

Rotary

Club of Epping



**1 November
2021**

Co-Presidents' Corner

It was such a pleasure to see so many members face-to-face on Monday. The room was positively buzzing and there was excitement in the air. After 18 weeks of zoom-only meetings, I was delighted by the enthusiasm of members to return to the Epping Hotel. We had 20 members in the room and an additional 6 on zoom for those who could not join us in person.

Rotary Foundation



Understanding the workings of the Rotary Foundation, the charity arm of Rotary International has never been easy. As a club, we have had previous speakers attempting to explain how to submit grants and the complicated way the grant money is multiplied through diabolical rules. Let me be honest, it did my head in.

Monday's presentation by our very own Monica Saville blew a breath of fresh air to the subject. Her expert presentation explained the workings of the Rotary Foundation through stories that we can relate to. Stories that moved us. Stories in which Monica played an active role for many years.

It turns out that behind the mathematical formulae lies an important message about the power of individual initiative and the importance of collaboration. We learnt how an idea by one person can translate into a major initiative and how Rotarians collaborating across the world can affect change.

Thank you, Monica, for a brilliant presentation.

OUR AREAS OF FOCUS

- Providing clean water, sanitation & hygiene
- Supporting education
- Fighting disease
 - Saving mothers & children
 - Growing local economies
 - Promoting peace
 - Protecting the environment



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Supporting The Rotary Foundation



Polio Plus Fund
End Polio Now



Annual Fund
for Support Today



Endowment Fund
To Secure Tomorrow



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Bruce Jacob awarded a Paul Harris Fellow Double Sapphire Pin



It is with great pleasure that we award Bruce Jacob with his Double-Sapphire Paul Harris Fellowship pin for his contribution to Rotary International.

Bruce joined the Rotary Club of Epping in 2010 and has been an active member and a leader in the club for the last 11 years. He served as President for 3 of those years and has been a Club Director for most of those years, mostly, as Youth Director.

As a Rotarian, Bruce has been a great supporter of the Youth Exchange Program and was host parent to many overseas students who came to Australia over the years.

As President and Youth Director, Bruce forged a community partnership with local schools and engaged with students and other members of the community on a variety of Rotary programs.

He has engaged with the students of EBHS to educate them about the needs of other countries and how to support underprivileged children in East Timor.

Bruce's enthusiasm and dedication know no bounds. He is a true embodiment of Service Above Self.

Toula

What is Coming Up

Date	Venue	Organisation	Speaker
8 th November	Zoom	Aust Rotary Health	Bob Kaye Smith
15 th November	Zoom	Fun Night	Truth or Lies
22 November	Zoom	Bendigo Bank Awards	
29 th November	Zoom	50/50 by 2030 Foundation	Virginia Haussegger
6 December	Zoom	AGM	
13 December		Christmas Party	

Next week

Next week's speaker from Australian Rotary Health



It is with pleasure that we welcome Bob Kaye Smith from Australian Rotary Health (ARH) next week.

ARH funds health research and provides community education about health in Australia. The organisation supports work on a broad range of health problems but specialises in mental health. It is supported by Australian Rotary Clubs.

Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest independent funders of mental health research within Australia.

The Rotary Club of Epping has been a generous supporter of ARH over the years and our recent Walkathon during lockdown raised \$3000 for this wonderful institution.

Please join us either in person at the Epping Hotel on Beecroft Road or through zoom using the following details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5526138035?pwd=ZVRMTnRwTEdPYndKUUFkYUVjT2J0QT09>

Meeting ID: 552 613 8035

Passcode: 866069

Toula

The Rotary Foundation - Our Charity of Choice



I hope that those in attendance at last Monday's meeting, both in person and on Zoom, appreciated that Rotarians do some incredible projects supported by funds from the Rotary Foundation. Wasn't the vision of the explosion that devastated the neonatal unit in the hospital in Beirut heart breaking!

Most of our club members financially support the Rotary Foundation either as Centurions (A\$100 each year) or as Paul Harris Society members (US\$1,000 each year). We will never meet the people who benefit from those donations but we know that the Rotary Foundation will ensure that our money reaches those in need in projects that are sustainable, managed with the highest level of stewardship and with minimal administration costs (approx. 8%).

All members' donations count towards Paul Harris recognition. It's wonderful to see our members gaining Sapphire pins as a result of their generosity.

In Epping Rotary we have the opportunity to add \$50 each half year to our dues to become Centurions. However, if you wish to make further donations to the Rotary Foundation go to www.rotary.org and you will be able to choose which area of focus you would like to support. All donations are tax deductible.

