

# Rotary

## Club of Epping



**11 April  
2022**

### Co-presidents' Corner

On Monday night, we welcomed 2 potential members to Epping Rotary. Rakitha Welagoda, a Mortgage Broker in Cherrybrook, has visited us before and it was great to see him again. Another potential member attending the meeting was Sophia Soulas, a retired Visual Arts teacher. Her most recent position was at Cheltenham Girls HS. We look forward to seeing both Rakitha and Sophia again soon.



A Paul Harris presentation was made to Susie Llewellyn by our Foundation Director, Monica Saville. Congratulations Susie and thank you for your support of the Rotary Foundation! As Monica stated, there are many generous donors in our Club to the Rotary Foundation, with a great many having a Paul Harris, sapphire, double sapphires and ruby pins. Monica is expecting that there will be more Paul Harris awards presented after the end of this financial year. Arch Klumph, considered the Father of the Rotary Foundation, said 'No one can tell what Rotary will be tomorrow, but one thing is certain: what Rotary will be tomorrow depends upon what Rotarians do today.'

Our guest speaker this week was **David Furse-Roberts**, a Research Fellow with the Menzies Research Centre and an Electorate Officer at the Parliament of NSW. He spoke to us on 'Politics – Self-Gain or Public Service'. David, who has been attending meetings at the Rotary Club of Turramurra, referred to Rotary's motto of 'Service Above Self' and used the notion of 'Service' in relation to Politics. Politics, he stated, can be a vocation dedicated to 'public' service, but egos and scandals, with the help of the media, have sullied the name of Politics. He pointed out that the term 'Minister', used for senior politicians, in Latin means 'servant'!



David referred to 5 politicians who were true examples of 'servants of the people'.

**William Wilberforce** – abolished trans-Atlantic slave trade, fought to end animal cruelty, founded the RSPCA and led reforms in prisons.

**Lord Shaftsbury** – worked to improve the humane treatment of lunacy patients, made factory reforms, phased out child labour, and was committed to the humane treatment of animals.

**Caroline Cox**, Baroness Cox – never saw politics as her vocation but in nursing. She had a distinguished career in nursing academia until she was appointed to the House of Lords. She was the founder of Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART). Her focus was on both the international and domestic fronts and was a strong advocate for people with disabilities.

**Ben Chifley** – served as Prime Minister of Australia, 1945-1949. He was committed to the Labour and Trade Union movements, seeing them as a force for good. He sought just treatment of workers and a better standard of living and happiness for people. His heart was in helping his fellow citizens.

**Sir Robert Menzies** – was a contemporary of Ben Chifley, and they shared a personal friendship. He was the longest serving Prime Minister for a record 17 years. He placed emphasis on private enterprise and worked for the 'common good'. He was committed to advancing the living standards of the people and to 'service'.

David talked about ways people can become involved in Politics and to make a positive difference. He urged us to be faithful to the gifts and talents that we have, to help the world be a better place. As he said, 'Let 1000 blossoms bloom' – encourage many ideas from many sources. As Australians head towards the federal election, David's clear, thought-provoking presentation may help us to look carefully at the candidates standing and ascertain if they are committed to the notion of 'service'

**Happy Easter Everyone!**



**Narelle**

**Club Program**

Monday, April 18, 2022	No Meeting, Easter Monday		
Monday, April 25, 2022	No Meeting, Anzac Day Dawn Service		
Saturday April 30th, 2022	Cocktail Party	Fundraising for San Isidro School in the Philippines	Meadowbank
Monday, May 02, 2022	Community Forum	Meet the Bennelong Candidates	Epping Boys High
Monday, May 09, 2022	Social Night	Gallery 11:11 Visit & Dinner	Pho Sam Restaurant
Monday May 16 2022	Wayne Newell CEO Mininbah	Disability Services	Epping Hotel

## Upcoming Meetings

The next 2 Monday evenings, Easter Monday, 18 April and ANZAC Day, 25 April are Public Holidays, so there will be no Rotary meetings. We encourage members to come along to the Dawn Service at 6am in Forest Park on ANZAC Day. A wreath will be laid on behalf of the Rotary Club of Epping.

