

# Rotary Club of Epping



## 11 October 2021

### Co-Presidents' Corner

#### Board Meeting with District Governor

The Rotary Club of Epping convened a special Board Meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 5:30pm, prior to our weekly Club meeting. The Board welcomed our District Governor Lindsay May OAM, his wife and assistant in the role Tania May, our Assistant Governor Stuart Armstrong and Jade Catherall, the DG's Aide Metro.

Every member of our Board presented to our guests our Club plans for the financial year 21/22. We highlighted our vision of our Club for the year, and it was very well received.

#### General Meeting with District Governor

At 6.30pm our usual Rotary meeting took place. All guests were welcomed and birthdays and anniversaries for the first part of October were shared. Bruce Jacob was presented with a double Sapphire Paul Harris pin, signifying a contribution to the Rotary Foundation of US \$3000-US \$3999. Congratulations Bruce!



As 'guest speaker', Lindsay addressed the members, sharing with us his membership goals of '2022 by 2022'. Currently our District membership sits around 1700 but if each Club increased their membership by 6, Lindsay's goal would be achieved. Referring to this year's Rotary theme, 'Serve to Change Lives', Lindsay talked about the numerous skills WE learn in Rotary which change our own lives. We weren't surprised to know that in District 9685, the average age is just over 70 years, but we may have been more surprised that women make up only 31% of membership in the District. Another interesting statistic is that in our District, there are over 175 Probus Clubs with 14,000 members – amazing! Lindsay has thrown down the gauntlet and challenged us to work hard on seeking new members in this Rotary year.

Lindsay promoted the 2022 District Conference to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> (Dinner) and 19<sup>th</sup> March (Day conference) at West HQ at the Rooty Hill RSL. He confirmed there would be shorter presentations by speakers, rather than the longer keynote addresses. As the last 2 conferences have had to be cancelled, he encouraged everyone to put these dates in their diaries and catch up with fellow Rotarians across the District.

A most personable man and positive speaker whose enthusiasm and commitment to Rotary are undeniable, Lindsay impressed us all. No doubt the District will benefit from his clear focus and strong leadership.



Here is a copy of the email sent by DG Lindsay May, following his meetings with the Board and members on Monday night.

Dear Presidents Narelle & Toula

Thank you to you both, your board and members for welcoming Tania and I to your club this evening. And Narelle, well done beaming in from South Australia. I will tick that one off as a first.

Generally speaking our club visits have been so encouraging by what is being done in our district. Tonight was no exception and I am particularly appreciative of the governance and administration work you are undertaking. I know this doesn't change lives but with a well run club we ensure we achieve our objectives and comply with legislation. It's fair to say your club has handled this pandemic well with optimism from the members and planning continuing, to be ready for our re-opening.

For 60 years Epping Rotary has served the local community and there are great opportunities within that community for further engagement and membership recruitment. Further afield, your international projects are making a real difference to people in those countries.

We had a constructive discussion on membership and the solution to the challenges in the hands of each Rotarian. We know the most successful method is to ask someone. But for them to want to join they need to be impressed by the club and its members. I believe any prospective member considering Epping would be happy to be part of this great club.

We look forward to joining you at club activities in the second half of the year and especially at the district conference 18 – 19 March 2022 at West HQ.  
Thank you again.

Kind regards  
DG Lindsay May OAM  
District 9685 Governor 2021-22

**Toula and Narelle**

## What is Coming Up

Date	Venue	Organisation	Speaker
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Zoom	Shelterbox	Johanna Johns
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Zoom	The Men's table	David Pointon/Michael Lofaro
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Zoom	Rotary Foundation	Monica Saville
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Zoom	Aust Rotary Health	Bob Kaye Smith
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Zoom	Fun Night	Truth or Lies
22 November	Zoom	Bendigo Bank Awards	
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Zoom		Virginia Haussegger
6 December	Zoom	AGM	
13 December		Christmas Party	

## Surprise for Susie

Our own Susie Llewellyn was given a huge surprise when she attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of St Peters in Adelaide on the evening of Tuesday 5 October. Six fellow Epping Rotarians 'zoomed' into the meeting. It had been initiated by St Peters member Brian Kretschmer, AG District 9510 and PP of St Peters. He thought that, as Susie was going to speak about Epping Rotary, it would be nice for her to feel the support of Epping Rotary Club members. Susie provided background on our Club (where Epping is located) and shared some of our initiatives, including the garden at Minimbah and the most recent community garden at North Epping Public School, as well as the Oecusse Project with Epping Boys High School. She spoke eloquently and confidently.

A wonderful ambassador for our Club, Susie and Steve clearly have made many new friends at St Peters. Brian hopes that perhaps a relationship could develop between the 2 Clubs. Susie and Steve will return to Sydney on 20 October but no doubt will be heading back to SA again in the not too distant future. Thank you to Toulou, Monica, Deretta, Bob and Hari for joining in.

## Narelle



## Blue Mountains Trip – confirmed 27-29 November

Been able to confirm a booking for **Nesuto** at Leura for the nights of November 27 and 28 with departure Monday November 29.

Standard rooms are \$159 per night or \$189 per night for Superior rooms. Both costs include breakfasts.

I've booked 10 standard rooms but if wanting to upgrade let me know and also if wanting a double or twin. If previously unable to attend but now can, it's not too late, but let me know please ASAP as bookings understandably are strong now that NSW is opening up.

