

# Rotary

## Club of Epping



**29 May  
2023**

### Quote

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."  
Winston Churchill.

### Bruce's Banter

#### Trevor: Minor Stroke

Last night, just before our meeting, Trevor had a minor stroke. He has been taken to hospital where he'll be undergoing rehab for several days.

He has restricted movement on his right side and his speech is impaired to a minor but noticeable extent. The good news is they got treatment early and 18 hours later there has been noticeable improvement.

Trevor continues to improve slowly but will remain in hospital for around another 10 days with rehab. He doesn't want visitors at this stage but welcomes phone calls- 0449126896. His speech is around 90% and is easily understood.

#### Last Monday - Ikebukuro / Japanese Night

40 attendees had a very enjoyable evening. In addition to our 5 guests from the Tokyo Ikebukuro / Toshima East Rotary Club, we had Shinichi MURATA from the Japanese Consul in Sydney.

We also had 8 past members attend due to our Clubs 52-year relationship with Ikebukuro.

Thanks John Corney for coordinating a wonderful night and to Di for the lovely table decorations and the two flags. Thanks, Anne, for coordinating the attendance and money collection.

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From: Hiroaki Koizumi [[k-hirotty18@oo.em-net.ne.jp](mailto:k-hirotty18@oo.em-net.ne.jp)]

*Dear President Bruce, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the members for their heartwarming hospitality. The HAPPI (traditional tube-sleeved Japanese coat, worn during festivals) that I presented you suited very well. Let's continue the friendship between the two clubs. We look forward to seeing everyone from the Epping RC to visit Japan. Hiroaki Koizumi*

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From: Hiroaki Kako [[kako802@to-tsu.jp](mailto:kako802@to-tsu.jp)]

*Dear President Bruce I received your e-mail twice before my visit to your club, but I'm sorry that I couldn't reply due to my PC e-mail. All the members returned safely to Japan yesterday. It has been 9 years since my last visit to your club, and I thank you for your warm welcome even more than 9 years ago. I'd like to once again thank President Bruce and all the members of your club. I hope our friendship will continue for many years to come. I wish your club's growth and the health of all its members. Hiroaki Kako*





### **John Corney - Thanks**

Thanks John for coordinating the Japanese evening. The feedback has been tremendous and it was a wonderful night.

John is a special Rotarian. He is a Past President, has coordinated 4 trips to East Timor and currently is both the Treasurer and International Director.

Thanks John.

### **Next Monday**

#### **Pride of Workmanship. June 5. (upstairs)**

This is one of Rotary's iconic events and next Monday promises to be memorable. We have 8 nominees and over 25 guests in total attending, plus our members.

It'll be on the second floor, the cost is \$40 for a two-course meal and a bottle of wine for each table.

As well as the recipients we have a guest speaker, Sean Gordon OAM, who will speak on the POW topic of Education. The recipients come from a variety of educational backgrounds.

Thanks to Alex for coordinating the evening, Narelle, Peter and Heather for researching to get the appropriate and worthy nominees.

#### **Guest Speaker Sean Gordon OAM**



Sean Gordon OAM has been a teacher, principal and businessman. He founded SchoolAid in 1999 and is currently the CEO of this national organisation that encourages and supports young philanthropists. He is an Executive Coach and sought after Keynote speaker. A strong advocate and active participant for the community and philanthropic organisations, he was awarded an OAM in 2019 for his service to education and the community. Sean is also a life member of the Australian Primary Principals Association.

**Bruce**

## Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
5 June	Pride of Workmanship	Epping Club
19 June	A preview of 2023/4 – PE Ian Bittner	Epping Club
26 June	Changeover	Epping Club
3 July	BYE – No meeting	
14 August	District Governor visits Epping Rotary Club 6pm	Epping Club
Date	Other Events	Venue
3-4 June	MUNA	
16-18 June	RYPEN	
24 June	Visit to Chinese Gardens	
1 July (Sat)	District Changeover Lunch	
15 March 24	District Conference	Terrigal

## District Governor's Message

Greeting Fellow Rotarians.

This is the last time I will have the privilege of contributing to Rotary Roundup as your District Governor. It has been a truly wonderful and exciting experience leading our incredible district and I have enjoyed every moment of it. I'd like to thank all of you for making me so welcome at your meetings and events. I have been truly inspired by the amount of work that is happening all over the district, a consistent observation made by our Past District Governors.

May has been busy but very rewarding. I have attended several Pride of Workmanship presentations and they are always enjoyable. I think it's important at these events to explain why we, as Rotarians, go to the trouble of recognising people in our communities for going above and beyond. Vocational Service is one of our Five Avenues of Service along with Club, Youth, Community and International Service. However, Vocational Service goes back to the very beginning of Rotary and is built on our philosophical cornerstone – The Four Way Test, Object of Rotary, Code of Conduct, and two of our five values, Integrity and Service. We are recognising people in the community who align with our Rotary values and we need to tell them that in order to give them a deeper understanding of not only why they have been recognised, but of Rotary itself. People love to be appreciated for their work so don't forget to thank your own members regularly for their contributions.

I recently attended The Science and Engineering Challenge where high school students spent a day immersed in challenging and fun activities and team work is paramount. Gavin Ralston from the E-Club of Greater Sydney organises this program across two districts, and I attended the event at Campbelltown where



I was invited to present the awards and give a short address. I have also attended two MUNA events, Central Coast MUNA and Northern MUNA and I will attend Western MUNA in June. I want to acknowledge Jill Hamilton, Greg Keighran and Drew Fitzpatrick and their teams for their commitment to these events. The amount of work that goes into MUNA is incredible but it is well worth it for the opportunity that this program provides for senior high school students. It was amazing to watch them present their arguments back and forth with such professionalism and intelligence - a very uplifting experience. Please volunteer to help out on the day when you next get the opportunity and see for yourself that our future is in good hands.

Some exciting news for our District is the formation of a satellite club. Greg Newling, supported by the members from Ku-ring-gai Rotary has worked hard to bring this to fruition. The group's official title is "The Rotary Satellite Club of Ku-ring-gai, Community Network but will be known as Ku-ring-gai Community Network. This is the only satellite club in our District at present and we look forward to seeing how their journey progresses.

Speaking of journeys, I have just returned from the International Convention in Melbourne, a real highlight of the Rotary year. If someone in your club attended, they will no doubt report back with enthusiasm. It was an inspiring five days, the sort of inspiration that gives you the big picture of Rotary and how so many of us from all over the world are making a difference. If you have never been to an International Convention you must put it on your bucket list because you will not regret it. There are many of our Rotarians who have never even been to a District Conference. These events serve to inspire and enhance your Rotary experience, so if you've never been to these bigger events please consider our next District Conference in Terrigal and the International Convention in Singapore. Meet me at raffles for a Singapore Sling ... or two!

District Governor Elect Christine and I look forward to seeing you at the District Changeover on July 1. I am sure Christine will enjoy the experience as much as I have, while District Governor Nominee Niranjana Deodhar and District Governor Nominee Designate John Campbell will no doubt embark on a slightly different journey as we explore the possibilities that Regionalisation may offer.

I wish you well for the remainder of the Rotary year and hope that we meet again soon.

Mina

**Mina Howard**

**District Governor 2022-2023**

## **District 9685 Changeover 2023**

**Saturday 1st July from 12.00 pm to 4.00 pm at Rydges Norwest, 1 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills.**

DG Mina Howard and DGE Christine Owen invite you to join friends and leaders from across the District as we celebrate the service and accomplishments of Rotarians over the past year as we imagined Rotary, and begin to grow Rotary together in 2023-2024, creating hope in the world.



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