On Monday 2 May there will be a 'Meet the Candidates' night to be held at Epping Boys High School.



The Epping Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Epping invite you to

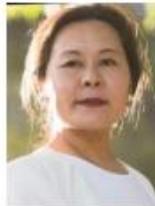
## Meet the Bennelong Candidates



John August  
Fusion



Rhys Collyer  
UAP



Kyinzom  
Dhongdue  
DPDA



Simon Kennedy  
LIB



Jerome Laxale  
LAB

With the 2022 federal elections being held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, we would love you to join us to hear from the above candidates standing for the Federal Electorate of Bennelong. We are hoping to hear their plans and priorities for the community should they be elected so prepare your questions please.

We look forward to seeing you all and enjoying some sadly missed networking and some scrumptious food.

**When:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 6.00pm to 8.30pm

**Where:** Epping Boys High, Edmund Barton Centre, 213 Vimiera Road Eastwood

**Cost:** \$40 per person (includes gourmet canapes, tea and coffee)

**RSVP:** 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Prebooking is essential – no tickets on the night

Agenda will be emailed after your booking confirmation is received

Purchase your ticket and secure your booking through the website below. (Limited Seating)

[tinyurl.com/epping22](https://tinyurl.com/epping22)

A visit to Gallery 11.11 at 227 Malton Rd (corner of Norfolk Road where the entrance is located) in North Epping followed by dinner at Pho Sam, has been organised for Monday 9 May. The Gallery visit will be from 6pm – 7pm, followed by dinner. If you haven't already put your name down to attend, on the sheet that was circulated on Monday night, please email Deretta. We need to provide numbers to Gallery 11.11 owner, Melony Smirniotis and also book for dinner. Partners are welcome.

## Primary School Debating

We are seeking interested volunteers to adjudicate at the Year 5 Debates on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> August and 30<sup>th</sup> August. No experience needed as a Zoom training session will be organised to provide all that you require. If you would like further information or you are able to help, please let Narelle or Betty know by asap.

## Salvation Army Trivia Night



**RED SHIELD APPEAL 2022**  
RYDE & HUNTERS HILL ZONE

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

FRIDAY 13TH MAY 2022 - DOORS OPEN 7PM - TRIVIA STARTS 7.30PM  
NORTH RYDE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS HALL - 201 COXS ROAD - NORTH RYDE

\$20 per person - bring a team of 8 or join a table on the night

BOOKINGS - PHONE 02 98871147 - EMAIL [redshieldryde@gmail.com](mailto:redshieldryde@gmail.com)

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Eastwood  
**Bendigo Bank**

**CLUB EASTWOOD**  
THE BIZZO

A Trivia Night will be held on 13 May for the Red Shield Appeal. The Ryde Salvation Army zone is encouraging local community organisations, like Rotary, to attend. It would be great if Epping Rotary could get a table of 10 (or 2 tables even?). Please let Narelle know if you are interested

## Cocktails and Canapes by the Bay

This event, postponed 3 times will now take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April at the homes of Craig/Diana Gallagher and Sharyn Hubert. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon/evening. There are 20 places left, so come along and enjoy water views whilst sipping on a delicious cocktail. Further details are in the flyer.

# INVITATION

*Epping Rotary invite you to  
Cocktails and Canapes by the Bay  
To raise funds for the San Isidro Elementary School in the Philippines*

When: **30<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

Cost: **\$80 PP**

(See below for payment details)

Where: At the homes of  
Craig and Diana  
Gallagher  
**Unit 33/2 Bay Drive,  
Meadowbank**  
and Sharyn Hubert  
**Unit 32/2 Bay Drive,  
Meadowbank**

**GET IN EARLY AS NUMBERS  
ARE STRICTLY LIMITED TO 50**

All proceeds will go towards the  
Rotary project at the School.

