

# THE BULLETIN

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## *From the President*

Hello All

As ever we go forward into the year. While the political landscape has changed, studies begin winding down for another year, and people debate the merits of climate change - our work continues. But whilst the work continues, we need to make sure that we have a reasonable sense of the practical, challenges to conquer and when we need to pull back and reassess.

Participation in Rotaract can sometimes be like a snowball - once it starts rolling down a hill it can at first seem minor and insignificant, there being few things happening not much to be involved with. It will, however, eventually start becoming larger and more impressive, and the work starts coming in, people have ideas on how to spend time together as a club, projects to work on or guest speakers coming in. If the hill does not begin to taper off, the snow ball can start to become unwieldy to the point it can smother you, and likewise, if not managed, we can become overwhelmed with our own eagerness to make the most of Rotaract.

Whilst this is by no means the current situation, it is always good to be mindful that we can easily take on too much as a club and put unnecessary pressure on ourselves as a club and individuals. This is part of the learning experience provided by Rotaract, because unlike when we are at work, we don't have a manager here dividing up workloads or telling us when we are going over our heads.

This also does not mean that we should always err towards caution with all of our projects and commitments. It is immensely satisfying to finally complete a project that seemed 'too big', there is so much to learn along the way, and people are pushed to use their skills and sometimes think outside the square. The thing to be aware of with these is that they should not be the only thing that we do, continually trying to outdo ourselves one project to the next.

Helping out at Seniors Concerts is just as legitimate as a 1000 sausage BBQ or sending 2 buses of kids to Sydney for the trip of their lives. While they have different aims and outcomes, they provide a good variety for the club, and having a mix of these is important for maintaining the energy levels within the club so people are neither bored nor overwhelmed to exhaustion.

The next couple of months are quite slow for us traditionally, but this year we will have the Bunning's BBQ to kick us into the New Year. However, for those with a bit of downtime, I ask that you maybe think of some ways that we can meet our outputs in the last 6 months, as well as potential social activities.

Yours in Rotaract,  
Keiran

# Games Night

by Natto

On Saturday November 10th Steph, Nick, Emma, Keiran and I went along to Joels place to play some board games.

We played Cluedo, Scattagories, Pictionary and Mousetrap. I personally enjoyed all of them but everyone else was nearly crying because mousetrap was just too frustrating.

Some novel ways of playing included rolling the die multiple times until the number needed came up in Cluedo, arguing for a word in Scattagories until everyone gave up so they didn't have to hear anymore (guess who) and not even looking at the die and moving to the squares where you got to build things in Mousetrap.

We enjoyed a smorgasbord of food that we couldn't stop picking at while we were playing games. Joel made us up a lovely cheese/chips/lollies and nibbles plate and for dinner we had sausages (we all know where they came from, thanks for the leftovers my cat loved them!). Joel and Keiran were being all blokey and chatting at the BBQ (Joel at the helm as usual) while Steph, Emma and I watched Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on TV and had a good chat about a bunch of random things. There was an excellent salad there too and a selection of drinks. It was good to see Joels house with food in it.

The music situation was patchy since Joels laptop was in for repairs so his music collection was out of the picture. He had no radio in his house at all so he tried to tune in the Wii to some stations which didnt really work out. We finally settled on Rage.

We finished the night off with a round of Guitar Hero. Keiran aced it on his first turn ever of the game and Emma even had a go.

\*Many apologies to Nat, this should have been included in the last bulletin. Jessica

## Upcoming Events

Dates for your diary:

**Thursday 6 Dec:** Meeting

**Saturday 8 Dec:** Christmas Party

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**Have a great week**

**Yours in Rotaract,**

**Jessica-Louise**