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### President's report

It has been a busy week! We began by welcoming the R100 baton walkers at Buttenshaw Park last Friday afternoon and then held our R100 breakfast at the park on Saturday morning.

What a perfect morning! It was well attended and much appreciated by the local community. A huge thanks to Bill Bowler who leaves nothing to chance with his organisation of BBQ events, as well as to all those who turned out to assist. The coffee van was the perfect addition.

Then it was into the big red bus and off to Glenbrook where we handed over the baton at an equally well organised BBQ event in the Glenbrook Park.

A special mention must be made of Jennifer Scott and her band of walkers who have walked 100kms to support the event – and ran to greet people at each of the baton handover locations.

During the week Norm and Cheryl Kitto collected the items from the flood relief donations box at Winmalee Shopping Centre and delivered them delivered to Kurrajong - Nth Richmond Rotary for distribution in conjunction with Hawkesbury charities. The box was almost full, thanks to our very generous community.

On Thursday Marilyn Kenney and Valda Bray joined me as we trialled the monopoly presentation with some potential sponsors. They were very supportive, although we do have some additional questions to be resolved.

This Sunday is the *Music Amongst the Autumn leaves* event. I know the team has worked very hard over the past few weeks pulling all this together and wish them a very successful outcome.

Our raffle ticket sellers are hard at work again on Friday and Saturday, and I am currently investigating the possibility of an additional selling day in Springwood. We have sold about half the available tickets.

This week is a regular club zoom meeting with Director's reports. I hope to see you all there.

Have a good week!  
Jenny Kroonstuiver  
President



### Planned meetings for May

- **3 May** – Club Zoom meeting
- **10 May** – Ori Dinner meeting
- **11 May** – Board meeting
- **17 May** – Zoom meeting with guest speakers
- **24 May** – Club Committee meetings
- **31 May** – Vocational visit – Blue Eco Homes



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### Upcoming events

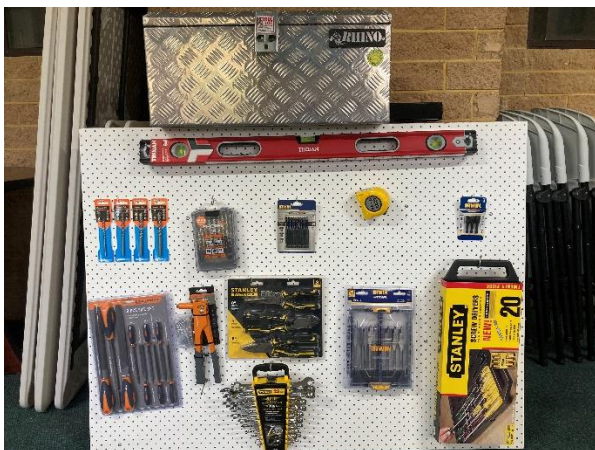
- **2 May** – Music Amongst the Autumn Leaves
- **7 May** – Variety Club Golf Day
- **14-16 May** – Rotary Leadership Institute Course – see DG's e-news
- **10 June** – Wentworth Falls lunch
- **28 June** – Changeover Dinner

### Thought for the week

As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas and colors enough to paint the beautiful things I see.  
*Vincent Van Gogh*

### Springwood Rotary Autumn Handyperson Raffle 2021 – **Ticket sellers required for Friday 7 May, 9-12; and for Saturday 8 May**

I am seeking two ticket sellers for the morning shift on Friday 7 May, as well as sellers for both shifts on Saturday 8 May. If you are able to volunteer, please email me on [jkroonstuiver@hotmail.com](mailto:jkroonstuiver@hotmail.com)



### Sergeant's corner

A special shout out to the members who danced their way up and down the highway to entice patrons into our R100 breakfast last Saturday!

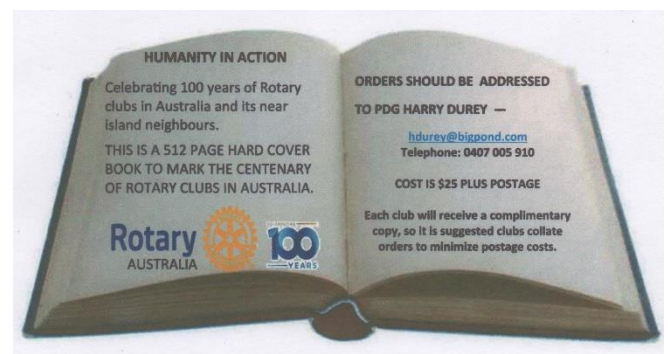
Who was the member left running after the bus after she got left behind?

Apologies from the President who cut the last meeting short in order to go and watch Lego Masters!



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### Humanity in Action books



If anyone would like to order a copy, please let Jenny Kroonstuiver know by **Friday 15 May** and I will send in a group order.



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### **Don't forget to renew Centurion memberships!**

Donating to the Rotary Centurion Program is an easy way of making a personal contribution to The Rotary Foundation – our charity. All Centurion contributions from Rotarians count towards their Club's Annual Giving total. 100% of the funds are used for Rotary projects both locally and internationally.

