

Rotary

Club of Epping



10 October 2022

Quote

"Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt."
Herbert Hoover.

Bruce's Banter

Great to have Anthem Stavrinis as our guest speaker and great to induct and welcome Johanna Johns to our Club. Report is below.

Epping Rotary is a service organisation with a motto, "Service Above Self". While that can be debated, nevertheless we joined Rotary to help serve others. In the coming weeks we have several opportunities to serve the community and I urge all members to participate in at least one hopefully two of the following:

- * Sunday October 16: Granny Smith Clean-up at 8.30am at Eastwood Library.
 - * Monday October 24: Primary School Debate at Boronia Grove. Will need help in setting up etc from 4.30 pm.
 - * Sunday November 13: Langston Weekender. 11 am to 2 pm.
 - * Saturday November 26. Achieve Australia at Araluen. 11 am to 2 pm.
 - * Sunday December 11: Carols at Boronia Park. 2 pm to 7 pm. Obviously this will be divided into shifts.
- Please help.

A public big thank you to Deretta for the amazing work that she does. Thanks, Deretta.

We nearly have a table for Carlingford Rotary's 50th Anniversary on November 4. You are most welcome to join our table. Contact me for details.

CCA would like volunteer drivers on Thursdays to drive linen from CCA to homes.
9.00 am to 11.00 am.
See me if interested.

Bruce

Last Monday

Senior journalist at TWT, Anthony Stavrinis, was the guest speaker last Monday evening at the weekly Epping Rotary meeting at The Epping Club.

Thirty Rotarians attended the meeting where President Bruce Jacob interviewed Anthony. Anthony showed himself to be a very committed and passionate journalist who has been with TWT since 2018.

Anthony outlined the difficulties facing suburban newspapers including TWT but was confident that there remains a market for TWT. However, he said there needs to be changes in technologies and methods of distribution if such papers are to survive.

Anthony paid tribute to John Booth and emphasised the passion, financial commitment and energy that John has brought to TWT.



Epping Rotarian, Justin Kang, gave a humorous and informative thank you speech.

He had done some research on Anthony and some of the quotes he found on Anthony included, “media troublemaker, old school journo tragic, current affairs nerd, football devotee.”

Epping Rotary was very appreciative of Anthony giving generously of his time and the feedback from Club members of the interview and his answers to the Q and A at the end was overwhelmingly positive.

Epping Rotary Club is a dynamic Club which is growing as shown by the induction of 4 new members in the last 3 months bringing our membership to 41.

Last Monday Bruce inducted and welcomed Johanna Johns to Epping Rotary. Johanna had been a member of Beecroft Rotary, but her work commitments changed and as she lives in Epping decided to transfer. Former Beecroft member, now member of the Social Impact Network Club, Melanie Lewis, plus Beecroft Past President, Greg Keighran, both attended and spoke highly of Johanna, as did Epping Membership Director, John Fenessy. Welcome Johanna.



Epping Rotary has much to offer and if you'd like to come to a meeting or ask questions about Rotary, ring President Bruce Jacob on 0422762581.

Bruce Jacob

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
17 October	Club Forum / 3 on me	Epping Club
24 October	Primary Schools Debate	Boronia Grove
31 October	Epping Community Bank (BB) Community Awards	Epping Club
7 November	Langston Awards	Epping Club
14 November	Pride of Workmanship	Epping Club
21 November	International Night	Epping Club
28 November	Trevor – Book Launch Monica – Foundation	Epping Club
5 December	AGM	Epping Club
12 December	Xmas Party	
Date	Other Events	Venue
16 October	Grammy Smith Festival – Clean up	Eastwood
24 October	Polio train ride in Sydney	Epping Station

4 November	Carlingford 50 th Anniversary	
13 November	Mito Walk	
13 November	Langston Weekender	
26 November	Achieve Australia	Araluen
1-7 December	Polio Movie Event	
11 December	Carols in the park	Boronia Park
17 March	District Conference	Cowra
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne

Year Five – Final Debate

You are invited to the Year 5 Final debate and announcement of the winner of the **2022 Epping Rotary Year 5 Debating Competition**.

