

Rotary

Club of Epping



**14 August
2023**

President Ian's report

Last Weeks Speaker: DG Christine Owen

You all know that this is not my first rodeo, so I was a little surprised by the relaxed and friendly way that DG Christine conducted her first official visit to the Rotary Club of Epping. Christine arrived early, having driven herself from the Central Coast. Luckily, I was ahead of her by twenty minutes, had finished the setup and was having my dinner at the time.

First surprise – No PowerPoint presentation

Second surprise – No pre-meeting with the board or questions about budgets for the year.

Third surprise – No pressure, the meeting continued as it began in a relaxed and informal way.

Christine's message to our members was about Creating Hope in the World, collaboration between clubs and having fun. Her main focus for the year is 'Saying No to Domestic Violence' and we heard about Cluster based walks and purple T-shirts that will promote this cause later in the year.

Both Christine and our visiting Assistant Governor, Stuart Armstrong were familiar with Trevor's book and listened closely to our plans about the Bert Parker Hall and other reports from members.

All in all – it was a good meeting.

Members attending: 21



Our Newest Member: Karen Johnston Vocation: Finance (Stephen Wright)

Having passed the 7 day notice without incident we hastened to induct Karen as our newest member on the night when her badge could be pinned by the District Governor herself. Karen has known our Rotary Club for many years now and as her parenting duties diminish, she has found the time to join as a member. I believe she demonstrates a willingness to participate in service to the community and to our club and I look forward to her involvement in our activities this year.



Other club news

Rotarian Ying Chan has returned from Hong Kong after an absence of around 18 months. Welcome back Ying, we hope to see you as a regular at our meetings.

Next Monday

Cate Sinclar, CEO of the Norther Centre - talks to us about the SafeT program.

SafeT Pilot Program...continues until December 2023

On average an abused woman may leave her partner up to seven or eight times before she breaks away for good. If someone who has been suffering from domestic and family violence is going to be able to make a permanent separation, they will need ongoing and consistent support. SafeT will provide **post crisis** support to break the cycle of returning. Macquarie University have been engaged to measure the pilot impacts.

Who is SafeT for?

Women with or without dependents who live in the **Ryde, Hunters Hill, Epping, Lane Cove, Willoughby, North Sydney, Mosman, Ku-Ring-Gai and Parramatta (Epping and Carlingford only) LGAs**, who have left DFV, are in private or social housing or in the family home and the perpetrator has left the home.

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
21 August	Cate Sinclair, CEO the Northern Centre talks about Domestic Violence and their SafeT Pilot program here in Epping.	Epping Club
28 August	Stephany Ho – skier across Greenland	Epping Club
4 September	John Stuart: Establishing Intravenous (I/V) Solutions and Infrastructure in Mongolia	Epping Club
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

Board Resolutions and Issues from the last meeting: 8th August

- Ian S to be added to the list of Club Signatories with Bendigo Bank.
- Bruce needs members help forming the Youth Service committee.
- The Board agreed to sponsor & support the 2024 ShelterBox Off-the-Grid Camp Out.
- Club website needs updating esp. the contact phone number.

Epping Rotary's Primary School Debating Competition - 25 Years Old!

On Tuesday last I had the pleasure of adjudicating a debate between Year 5 students from North Rocks PS and Roselea PS. To see these fine young people developing their arguments, rebutting and summing up their cases reminded me that it is 25 years since this competition commenced.

In 1997, as I prepared to become President of Epping Rotary, I asked all members for suggestions for new projects for our club. PP Roy Sadler, a very strong supporter of young people, suggested a debating competition for Year 5 students in our local schools. The competition started in 1998 in the same format that exists today - "round robin" debates, then semi finals, all in school time, and the final at a meeting of our club. The adjudicators were initially members of the Macquarie University Debating Society (MUDS). During those years various Rotarians, including PP John Payne and me, have coordinated the debates and for the past many years PP Betty Ockerlander, with the assistance of her staff, have liaised with the schools and co-opted adjudicators to give the students quality debating experiences.

Topics this year have been:

- Round 1 - " That standardised tests effectively measure all students' knowledge."
- Round 2 - "That families should be restricted to one vehicle per household."
- Round 3 - "That all students must play team sport on the weekend."
- Round 4 - "That caffeinated drinks should be banned for children under 16."
- Round 5 - "That all shopping should be done on line."

Thank you Betty for your coordination of this very worthwhile program for many years. We look forward to the debate final at a future club meeting.

Monica Saville

Veera Ruti Wedding

Great news from our Rotary Exchange student from Finland. Veera spent 2015 in Epping staying with 4 families over the year. This included the Fennesy's, the Tugwell's, the Garrard's. She was a delightful and thoughtful teenager who gave her all to make the most of her 12-month exchange.

