



### Co-Presidents' Corner

International Women's Day was Tuesday Monday 8 March. This week's meeting acknowledged this significant occasion with our guest speaker, Dr Mayada Kayali, President of the Women's International Club Canberra. Maya, of Palestinian-Jordanian background has an impressive resume. She attended University in Cairo and studied and lived in Glasgow for 7 years, attaining a PhD in Pharmacology. Maya describes herself as a scientist, humanist and gender advocate.



Maya shared her personal story with us, outlining the cultural differences she faced as a woman when she and her husband came to Australia 37 years ago and settled in Canberra. As a professional woman, working in Federal Health, Maya described her experiences and struggles as a woman working in a Western environment but at home living as a Middle Eastern wife. After a day at work, she took on all household responsibilities of looking after the house and 3 children – cooking meals, organising them for school etc. It didn't occur to her that things weren't equal. However, she made changes and it is heartening for Maya that her adult

daughters are in relationships built on the sharing of responsibilities. Whilst the voice of women in the Middle East is increasing, it is still a patriarchal society where men dominate, have the power and hold privileges whilst women shoulder the burdens and continue on quietly. Divorce is a stigma, and whilst men can gain a divorce easily, for women it is much harder.

Maya believes it is up to women to challenge inequality. Reflecting on the past is important to see the changes that have occurred and the progress made, particularly in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. However, there is still some way to go e.g. statistics show that men are twice as likely to be paid \$120,000+ than women. The glass ceiling continues to exist. International Women's Day is a time to honour and celebrate acts of courage by all women and to continue to strive for equality in every aspect of life.

Maya is an inspirational woman and her presentation was interesting, informative and engaging.

As Hillary Clinton stated, "Women are the largest untapped reservoir of talent in the world."

### Narelle



So many of our Rotarians generously donate to the Centurion program and/or donate large amounts to the Rotary Foundation, to support wonderful projects that help people in need across the world. On Monday night, we were delighted to acknowledge one of our members, John Corney, who was presented his double sapphire pin, by Foundation Director Monica Saville.

## Next Monday

At next Monday night's meeting, we will learn more about 3 of our fellow Rotarians – Colin Chua, Monica Saville and Peter Garrard when we hold another successful '3 On Me'. Please join us at the Epping Hotel, 6pm for 6.30pm.

## Events Update

Date	Speaker	Topic
Monday, March 14, 2022	Dr. Mayada Kayali	President, Women's International Club, Canberra
Saturday, March 19, 2022	District Conference	District 9685
Monday, March 21, 2022	3 on me	Personal journeys of 3 club members
Monday, March 28, 2022	Austerity Picnic /Harmony Day	Fundraising for Mahboba's Promise
Saturday, April 02, 2022	Paramatta Walk	Trevor Organising
Monday, April 04, 2022	Pride of Workmanship	Acknowledgement of local businesses
Monday, April 11, 2022	David Furse-Roberts	Political History
Monday, April 18, 2022	No Meeting, Easter Monday	

## Paramatta Walk – finally on!!

### REGARDING THE ROTARY WALK – HIDDEN PARRAMATTA

Due to the postponement of this walk. Twice. Let's hope we get lucky the third time.

### SATURDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL

(This is the day after the opening of the Community Garden Project.)

Meet at 9.30am, Parramatta Station, Darcy Street entrance.

See you there.

**Trevor**

## AUSTERITY NIGHT to fundraise for Mahboba's Promise

*Members and guests must bring their own drinks and drinking vessels*

**When** - Monday 28th March from 6 pm

**Where** - Girl Guide Hall, Cr Brigg Road and Blaxland Road, Epping

**Cost** - \$ 25 per head - all proceeds to Mohboba's Promise Inc.

**Starters** - Korean Kimbap

**Main** - Gnocci in creamy tomato sauce with Mediterranean Salad

**Dessert** - Sweets by ERC members (see Toula)

**Coffee and tea** - provided (with disposable cups)



### **[Link to Community Gardens on our Web Site](#)**

In preparation for the launch of the Community Garden on April 1, banners are being prepared and will be displayed at North Epping Primary School. The banners will include a QR-Code, which will lead to a page on our website. There you will find the story of the Community Garden, elegantly penned by Trevor McAlister.

Why don't you scan this QR-Code and follow the link to the story.

**Toula**



### **[Epping Rotary – Donation for ShelterBox](#)**



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Thank you for your generous donation of \$1000.00.

Your support today will provide lifesaving aid for families affected by the Ukraine Crisis.

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**Ref#** 1024-c4c3

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**Date** Thu, 17 Mar 2022

Ukraine Appeal \$1000.00\*

**Total** \$1000.00

## Epping Arts Fair

The Arts Fair Committee of the Epping Boys High School P&C needs assistance to put up artworks for the Fair on **Friday 1 April from 9.30am.**

If some Rotarians are able to come along for 2-3 hours they would be most grateful. Lunch and coffee will be provided but Rotarians will need to let Cindy Cunningham know by 30 March so they know how many people to cater for. Please email her at [cindycunningham2119@gmail.com](mailto:cindycunningham2119@gmail.com)

The event is taking place in the Edmund Barton Centre at Epping Boys High School, 213 Vimiera Road, Eastwood. There is a large parking area at the front of the school.

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022**

**\$2,500 Major Art Prize**  
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**EPPING ARTS FAIR**

**Hosted by Epping Boys High School**

School Art Competition | Art Competition and Exhibition | Artisan Tables

Friday 1st	Saturday 2nd	Sunday 3rd
Gala Opening 6pm Wine & Canapes <i>Tickets \$25, Adults Only</i>	Art viewing 10am - 4pm <i>Free Entry</i>	Art viewing 10am - 2pm <i>Free Entry</i>

*Celebrating artists in our local community*

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## District Governor's Message (extract)

I'm pleased to announce D9685 has been granted a **Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Grant** of US\$25,000 (AU\$34,500) to provide prompt relief to people in D9685 in urgent need as a result of the current flooding. Rotary Clubs with members in the Windsor area (Windsor and The Ponds) are already planning to distribute Bunnings and Woolworths Gift Cards to impacted families.

This Disaster Grant is very welcome, but it won't go very far in meeting the needs of people in the area.

Clubs in D9685 have asked how they can support people in our local area mainly centred along the Nepean and Hawkesbury River system.

RAWCS has now approved our application for a District 9685 Rotary Australia Benevolent Society project to raise funds for flood victims in our local area.

**Flood Relief for Families in the Sydney Region of NSW**

**(RABS)** [Project 53-2021-22](#) is now open to support from clubs and receive tax deductible donations from Rotarians and the public. The QR Code below will take you to the Donate page for this project.

The D9685 Grants committee will work with clubs in the impacted areas as a panel to determine how relief will be urgently distributed and managed.



**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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