As a precursor to the Final debate, each of the other 4 competing schools will stand up and give the audience a summary of arguments for one of the debates held during the tournament.

Date: Monday 24th October 2022

Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm start

RSVP: Required no later than Friday 21st October 2022 to bettyvockerlander@mcgrath.com.au

Location: Boronia Grove Community Centre, 40 Victoria Street, Epping (parking in council carpark from Rawson St)

We are anticipating a very exciting night having all of our favourite schools together in one night.

The cost for **dinner is \$35** per person and will be buffet style tapas this year.

If you can help with set up and pack up of chairs, please let me know

Thanks Betty

Granny Smith Festival – Clean-up Sunday 16 October

Saturday, the 15th of October sees the return of the Granny Smith Festival to Eastwood after a two-year hiatus. The return of the festival has presented an opportunity for Epping Rotary Club to be seen out and about in the community.

Ryde Council has accepted our offer to assist in the clean up on Sunday morning following the festival. Council staff/contractors will undertake the bulk of the clean-up. Our contribution is to attend the top and bottom ovals at Eastwood and collect the rubbish from the nooks and crannies that won't be targets of the bulk clean up. Volunteers will meet at the library at 8.30 am and be issued with PPE, tools and rubbish bags. On completion at 10.30 am, those inclined may wish to gather at one of the cafes in Rowe Street to debrief.

8 - 10 volunteers will make this an easy task and if more attend then the finishing time may be earlier.

Please let Deretta know by Friday 7th of October of your availability as Ryde Council

Regards
Alister



Trevor's new book and walks info

by Former Teacher of Teenage Kids, Trevor McAlister

As most of you will know by now, my book has been published and I am desperately seeking purchasers. To prompt you into becoming a willing purchaser, here is a little of the background which has led me to the point where I can truly say, I am a published author:

Having retired after forty-five years of teaching mostly Industrial Arts subjects, I began to look around for alternative ways of being useful. Casual teaching was great especially when I could secure employment in the teachers' paradise offered at Baulkham Hills and similar *selective* institutions. But I sought other distractions. I had always imagined myself as an amateur photographer and began roaming around Sydney with my newly acquired "Compact, Digital SLR Camera". I took pictures of the quirky things that had survived from the nineteenth century which caught my eye. It seemed a useful way to spend time.

I was particularly interested in the things which most people walk past every day without realising their significance: a house built from the proceeds from a winning hand of cards for instance. This house is the oldest in Central Parramatta and the winning card was the eight of diamonds. It can still be seen built into the brickwork of the building. Sydney's oldest three storey building is not far away and Australia's only buildings that have survived from the eighteenth century, are all within this same local area and readily accessible. There is the tiny figure of James Barnett writing his name onto the side of the GPO; the building he designed and the little owl that waits for "Wisdom" to put away her spear at the top of Bridge Street. I so love the tiny cat footprints left by Trim the cat outside the State Library and the beautiful little square with Georgian buildings that lies hidden away in the back streets of Ultimo.