She decided to enter the priesthood after finishing high school and is now an ordained minister. Both the Fennesy's and Garrard's have visited and stayed with Veera's family in a town named Lochya near Helsinki. Her parents have also visited Australia and they really enjoyed their time.

We wish Veera and her husband Juri all the very best for their married life.

Peter Garrard



Theatre Night

The Rotary Club of Carlingford is pleased to announce the next theatre night.....

Castle Hill Players are pleased to return to 2023 with a great theatre for all to enjoy at:

Pavilion Theatre,
Castle Hill Showground,
10 Doran Drive,
Castle Hill.

This play is on Wednesday 20 September 2023. The Rotary Club of Carlingford looks forward to seeing you for a

night of excellent theatre at the cost of \$30 per person. **Cash** payments will be collected on the night.

Cactus Flower By Abe Burrows Directed by Stephen Snars

Like a cactus, some people take years to blossom.

Mid 60s Manhattan and groovy, young Toni has been let down by her dentist boyfriend, Julian, for the last time. Just when she's given up on love, Julian decides she is the girl for him. Trouble is, he's always played the field and his lies are about to catch up with him in a big way. Devoted and long-suffering dental receptionist, Stephanie, is willing to do anything to help her boss out, even if it means she too gets caught up in his ridiculous schemes.

A hippy boy next door, pushy patients and a vision of loveliness known only as Botticelli's Springtime complete the chaotic crowd who learn that true love can be closer than you think.

Cactus Flower was a long running comedy on Broadway as well as a film starring Academy Award winner, Goldie Hawn.

By Arrangement with ORiGiN™ Theatrical On Behalf of Samuel French A Concord Theatricals Company

We will be serving cheese and wine in the foyer before the play, as approved by the Board of the Pavilion Theatre.

The doors will be open from 7:30pm, with the play starting at 8:00pm. As those who have attended previously will know, parking is extremely easy. For those who are uncertain about directions, the theatre is in the Castle Hill Showground precinct, off Showground Road at Castle Hill.

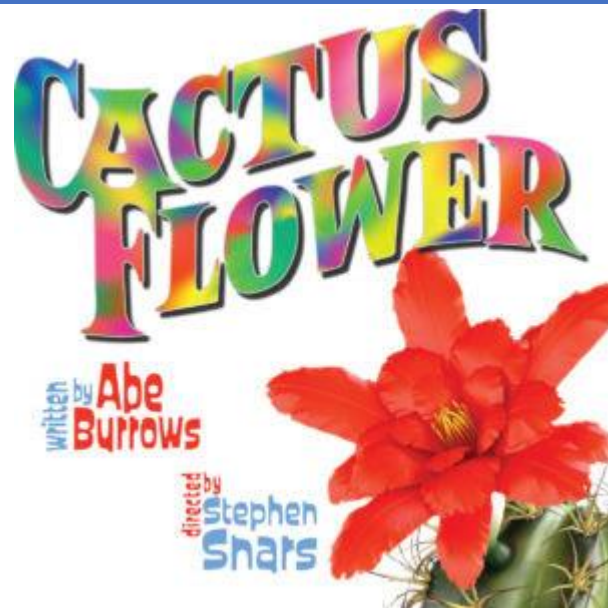
Can you please let us know how many of you and your friends are coming by **Thursday 14th September 2023**?

We look forward to seeing you there!

*****The Pavilion Theatre is a registered COVID Safe venue with the NSW Government. We have enhanced health and hygiene measures in place to keep our visitors to the theatre safe.***

For those of you who like to plan ahead, the last theatre night is scheduled for 2023 on Wednesday 15 November 2023

Kind regards
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Rotary Club of Carlingford



A Tribute To a Great Human Being



It is with a very heavy heart that I inform you of the passing of Professor Mary Louise McLaws today. You may well have heard this news on the news programs. I am hoping you could see fit to write something in your DG Newsletter. Professor McLaws was presented with a "Vocational Excellence" award (nominated by Mosman Rotary) from PDG Mina at Cowra last year. The professor made the trip via a chauffeured car arranged by Mosman Rotary, with her daughter & son-in-law accompanying her. She was quite unwell at that time but made the effort to come & receive her award for which we were most grateful & honoured. We, Mosman Rotary, had a long standing relationship with the Professor & her husband, Richard Flook.

Australia has lost a most distinguished & wonderful human being with the Professors passing.

Mark Wallis

Assistant Governor

Mary-Louise was a recipient of the District Vocational Excellence Award at Cowra and really struggled to attend. So very sad to hear. Mina Howard PDG

Mary-Louise McLaws, renowned epidemiologist who helped to guide Australia through the pandemic, dies aged 70

Mary-Louise McLaws, who was an epidemiologist at UNSW Sydney for more than 35 years and shared crucial information during the pandemic, has died after a long illness, her family has announced. [Read the full story](#) - Shared from [ABC app](#)

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