

# Rotary Club of Epping



**14 February  
2022**

## Co-Presidents' Corner



Our guest speaker, mother of 3, local artist and director of Gallery 11:11 in North Epping, shared her wealth of experiences with us on Monday evening. A former high school Art teacher, Melony established her gallery towards the end of 2019. Since then, she has organised 28 exhibitions and over 150 workshops, connecting the community to art. As a child, she always felt disconnected from the rest of the world, often distracted by what she could see around her. Unfortunately, her High School Art teacher was not as encouraging as one would have hoped. Nonetheless, her passion for Art drove her and she has exhibited her works for 2 decades and continues to do so at galleries in the Blue Mountains and at Putney.

During lockdowns, Melony opened up Gallery 11:11 'day and night' so that 6 visitors every hour could view the exhibitions by various artists.

These proved most successful as they provided a more intimate environment for visitors to engage with both the exhibiting artist and Melony. As a result, other galleries have taken on this concept. The Artists' workshops for 12 years + continued but numbers were also capped at 6 students. Like the Rotary Club of Epping, Melony made the most of the nearby Lane Cove National Park where she conducted guided walks with fellow artists, photographers and experts in flora and fauna, sharing the locations where she found inspiration for her painting, drawing and photography. During her presentation, Melony, with her laptop, was able to take us on a virtual tour of her gallery and we were fortunate enough to see some of her paintings. At the end of her most enjoyable presentation, many questions were asked by our members. Hopefully, many of us will visit Melony's gallery or perhaps we can have a Monday night meeting at Gallery 11:11?

**Narelle**

## Monday's Speaker

Next Monday 21 February, our Rotary meeting will return to the Epping Hotel. Our guest speaker will be Nick Hubble. Nick is the Chief Operating Officer for Sydney Olympic Park. He oversees a staff of 300 who are involved in coordinating and managing major sporting events, entertainment, cultural events, leisure activities and festivals.

It'll be great to see everyone in person and with Justin interviewing Nick, it should be informative and entertaining.

We hope as many Rotarians as possible will attend. However, Zoom will still be available for those who are unable to attend 'face to face'. Thus, for next week, it will be a hybrid meeting. Please note, the Zoom will be open from 6.30pm to 7.30pm on the usual Monday night meeting link.

For future meetings when a guest speaker cannot attend in person, but is only available through Zoom, then Zoom will also be offered to members that night i.e. a hybrid model.

## Events Update

The Community Garden Opening, due to be held on 25 February, will now be held at the end of March or early April.

Trevor's Parramatta Walk will be held on Saturday 26 February. Please email Trevor if you are attending.

'Clean Up Australia' scheduled for 6 March will be moved to another date later in the year.  
The 'Canapes and Cocktails on the Bay', hosted by Craig Gallagher, will be held after Easter in April.

### 2022 Club Program

Date	Speaker	Topic	Location
3/01/2022	No Meeting		
Monday, February 21, 2022	Nick Hubble	Chief Operating Officer Sydney Olympic Park	Epping Hotel Hybrid Meeting
Saturday, February 26, 2022	Paramatta Walk	Trevor Organising	Paramatta
Monday, February 28, 2022	Rob Edwards It's Time Foundation  Joint Meeting with West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Rotary Club	Sustainability	Epping Hotel Face-to-face-meeting
Monday, March 07, 2022	Youth Night	Celebration of Youth	Epping Club
Monday, March 14, 2022	Dr. Mayada Kayali	President, Women's International Club, Canberra	Epping Hotel
Saturday, March 19, 2022	District Conference	District 9685	Rooty Hill RSL

### You are Invited - Paramatta Walk – 26 February

in fact, all Rotarians and their friends and families are invited to participate in a leisurely walk through the Parramatta area. You will enjoy the exercise, the camaraderie of fellow Rotarians and see a little of the history of the Colony's Second Settlement.

**When?** Saturday 26th February

**Meet** outside the Darcy Street entrance to Parramatta Station at 9.30am OR

**Meet** outside the Tudor Gate of Parramatta Park (corner O'Connell and George Streets) at 11.15am. This is where we will be having morning tea.

**Bring** a sandwich, snacks and a drink for lunch in Parramatta Park.

**Finish** back at Parramatta Station 1.30pm with an optional extension to visit Australia's oldest (European) grave.

**Getting there.** By train is the easiest. Parking is tricky. Parramatta Park is always available but limited to 1 – 3 hours.

PLEASE Email me on [temcalister@optusnet.com.au](mailto:temcalister@optusnet.com.au) or text me on 0449 126 896 if you are intending to come along (morning or afternoon or both). This is important as I need to be able to advise you of any last-minute changes to the arrangements.

**Thank you, Trevor**

### Changeover / 60th Anniversary – Friday June 24

We had to change the date from Saturday 25 to Friday 24 due to a former booking at The Epping Club which has every Saturday night booked out for 2022.

Betty did a wonderful job in negotiating with the Club.

For \$70 - \$75, there is a 3-course meal with \$10 worth of drinks. This compares with 2012 where a similar deal cost \$65.

We've paid a \$1000 deposit so we are locked in and require a minimum of 120 to attend which we'll do comfortably.

Much more detail will be forwarded in complete weeks, but keep this date free as we hope all members and spouses and a few of their friends can attend.

If anyone has a suggestion for a guest speaker on the night, please notify me asap.

**Bruce**

### **RIM ARTICLES**

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Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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