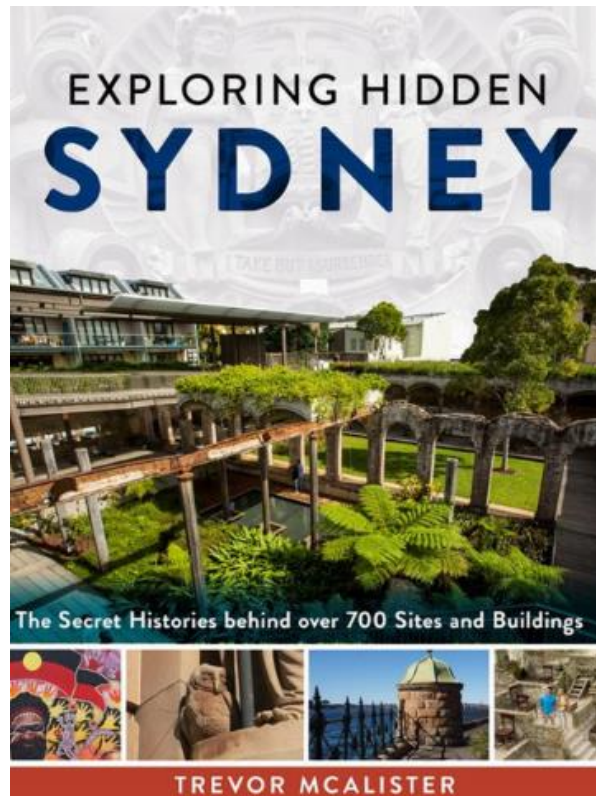
I began leading walks around these places and pointing out the things which had so interested me. I never charged money and maybe it was because of this that my groups grew in size, frequency and popularity. These days I rarely have less than twenty participants even when it is raining and there are twenty different routes to be explored during the course of a year. As I have got older, my walks have become shorter and less demanding. Maybe this is a good thing as many – dare I say *clients*, are in their 60s, 70s and 80s and come with me because I give them an interesting day out and they can do it without needing medical attention as a result of their efforts.

And so, what began as a bundle of scribbled notes and a box of photographs, has evolved into a book containing over 500 colour photographs which has been published and which is available through all good bookshops. It describes where you can go to carry out your own explorations and where the "unexpected" can be found hidden away in the CBD, The Rocks and in some of the surrounding suburbs in places like Kings Cross, Darlinghurst, Chippendale, Surrey Hills, Balmain and Hunters Hill.

The book has been beautifully crafted by the publisher. As you will see from the picture, it is a highly desirable thing to pick up, turn the pages, peruse and maybe even to buy and give away as a Christmas present. Because I am the kind of extrovert that likes to see his name in print and being held in as many pairs of hands as possible, I have a personal interest in seeing that the book sells well. There is also a certain altruistic motive as well. All royalties from the sale of the book are being donated to Rotary

International which is one of the most efficient, world-wide embracing and strategic of the charities which I have come across.

On 28th November, our Club is holding a Significant Event intended to promote the contribution that The Rotary Foundation makes to the world. It will be an opportunity to launch the book and for you to buy a copy. So keep that date marked as *Priority* in your diary. Alternatively, you can buy a copy at your local bookstore and if one is not available, ask them to order it in for you.



TM

Rotary and Friends of Rotary Walkers

Just a reminder that our next walk is on Thursday, 20th October.

This walk will be from Town Hall to the Fish Markets for coffee and return either by tram or by walking around Johnstons Bay. There will be a brief commentary as we take a look at some of Sydney's hidden historical features: Sydney's oldest tunnel, Sydney's first fire station, Sydney's blindfolded legal advocate, Sydney's hidden Georgian square, Fred the academic cat and so on.

The plan is to meet on the Sydney Town Hall steps at 9.15am. The walk will proceed along Kent Street, Liverpool Street, down Elizabeth Street through the Haymarket, Ultimo and Pyrmont to the Fish Markets for cappuccinos, etc. This is essentially a flat walk on paved surfaces, ideal for those seeking an easy but interesting walk. It is just 4km in length. There is the option of an early return by tram to Central Station to finish by 11.00am. Some might choose to walk back around Johnstons Bay to finish back at the Town Hall by 12.00noon.

Please advise me if you are intending to come along as the walk if you haven't already done so. You can Email me at trevormcalister7@gmail.com or text me at 0449 126 896 or simply let me know at Rotary.

