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Club of Epping

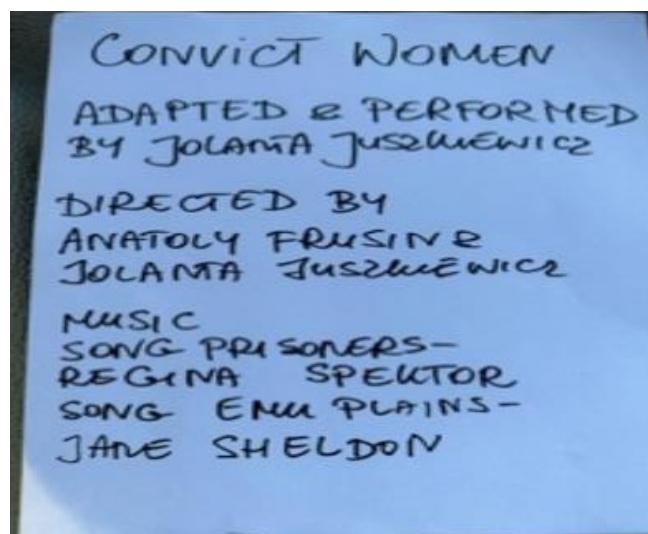


**11 September
2023**

President Ian's Report

LAST WEEK we saw a 'first of a kind' performance in the long history of the Epping Rotary Club.

A professional actress, Jolanta Juskiewicz, a graduate of the Polish stage and film acting school, performed for us a piece called "*Convict Women*" without a stage, without professional lighting and using costumes and props contemporary with the time of the first settlers in Sydney.



The audience was mesmerized. Jolanta is a member of the "Kropka Theatre" a company that has been established in Australia for 26 years and it still exists today in Warsaw, Poland.

Members may not be aware that Jolanta was performing at the Fringe Festival and had a show the following night. Olga went along and reported that:

"Yesterday's performance of "*Mother*", the first of Jola's performances at the Festival was a great success and the theatre was packed. There were only Aussies there! "

<https://sydneyfringe.com/events/the-mother/>

NEXT WEEK. Fay Kitto speaks on the subject of Sustainable Cambodia.

Fay is past president of North Rocks Rotary Club and now a Board member of the Carlingford Club. She is well travelled and has lots of stories to tell !



Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
18 September	Guest Fay Kitto from Carlingford Rotary Club – “Sustainable Cambodia”	Epping Club
25 September	Members update on the Guide Hall: Lease Signing, Insurance, Bookings, Furniture	Epping Club
2 October	NO Meeting – Holiday	
16 October	Primary School Debates with Betty	Boronia Grove
Date	Other Events	Venue
22 October	Clean-Up after the Granny Smith Festival, (Alister)	Eastwood
24 October	Ride the train to end Polio	Epping Station
6 November	Rotary Foundation Recognition Event	Epping Club
15 March 24	District Conference	Terrigal

Environment Update

Our environment district team met yesterday for our first F2F meeting in Lindfield. We talked about many issues with regard to this plastic consumer world we live in today. The recycling of BLISTER PACKS was discussed and we hope to extend this out to other clubs in our District. Please help me get this project on the way as I now have collected my first bag full from Gary Choy chemist in Beecroft and also from my circle of friends. I am very happy to collect them from a point that is convenient to everyone. This is a great project for the Clubs that wish to contribute and just includes the efforts of our Rotarian as there is no cost involved!

Thanks Kindly Johanna Johns

Epping Rotary.
Committee Member District 9685 Environment

A Surreal Experience for Toula and Victor in Marrakech

As families continue their desperate search for loved ones following the earthquake in Morocco, Toula and Victor Serna recalled their own experience in Toula's message:

“A holiday with a twist! It was a surreal experience for sure. A little moment in time that has had a great impact in many. We feel so sorry for the dead and injured. We also witnessed people with their homes cracked and unliveable. Fortunately for us, when the earthquake hit Marrakech, we were in an open square. It was 11pm and we were heading back to our hotel. We felt the earth move but we were not at risk of debris. A couple of hours later, we risked a possible aftershock to go back to our hotel in the old city to extract our passports and luggage. There were damaged buildings along the way and we walked across rubble, but our hotel was fortunately undamaged. We then spent the night in the open square with thousands. At first light we took the first train out of Marrakech and are now in Casablanca.”

Since then they have flown to Rome and Toula said “It feels wonderful to be alive and we're trying not to dwell about what could have happened.”

We are very grateful that our friends are safe.

Monica



This is the hotel next to Toula's and Victor's in Marrakech.

Get ready for World Polio Day 2023

World Polio Day, 24 October, is fast approaching. As a club or district leader, you can help us achieve our goal of a polio-free world by sharing the latest polio updates with your club's members and in your community, and by continuing to [raise funds for PolioPlus](#). Every dollar raised will be matched 2-to-1, up to US\$150 million.

Now is the time to start planning your World Polio Day action in your community. Don't forget to [register your event](#). Find a variety of resources to help you plan and promote your event on our [World Polio Day resources page](#). We've even created a template you can use to send a letter to the editor for local media.



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