

# Rotary

## Club of Epping



**1 May  
2023**

### Quote

"Culture - the standard you walk past is the standard you set."

### Bruce's Banter

#### **Last Monday. Tom Sweeney, OAM.**

Tom was outstanding. He is a consummate musical entertainment tragic.

He has been involved with the Willoughby Theatre Company for 50 years. He has directed 37 productions including 6 Australian premiers.

Tom's passion and expertise are very obvious. A wonderful night.

Monica gave a fitting and eloquent introduction for Tom, while Stefan gave an entertaining and informative thank you to Tom.



The evening was boosted by Trevor invitingly members of his family including Ellen and also two wonderful Indians who are friends of John Fenessy.

#### **MUNA / RYPEN.**

MUNA this year will be at Arden on May 20,21 and EBHS will likely have two teams, but to be confirmed. RYPEN will be at Springwood on June 16-18. We have one confirmed student from EBBS and a probable second.

#### **EBHS Connect.**

This is a new initiative aimed at better transitioning students from the classroom to the workforce, University or TAFE. The launch is next Thursday , May 11 at EBHS at 6.30 pm and aims to have EBHS Old Boys and Epping Community members involved .

See me if interested but I need to know by 9 am next Monday May 8.

#### **Hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange Student.**

North Ryde has asked me to see if anyone would like to host a 16 year old student for 3 months from July 3. See me if interested.

#### **Next Monday. Breakfast at Darcy Street.**

In a change there will not be a meeting at night. Instead, we are having an infection and social gathering at Darcy Street, Boronia Grove.

Coffee and tea will be served beginning at 7.30 am, with meals beginning at 8.00 am. There is no set menu, you buy what you want.

**Bruce**

## Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
8 May	Breakfast meeting at Darcy Street.	Boronia Grove
15 May	DIGIT	Epping Club
29 May	Joint Ikebukuro Meeting	Epping Club
5 June	Pride of Workmanship	Epping Club
19 June	A preview of 2023/4 - PP Ian Bittner	Epping Club
26 June	Changeover	Epping Club
Date	Other Events	Venue
19 May	CCA Gala Dinner	Ryde/Eastwood Leagues
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne
3-4 June	MUNA	
16-18 June	RYPEN	
24 June	Visit to Chinese Gardens	
15 March 24	District Conference	Terrigal

## CCA Gala Dinner

### JOIN THE COMMUNITY EFFORT FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

The CCA Gala Fundraising Dinner is only two weeks away! It promises to be an evening of fun where our local community comes together for a great cause. Tickets are being sold fast, so don't miss out!

- \* A 3-course meal, including drinks
- \* Entertainment
- \* Fun Activities
- \* Great Auction items

-> You can book your tickets by following the link in the flyer below; choose any table with available seats.

-> If you need help doing the online booking, please let me or Heather Pinto know. We would be happy to help

-> If you can't make it on the night, you might consider a donation directly to CCA for the cause. It would be greatly appreciated.

You can book by clicking here <https://www.trybooking.com/CHEXJ>

Also see attached below.

**CCQNSW**  
INVITES YOU TO A  
**GALA DINNER**

*Empowering Our Children  
to THRIVE*

**May 19, 2023 at 6 - 9:30PM**  
Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club  
117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde  
Dress code: Smart Casual

★ Emcee: **Lily Serna**, TV Host - Letters & Numbers  
★ Canapes and Drinks      ★ 3 Course Meal  
★ Live Entertainment      ★ Lucky Door Prizes

**\$85 PER PERSON**

TO RSVP:  
Scan QR code or  
visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CHEXJ>



### Salvation Army Trivia Night

As part of their Red Shield Appeal in May, the Ryde Zone of the Salvation Army will be holding a Trivia Night on **Friday 12 May**, 7pm at the North Ryde School of Arts Community Centre, 201 Coxs Rd North Ryde. Last year, Epping Rotary had a table as did many other local Rotary Clubs including Eastwood-Gladesville, Ryde, Macquarie Park and North Ryde. It would be great to have an Epping Rotary table again this year.

The cost is \$25/person. Having attended last year, I can honestly say it was one of the most enjoyable Trivia nights I've ever attended. It was a lot of fun! Family and friends are welcome! All proceeds go to a very worthy cause.

Please email me if you are interested in being part of a table - [nbar1603@gmail.com](mailto:nbar1603@gmail.com)



### Drivers needed for Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal



On Sunday 21 May, Epping Rotary will support students from Epping Boys High School by driving them to areas for the students to door knock for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. We expect there will be 25-30 students and therefore need approximately 9 volunteer drivers. The exact number will of course depend on how many students members can take in their cars.

