



Quote

"Enabling better lives." CCA.

Bruce's Banter

Last Monday. Theresa Collignon

Theresa is a very impressive lady. She has had several high profile positions in several countries and currently is the CEO of Macquarie Community College which has a client base of over 3,000, including Gateway College.



Peter did an excellent job of interviewing Theresa and Stefan an equally good job with the thank you. Stefan presented Theresa with a Gro Trees Certificate (ur first) which signifies that a tree will be planted in Lithgow. This was an initiative of Narelle with Stefan providing the printing skills. Thanks Narelle and Stefan.



Stephan in the limelight again

Congratulations Stephan on you fourth PHF Sapphire pin.



Bruce

Next Monday Meeting - CCA

We'll meet at CCA, 12 Lakeside Road, Eastwood, which is close to the railway station. CEO Heather and Chair Peter will conduct a tour of CCA and then will be interviewed by Toula. CCA will supply a meal which will cost \$25

Signup sheets were passed around on Monday. Thanks for all who signed up. If you have not signed up and are coming, please let us know for catering purposes.

Epping Rotary has had a long partnership with CCA and it's been mutually beneficial. A good night is assured.

CCA will be hosting a Gala Dinner at Ryde / Eastwood League's Club on **Friday May 19** where our Club aims to get two tables. More detail later.

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
20 March	CCA. Heather, Peter and Toula.	CCA office
27 March	Penny Wilkinson. CEO / Founder of The Overcomer's Place.	Epping Club
3 April	Deepak Gill. Working in Colombo plus Childhood Epilepsy.	Epping Club
10 April	Holiday – Easter	
15 May	Pride of Workmanship	Epping Club
29 May	Joint Ikebukuro Meeting	Epping Club
26 June	Changeover	Epping Club
Date	Other Events	Venue
19 May	CCA Gala Dinner	Ryde/Eastwood Leagues
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne
3-4 June	MUNA	
16-18 June	RYPEN	

Catching up with Ikebukuro

To: Jacob, Bruce [brucejacob52@yahoo.com.au]

From: Hiroaki Kako [kako802@to-tsu.jp]

President Bruce, how are you doing? As a token of our longstanding friendship with the Rotary Club of Epping, the Tokyo Ikebukuro Toshima East Rotary Club will open its annual "Epping Night" meeting on the first Thursday of April, this year on April 6. There I would like to present President Bruce's message to all members. I would like to ask for a message from you.

Regards Tokyo Ikebukuro Toshima East Rotary Club Hiroaki Kako

Greetings from The Rotary Club of Epping to the Tokyo Ikebukuro / Toshima East Rotary Club. Our relationship with the Ikebukuro Club dates back to 1971, 52 years now. It has been very special and we hope it continues for many decades.

There have been many inter club visits, most recently your visit to us in 2013 / 14. A memorable night!

Personally, I remember the great hospitality given to me when I visited your Club in 2019 and your hospitality and friendship was amazing.

It is wonderful that some of your members are coming to the I.R. Conference in Melbourne in May. It's equally good that some of your members are travelling to Sydney on Monday May 29. We look forward to hosting you.

Best wishes on your "Epping Night" on April 6.

Fond regards,

Bruce Jacob, Epping President.

Country NSW IT Student Tour (DIGIT)

I have committed our Club to this 6 day program from May 14. As a teacher who taught in 3 country schools before EBHS, I am very aware of the educational inequality between rural and urban NSW. See below for more detail and contact me if you can either billet or help with the transport.

Hi Bruce,

It was good to chat on the phone this morning. We appreciate your help with billeting 3 or 4 students, depending on final numbers and gender split.

After a 3 year Covid hiatus the tour is back this year, running from Sunday evening 14th May through to Friday morning 19th May.

In partnership with the Rotary clubs of Inverell and Forbes, we source 4 local State High School year 10 students from each area and bring them to Sydney for a week. The local Rotary clubs organise and pay for the students' transport costs to Sydney.

The students are billeted with club members or friends for the 5 nights. Our Rotarians collect the students from Hornsby and Strathfield stations, on Sunday afternoon/evening and deliver them to their host families. Host families are required to provide dinner on the Sunday and Monday nights. The students need to be dropped off at Dunmore Lang College each morning at the appropriate time. They will be delivered home each evening by our supervising Rotarians. We cover dinner for the students on the other nights.

Our club Rotarians take the students to visit organisations like Cisco, Coles Distribution, Google, IBM, Konica Minolta, Macquarie Uni, Microsoft, Optus, Oracle and UTS. The idea is to showcase how technology is used in businesses these days and what job opportunities might look like after school. Our club covers all of the students' costs while they are in Sydney.

We have activities for the students on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and a dinner for the students on Thursday night at RDA, where the students give a short presentation on their individual experiences for the week. We pick up the students from their host families on Friday morning and deliver them to their trains.

Hope this covers the running of the project. Appreciate your help.

Regards

*David Martin
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Ukraine Update from a Rotary Perspective

For just over a year now we have all been watching and reading about the appalling situation in Ukraine as a result of the Russian Invasion - Putin's "special operation"! The utter devastation and loss of life is horrific.

Before the war there were 64 Rotary Clubs in Ukraine. In fact Rotary's General Secretary, John Hewko, is a member of the Rotary Club of Kyiv. Despite the fact that 8 million residents have left the country, there are still 64 functioning Rotary Clubs and the total membership has increased!

The Rotary Foundation has funded 441 disaster response grants to benefit desperate people in Ukraine and refugees who have left their country. The total funding is US\$14.5 million. World wide 274 Districts have sponsored a grant.

For those people still inside Ukraine the grants (US\$10.8m) have funded medical equipment and supplies, basic needs such as food furniture and toiletries, temporary housing, emergency responses and educational equipment.

Outside Ukraine, grants totalling US\$3.7m have provided refugee support which has included housing, food, clothing, medicine, furniture, legal assistance and hygiene kits.

It's time this war was over.

Monica Saville
The Rotary Foundation Director

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