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Carlingford 50th Anniversary

Carlingford
Rotary
Club



50th Anniversary
1972 - 2022

THE ROTARY CLUB OF
CARLINGFORD

INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM TO CELEBRATE

5 Decades of Service
50th Anniversary Dinner

Featuring Guest Speaker

Simon Bouda AM, A Current Affair, Crime Editor

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2022
AT 6.30 PM
MUIRFIELD GOLF CLUBHOUSE
2 PERRY ST, NORTH ROCKS 2151

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

events.humanitix.com/rotary-carlingford-50th

\$75 FOR THREE COURSE DINNER,
LIMITED ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND
ANNIVERSARY CAKE

DRESS CODE: SMART WITH
A TOUCH OF GOLD

District Governor's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians

The most exciting news I want to share with you all is that our vote for a regionalisation pilot study to commence was a resounding 'YES'. Our district was able to record a 97.6% vote in support of this study. Firstly, I want to congratulate PDG Kalma McLellan and her team for the extremely diligent effort applied to making sure all clubs in our district were prepared and able to make an informed decision. Secondly, thank you presidents for recording your vote in time. Thirdly, a huge thank you to all of our members who voted in favour of an opportunity to start trialling some alternative ways to grow Rotary in our region. We now have to wait with bated breath to see if all of the other districts have voted the same way. District Governors have until October 5th to lodge a vote on behalf of their district to Rotary International. Again, we need a 2/3 majority vote overall to get the pilot study across the line and there are twenty-one districts in Zone 8!

I am continuing my club visits and have now completed 37. Thank you for making me feel so welcome and sharing all of the wonderful projects you are doing. It is really good to hear how many clubs are coming together to share the work. It is important to let go of the 'my club' mentality and start thinking 'our clubs'. This was demonstrated in the recent Bobbo cycle event recently when four clubs combined to provide a fantastic day out for the locals in Turramurra and surrounds.

The three Hawkesbury clubs joined together to put on a wonderful morning for kids with special needs by organising Dream Cricket at Richmond Oval. Every child was able to participate in fun cricket-skills activities and they all received a 'gold medal' at the end.

I also spent a relaxing morning with Norwest Sunrise and Hills Rotaract on World Clean-Up Day at the Cumberland State Forest and bought a book at the Beecroft Rotary Pre-Loved Book Store. Not only does this store provide a steady income for Beecroft Rotary but it provides opportunities for school students to accumulate volunteer hours.

Again, we were successful in receiving a second flood Disaster Response Grant from RI and thanks to David Dean, John Chapman and Paul Rogers the funds have been dispersed via \$400 vouchers to help relieve the ongoing stress still being felt by many Hawkesbury families.

World Peace Day was commemorated at St Canice's Catholic School and Katoomba High School at ceremonies at Peace Poles sites installed by local mountain Rotary clubs and the E-Club of Greater Sydney. So, it's been a busy month with just a few examples being mentioned here.

I have been receiving inspiring RAWCS reports in a steady stream and our district has over 80 projects going which is unmatched in our zone. Thank you to all of the clubs that participate in local and overseas projects to improve the lives of others. If your club doesn't have a RAWCS Project think about supporting one of these projects with a donation. We all know that the money will be spent wisely. We need to think about who we give our hard-earned money away to. Is your club getting the credit? Is most of the money being used for the actual work? By supporting Rotary projects, we know the answer will always be 'yes'.

Congratulations, to the fourteen Clubs that were successful in achieving a Rotary Citation for 2021-22. This means the club achieved or exceeded the goals set in the Goal Centre in MyRotary. The following clubs received the annual citation: Berowra, Blackheath, Central Blue Mountains, Crows Nest, Kincumber, Lane Cove, Lower Blue Mountains, North Ryde, Norwest Sunrise, Social Impact Network, Springwood, The Hills Kellyville, Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise and West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook.

