

Liz Nolan from Family Works spoke to us last Tuesday. What a range of services they provide to our Communities from Oamaru to Ashburton. Did I hear her say 1141 food parcels were handed out last month? I am sure I have heard it said, from time to time, that there are no starving persons in our community. Then why did Family Support agree to hand out so many food parcels last month?

Starting this Tuesday (that way I will know if you are reading my profound words) lets help Family Support by bringing along some non-perishable food items every week of Rotary, until our meeting before our End of Year Dinner. Then we can present what we have accumulated to give to Family Works, to assist making up Food Parcels for Christmas and the New Year. Come on Rotarian's let's do it!! I must acknowledge this as Bev's suggestion. What a great idea from the Chair of our Charitable Trust.

If Coupland's can give 8013 loaves of Bread plus 1972 bread rolls then let's see what Timaru Rotary can do. Maybe I will have to hire a van to deliver to Family Works I want to see a huge supply of items to hand over. Let's make Christmas 'Just Magic' for those suffering in our community. Counselling Services, run by Family Works, have a funding shortage, there are Great Grandparents assisting children who don't have Grandparents, refugees needing support with more to arrive when Covid eases up. At the least, we could bring food items along to help out.

I have important news. We need to do something. Over the last 18 months or so we have handed out a lot of our accumulated funds. Now is the time for us to get some fund-raising projects underway. They don't have to be hard physical work, but we must do something or why do we exist? To simply sit on a chair and gobble up a meal after a few yarns is not serving our community. Get thinking now, shortly there will be a Club night your input is needed. You have gobbled enough meals to keep the brain functioning, now we need to do something!

Membership, it is important to have the people power to make a difference to our community. Have you invited a friend or acquaintance to join in the fun we have? If you do not wish to make the approach pass the suggestion on to Bev as membership convenor or to myself. We are going to make this happen. Covid is not going to stop us. Timaru Rotary is the Magic Club. Time to spread our magic wider. Think long and hard. There MUST be someone you know of who would benefit from joining us or whom we could benefit from having on board! Come on Rotarians you can do it!

Chris is to present part two of his fascinating life story on Tuesday. I cannot wait to hear more. What is that secret award/qualification Chris has? my mission is to get that out of him. See you all in abundance, with food for Family Works in hand, on Tuesday.

Hugh (President of the Magic Club!)