Drivers would be required to pick up the students (probably from the school) and take them to designated areas for them to do the 'house to house' donation collecting. The boys would then be taken to the counting centre at Top Ryde to pass on the donations collected, and then returned to the school. Overall, it should take around 3 hours. Further details will be provided.

If you are able to help, please let me know in person, email nbar1603@gmail or on 0412341231.

Thank you.

**Narelle**

### North Rock Theatre Night – 33 Variations

The Rotary Club of North Rocks is pleased to announce our next theatre night.....

Castle Hill Players are pleased to return to 2023 with a great theatre for all to enjoy at:

Pavilion Theatre,  
Castle Hill Showground,  
10 Doran Drive,  
Castle Hill.

This play is on Wednesday 31 May 2023. The Rotary Club of North Rocks looks forward to seeing you for a night of excellent theatre at the cost of \$30 per person. **Cash** payments will be collected on the night.

We will be serving cheese and wine in the foyer before the play, as approved by the Board of the Pavilion Theatre.

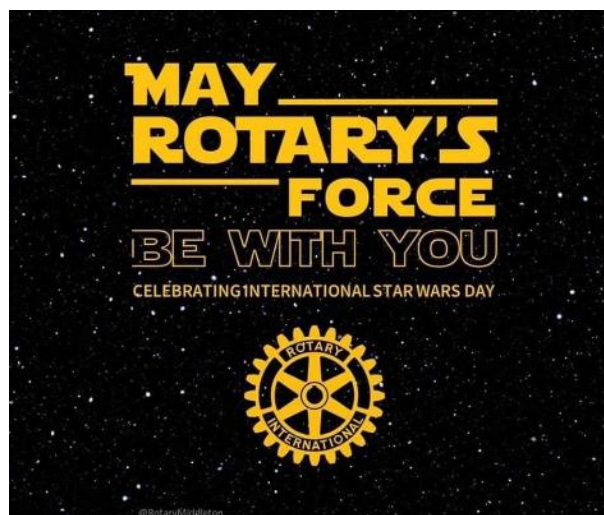
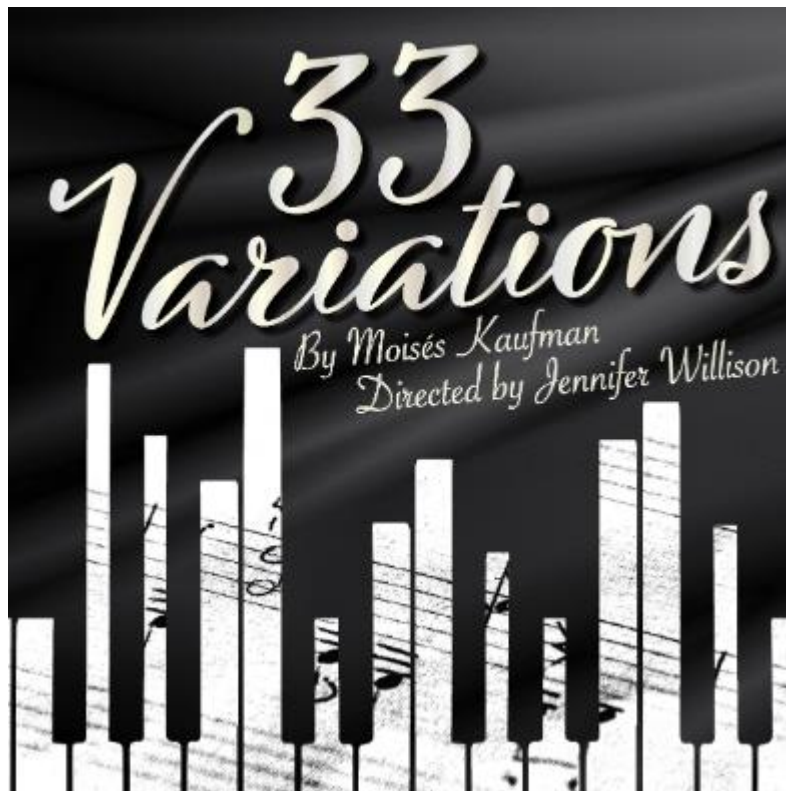
The doors will be open from 7:30pm, with the play starting at 8:00pm. As those who have attended previously will know, parking is extremely easy. For those who are uncertain about directions, the theatre is in the Castle Hill Showground precinct, off Showground Road at Castle Hill.

Can you please let us know how many of you and your friends are coming by **Thursday 25th May 2023**?

