



From Tony Wells.....

The Music of the Night

What a great birthday night last Thursday in the best tradition of the RC North Balwyn. 62 members, friends and guests attended making the meeting the largest since Covid impacted on our activity last year.

And what a way to celebrate our 41st birthday with a theme of Masks, Masks and More Masks and an entertaining and thought provoking presentation from Josh Piterman; who was playing the role of Phantom in Phantom of the Opera in the West End until the season was cancelled because of Covid. There is a report on Josh's presentation elsewhere in the Grapevine.

I would like to thank Past District Governor Jim Studebaker for proposing the Toast to our Club and passing on a message of congratulations from our Charter President and Honorary Member Stan Hibbert. Two of our remaining Charter members, Peter Cleary and Geoff Steinicke were present and the third, Marcel Muntwyler was not able to attend and was an apology.

Many members contributed to make the themed birthday night a success, but there are two I'd like to thank particularly, Bronwen Dimond and Areta Hurnard. Bronwen coordinated the arrangements for our night of fellowship, including decorating the room and judging the masked prize winners. The results matched the occasion. And a feature of our birthday nights for the past 25 years has been the birthday cakes prepared by Areta. She excelled in this, her labour of love, yet again.

And Greg Ross' presentation of The Man From Snowy River capped off a great evening.

Our 41st birthday meeting wrapped up another successful year for the Club - a platform for our 42nd year and for even bigger and brighter service in the future.