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## SYDNEY ROTARY NEWS

Rotarians and friends are invited to be part of Sydney Celebrates 100 years of Rotary in Australia.

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Tickets may be purchased for individual events or as a Centenary Package comprising:

- 100 years of Rotary in Australia, Cocktails and canapés at the Sydney Royal Mint on 1 May 2021
- Centenary Rotary Luncheon on 17 May 2021
- Opening of revitalised Guriwal Trail in Centennial Park (late May 2021)
- A mint condition \$1 coin to commemorate the Centenary retailing from the Royal Australian Mint at \$15

Please [BOOK ONLINE](#).



"It was a world first in Sydney this week with Sydney Rotary Club's centenary being celebrated with the launch of the "NSW Parliamentary Friends of Rotary," an alumni association in the NSW Parliament House with 20 founding members.

The launch took place in the Parliamentary Library and was attended by a number of MP's, interrupted by voting bells ringing, and a contingent of Rotary royalty.

Paul Harris Fellowship awards were presented to the Co-Chairs of the new Friendship group, Rtn Hugh McDermott MP representing Labor Party and Rtn. Lee Evans MP representing the Liberal Party,



Guest Speaker at Sydney Rotary Club's lunchtime Zoom meeting on Tuesday **23 March** will be Paul McKenzie, CEO of ABS Conveyancing and Valuations. He will discuss Sydney's property market and how hot it really is, and briefly cover a number of areas including, residential, commercial, buying, investing and taxation. Paul, who has had almost 25 years of experience in property valuation and legal conveyancing late last year authored a book, "Property and Conveyancing." It is a layman's guide on property and conveyancing for those looking to buy, sell or invest in the Australian property market. Please [Book Online](#) for this Zoom event

Service Above Self: The Way Test in Politics



Guest speakers at Sydney Rotary Club's Luncheon on Tuesday **30th March** are the co-founders of **Parliamentarian Friends of Rotary**, Dr Hugh McDermott MP and Mr Lee Evans MP.

They will discuss "The 4-Way Test in Political Life."

Prior to his election to Parliament in the State seat of Prospect, Hugh McDermott worked as a Barrister and Director of Financial Crime Programs at the Australian Graduate School of Policing & Security, Charles Sturt University.

Lee Evans was elected to NSW Parliament as Member for Heathcote in 2011 and was re-elected in 2015 for a second term. His appointment as Temporary Speaker has continued and it is a role he performs with great pride and responsibility.

Please [Book Online](#) for this hybrid event.

## Decolonising Solidarity

The guest speaker at Sydney Rotary Club's lunchtime Zoom meeting on Tuesday **6th April** will be Clare Land, a non-Aboriginal person living on Kulin nation land who has been an active supporter of Aboriginal struggles since 1998.

She will discuss Decolonising Solidarity - Dilemmas and Directions for Supporters of Indigenous Struggles.

Clare works three days a week at the Moondani Balluk Academic Unit at Victoria University and 2 days a week in Projects and Operations at the Reichstein Foundation, Please [BOOK ONLINE](#) for this Zoom event.



## Member Profile: Charles Allen APM



Charles Allen has been part of the Rotary family since 2010 when he participated as a Rotary Peace Fellow at the Rotary Peace Centre at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. He is a member and Vice President of the Rotary Club of Sydney. He was previously a member of Rotary Club of Melbourne. He has been active in recruiting and supporting Rotary Peace Fellows and he is active in Peace and Conflict Prevention area of focus projects.

He is currently the Director of Partnerships with the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) and directly manages the Rotary/IEP partnership. Through partnerships he is activating IEP's Positive Peace framework globally.

Personal interests – keeping fit, playing guitar, growing and preparing fresh food, multi-day hikes and travel. He and his wife, Suzanne have 4 children. All are grown up and independent.

## BCA: Influencing Australian Business Policy and Practice

The Guest Speaker at Sydney Rotary Club's lunchtime hybrid meeting on Tuesday **13 April** will be Business Council of Australia President,



Tim Reed.

He will discuss how the BCA is influencing Australian Business Policy and Practice with an emphasis on sustainable business practice and Covid business recovery.

Tim is the former Chief Executive Officer of MYOB. He has a passion for helping SMEs build stronger businesses by leveraging the internet – marrying technology and business together to drive optimum results for clients, team members and shareholders.

Please [Book Online](#) for this hybrid meeting.



## BRIEFLY

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARDS** - Call for Nominations

This year the Club has decided to extend the Community Services Awards to people and organisations who are doing outstanding Community work in their local areas. The new Awards include three categories: Individual, Organisation and high-profile individual. Click [here](#) for more information. Closing date is 9th April.

### **ANZAC DAY**

With the annual ANZAC BBQ in Hyde Park not taking place this year, the team from Service & Awards Committee are still very keen to host a barbeque and to have some Fun and Fellowship as well as raising some funds for “Rotary Give Every Child a Future”.

Currently it is planned to hold a barbecue on 24 April at Bunnings Eastgardens with Marboura Rotary Club and at Bunnings Alexandria on 25 April.

Keep those dates free and watch out for the notice seeking volunteers

### **PEACEBUILDING GROUP**

The next regular Sydney Rotary Peacebuilding Group meeting will be on Thursday 1 April at 6pm via Zoom. We are very privileged to have as our guest speaker George Newhouse, the Director of the National Justice Project. Please [REGISTER ONLINE](#).

## PCYC Youth Encouragement Scholarships

Rotary has joined PCYC (Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW) in offering a selection of Youth Encouragement Scholarships to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia.

Warwick Richardson, Rotary District Governor 9675 covering Greater Sydney to the Illawarra, said the scholarships are available for young people aged 12 to 17 years in regional areas and metropolitan Sydney.

The scholarships are designed to suit the specific passion and needs of the recipient in the areas of Sports, Education, the Arts and the Environment.

PCYC's CEO in NSW, Dominic Teakle, said he was delighted that having been established in 1937 by the Police and Rotary, that PCYC was being provided with these scholarships.

**[More information and nomination forms:](#)**

PCYC Clubs around the state are currently preparing to participate in the Star Jump Challenge during Youth Week, 16-24 April.



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