**Time: 2.30 pm**

**RSVP: 22nd April, 2022**  
**cgallagher@huntsw.com.au**



How to pay for your ticket to the Cocktail Party (all money paid is tax deductible).

1. Log in to <https://rawcs.org.au/>
2. To the right of the screen a box will appear "know which project you wish to support use our quick donate function".
3. Click "click to donate".
4. Enter Project No. "7" Year Registered "2017-18" (select from the dropdown list)  
San Isidro School Vegetable Garden, Castillejos, Philippines will appear.
5. Press DONATE
6. Complete details and press PAY NOW.
7. You will receive an electronic receipt for your tax-deductible donation shortly.

## Information regarding BowelCare Program

Thank you for your past participation in our Rotary BowelCare Program. This year's program will be run again as a Mail Order service.

The BowelCare kits will no longer be available for purchase in pharmacies. All sales will now be conducted through the BowelCare office, for the three month period. This period is for sales only, if your order is placed within this time, you will receive your kit. Your kit can be returned for testing any time prior to its expiry date, (located on the back of the envelope). You can place your order by phoning or using the Mail Order form attached. The purchase price of **\$25** is inclusive of postage and fees, pathology testing and notification of your result to yourself and your nominated doctor.

The kits will be available to purchase from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 until 30th June 2022 by using the Mail Order form or by phoning the BowelCare office Tuesday to Thursday 9am – 3pm on (02) 4341 6695. Outside these hours, or if our phones are busy please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. If you are purchasing through Mail Order, please complete, sign and return the Mail Order form attached using the instructions provided.

BowelCare Australia is a division of Cancercare Australia Limited ABN 35 154 219 057 (CAL). CAL is a Health Promotion Charity and Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) endorsed from 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011 by the Australian Taxation Office and is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC). Donations to CAL of Two Dollars or more are tax deductible for the donor. All donations received are used by the Rotary Volunteer Directors of CAL to care for people affected by cancer, including bowel cancer. Should you choose to make a donation now, or at any time in the future, a form is attached for that purpose.

Continue to look after your health by participating in our annual Rotary BowelCare Program.

Yours sincerely  
Rod Chippindale, Director  
Cancercare Australia Limited  
[www.cancercareaustralia.org.au](http://www.cancercareaustralia.org.au)

## District Governor's Newsletter - 7 April

It's April and we have just 84 days to go until the end of this Rotary year.  
Where has the time gone?

March has been a huge month and I thank those who made the **District Conference** such a success both at an organisational level but especially those who decided it was time to come together and celebrate the achievements of our clubs and Rotary.

Over 260 attended on Friday evening and were enthralled by Dr Daniel Nour, 2022 Young Australian of the Year. Tania and I have been so impressed by this young man that we are committed to assisting him to extend the services provided by Street Side Medics. I was overwhelmed by the number of Club Presidents who spoke to me afterwards and offered support of their club with the intention of securing an additional van. I am in the process of collating all the positive feedback and will advise shortly of a next step. And how good was Krissie Webb as MC? This is what the changing face of Rotary looks like.

On Saturday over 370 delegates heard from 24 presenters and gained tremendous insight into the benefits from Rotary initiated projects and also affirmed that what they were doing within their clubs and across the district are each helping in many ways to make our community stronger and better. The majority of speakers have a close Rotary affinity. See [Conference comments](#).

My thanks to Conference Chair Bob Kaye-Smith and compere and production chair Geoff Brennan and many others who work so hard to pull together in six weeks what had been parked for a year due to COVID uncertainty.

Over the years I have heard conference attendees returned to their club in the following week and say, "the conference was fantastic you should have been there." However, essentially, they are talking to a wasted audience because the opportunity is gone.

Make a commitment now to attend district conference in Cowra, 17 to 19 March 2023. Conference has never disappointed and the best way to boost your enthusiasm for Rotary is by meeting with like-minded Rotarians at district conference.

