

Rotary

Club of Epping



**11 July
2022**

Quote

I've always wanted to carve my own path. Sometimes that's meant taking risks and making yourself open to new experiences."

RI President, Jennifer Jones

Bruce's Banter

I thought Robin Walsh gave an outstanding presentation on Lady Macquarie. What a lady and what influence on our early days. Trevor will provide a more comprehensive report.

The Club survey last Monday overwhelmingly endorsed The Epping Club as our primary venue. Not all meetings will be there, but most will.

I've confirmed the change with Stuart from The Epping Hotel, and he was most gracious in his reply.

Epping Rotary thanks your hotel, yourself, Ben, Nick and your staff for making the last two years a welcoming environment and professional service.

Please pass on our thanks to your staff.

Enjoy your holiday.

Thanks

Bruce

*Hi Bruce, thanks for the email and giving us the opportunity to host your events. It was great to be involved with such a great organisation and lovely group of people. Please let me know if we can assist with anything in the future re support, fundraising etc
All the best.*

Stuart Heher

Licensee

Toula has become a grandmother for the fourth time - congratulations to all concerned.

The Board has decided to start each meeting with Acknowledgment of County. I'm keen to spread this around; see me if you'd like to be included.

Also, it's your Club, if you have any ideas regarding a guest speaker or any ways to improve our Club, please see me or a Board member.

Currently we have 12 who have paid for the weekend at Wiseman Ferry. See later in Rim for details but it's not too late. Contact me if interested and a reminder that you get your money back if something prevents you from attending (except in last 48 hours).

Bruce

Next Monday

Niranjan Deodhar

Niranjan was Beecroft President two years ago and will be District Governor in two years time. He will talk on Rotary and Regionalisation which our Club will need to vote on later in the year.

He will also discuss some of the successful strategies that Beecroft Club has recently adopted.

Note that meal orders can start at 6 pm and finish around 6.30, we get our beeper, collect our meal and take to the Rawson Restaurant.

Reports and guest speaker begin around 7-7.10 pm.

Last Monday

Thank You Historian Robin Walsh

If you were unable to make it along to Rotary last Monday, then you missed out on a real treat. Apart from a good roll-up, pleasant and amicable conversation and an eight out of ten level of hospitality, Robin Walsh gave us an insight into one of Sydney's more versatile and prolific pioneers. Prior to Monday night, most of us were oblivious to her achievements. Few of us would have noticed her presence in Australia's Colonial history.

Lachlan adored her. He named some public and natural features in and around Sydney after her: Elizabeth Bay, Elizabeth Street, Mrs Macquarie's Point, Mrs Macquarie's Road and maybe Mrs Macquarie's Chair. That she was seen as "merely" the Governor's wife, may have had something to do with her being overlooked by historians of the past two hundred years. The fact was that she was a gifted woman who contributed greatly to building a city that was more than a suitable receptacle in which to dump unwanted British citizens. Sadly, she is hidden for the most part, behind the imposing framework of her husband; Governor Lachlan Macquarie.

Robin Walsh is a Research Librarian, widely read and a man able to bring the principal players in our Colonial past to life. Where was he when I was a fifteen-year-old student being made to suffer under the weight of pages and pages of dates and names that were alleged to be the story of Modern Australian History? Memorising all this was what was required in order to find a way into tertiary education. Rekindling an interest in Australian History came much, much later.

Elizabeth Macquarie was a landscape architect, an interior designer, architect. She was the first (British) woman to cross the Blue Mountains and the phantom architect behind the design of St John's Parramatta and the Female Orphan School in Parramatta. She also had a hand in designing the Sydney (The Rum) Hospital. This was the largest public building undertaking that the colonialists and convict internees had seen in this country. Although she overlooked some of the basics such as toilets and a suitable morgue and kitchen facilities, it was a considerable achievement for both her husband. And some of this has survived. Take a closer look next time you are in Macquarie Street and be amazed that this was built by largely untrained and unwilling labourers.

