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President's report

After a welcome break over Easter, we are back to a very full weekend with raffle ticket selling on Friday and Saturday and two Bunnings BBQs (sat and Sun) in aid of the RAWCs National Flood Appeal. Thanks to the many members who have so willingly filled the rosters.

A special thanks to Bill Bowler for the construction of the stands for our raffle signs. They look terrific and will have many uses.

The highlight of this week has been the progress made on the interactive sensory garden at Springwood Primary School. Please see separate article and photos.

Planning continues for the R100 breakfast on 24 April, as well as Music Amongst the Autumn Leaves on 2 May. There are separate articles on each of these events elsewhere in this newsletter.

This week's meeting is a dinner meeting at the Ori – please remember to give your RSVP to Peter Sparkes by Saturday evening. I hope to see many members in attendance.

Have a good week!

Jenny Kroonstuiwer
President



Planned meetings for April

- **12 April** – Ori dinner meeting
- **19 April** – Zoom meeting with guest speakers
- **26 April** - Club Committee meetings

Planned meetings for May

- **3 May** – Club Zoom meeting
- **10 May** – Ori Dinner meeting
- **17 May** – Zoom meeting with guest speakers
- **24 May** – Club Committee meetings
- **31 May** - TBA

Thought for the week

Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

Dave Barry

Upcoming events

- **10 & 11 April** – Bunnings BBQs for flood relief
- **17 April** – Bunnings BBQ for Purple Day
- **18 April** – On-line District Assembly for incoming Board members
- **24 April** – R100 breakfast BBQ
- **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



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Sergeant's corner

Who were the members who spent a considerable portion of their Easter weekend stuck in GWH traffic jams?



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100 years of Rotary in Australia BBQ Breakfast celebration 24th April 2021

From Bill Bowler

We will be conducting a free BBQ event open to the public at Buttenshaw Park on Saturday 24th April from 7am to about 10am.

Food will be available from about 7.15am.

The Big Red bus will be parked on the highway promoting the 100 years of Rotary in Australia. There will be signs on the highway so we can catch the attention of passing motorists.

As the event will be free we will not be having any cashier duties however donations will be accepted.

Covid safe distancing rules will apply and fines could apply for any breaches.

I estimate that we will need at least 15 members to assist but if more volunteer I will find a job for them. Please let me

know if you will / will not be available to assist.



Springwood Rotary Autumn Handyperson Raffle 2021 – Ticket sellers required for 16 & 17 April

I am seeking one ticket seller for the morning shift on Friday 16 and again on Saturday 17th April. If you are able to volunteer, please email me on jkroonstuiver@hotmail.com

Members are encouraged to take books of raffle tickets to sell. They are in books of 10, with each ticket worth \$5. Books are available from Jenny Kroonstuiver (for either collection or dropping off) or can be collected from Lynda Sparkes at the Garden Centre.



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About RAWCs National Flood Appeal

Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd. (RAWCS) was formed to enable Australian Rotarians, Rotary Districts and Rotary Clubs to assist disadvantaged communities and individuals through humanitarian aid projects.

The organization has launched a National Flood Appeal to support people impacted by the significant flood events on the East Coast of Australia in March 2021.

Your support in cash will be delivered as soon as possible to people who are impacted through local Rotary Clubs in the areas affected. Assistance to those impacted will get them back into accommodation and some normality of life quickly.

Our target



Daffodil Planting – helpers needed - (Tuesday 13 April)

From Geoff Glassock

Volunteers are needed to assist with the planting of the daffodil bulbs at 10.00am the Rotary Park on the corner of the Ferguson Road and GWH lights. You will need to bring a hand tool for planting – the garden bed is already prepared.

In the afternoon we need volunteers for a sit down job packing 300 daffodils for sale initially at the Music in the Gardens.

Afternoon tea will be provided at Geoff's place – 2.00 pm start.

Please contact Geoff on

glassock@bigpond.net.au if you are able to assist.



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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!

We're also looking for some volunteer helpers – both on the day (parking, ticket sales, signage, selling raffle tickets) and on Saturday (set up, putting up signs). Please let Rachel Pagitz know via

Rachel.pagitz@gmail.com if you can help and any preference.

