

Rotary

Club of Epping



**12 April
2021**

Toula's Corner

Di's Celebration on Monday was such a special occasion. It was such a pleasure to be celebrating Di and the Walker family who have been connected to the club for 59 years. It was especially wonderful to have our District Governor, David Clark and Di's family and friends celebrating with us on the night.

It is an inspirational Rotary story that deserves the celebration.

Celebrating Di Walker

Great Night to Honour Di.

50 current and past Epping Rotarians, DG Dave, AG Robert, Di's son Scott and his wife Fiona, partners and spouses contributed to a wonderful evening. However the undoubted star was Di.

Di has had a 59 year association with Epping Rotary, and in a lovely speech, outlined the outstanding contributions (my words, Di's too humble) of the Walker family to our Club.

The point was made that a huge reason explaining the current success of our Club is based on the foundations established by past members. It is they who have set the standards, culture, ethos etc.

No family has done more than the Walker family. Thanks Di, you and your families contributions have been enormous and greatly appreciated.

Thanks

Bruce



Anzac Day



The Anzac Dawn Service on Monday 26 April will commence at 6am at the Cenotaph in Forest Park (off Blaxland Road) Epping. All members are encouraged to join the service.

Veterans can assemble at the stairs off Blaxland Road at 5.45am and they will then march to the Cenotaph assembly point.

Should rain prevent this service being held at Forest Park there will be a service held in the foyer of The Epping Club.

The Epping Rotary Club will be laying a wreath on behalf of all our members.

Please be reminded that there will be NO club meeting on Monday 26 April 2021

What's coming up



Rotary Club of Epping		
Monday Night Program 2020-2021		
Date	Venue	Speaker
Monday, 12 April 2021	Club, Epping	Celebrating Di Walker
Monday, 19 April 2021	Hotel, Epping	The Economics of Climate Change Dr. Rohan Best, Senior Lecturer, Macquarie University
Monday, 26 April 2021	NO MEETING	ANZAC DAY
Monday, 3 May 2021	Hotel, Epping	Melissa Kang Youth Mental Health Honorary Associate Profesor, Westmead Clinical School, Uni of Sydney
Monday, 10 May 2021	Hotel, Epping	Club Forum
Saturday, 15 May 2021	Craig Gallagher' Home at Meadowbank	Cocktail Party to raise funds for San Isidro

Working Bee at North Epping Gardens

Thanks to those Rotarians who worked extremely hard today to build all the planter boxes in North Epping PS.

Special thanks to Trevor McAlister who designed the planter boxes.

Thanks for their hard work today- Alan Cunningham, John Corney, Rozette Alves, Di Walker, Lionel, Janet Stacey and Glenn the school's General Assistant.

Stage 1 is now nearly completed which will provide the school with a facility to grow produce in the planter boxes.

Peter Garrard
Community Director

Epping Rotary Makes a Difference

A month ago, there were mostly weeds. Occasionally a random worm might have been seen making its way cautiously across the hard, packed earth that masqueraded as a garden bed. But it was tough being a

random worm in these conditions. Noxious weeds with dangerous thorns had invaded the space and poisonous spiders with webs and hideous caterpillars with hairs and legs had chosen to call this place home. They did their best to convince any child who was tempted to venture into this space that gardening was a hazardous activity that could be even life threatening. Who wants to feel a hairy spider crawling down your back when you are a small kid?

All this is in the process of being changed thanks to Epping Rotary Club. Now there are thirteen garden beds which are soon to be filled with warm and delicious soil capable of nurturing all manner of edible flowers and plants. "Anything that can be placed between bread and eaten," was the Principal's instruction. No dangerous insects are to be permitted. Just nice ones. Soon the children at North Epping Public School will be growing their own sandwich fillings.

Epping Rotary responded. And how it responded. Alan together with persons or a person unknown, stacked and covered the timber during the 'big wet' that followed its delivery. This prevented it from becoming waterlogged and too heavy to lift even by a person on each corner. Peter worked like a man possessed with axe and spade to deliver the coup de grace to the toughest of the shrubby weeds. He sent an axe flying. John sent dust flying. He used a compound slide and drop saw to do this. Perhaps you don't know what a compound slide and drop saw is. Then just ask John. Rozete, Lionel and Janet lifted and shoved and measured and drilled. They used impact drivers. It was hard work but there was so much satisfaction. Di gave us lunch. How good were those fresh bread rolls! And that watermelon! Finally I did my best to steer the task in the right direction. I needn't have worried. It steered itself. There was talent in this group. Motivation as well.