Robin Walsh is but one of many fine speakers whom we have been privileged to listen to over the past year or so. I would urge you to make it a priority to join us, to be informed and impressed by the stories that guests like Robin Walsh can bring us. And if you want a to learn more of Australia's early European history, then I might suggest David Hunt's books. They are immensely amusing, easy and accurate reading

Trevor McAlister



Bruce

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic	Venue
18 July	Nirinjan Deodhar & panel (President Beecroft) Regionalisation of Rotary	Epping Club
25 July	Rob Wilkinson & Tina Clifton - Riding for the disabled	TBA
1 August	Melanie Lewis District Chair – Environment	
8 August	Club Forum & 3-On-Me	
15/25 August	TBA	
20-22 August	Wiseman's Ferry Weekend	
29 August	Donna Davis – Mayor of Paramatta	
24 October	Polio train ride in Sydney	Epping Station
12 November	Golden Oldies Ferry Cruise	Meadowbank
13 November	Mito Walk	

Rotary Foundation Recognition - Our Giving Adds Up

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is the charity arm of Rotary International. Through their donations to TRF, Rotarians support the eradication of Polio, disaster relief, disease prevention and treatment, maternal and child health, peace education, the provision of water, sanitation and hygiene, community economic development, education and literacy, and care of the environment.

For every US\$1,000 donated by individuals or clubs The Rotary Foundation says "Thank You" and enables the donor, or someone nominated by the donor, to be recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) or to receive a sapphire pin if they are already a PHF.

The PHF recognitions are donations of:

- US\$1,000 = PHF
- US\$2,000 = PHF + 1 sapphire
- US\$3,000 = PHF + 2 sapphires
- US\$4,000 = PHF + 3 sapphires
- US\$5,000 = PHF + 4 sapphires
- US\$6,000 = PHF +5 sapphires
- US\$7,000 = PHF+ 1 ruby (RI designates this as PHF+6)
- US\$8,000 = PHF+ 2 rubies (RI designates this as PHF+7)
- US\$9,000 = PHF+ 3 rubies (RI designates this as PHF +8)
- US\$10,000 + = Major Donor(RI designates this and any further donations as PHF +8)

All the members' Centurion and other donations contribute to their individual totals. Club President(s) nominate who will be the beneficiary of PHFs or sapphire pins from Club donations. There is no distinction between PHFs from individual or Club donations.

Thank you to all our generous donors.



Monica Saville
The Rotary Foundation Director

Weekend in Wiseman's Ferry - August 20-22

Getting a great response to this weekend.

Details are below but two points are very important:

1. A 50% deposit must be paid by next Tuesday 12 July with full deposit by July 31. Fine to do in one go with the cost.

Details below.

2. There is a full refund for illness or other circumstances but not in the 48 hours before August 20.

Key details:

1. We leave Sydney Saturday morning. Time to meet at WF at a later date.

2. Rooms at The Retreat:

* Standard Room on Saturday \$148, Sunday \$124.

* Superior Room on Saturday \$175, Sunday \$155.

These are basically the same; Superior is a King with two singles together, Standard is a Queen. Otherwise same except Standard often a family room with a second bed and or a sofa.

3. Most have indicated they are staying both nights but there are options of 1 night or just a day visit.

4. Expressed interest so far are:

PG, JF, Monica, Deretta, Anne, Sharyn, Justin, Trevor, Wal probably and I. Half the above bringing their partner. This makes 10 rooms.

5. I have tentatively booked 14 rooms with a \$600 deposit. We can book more but need to be quick. The tourist industry is rebounding.

6. To make it simpler all round, please forward money to my account which is

Bruce Jacob

BSB: 812170

Account: 7350716

Teachers Mutual Bank

Reference: Wiseman Ferry

7. Payment Timelines:

50% by July 12

100% by July 31,

Happy if you forward funds in 1 sum but up to you.

