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### President's report

Last Monday was a great meeting with 18 in attendance. Thanks to all those directors who outlined their plans for the year – more detail is provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

Once again, the shutdown has been extended, seemingly without end. I hope you are all staying safe and well and thank all those club members for their continuing acts of kindness and support.

This week is the first of our committee meetings and directors will be in touch with their committees with meeting arrangements. I look forward to hearing the outcomes.

Stay safe and have a good week!  
Jenny Kroonstuiver  
President



### Planned meetings for August

- **2 August:** Committee meetings
- **9 August:** Zoom Board meeting, all welcome
- **16 August:** Zoom Speaker meeting
- **23 August:** Zoom Club meeting and Director reports
- **30 August:** Vocational visit TBA

Hopefully we can return to some face to face meetings later in the year.

### Sergeant's corner

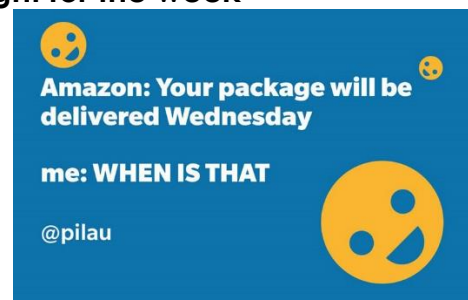
This week's special mention goes to the member who decided just to keep pushing buttons until the video worked last Monday night – and it worked!



### Upcoming events

- **Deferred TBA** – BBQ Ellison PS athletics carnival
- **20 August** - TBC BBQ Faulconbridge PS sports carnival
- **3-4 September** – TBC Lake Cargellico trip
- **11 September** – TBC Springwood Festival
- **10 October** – Hat Day 2021
- **13 November** – Norman Lindsay Gallery BBQ event
- **4 or 11 December** - ETSY, Norman Lindsay Gallery
- **9 December** – late night shopping Springwood

### Thought for the week



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### **The Rotary BBQ Trailer needs a new home**

After six years of comfort in the Bowlers' back yard, the Rotary BBQ trailer needs a new home by 1 September 2021.

Bill has agreed to accept responsibility for housing the CFU fire-fighting trailer as his home is in a strategic location for this purpose.

If anyone has room to house the BBQ trailer in their yard, we would welcome your assistance. Please could you contact Bill directly to discuss further.

Meanwhile, thank you Bill for so generously housing the trailer for so long.



### **Pick-a-card is back**

You will all have received an email from Bill Bowler stating that pick-a-card will recommence on Monday 9 August. The closing date for potential participants was today.

Thank you Bill, for getting this started again!

### **Director's reports**

#### **Club Administration- Bronwyn Berriman**



Club Administration plans for the year:

- Sourcing and booking in a range of interesting speakers, both Rotary and non-Rotary, for both Zoom and Face to Face meetings.
- Coordinating Club meetings at The Ori Hotel and taking attendance numbers for these nights.
- Assisting with planning for Club Special Events including Blue Mountains Clubs Combined Dinner, Changeover and others to be determined.
- Brainstorming as a group to find new and fun activities to add interest to Zoom and Face to Face meeting and to implement these suggestions.
- To ensure the Welfare needs of Club members are recognised and met.
- To assist as required with updates to Club By Laws etc
- To be able to assist Club President Jenny with additional Club Admin. tasks as required and to discuss and implement ways in which we, as a committee, can support Jenny and the Board in any way.



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### **Vocational Service – John Fuller**



We have 4 occurrences where we have 5 Mondays in a month for this coming year and hopefully we will be able to enjoy them together.

**30th August** – I have contacted Roslyn's Model Railway at Valley Heights and hopefully this will go ahead.

**29th November, 31st January and 30th May:** Some ideas that I am looking at Springwood Public School to see the Sensory Garden, Rhododendrons Gardens at Blackheath followed by dinner at Mt Victoria.

Also in October I will be asking for nominations for Pride Of Workmanship awards to be handed out in November. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy this program face to face but will be guided by current restrictions.

### **Community Services – Geoff Glassock**



Recognising that these plans are subject to the possibility of lockdowns limiting their outcome, one remains optimistic that the work of the Community Services Committee will enjoy a successful and profitable year.

### *Planned events:*

- Monthly Bunnings BBQ's – start date TBC
- 20 August Falconbridge Primary School Sports Carnival TBC
- Ellison Primary School Athletics Carnival Deferred awaiting new date
- 11 September Springwood Festival TBC
- 10 October Hat Day 2021 TBC
- 13 November Norman Lindsay Gallery BBQ Event
- 4 or 11 December ETSY Norman Lindsay Gallery
- 9 December Late Night Shopping Springwood

### *Other projects:*

- Blue Mountains Monopoly Edition - Further action postponed to March 2022
- Wine sales for Christmas 2021 TBC by August Board mtg
- Wine tasting TBC
- 100 Trees planting deferred and subject to further discussion with Council and the schools involved
- Car Boot Sale with Falconbridge PS – date to be determined
- Christmas Raffle ticket sales at Winmalee Shopping Centre, Bunnings, Springwood Shopping Centre
- Men's Health Education Rotary Van MHERV date to be finalised
- Music in the Autumn Gardens (in consultation with Robin Ingram, Rachel Pagitz etc)



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- Wentworth Falls TAFE Lunches (in consultation with Valda Bray)

### *Additional ideas:*

- New banner proposal in conjunction with Year 10/11 Art students
- Trivia Night

We did not have a Community Services Awards Night last year so we may consider reintroducing that for outreach to the community

At the first meeting of the committee I will be asking all to brainstorm about other possibilities that we can explore.

### **Youth Committee – Cheryl Kitto**



**RYPEN** - Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment - 14-16yr olds - Friday to Sunday program - generally runs twice a year – pending COVID restrictions – we hope to sponsor four students to attend .