March also saw the passing of long-term member [Ian Salmon](#) (Turramurra 2002) a very much hands-on Rotarian and Arch Klumph Society member. Ian a true gentleman was proactive in implementing health-related projects in Southeast Asia. He supported these financially and with action.

Sadly, we also lost [PDG Ted \(Big Ted\) Atkinson](#) (Dural) after a prolonged illness. *Big Ted* was the first *Big Ted*, long before TV's Big Ted. A Rotarian since 1969 he was District Governor 91 – 92 and involved in so many Rotary activities, it is a vast list. He was a trailblazer for Australian Rotary Health. Please click on the links to read more about these Rotary legends.

**Flood relief:** the past few months have been tragic for people in northern New South Wales and Queensland and also along the Hawkesbury River.

District Rotary Foundation Chair, David Dean moved very quickly and applied for a TRF Disaster Response Grant that was approved within 72 hours. Check out David's report (Latest News, No. 1) on the distribution of funds from the TRF Grant.

In addition, Manly club through a street collection, provided \$5,000 of gift cards that were distributed via Kurradjong North Richmond club through a number of churches in the Windsor Richmond area. The distribution of cards is complex and can only go to individuals and a system required to ensure equitable distribution. Thank you to those clubs and members who worked so quickly and so diligently to provide this relief through Rotary.

In addition, [a RAWCS \(RABS\) flood fund](#) was set up specifically for people affected in the greater Sydney area. Today some \$75,000 has been donated and these funds will soon be converted to gift cards and more people in our area assisted. Every dollar is being matched by a generous donor.

It has been very pleasing to see the way in which Rotarians moved so quickly to set up these appeals and to distribute funds where needed and with a sense of urgency.

**This Rotary Year:** Now that clubs are meeting regularly, it's high time to review your Strategic Plan and goals for the year. Membership is modestly up on 1 July 2021, but we know that June 30 leads to an annual cleanout. With three months to plan it's time to re-engage with those member prospects and encourage them to join your clubs. Likewise, time to review individual and Club giving to the Rotary Foundation and let's blow the [Centurion](#) numbers sky-high. I like to see 1000 by year end. We are currently at 440 but I know that regular giving will see a surge at year end.

At conference you heard from Neil McWhannell and the launch of our [Bequest program](#) which generated much interest and action. Already a number have signed up to be members of the Bequest Society by making a provision in their will for US \$10,000. If you think about it, it's probably less than 0.5% of most properties in District 9685 and will allow the Rotary Foundation to fund humanitarian programs long after we have departed.

Regarding departures, please note that the 2021 – 22 Rotary train leaves the station on June 30, 2022. Until then our presidential theme is *Serve to Change Lives* and our RI President is Shekhar Mehta.

On July 1, 2022, we welcome a new RI president with a new theme. But until then all theme collateral is embargoed. It has been released so that district teams-elect and club officers-elect can plan, and those teams should most certainly be meeting on a regular basis, so they hit the new year running.

Take it from me, come this time next year you might not even have seen the year flash by.

As Tania and I recover from COVID with a clean bill of health, and a cough, we look forward to engaging with your clubs as you reach out into your community. Please invite us and we will do all we can to support you.

For **club changeover** please get your invitations in early and DGE Mina, DGN Christine and I will do our best to attend your event. By May 1 we should have an additional member of the G train, District Governor Nominee Designate also available.

Thank you again to all district and club officers who have managed change through this difficult year and hopefully we can now set our sights on getting back to normal and serving to change lives.

Yours in Rotary

Stay safe.

DG Lindsay May and Tania

**Lindsay May OAM**

**District Governor 2021-2022**

## **RIM ARTICLES**

Please send RIM articles to Alan at [alan.baker.om@gmail.com](mailto:alan.baker.om@gmail.com) \_or\_ [rob@tosswill.com](mailto:rob@tosswill.com)

Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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