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## SPRINGWORD Newsletter



### President's report

What a full week this has been, with a number of social events and meetings.

On Monday we visited the Blue Eco Display Homes, hosted by Joe and Merylese Mercieca. What a fascinating night! The dedication of Joe and Merylese to their world leading technology and their impressive home made for a very interesting night. Thanks to Cheryl and Norm for all their efforts in bringing the evening together.

Then on Tuesday we held the memorial lunch for Yvonne Meehan at the Ori. As always this was a sensitively and thoughtfully organized event by Valda, and it was lovely to hear the stories and to meet Yvonne's three daughters. Thank you to Therese for setting up the beautiful flowers!

On Wednesday night the Finance Committee held the disbursement meeting to determine how the funds raised this year should be distributed, as well as to ensure we leave sufficient in the kitty for the incoming Board. In total we had just over \$27,000 for distribution for the year (some of this has already been distributed) – a mighty effort in a difficult year. Once the recommended disbursements have been approved by the current Board, I will print the distribution list in Springword.

Then on Thursday, ten of us attended the Cambodia fundraising dinner held by Upper Blue Rotary. It was a great chance to 'glam up' a bit and was a very enjoyable night, which raised over \$9,000. Congratulations to the Upper Blue Rotary Club on a successful event.

The District Assembly meetings for incoming Board members have now finished and it was great to see so many of our team in attendance. We have a brief meeting of the incoming Board members next Tuesday to set the fees for the incoming year.

Behind the scenes, the preparations are in full swing for the Changeover Night. Please don't forget to respond to your invitations ASAP.

This week we have our special General Meeting at the Ori.

Have a good week!  
Jenny Kroonstuiver  
President



### 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



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### Upcoming events

- **10 June** – Wentworth Falls lunch
- **14 June** – Public Holiday – no meeting
- **19 June** – Bunnings BBQ
- **28 June** – Changeover Dinner
- **4 July** – District changeover

### Thought for the week

To a small child, the perfect granddad is unafraid of big dogs and fierce storms but absolutely terrified of the word 'boo.'  
*Robert Breault*

### Sergeant's corner

Who was the Cambodia dinner chocoholic?



### Wentworth Falls TAFE lunch 10 June – there are still vacancies

On Thursday 10 June members and friends are invited to attend the next Wentworth Falls TAFE lunch – a great way for us to support the TAFE and its students. There are still seats available – please contact Valda Bray if you would like to attend.

### Monopoly – volunteers still needed for teams

Teams have begun approaching Blue Mountains businesses to sell the Monopoly sponsorship packages, but we still need

additional volunteers. Please contact Geoff Glassock for further information.

### Baby news!

Congratulations to Frank and Mel Ross who became first time grandparents last night - Logan James Ross was born at 2am, and mother, father and baby are all doing well.



### Which Club 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. I've added the Director's names this week, as some have been asking. Please just email me with your requests.

Committees will be:

- Club Administration – Bronwyn Berriman
- Community Service and fundraising – Geoff Glassock
- Foundation – Bill Clague
- International - Frank Ross
- Youth – Cheryl Kitto
- Membership - Roza Sage
- Vocational – John Fuller

There will be more information in upcoming newsletters as we commence planning.



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### General Meeting at the Ori this Monday 7 June

The purpose of the Special General Meeting is 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 be ordering from the menu and you are therefore requested to **advise Peter Sparkes by Sunday 6th before 5.00pm of your attendance and / or apology.**

### No Springword next week

As Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June is a Public Holiday and I am going to be in WA for the week, there will not be a Springword newsletter next Friday night. Please keep articles coming in though, because there is still a lot happening.

### Rotary Virtual Convention 12-16 June 2021

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.

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

### Just because – one of my favourite photos

*How to tell the time*



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## Glamming it up to raise funds for Cambodia



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### Meet our members – Bill Clague



Like some other members I was born during WW2. I remember my mother was the Street Nurse and was ready to assist if needed. I remember the strong work bench my father moved into the house and when a siren was heard we were supposed to get under it. Fortunately, nothing bad happened but I still remember the concern whenever the sound of planes was heard.

This was in Five Dock now inner west but was more out west then. Dad worked at the Children's Hospital at Camperdown where he was in charge of the splint department.

After me, three other brothers were born. Life was nowhere as stressful as the kids today have to go through. I went to Abbotsford Primary School by tram and was once accused of putting pennies on the line to squash them!

Later I headed to Drummoyne Boys High School where I passed the Leaving Certificate. I got a job in the State Public Service, stayed for a couple of months, but couldn't stand the boring work and

lazy others. Later I saw a job at the AGL and found it very interesting and stayed there for 48 years - not doing the same job but progressing to the Management area.

I married Margaret in 1966 and have 2 boys, Trevor and Michael, and 1 girl, Anne. All have good jobs. We have 9 grandchildren.

I joined Rotary in 1986. At that time we met in a very small room in the old bowling club where 80% of the members smoked like chimneys! I immediately advised that I was resigning because of the unhealthy atmosphere - they then banned it, so I stayed!

Been a good 35 years.

### Meet our members – contributions needed!

This section of Springword is proving to be very popular, but I need more material!

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



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### Blue Eco Homes visit



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## Yvonne Meehan memorial lunch