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Fay Kitto**

**Rotary Club of North Rocks**



## **District Governor's Message**

Greeting Fellow Rotarians.

This is my penultimate message to you as District Governor for 2022 -23. I can't believe that the year is drawing to a close. I completed my final official visit last Tuesday at St Ives and was honoured to induct a new member as well. You would think that things are winding down but no, it is always a mad rush to complete all of those tasks that get put off because you think that there's still plenty of time. However, I am looking forward to attending the many events that are coming up such as RYPEN, MUNA, The Science and

Engineering Challenge, Pride of Workmanship and other events. May is indeed a busy month for most clubs.

On Sunday I attended the inspiring Beecroft Rotary Youth Awards. Beecroft Rotary have a team of young leaders who are doing Rotary proud. Madeleine Sherwood, the President and Daniel Dummer the Youth Director and his team of young leaders organised a community event recognising nine, mainly Year 12 students for a variety of achievements including young entrepreneur, textile design, performing arts, environment, journalism, volunteering and more. The best part was that these students weren't just recognised, they were awarded prizes that would allow them to advance their talents and continue to excel. When we see a club, where older Rotarians step back and take a chance on their young members leading, we see a club that projects an image of Rotary being a relevant, vibrant and active organisation within their community.

I also recently attended the Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony at Blackheath Public School. There are quite a few Peace Pole installations now in schools. This is a relatively inexpensive project of Canberra Burley Griffin Rotary that you might consider for your local school. I can provide you with the information if you are interested. Installing a Peace Pole provides a constant reminder in the playground that peace starts with every student. It also provides an opportunity for Rotarians to carry out a small ceremony each year on World Peace Day to remind the students of this.

The recent District Assembly plenary session was another great opportunity for us to be inspired, meet up with friends, make new connections and launch DGE Christine's year. It was well attended and 2023-24 looks to be a year of action with a focus on "Say (ing) No to Domestic and Family Violence". I see this as an opportunity for Rotary Clubs to be project leaders rather than funders of other organisation's projects.

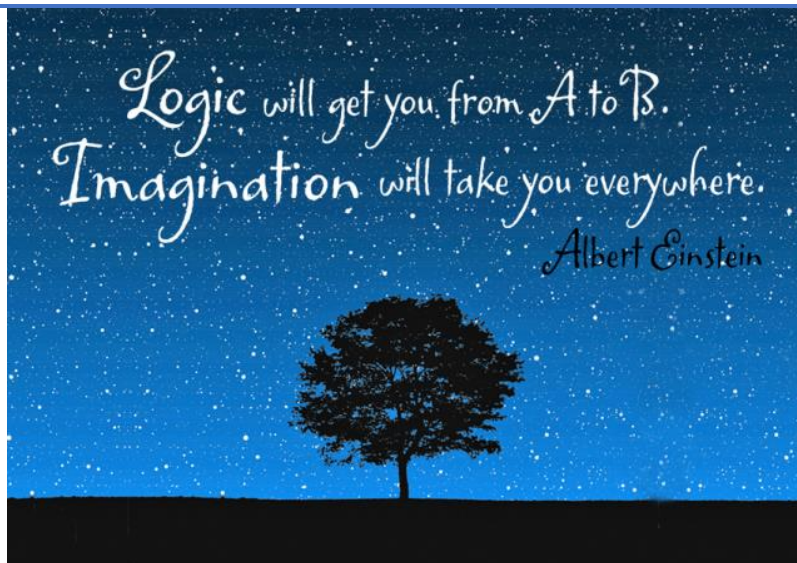
Our clubs need to work with partners but we need to be seen as the lead organisation. There are many environmental projects that you could do that have the potential to attract the younger generation and our Environment Chair Melanie Lewis will assist you in this focus area. If you are looking to support an Indigenous project Bob Selinger will advise you and Bob Kaye-Smith can let you know about Australian Rotary Health's Indigenous Health Scholarships. These team members can be found in the district directory along with a wide range of other projects that your club could get involved in.

I've asked Community Service Directors to do a stocktake on current club projects. Are your projects still relevant, are they making a significant impact and are they sustainable? The answers to these questions will help you to decide what's worth keeping on doing and what might need revamped or wound up.

Thank you to those who have already registered for the District Changeover. Christine, Niranjana and I are looking forward to a celebration of this Rotary year and what possibilities Regionalisation might hold for our zone. We also have the PDGs, Presidents and District Team lunch on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June so please make sure you come along to that if you can.

Enjoy your club celebrations this month and make sure every member has a role to play as we get ready for the changing of the guard.





Mina Howard  
District Governor 2022-2023



## 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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