Meal costs are \$45 each for a buffet or \$50 plus for a two-course meal. I suggest we try buffet one night and alternative the other but a decision is for later.

Please do bookings through me and I'll pay any deposit needed. FREEDOM, exercise, friendship and lovely mountain air!!

Ring me on 0422762581 if wanting clarification.

## Bruce



### Mito - Bloody Long 35 km Walk - November 14

Entries aren't officially opened yet due to COVID uncertainty but expressions of interest (EOI) are. The walk from Malabar to The Rocks is 35 km and is on November 14. A number of us did the walk last year; it's spectacular.

If interested I suggest you enter your EOI (no payment until walk is confirmed) ASAP. I have.

Google Mito Bloody Long Walk, East Sydney. Easy to navigate (I did it).

Your EOI puts you at front of list for entry later as COVID may lead to number restrictions as per 2020. More details in following RIMs.

**Bruce**

### District Governor's Message

Now is the time for Rotarians as Community leaders to show their **resilience**.

I hope you are all planning on being positive and ready to engage with your communities, connect with your projects and welcome new members, as we emerge from hibernation.

Questions are being raised about limitation of unvaccinated members to events.

- Rotary does not limit access to events, except for termination of membership.
- Any limitation to activities will be dependent upon NSW health regulations and venue implementation.

There is a summary on the district website.

[SEE MORE](#)

DG club visits via zoom continue to be engaging meetings and thank you for making my AG's, Aides, Tania and I feel welcome. It is my intention to complete **all DG's Club visits online**.

This has proved to be a very effective medium that enables all members to participate, and results in a valuable engagement. In 2022 we both look forward to reengaging with all clubs as you recommence your projects and activities and make up for lost time. Please keep me advised.

We marvel at the performance and optimism of Rotary Clubs, Presidents and Boards through this difficult year. Embracing the concept that a dynamic Rotary Club is built on the diversity of their Board. Clubs that actively recruit to leadership positions a blend of; age, gender, cultural background, vocation show respect for both experience and youthful enthusiasm. Such clubs have shown strength in the way forward. Carlingford was in the middle of **Club Visioning** and outlined how important it had been for the members to:

- work with Robert Bredin through the visioning process
- analyse their performance to date



- respond to feedback and
- set realistic objectives for the future

The future is clear that we need to embrace Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion if we are to confidently grow our Rotary Clubs, continue to support the development of implemented programs and to dream new ways to serve.



**Since 1 July 21, D9685 has 25 New Members!**

**1,704 Members (30.7% female)**

**Rotarians are active, diverse & fun!**

**Over 80% Club's members joined DG's Zoom visits so far.**

#### **New Membership prospects:**

We have formed a **Rotary Alumni Committee** headed by Bob Howe (Wahroonga) and Membership Chair, John Fenessy (Epping) assisted by Oscar Akparenta (eClub Greater Sydney) and Charlotte Weatherall (Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Rotaract).

There's a database of over 1200 potential contacts; GSE, Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Fellows, RYLA, Rotaract, Youth Exchange and Interactors. This data goes back many years and the committee will create ways to reconnect with these alumni, the intention is to secure guest speakers with a goal of membership opportunities. A survey will be emailed to prospects later in the month.

If you have contact details for past program participants, please send them to John Fenessy to cross-reference the data we hold.

#### **Diary Notes:**

I can assure you the District is in great shape on many levels and now is the time to be preparing for Annual General Meetings in December and have a President-Elect and most key Board positions in place. This will allow DGE Mina Howard and her team to plan training for the incredibly exciting year that 2022 – 23 will be

#### **District Conference save the date, March 19, 2022 at West HQ:**

We will be surveying all members late October to help us plan for dinner Friday night 18<sup>th</sup> March and one day conference on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Please respond to the survey and encourage as many members, partners and friends to join in recognising your Club's achievements through two challenging years. We have much to Celebrate!

Stay Safe

DG Lindsay n Tania

**Lindsay May OAM**

**District Governor 2021-2022**

### **Opportunity to hear from Past Rotary International President Ian Riseley OAM**

As November is Rotary Foundation Month, Ryde Rotary is delighted to have Past Rotary International President (PRIP) Ian Riseley OAM from the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria as our Guest Speaker on *Tuesday 2 November 2021* at 6.30pm.

Ian is currently a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation and will be Chair for the 2022/23 Rotary year. He will speak on Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus and the Importance of The Rotary Foundation.

You are welcome to join the meeting us and hear Ian speak.

Please RSVP to [jadecatherall@gmail.com](mailto:jadecatherall@gmail.com) Rotary Foundation Director, by Sunday 31 October, to receive the Zoom Details.

**Monica Saville**

# PRIP IAN RISELEY OAM

CHAIR-ELECT AND TRUSTEE OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

**TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 6.30PM**

As November is Rotary Foundation Month, the Rotary Club of Ryde is delighted to have as our Guest Speaker:

**PRIP Ian Riseley OAM from Rotary Club of Sandringham, District 9810**

He will speak on

**ROTARY'S SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS**

**AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**



Rotarians from other clubs are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to Jade Catherall [jadecatherall@gmail.com](mailto:jadecatherall@gmail.com)  
by 31 October to receive Zoom link details.

## **RIM ARTICLES**

Please send RIM articles to Alan at [alan.baker.om@gmail.com](mailto:alan.baker.om@gmail.com) or [secretary@eppingrotary.org.au](mailto:secretary@eppingrotary.org.au)

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