Any contributions we make are part of the District's contribution resulting in 50% of the contribution coming back to our District to use as funds for the programs we want to support. The other 50% goes to the World Fund.

To become a Centurion you are asked to simply contribute \$100 per year and your contribution is tax deductible. Towers to collect \$2 coins, such as the one below, are available from Norm Kitto.

For more information, please contact Norm Kitto.



### **Inside the flood relief collection bin!**



### **Thank you to Bunnings**

A huge thank you to Sonya from Bunnings who donated the raffle prize for the Music in the Autumn leaves raffle. Thanks so much, as always, to Bunnings for their wonderful community support.

### **District 9685 Changeover 2021**

DG David Clark and DGE Lindsay May invite you to attend the District Changeover for 2021.

The details are:

DATE: SUNDAY, 4th July  
VENUE: CASTLE HILL RSL, 77 CASTLE St, CASTLE HILL.  
TIME: 12.00 for 12.30 pm  
DRESS: Colourful (Bollywood)  
COST: \$50 per head (two course lunch)

Registrations are now open.



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## **Music Amongst the Autumn Leaves – Sunday 2 May**

*From Rachel Pagitz*

Calling all Rotarians and friends – come enjoy the spectacular Autumn colours and the sounds of talented musicians from local high schools at a family friendly event on Sunday 2nd May – proudly supported by The Rotary Club of Springwood and hosted by Robin Ingram at The Old Farm.

Winmalee High, Blaxland High, St Columba's and Blue Mountains Grammar are sending some of their best performers to delight the audience in the picturesque grounds of The Old Farm on Purvines.

Spread the word and bring friends and family along for the afternoon – it always proves a very enjoyable day. You can bring a picnic, wine and cheese and enjoy a relaxing afternoon. Entry is \$5pp and all proceeds from the day will be shared between the school music departments to further support the students in their learning. A coffee van will also be on hand for hot drinks. We hope to see as many of you there as possible – with your friends and family to support this special event.

## **Helpers Needed!**

Thanks so much to all those who have volunteered to assist during the day. We still have room for more, so if you are available, please contact Rachel Pagitz.

## **Variety Club Golf Day – Friday 7 May**

*From Bill Bowler*

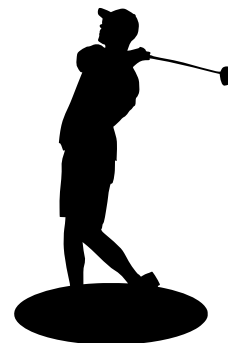
The Variety Club Golf Day is back to its original date and a full complement of golfers is expected, that is around 120 players compared to 80 in November 2020 due to Covid restrictions.

As usual this event will be run by Adam Law who is liaising with Lindsay Curry.

The event will be a BBQ breakfast run from about 7am to 9.45am and a shot gun start for the golfers around 10am. The above times are purely a guide at this stage.

Please let Bill Bowler know by April 30 if you will or will not be available to assist at this event. There is much happening so hence a quick reply is requested as Bill will be away.

It is expected that we will be set up at the rear of the club house on the concrete area and the same covid set up will apply as per the last event.



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### Meet our members – Lynda Sparkes



I was born to a beautiful young couple from Durham & Thornaby on Tees in North Yorkshire, not long after World War 2. My parents were persuaded to emigrate to Australia for a “better life” by Dad’s best childhood mate, Don, who married an “Aussie lass” who followed him over to England on the HMS Victorious after they fell in love when Don was on leave in Sydney. They married in England and migrated to Australia.

The 3 of us set sail on the P&O SS *Mooltan* and arrived in Sydney early August 1950. I have a few little memories of the trip. For example: I threw my sunglasses overboard and told Mummy that the fishes needed them more than me. I celebrated my 3rd Birthday, (along with all the other Birthday children) on the boat. Hence my love for parties, no doubt.

I have a sister and two brothers (all Aussies). My parents and I were naturalised in 1988, our Bi-centenary year, to seal our love for having the opportunity to live in this wonderful country.

I attended St Mary’s Primary and High School, and The Metropolitan Business College. I worked in the “Legal World” until 1975 when I retired to have time at home with my son, David. The legal firm was a very hectic, exciting and busy Practice which specialised in Criminal, Matrimonial and Children’s Court matters.

In 1980 I had a total change, and we purchased the Springwood Garden Centre where I have worked ever since. A love of plants and opportunity allowed this to happen.

I have been involved with Community Work for many years now: the AOOB raising money mainly for the Children’s Hospital, The Winmalee Lioness Club, and finally The Rotary Club of Springwood in 1995. I was the first female member, being inducted in November 1995, thrown into the deep end in December as Community Director... I stayed on the Board, served in all avenues of service and became the first female President in 2005.

These days I still enjoy Rotary, though would like to assist more often. However, Peter and I have been married 20 years and enjoy our combined family of four boys, four beautiful daughters-in-law, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. We are experiencing our Golden Years together making the most of everything.



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