May the Rotary Foundation be your Charity if Choice.

Monica Saville
Rotary Foundation Director

[Bendigo Bank Community awards](#)



Rotarians, Partners and Friends

are invited to

The Bendigo Bank Community Awards

on Monday 22 November, 6.00pm for 6.30pm

at The Epping Club, 45 Rawson St

Cost: \$40 pp

EFT payment in advance would be appreciated and can be made to:

Members Account
Acct no: 153118740
BSB 633000

Reference: Bendigo Awards – your name

Raffle tickets may be purchased on the night or with dinner payment via EFT - 1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10 or 8 tickets for \$20.

Please note: All attendees are required to be double vaccinated.

Any questions should be directed to: secretary@eppingrotary.org.au

Prepare for the “True of False” Evening



How We Went Shopping for our Rotary Community Garden

Yesterday afternoon I had a call from Peter. He wanted me to meet him and Steve at Bunnings in order to purchase materials for a "Light Box" if that is the right name. It was for our Community Garden at North Epping. The light box is a place where you put immature plants so that they can grow under glass. Like a nursery for baby plants. I don't know anything at all about such things so was somewhat mystified about the whole project. I grow things by sticking them into the ground and hoping.

We arrived at Bunnings Thornleigh. Parking was easy. Meeting Steve was easy. Next hurdle: Where to locate the Perspex we needed. The red shirted person at the door supplied the necessary navigation directions with confidence. She was only one aisle short of target. Score for Bunnings so far: nine and a half out of ten. Steve had found the necessary Perspex anyway. He had been before and knew where to find Perspex.

Next; we needed timber for the nursery beds. We headed for the side rear of the store. It was the timber sort of place. Even I can find my way in the labyrinth that is Bunnings. I do sometimes need to drop a trail of crumbs in order to find my way out, but most times I can be successfully guided by intuition. But this time we needed help. We looked in vain for a red shirted person labelled with "Bunnings" or similar inscription like "I am here to serve you". No joy. Instead we followed our instincts and went outside to where the earthy, outdoorsy sorts of things are often found; things like the railway sleepers we needed. Again, we hit the jackpot and found the item: railway sleepers. These were much too heavy for elderly people like me to carry to check out, so once again sought help. A Bunnings person nearby was idly scratching away at a small piece of dirt with his forklift we so tried to his attract attention. No joy. This man was conscientiously opposed to making eye contact with anyone. I suspected that he had made a career out of perfecting this art at the school for B Grade Cafe waiters he had once attended. After having thrown myself in front of his forklift, he acknowledged my presence and said I needed to speak with Bob. He said that Bob knew all about railway sleepers and how to carry them to check-out without rupturing a hernia. Bob was "outside timber".

Where was Bob? Clearly he was not outside. I spotted a red shirt on the far side of the drive-in warehouse that was "inside timber". I needed to cover the distance quickly. This red T-shirt was moving in a trajectory at about 90 degrees to my own and walking quickly. I needed to cut her off before she reached the sanctuary of the "Staff Only" door. I broke into a sprint and managed to intercept her. I knew at the beginning that this was not Bob. He was in fact a she. She had a pair of party wings attached across her shoulder blades. Was it somebody's birthday, Halloween perhaps? I decided to compromise on the wings because she had the briefest of shorts and nice legs. Clearly there was no other substitute for Bob. She was wearing the desired "Bunnings" shirt.

I explained our problem and it was suggested that we should organise a delivery. Pretty straightforward, one might imagine? Well, yes and no. Apparently we needed to take a photograph of the bar code and the number of the item we wished to purchase and present ourselves at the "Trade Desk". Peter had the technology. I was astonished that customers were required to perform this sort of task with their phones. Obviously, management were saving on red shirts. Nobody had told me about this "innovation". But there was another problem. There were two items and the much-needed identification tag was missing from one. The one with the wings had flown. I spotted another. This one was a male and without the wings or the legs. I managed to attract his attention by energetically waving my arms about semaphore style but without the flags. He came over and said he wanted to help but unfortunately, he was "inside timber". Very apologetic but he would find Bob for us. Off he went artfully vanishing between the rows of shelving and merchandising stacked in the aisles, perhaps whistling a merry little tune to himself. We waited around for a while but needless to say, neither he or Bob ever appeared.

Collectively we changed our minds and chose something which had a bar code attached together with the magic set of numbers and letters. Peter took his photographs and we supplied the information and the necessary credit card details at the "Trade Desk". They promised delivery provided that someone was prepared to wait at the school for ten hours. We suggested they might phone ahead. The person behind the counter thought this was a great idea as if nobody had thought of it before.