Instructions in how to enter the goals can be found on page 16 of the directory or you can ask your Assistant Governor to help. There's still time for presidents to enter goals (minimum of 13) and they can be changed and modified throughout the year. It is essential that every member has the opportunity to help set the goals or at the very least know what they are. If the club owns the goals members will be more likely to work together towards achieving them.

Finally, thank you to those clubs who send me their bulletins. I find them very informative, and I'm pleased to see some bulletin editors including some Rotary facts. Please add me to your mailout list if you haven't done so already.

And here's some quick questions you can use at a club meeting to see how well your members know our organisation:

Name the 7 areas of focus; Recite the 4 Way Test including the first sentence; What does RISPPPO stand for? Who is our District Foundation Chair?

Perhaps a small treat can be used for a prize!

Enjoy Rotary!

Mina Howard
District Governor 2022-2023

Rotary Beecroft – Living Treasure Award

As a Friend of the Beecroft Rotary Club, we invite you to join us for our biennial Living Treasurers Awards Ceremony.

Saturday 22 October
3pm - 5pm
Beecroft Community Hall, Beecroft Road
Opposite Beecroft Fire Station

The Living Treasures Award recognises older citizens who have made a significant and enduring contribution in a field of service aligned with Rotary's aims and priorities.

High Tea, Drinks & Canapes to follow the Awards Ceremony

Tickets are available to purchase online for \$20p.p & \$5p.p for children under 12 years of age.

RSVP by October 17, 2022

[Purchase Tickets Online Here Now!](#)



LIVING TREASURES AWARD



Recognition Ceremony

Awards - Music - Awards - Celebration

Saturday 22 October | 3pm to 5pm |

Beecroft Community Hall | Tickets available on our Website



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YOUNG AT HEART FESTIVAL

Hello RCBeecroft

We are VERY excited to invite you to our first major event this year!

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday 22 October
in Beecroft Village

We have lots of things for you and your loved ones to do!!

Rotary
Club of Beecroft

YOUNG AT HEART FESTIVAL



**Connecting Young
with Older Generations**

Colouring Comp - Photo Hunt - Music - Fun

Saturday 22 October
10 am to 2 pm
Beecroft Village

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Local Art show and Wine Tasting

Mint Fresh IGA invites the community to an evening of Art 'n' Wine. This event is for the Epping community to celebrate the opening of the latest art pop-up from three talented local artists. The evening will include wine tasting of quality local NSW organic wines, canapes and a lovely opportunity to get to know your neighbours and community. All welcome!

As a special part of The Langston Community, we are offering you 50% off tickets to the opening of Art 'n' Wine, The Langston Epping's latest artist pop-up.

Please use the code LANGSTON50 when booking on EventBrite [here](#).

Shop 4, Chambers Court (opposite Epping Branch Library)
Saturday 15 October
5 – 8pm
\$10 per person (includes raffle entry, canapes and wine tasting)
Children under 12 are free.

See an exhibition from local artists with tickets providing an entry into the raffle!

- 1st prize - catering by Mint Fresh IGA for 10 people
- 2nd prize - 10% off any artwork purchased on the night
- 3rd to 7th prizes - \$20 voucher to shop at Mint Fresh IGA

About the artists

[Jason Moussa](#) is a local artist influenced by comics, graffiti, calligraphy and music. His commissions range from wall murals to customised sneaker art. His latest commission can be seen in the IGA Mint Fresh in Epping.

[Sophie Hague](#) finds her inspiration in nature and loves exploring florals and complexity. Her work celebrates colour, pattern and designs from nature.

[Jon Potter](#) is an artist, curator and educator. His practice showcases the processes of embedding chromatic coding along with figurative imagery.

Art 'n' Wine is hosted by [Mint Fresh IGA](#), and supported by [The Langston Epping](#) proudly developed by [Cbus Property](#) and [Reactivate Consulting](#).



RIM ARTICLES

Please send RIM articles to Alan at alan.baker.om@gmail.com _or_ rob@tosswill.com

Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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