

family of Rotary and see how we've been growing and adapting!

You don't want to miss this year's rich schedule of events which include:

- Inspiring speakers sharing how Rotary and its members are connecting with our communities around the world.
- The Virtual House of Friendship where you can connect with fellow members, chat with staff, shop, and explore exhibitor booths.
- Twenty featured Breakout Sessions covering topics including: how to create sustainable impact, rebuilding after COVID-19, developing leadership skills, Rotary's new area of focus: the environment, and much more.
- Exciting new activities including meet and greets with leaders, virtual cooking classes, Rotary trivia contents, a virtual photo booth, a 5K walk to end polio, and a DJ dance party.

Sign up for the convention today and encourage friends in your network, club, and community to join you. Don't miss out!

All members should have received individual emails with registration links – if not, please ask Jenny for the details.



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Meet our members – Geoff Glassock



I grew up in London during the Second World War and at the outset of the war was evacuated with my older sister for a few months to Henley on Thames. We returned to London as the Battle of Britain began. Schooling was frequently interrupted due to unexploded bombs in the playground or other bomb damage. Daily school assemblies were times when the names of students were who were either killed in the latest blitz or still missing. I learned early in life to live with unpredictability!!

My parents decided to migrate to Australia – my sister had become engaged to a Naval officer. We arrived in Melbourne in July 1948 and went to Heathcote – a culture shock to say the least. We moved to Melbourne and I worked in the State Savings Bank until in 1952 did National Service in the RAN.

In 1954 I trained for the Anglican priesthood which is where I met Valerie then completing a Dip Ed. We were married in April 1958 and I was ordained a Priest in 1959. Andrew was born that year and Stephen in 1960 when in September of that year we left for the UK. It was for me 'going home' to join the parish of Merrow in Surrey. The Rector's brother was private Secretary to the Queen so we received an invitation to a Palace Garden Party.

Going back to preach at the church I grew up in led to an exchange with a priest from the Episcopal Church in Detroit in 1968. Whilst there I completed a Masters degree in Guidance and Counselling.

We returned to Australia on the Oriana with an American son David. It was on this voyage that my introduction to Rotary began. A member of the Rotary club of Corio invited me to attend as the parish to which I was going was in Geelong. I attended a number of meetings as a visitor but did not join. Being responsible for 3 churches in a predominantly housing commission area and 3 young boys meant with time and economics it wasn't practicable.

In 1968 a move to Melbourne to become Chaplain to RMIT and also the Chinese Church where we established an International Students Centre. Rosemary our daughter was born in July of that year. 1971 we arrived in Sydney to become Education and Training Officer for what was the the Family Life Movement. Having trained as a Marriage Counsellor in Geelong I was now training others.

In 1974 the NSW Education Department introduced Personal Development and I was invited to join the staff of Sydney Teachers College as lecturer responsible for the new program. Valerie had returned to teaching full time at Tara for the next 20 plus years. I was selected as a Kellogg Foundation Fellow and had 6 months in the USA studying Health Education and Health Promotion.

In this time I became involved with Rotary again at North Sydney but the changes to the teaching timetable and pressure of work meant it was not possible to continue.



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In 1977 the Granville train accident revealed that Emergency Service personnel were ill equipped to manage traumatic events and major disasters. With Professor Beverley Raphael we began what became the National Association for Loss and Grief where in time I became the National President. Organising National and International conferences were part of the role leading me to be the first Australian to join the International Work Group on Death Dying and Bereavement.

With the outbreak of the HIV/AIDS epidemic we developed a ministry to the Gay population and their partners and becoming part of the International group involved in Pastoral Care. In the midst of these activities I completed a MA (Hons) at Macquarie, a Doctorate of Ministry at the San Francisco Theological Seminary and in 2011 a Ph.D at UNE, Armidale, and Mediation training at Bond University.

The combination of my work nationally and internationally with the Anglican Church and in the area of Grief and Bereavement led to my being awarded the Order of Australia (AM) in 2011

A move to the Blue Mountains in 2013 and meeting Alan Cameron and Fred Thompson who invited me to a meeting of Springwood

Rotary club and joining in late 2013, subsequently enjoying initially International Director and currently Community Services director and manage the Working with Children register. At a district level I am one of two Conflict Management Officers.

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!

Flashback!

Wine and chum for dinner!
 Happy birthday Valda!



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