We needed one last item. I wanted eight hinges. A quick trip to the red shirt at reception. Again was told the wrong aisle but Steve had found them anyway. So much joy. I could soon escape this place and together with my friends, we could retire to somewhere pleasant where refreshment would be liquid.

It was eight that I wanted. I counted them into a random box I found abandoned on a shelf. “One – two – three – four -- six, seven.....” there was no eight. I needed four pairs. Four times two equals eight. Frantically I searched along the surrounding shelves. Normally there is a good chance of finding them scattered about. But no, not this time. Where was a red shirt when you needed one? Where was Bob or the one with the plastic wings?

The queue was six deep at check-out. Because Steve had been before, we were allowed to jump the queue. It was a small compensation. It had taken nearly an hour and a half to purchase and arrange delivery of just three items.

Epilogue

Did the delivery arrive as promised? Of course not. Did Peter make himself available all day Saturday in order to take the delivery? Of course, he did.

Twelve hours later Peter jumps into his car. Steaming fury, he heads at speed for the Bunnings store. He is not happy. Back at the “Trade Desk”, a different individual is on duty. “An innocent mistake, Sir. *Saturday* looks so like *Sunday* when it is written on a docket. Our driver is on his way as we speak.”

So Peter jumps into his car in pursuit. But he is minutes too late. Unsurprisingly there is no one around on a Sunday morning at a primary school and the driver has been and gone. Peter phones the driver. “Will you come back?”

“Sure. Just give me half a day or so,” says the helpful driver. “I will phone you when I am lining up to make my final approach and given suitable wind and tarmac conditions, I will soon be making a successful landing with your order.”

Time passes.

Another call. “Sorry mate. It’s going to be another hour,” says the driver.

Fourteen planks of treated pine, four sheets of Perspex and six lengths of framing timber are eventually unceremoniously dumped in the playground of the school. Was the timber arranged into a neat stack so that it wouldn’t warp? I will leave it up to you to decide.

Trevor McAlister

District Governor’s Report

What is your Rotary story?

I’m sure most of us have been asked – What is Rotary?

We know we are part of an international movement of like-minded individuals who work together.

We Change Lives through Service projects across the world when we;

- Share our time, energy and skills
- Connect and support communities
- Listen and learn from others
- Deliver sustainable projects and solutions
- See our fundraising making a difference

changeover of Chatswood International. President Maria Chan inducted 10 new members and revitalised three former members. More information is included in the latest news.

November is Rotary Foundation month and I thank those of you who support the Rotary Foundation financially as this has enabled D9685 to be the Number 1 District in Australia and Number 8 in the world, for the delivery of humanitarian grants in Australia and globally. Please continue your support.

Take care as we learn to live with COVID.

Stay Safe
DG Lindsay n Tania
Lindsay May OAM
District Governor 2021-2022

A Global Grant Provides Help to Nepal

Our club and some individuals donated to Nepal and the attached email shows the fantastic result.

Kind regards,
Deretta

Northlakes Toukley Rotary would like to inform you that the Global Grant 2127984 has reached its fruition. This project was a collaboration between our club, as the international partner and the Rotary Club of Rudramatti, Kathmandu, Nepal. This project would not have been possible without your support.

Sixteen (16) Oxygen Concentrators and vital medical equipment was handed over with much fanfare yesterday. Mulpani Hospital in the Kageshwori- Manohara Municipality graciously received the medical equipment. This was in the presence of the National Health Minister Birodh Khatiwada, DG 2020-21 Rajib Pokhrel, Mayor Krishna Hari Thapa and hospital executives.

Collectively we have made a difference in the world and have supported a community and its hospital with vital medical equipment. We have also given a chance for life to those suffering the effects of COVID and similar respiratory problems.

This Global Grant would not have been possible without the collaborative effort from Rotary Clubs in District 9685 and some individuals.

Northlakes Toukley Rotary would like to thank the following:

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It would not have been possible without the following Rotary Clubs for the financial contributions:

Rotary Club of: Kurrajong North Richmond Inc, Gosford, Gosford City, East Gosford, Hills Kellyville, Epping Macquarie Park, E-Club Greater Sydney, Chatswood Roseville, Norwest Sunrise, Nepean and Wyong

Also, a hearty thank you, to the following individuals, Liz North, Ian Hemphill, Jared Styan, Yvonne Lovett and Peter McCloskey.

Together we have made a difference and on behalf of Northlakes Toukley Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Rudramatti, we thank you.



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Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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