

Non-perishable food items have largely been contributed to by one or two of the same members. Thank you to those who have excellent memories and are contributing on a regular basis. What about the rest of you following suit?

I was speaking with Kirsty from Presbyterian Support. There are genuine and very needy families out there. Covid is not helping. There is no 'Community Christmas Dinner' at the Bay Hall this year. Come on Rotarians, we can do better! I could take our collection of goodies on the back of a re-cyclers bike. I thought I might need a Van to take our collection in, for distribution!!

Now the above are not criticisms but observations. Four eyes are quietly assessing what is going on. Yep, no potatoes for ages with our meals and smaller plates too. Meal prices have been the same for a long time, yet the cost of groceries and fruit and vegetables have increased a lot. One could say for a mouses pay you get a mouses meal. All considered for what we pay it seems to me we are doing well. At our next Club Night, you might like to discuss whether to accept what we are given or to pay a little more for more on our plates. Everyone seems to love chips. Perhaps for a small increase, we could have some pre-dinner nibbles like a few bowls of chips or even something healthier? Food for thought, at our next Club Night!

We must increase our membership, keep saying that to yourself. There was a huge stack of firewood with apparently no needy persons to give it to. A bit of lateral thinking among our members and it has nearly all gone to appropriate sources. That shows our capabilities as a collective group. Now is the hour to adopt the same approach to membership.

I am expecting a great attendance on Tuesday evening from our re-cyclers group as we welcome Renee Rowland to speak on cycling alone through Asia and Europe. She must either be crazy or a very brave lady. It is going to be an interesting address for all of us, whether cyclers or not. I look forward to Tuesday and seeing you all again. Remember four eyes are watching you but if you do not come, I will have nothing to watch!

Thank you all for your support to date.

President Hugh (Four Eyes Spy!)