**RYLA** - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - 7-day program generally runs for a week in January in each. We hope to sponsor one student this year with the possibility of also sending a second special needs participant. Applications are due out shortly.

**Year 12 students** - Providing letters of encouragement to Year 12 students prior to them commencing their Yr 12 HSC exams.

**School Community Awards** – instead of providing money at the end of school



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year awards – create a community award for presentation at Rotary  
**Youth Mental Health** - \$670 already provided to MYST to pay for booklets used in the Youth Mental Health First Aid program running in the Blue Mountains State High Schools – involving all year 10 students and a good number of teaching staff.

Possibly work with our Vocational Director – youth involved at the meeting at Springwood Primary – to view the garden  
Possible **Youth night** at the club - to be discussed at committee meeting – suggestions include Student items/ debate / public speaking competition.

### **Foundation – Bill Clague**



It's early days yet but our cancelled changeover gave us an unusual outcome with most of us donating to various funds.

Already we have almost half of the budgeted Centurion budget , extra money for the Hospital project and others.

Covid will probably restrict a lot of our activities again this year.

Clever alternative fundraising will be needed to ensure we can complete our projects as planned.





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### Meet our members – Brownyn Berriman



I was born at Burwood, Sydney in November 1949 to my wonderful parents Lorna and Roy Crossman. For the first year of my life we lived with one set of my Grandparents in Concord and then moved to Epping, where our new home was being built, to live with my other Grandparents until our home was completed. Our modest home took nearly three years to complete and we moved in when I was three and it was my home until I was married.

At aged four my first brother arrived, another four years later and another four years after that, making me the eldest of four and only girl, which certainly had some advantages. Epping was a great place to grow up, almost semi-rural when we first moved in and big blocks with ours running down into the bush and finishing with Devlin's Creek as our back boundary. I went to Epping Heights Public School and then onto Cheltenham Girls High and completed the first Higher School Certificate there in 1967. By the time I had finished school I had already

been going out with Duncan for well over a year as we had met at a concert his band were playing at.

I started studying to become a teacher at Sydney Teachers College in 1968, the same year Duncan started teaching in Hay. During this time we became engaged. Duncan came back to Sydney at the end of 1969, I completed my teacher training at the end of 1970 and we were married on the 30th December 1970.

The first two schools I taught at were Riverstone High and Parramatta Selective school, both very different but lots of fun. In the Christmas holiday 1973/74 we went to the UK, which was my first overseas trip and I have loved travel both overseas and within Australia ever since. Upon our return the building of our house at Buena Vista Rd started and on the October long weekend 1974 we moved in with our 2week old son, Ben. We obviously loved it because here I am still.

Our family grew quickly with Tim born in 1976 and Belinda in 1978. I tell everyone that I married into Community Service Clubs as Duncan had joined APEX in Hay and transferred to Eastwood Club and was instrumental in restarting the APEX Club of Springwood when we moved here. Duncan went on to be on Club, Zone and National Board of APEX which saw our family taking two weeks holiday



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most years to travel to National Conferences all over Australia. This is how I also became involved in the Crest Club and I became a National Board Member and finally National President.

Duncan joined Springwood Rotary a couple of years after he finished with APEX and also after we had hosted our first two, of now about 24 I think, Rotary Exchange students. Having exchange students became a huge part of our lives as for so many years we had students stay with us. I became part of the District Youth Exchange Committee as a Counsellor for 7 years with Duncan heading up this program for a while. Two of our children went on exchange Tim to Denmark and Belinda to Belgium.

During all this time I continued teaching in Permanent Part Time positions at, Shalvey, MacArthur Girls at Parramatta, Blaxland and for 20 years at Bidwill, which though tough is still my favourite and without exception where I observed the best teaching being given. At the beginning of 2006 I moved to Kingswood High where Duncan was Deputy. Sadly in June 2006 Duncan died suddenly as the result of a heart attack. At this time my friends from, Rotary, Crest and in this community were just wonderful and I have never felt so cared for and supported. I immediately joined Rotary myself, a decision I have never regretted and I have held the positions of Club Secretary, Youth, Membership and now Club

Administration and also the position of Secretary of the District Youth Exchange Committee.

Following a break from teaching after Duncan's death I took a job at Wycliffe Christian School which also provided me with many wonderful opportunities including travelling with year eleven students to Hong Kong and China and also to Bali with students to spend time in two wonderful orphanages at Meleya and Blimblinsari. I worked at Wycliffe for eight years and it was a great experience

During this time the other 'big event', that most of you are aware of, was losing my home in the 2013 bush fires. Once again Rotary, Crest, my friends, my Church and our wonderful Community groups like the Salvation Army all assisted in the most amazing, caring and compassionate way.

Sitting here writing this now in the family room of my seven-year-old home, looking out at the garden and beautiful bushland, retired and enjoying my nine grandchildren and life in general, despite Covid, I feel very fortunate for the life I've had and the people I've had in it.

### **Meet our members – inviting contributions**

Thanks to those who are sending in contributions. Please keep them coming! All members, Honorary Members and Friends are invited to contribute a short bio – about 300 words.



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## What is the Paul Harris Society?



The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants.

The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary districts often honor new members of the Paul Harris Society by presenting them with a certificate and chevron at a district or club event.

### **Paul Harris Fellows**

Continuing the legacy of our founder, the Paul Harris Fellow program recognizes individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

The honor was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions that support our Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.

Your generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation are essential to securing and growing Rotary programs throughout the world. We recognize donors to express our gratitude for your commitment, offering individual and club recognition as well as naming opportunities that enable you to honor a friend or family member with a named or endowed gift.

For more information, go to:  
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## **Rotary daffodils – with thanks to Bev Waterson**



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