We're also looking for donations for the garden themed raffle prize! Please let Rachel know if you have something to contribute.

It would be great if we could hold a cake stall on the day – is anyone willing to coordinate that part of the day?

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Music Amongst the Autumn Leaves

Sunday 2nd May - 12pm-4pm
The Old Farm, 35 Purvines Road Yellow Rock

Featuring talented local musicians from:

- Blaxland High School
- Blue Mountains Grammar
- St Columba's Catholic College
- Winmalee High School

Join us for a family-friendly afternoon in the picturesque grounds of The Old Farm, surrounded by spectacular Autumn colour.
Tickets \$5 - all proceeds will support the music departments of the performing schools.

Bring a picnic, your family and friends. Coffee van onsite.

More details: Search The Rotary Club of Springwood on Facebook

Meet our members

Sorry, there is no item this week as I am awaiting contributions!



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R100 Lunch with the Governor General of Australia

From Geoff Wilbow, Chair NSW Committee, Centenary of Rotary in Australia

The Governor General will join Rotarians for a luncheon in Sydney on **Monday 17 May** and would like to meet Rotary leaders and hear about your district and club projects.

As you know His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC, DSC, FTSE Governor General of Australia and Mrs. Linda Hurley as Ambassadors for the Centenary of Rotary in Australia have acknowledged the work and service of Rotarians. The Covid pandemic has meant the Governor General and Mrs Hurley have not been able to visit Rotary activities across the country as often as we would have liked.

We will showcase Rotary projects, current and future, during the luncheon. Clubs from across Australia, and maybe New Zealand, will be represented but we are highlighting clubs in the Districts 9675 and 9685.

All Rotarians and friends are welcome at the luncheon.

Book using this link:

<https://events.humanitix.com/sydney-rotary-club-s-centenary-package-of-events-202>



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present time there is no limit on the number of places a district or club can book but that may change.

Please book and reply by Friday 23 April.

The link also invites Rotarians to Cocktails and Canapés at the Sydney Royal Mint in Macquarie Street on 5.30pm to 7.30pm Saturday 1 May. This is a less formal event although we will be joined by The Honourable Justice Margaret Beazley QC AO, Governor of NSW. This is very much an evening for Rotarians in NSW to meet and mix.

District 9685 Changeover 2021

From Marilyn Kenney, District Communications Director

This is a reminder about keeping the date for our District 9685 Changeover in your diaries. Progressively, more information will become available as we approach this exciting face to face event.

At this stage the details are:

DATE: SUNDAY, 4th July

VENUE: CASTLE HILL RSL, 77 CASTLE St, CASTLE HILL.

TIME: 12.00 for 12.30 pm

The interactive sensory garden takes shape

Over Easter, the Landsulpt Group began work on the Interactive Sensory Garden for the support unit at Springwood Primary School. This is a Club project funded through two District Grants, matching club fundraising and a member donation. It began in Margaret Bell's year as President and, although additional



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funding was received, had to be placed on hold during David Raynor's year due to COVID. Finally, we are finishing this worthwhile project.

Work includes:

- Construction of a wheelchair ramp in pavers of multi colours
- Two low bridges
- Safety rail which is also a car track
- Mirrors and an interactive square attached to the wall
- Sandstone boulders and large river pebbles to create a car track
- Plants
- Topping up existing sand pits.

Following are some progress photos provided by Shannon Atkins.



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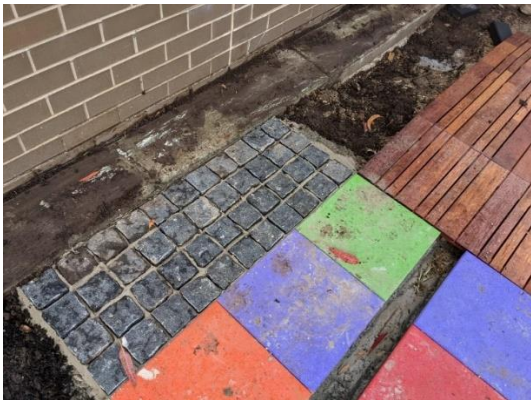




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