Cheers,

Bruce



All the details from Trevor

All plans are in place for a really great time with your fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotarians. Details have been provided but for those wondering what we will be doing, then here are a few starters:

1. Cross the ferry, turn left, travel 500 metres and walk a most interesting section of the Old Great North Walk. This is the same road of which can be seen traces adjacent to the railway viaduct beside Beecroft Road here in Epping. Well, there are more substantial features, including some

massive retaining walls, buttresses and culverts and there is the famous “Hangman’s Rock” as well. These were built between 1826 and 1836 to create an overland route between Sydney and Newcastle. This was a time when the only alternative was by sea and this could be treacherous at best. The road is 240 km long and you cannot but marvel at how this engineering was carried out by hand and with people chained together and compelled to exist in appalling conditions. There are a few pictures here to give you an appetite for what can be seen today.

2. Cross the ferry, turn left and keep driving for about 20km to St Albans. The Settlers Arms Inn was built of convict hewn sandstone about 1842. It is one of Australia’s oldest pubs and once provided an overnight stopover for Cobb and Co coaches in the nineteenth century. Order a cappuccino and look inside and try to avoid tripping over one or two inebriated ghosts normally seen lying about on the floor. Turn left and return via St Albans Road. A second ferry crossing completes the circle. Total driving time is around 1.5 hours or 40 km.
3. Cross the ferry, turn right and drive Wisemans Ferry Road to Mill Creek and Wombat Café. Mill Creek picnic site is about 2km left off the main road and provides an opportunity for a very nice walking trail which is flat and not long (less than 2km). Total distance from the ferry is 8km. The café with the wombats is a little further along Wisemans Ferry Road.
4. Stay in Wisemans Ferry and check out Wisemans Inn Hotel. This was in part, built by freed (emancipated) convict Solomon Wiseman in 1827 which makes it pretty old for European Australia. He successfully lobbied the government to build the Sydney to Hunter Valley through land he owned and provided the means to enable the river crossing to be made. This is the oldest ferry crossing in Australia. I need to add that the hardware has been updated once or twice since the 1820s.
5. Check out the cemetery nearby to see if you can find Solomon’s grave. Turn right before the ferry onto Singleton Road and the cemetery is about a 3km drive.
6. For the truly adventurous, continue driving past St Albans along the Wollombi Road to Cessnock. This follows in part, the old convict built road and there are convict built features to watch out for. Last time I was there, it was a well graded gravel road for part of the journey but you are glimpsing a wonderful wilderness area along the way and you can always turn around. Cessnock is about 89 km or 1.5 hours driving time each way.

So, please consider what is being offered and why not give it a go? The accommodation is good and the company promises to be first class. It will be a real 10 out of 10 weekend, so don’t miss out.

See Bruce for further details including booking your space on the trip.

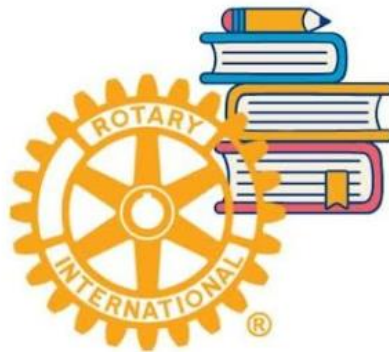


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Friday 9am-3pm
Saturday 9am-3pm
Sunday 10am-1pm

5 Hannah Street, Beecroft

Save the Date – World Polio Day – 24 October

Ending Polio is the number one priority of both Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. As a Rotary club you are asked to contribute US\$1,500 per year to support this vital Rotary Program. Participation in this event helps you and your Club gain a certificate in recognition of contributing this amount. Our objective is to raise over AUD\$250,000 on the day from this event. Over the past FOUR YEAR the Train Ride to End Polio has raised nearly AUD\$500,000. It is a multi-District Event and is clearly part of the Rotary ACTION PLAN. That is to:

- **Increase our IMPACT**
- **Expand our REACH**
- **Enhance Participant ENGAGEMENT**
- **Increase our ability to ADAPT.**

The train ride gives us all an opportunity to do all of the above and help build our brand in the community as PEOPLE OF ACTION.

