

Declan Smiddy spoke last week about what was once the new technology, aviation. Aviation opened huge career prospects and industries, all around those magnificent flying machines. It took Declan from his hometown to all around the World. From British Airways to Emirates to Qatar from Airbus to Concorde to the Boeing 777X with folding wings, then to Jetstar. An amazing career as an aircraft engineer.

Reflecting afterwards, I was thinking how marvellous Rotary is and how a young person by joining could be made aware of the opportunities, in this magic world of ours. I appeal to senior members to think carefully about those who may benefit by joining. I met a young man, who early next year, will be going to Police College and then after training returning to Timaru as a Constable. There lies the prospect of a new member. Sounds like a gang's "new prospect." Maybe gangs are better at finding prospects than we are! We need to keep our minds and ears open. All the time looking for prospects, to join the best gang in the world, Rotary. Let good prevail over evil and help find those prospects, for the magically good gang of Timaru Rotarians.

This week Guy Dockrill will speak about deer antlers and harvesting them. I may have to put on my head the antlers and charge you into action head-first. New members, new projects, and magic; just waiting for us to make it happen! It will be magic if we have another great attendance to give support to our member's partner and attend to listen to another enlightening discussion, that I know you will find worthwhile hearing.

Keep those non-perishable items rolling in to make 'Christmas Magic' for someone less fortunate. Maybe someone who has lost their job due to Covid-19. They are out there in our community. Gone from a reasonable income to next to zilch. Let's build up that special supply of goodies. Remember I want to take a Van or Ute full of goodies, not a parcel on the back of my bicycle. Not long to go. Do not forget the less fortunate. They are fellow humans who deserve to know, we care. If they are among those we term "baddies" just one act of kindness might turn them about, to face the good side. They could be a prospect!!

Set aside the \$45.00 for our Christmas Dinner at the Shearers Quarters. In a couple of weeks, it will be here. A magic night and dinner for us to all enjoy. I am sure Carl and his team at Shearer's Quarters will look after us. Unfortunately, special meals come with a price, but it is a reasonable cost for a special Christmas meal with fellow friends and members of a club, that is magical. Go and enjoy in two weeks.

See as many of you as can fit in the room this Tuesday! I love to greet you

all. It's just magic when you all come along to keep me on track; with a smile on your face.

Kindest regards
President Hugh