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President's report

The forever lockdown continues with the occasional outing of going to the doctor, buying groceries or taking the bin out becoming a major social event.

A highlight of this week was our fun meeting on Monday night – Liz Roberts' summary is below. Thank you to John Fuller for setting this up in lieu of a vocational visit, as it was lots of fun. Thanks also to Peter Sparkes for the trivia questions which clearly demonstrated that I am not a home-grown New South Welshman!

Another highlight was the first day of Spring, accompanied by perfect spring weather. I was doing a few deliveries this week and am amazed at the array of spring flowers already in bloom. I'm also impressed at the number of members who have spent lockdown improving their gardens – they are looking spectacular!

After much running around, including speaking to someone in Singapore, Norm Kitto has managed to get the link to our website updated – as shown in the newsletter header. Thanks heaps Norm!

On Sunday we celebrate Father's Day, and I wish all the Dads a very happy day, even if it is under lockdown conditions. I'm sure you will all find a way to celebrate!

Monday is Committee meetings night, and Directors will contact their committee members separately with meeting arrangements

Stay safe and have a good week!

Jenny Kroonstuiver
President



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 those members who kept the tradition of Dad Jokes alive last Monday night!



Upcoming events

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



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Pick-a-card results

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

Thought for the week

You can tell what was the best year of your father's life because they seem to freeze that clothing style and ride it out.
Jerry Seinfeld

Meeting summary from Monday 30 August 2021

From our special correspondent – Liz Roberts

Another exciting evening with 19 participants joining in on zoom. President Jenny opened the meeting noting it was to be a fun filled evening with all members donning a funny hat and having brought to the meeting either a joke or riddle. But, prior to the revelries Jenny invited her fellow directors to provide a brief report if they had any matters they would like to bring to the attention of members.

Treasurer Norm, confirmed earlier email correspondence he had with President Jenny and Club Administration Chair, Bronwyn where he mentioned the response received from the RYLA committee to a potential nomination of a candidate with special needs. Norm stated that at this time the RYLA committee have indicated that RYLA can't cater for such candidates. Norm rightly noted the 2018 actions taken by

the Rotary Club of Springwood Inc. where we challenged this assertion and the remedial action taken by Rotary at that time to ensure future protocols supported the nomination of candidates with special needs. Norm noted that he intended to pursue this matter once he has spoken with our potential nominee.

President Jenny then went on to afford special recognition of three members – Bill Clague, Cheryl Kitto and Norm Kitto who have now been awarded Sapphire Pins as Paul Harris Fellows. These awards acknowledge the significant personal contribution of \$1,000 or more made by these members. All those online congratulated our fellow members with a hearty round of applause.

President Jenny then asked each of the members and attending guests to give a short talk on their hat and to follow with a joke or riddle. We were then treated to an amazing display of the weird and wonderful that again demonstrated the creativity of many of the members. Whilst President Jenny was presented with a difficult task in choosing funny hat winner, in the end it went to Bruce Wood with his very topical COVID-19 inspired creation, a special mention also went to Bronwyn Berriman who also used COVID-19 as her inspiration – two fantastic efforts that whilst creative and entertaining also reminded us of the task at hand; to vaccinate, stay home and stay safe – WELL DONE.



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President Jenny then announced the joke/riddle winner with the effort put in by Marilyn Kenney being rightfully recognised for her screen share offering; a close second was John Fuller who provided a lively tale.

As the evening drew to a close our thoughtful scholar, Peter Sparkes entertained the meeting with an Australiana inspired trivia quiz. 20 questions were put to the group and lots of knowledge was on display. I think all were surprised by just how much we know about our beloved Oz, its history, geography, sporting events and heroes, and the odd highway man.

We finished up the night with the 'Pick a Card' with Kevin Richards being drawn to pick – regrettably for Kevin the Joker remained elusive.

Editor's note: The trivia was won by Liz Roberts who demonstrated an outstanding display of Australiana knowledge!

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.

Congratulations Cheryl and Norm!



A huge congratulations to Cheryl and Norm Kitto for well-deserved recognition at the virtual Blue Mountains regional ceremony for the 2021 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards last Tuesday.

Cheryl and Norm were nominated by Margaret Bell and Valda Bray for their outstanding contribution not only to Springwood Rotary, but the many other mountains organisations and activities they are part of.

And more congratulations, to our latest PHF awardees



A huge congratulations to Bill, Cheryl and Norm for being awarded 2 x sapphire PHF awards in recognition of personal giving to the Rotary Foundation.

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



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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.



Interesting guest speakers from other Clubs

Periodically I receive notification of interesting guest speakers from other Clubs. Members are welcome to join in

of the following. Please contact me and I will send you a live Zoom link.

- **Upper Blue, Tuesday 7 September at 8.15am:** Jenny Boyall, Principal Katoomba High School.

Do you have a MyRotary Account yet?

My Rotary is a place for members of Rotary to access tools and information to make your membership experience better. It contains a wealth of informative training, news, announcements etc about everything Rotary.

Recent statistics compiled by Secretary Norm Kitto show that 65% of our members have an account – let's aim for 100%!

Setting up an account is simple: just go to <https://my.rotary.org/> and click onto the 'Join' button.

This week's photo quiz – does anyone know what this event was?



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