ACTION PLAN

- Please plan your fundraising to support this event (People give more when you tell them what you are raising funds for)

- Please order your End Polio Now Shirts from RDU supplies (It may take up to 4 weeks to get a shirt if they run out, so get in early)
- Please put the day aside to create an event in your community to publicise to the community this Rotary Project (**Public Image**)
- Please encourage your Club members to come to your local railway station and join the ride (IMPACT). Some members join for a couple of stations, some for a couple of hours and some all day, that is beginning to end. (Most importantly, bring your commitment, we will send the template in the next communication)

This year DAVE and I will be again riding the trains (32 different trains) to cover all 189 stations on the Sydney trains network. Our current record is 18 hours, 10 minutes and 12 seconds. We will send the train timetable to you all closer to the event, so please get your Club ready to support this important event in the Rotary year. We also encourage you to go to www.raise.rotary.org and create your own Club fundraiser to support this event. There will also be a page on the site for this event so that the general public can contribute.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 24 October during WORLD POLIO DAY.

Yours in **Rotary** service

Mark Anderson

Senior Coordinator | Fund Development
Rotary Foundation



District Governor's Message

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

As I write my first message, we are again in the grips of torrential rain that is causing flooding in our Hawksbury and Nepean areas. Paul Rogers has already dispensed the bulk of the blankets, doonas and Manchester that we had in storage after the last flood event, thinking they may not be needed for some time. I sincerely hope that the impact will not be so severe this time but if it is, I know that our members will rally to provide support.

On a brighter note, I'd like to thank all of you who came to our District Changeover, which proved a very well organised event by our outgoing District Governor Lindsay May and his efficient team. It was a lovely night even though the weather made it treacherous just getting there. Congratulations to the many clubs and individuals who were recognised for their achievements over the last twelve months. Thank you for your contributions to our district.

I'd like to reiterate the comments I made regarding Lindsay's and Tania's support, mentoring and guidance throughout my years as DGN and DGE. Rotary International provide superb training but local knowledge is invaluable and Lindsay provided a good insight into the daily goings on within the district. I hope that I can provide the same for DGE Christine Owen and DGN Niranjana Deodhar.

Our new International President Jennifer E. Jones wants us to focus on the care and comfort of our members in order to make their Rotary experience worthwhile and satisfying. Busy, happy members will encourage others to join us. She also wants us to conduct entry interviews to see what potential members want out of their Rotary experience and then try to provide that.

As a starting point I want every club to carry out the RI Member Satisfaction Survey (click [HERE](#) to download) to see what our members really think of their clubs. The results will guide you in what you have to do to improve the experience for your members. Those clubs that have already started the survey have discovered some very interesting comments.

I look forward to starting my official club visits. Already I have attended about ten Changeovers and have been thoroughly impressed with what those clubs have achieved. Thank you all for your service.

Mina Howard
District Governor 2022-2023

Flood Relief Sydney & Surrounding Regions (RARF)

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Sydney floods



Summary: We are raising funds to provide relief for people affected by the recent flooding in and near Sydney during July 2022.

Challenge: This is the third time that many of these people have been flooded in the last 18 months.

Solution: The relief appeal will provide funding to Rotary Clubs located in the flood impacted areas of Sydney and surrounding regions to assist their communities in the recovery from the devastating floods.

Long term impact: Assistance to the most affected to get them back into their homes as soon as possible once the floods subside.

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Rotary



Club of Eastwood-Gladesville Inc

Wine Tasting and Dinner

Rotary Flood Appeal

Venue: Pennant Hills Golf Club

Corner Copeland & Burns Road South, Beecroft

Date: Sat 30 July 2022 – 6.30 for 7pm start

- Come and enjoy some fine wine, food and conviviality, and support communities who have been impacted by the floods.
- Make up a table of 8 or we will find you a table. Numbers are limited.
- Fabulous 3 course meal (vegetarian option available)
- Wine provided with dinner by Mistletoe Winery – Boutique 5 Star Halliday Winery
- Wine Master – Ken Sloane – Mistletoe Wines, Hunter Valley
- Great raffle prizes, Mistletoe wine on sale at member prices.

Tickets - \$120 per person

Contact Robert Dive:

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RSVP Friday 22 July 2022

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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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