AND THE RAIN STAYED AWAY

I know I have left out naming a great many people who contributed. I am sorry. But it was without doubt, one of the most spectacular projects I have encountered during my Rotary Journey. So thank you each and every one for your contribution. But there is more! If you haven't had a chance to be part of this yet, watch this space. There is at least one more day's fun left!!

Trevor.





Kind regards,
Trevor (0449126896)

Celebration of the Life of Paul Clune

The Clune family are very keen that Epping Rotary has both a contribution and presence on this special occasion.

Unfortunately I'll be in Melbourne that weekend and will be unable to attend.

It is important that as many members as possible can attend and that we have several speakers. Please contact me if able to say a few words and / or attend. I'd like someone to read out a brief tribute I'll write please.

Bruce

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



PAUL
MICHAEL
CLUNE

ST MATTHEWS ANGLICAN
CHURCH WEST PENNANT HILLS

SATURDAY MAY 1ST 2021
11AM
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO
FOLLOW

Cocktails and Canapés on the Bay

A reminder about the 'Cocktails and Canapés on the Bay' on the afternoon of Saturday 15 May. All proceeds will go to the Vegetable Garden Project at the San Isidro School in the Philippines. Please see the details attached.

Also, we are requesting some volunteers to provide a platters of finger food. If you are able to help with this, please let Craig Gallagher or me know. Thank you for your support.

Narelle Barker - International Director

Kind regards

Narelle

INVITATION

Epping Rotary invite you to Cocktails and Canapes by the Bay

To raise funds for the San Isidro Elementary School in the Philippines

When: 15 May, 2021

Cost: \$80 PP

(See below for payment details)

Time: 2.30 pm

**GET IN EARLY AS NUMBERS ARE
STRICKLY LIMITED TO 50**

Where: Craig and Diana
Gallagher's home
Unit 33/2 Bay Drive,
Meadowbank

All proceeds will go towards the Rotary
project at the School.

RSVP: 8 MAY, 2021
cgallagher@huntnew.com.au



How to pay for your ticket to the Cocktail Party (all money paid is tax deductible).

1. Log in to <https://rawcs.org.au/>
2. To the right of the screen a box will appear "know which project you wish to support use our quick donate function".
3. Click "click to donate".
4. Enter Project No. "7" Year Registered "2017-18" (select from the dropdown list)
San Isidro School Vegetable Garden, Castillejos, Philippines will appear.
5. Press DONATE
6. Complete details and press PAY NOW.
7. You will receive an electronic receipt for your tax-deductible donation shortly.

Food for Craig's Cocktail Party

We are in need for two additional platters of appetizers of around 60 pieces for the cocktail party.

If you can assist, please let Craig or Narelle know.

Thank you!



Wine Sales

We're now out of SSB and only have 9 bottles of Rose left.
We have 6 dozen Shiraz and 5 Semillon as well.
See me if interested.

Bruce

A Call for Prizes

This is a call to all members to help us gather great raffle prizes.



With approval from the Board, our club will be embarking on a **Community Raffle** as a fundraising initiative to help raise money for our community projects and initiatives including the Community Garden.

The money raised by the community will be given back to the community.

To make it enticing, we need to offer amazing prizes!

Do you have friends or acquaintances that may offer a special prize?

Minimum value of \$100

Floods and Landslides in Timor-Leste – 6 April 2021

Timor-Leste has been hit by devastating flooding and landslides, claiming the lives of at least 27 people, destroying roads, bridges, over 1,000 houses and leaving the capital Dili under water. Dili's population of 220,000 was ordered into lockdown last month along with the cities of Baucau and Viqueque, following a concerning surge in community transmission.

The country had previously withstood the pandemic well but had their first Covid death today. In previous weeks there has been a spike in cases and along with the floods it now creates another major challenge - a health and humanitarian crisis. Last month Timor-Leste had just over 100 cases of Covid-19 and now there are over 700 cases, adding further complications to the crisis.

Rotary Australia World Community Service Limited (RAWCS) in response to the flooding in Timor, has sought advice on the most appropriate means of responding to this disaster.

Timor Leste is in COVID lockdown and so the provision of any physical help at this time is not practical. As services are stretched it is important for all aid to be delivered in the most efficient and effective manner – to this end RAWCS is recommending that Clubs and Districts utilise the Rotary Australia Relief Fund Appeal which not only provides tax deductibility but more importantly is able to consolidate donations and direct them through Rotary Clubs on the ground in Timor. Immediate needs for food, clothing and shelter can largely be met through local sources if funding is made available. Clubs and Districts are urged to put their donations through this national appeal as this coordination will simplify how Clubs in Timor can distribute the funds to where they are needed most.

For more information, click [HERE](#)

Please donate for Timor Leste Flood Appeal



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