

Rotary Club of Epping



**21 June
2021**

Toula's Corner

Last Monday

Rob Phillips, the chairman of the Epping Community Bank was our esteemed guest last Monday. The bank was started in North Epping 25 years ago where a group of local residents got the support of local community to open the branch.



80% of the bank's profit is



invested in the local community and the Rotary Club of Epping has been on the receiving end of many grants by the bank, with the Golden Oldies Ferry cruise supported on a yearly basis. The link between the bank and Rotary has been a constant. Our very own Sharon Hubert was the manager of the branch for the first 10 years. Craig Gallagher and Stefan Sojka currently serve as non-paid members of the bank's Board.

Toula

What's coming up



Monday, 28 June 2021	Club, Epping	Changeover with District Governor Elect Lindsay May
Monday, 5 July 2021	Hotel, Epping	Stuart Heher, Epping Hotel Licensee, Manager Induction Ying Chan
Monday, 12 July 2021	Hotel, Epping	John Elliot, RYDA National Program Manager

Rotary Changeover

Just a reminder that next Monday 28 June is the Club's Changeover, which will be held at the Epping Club on Rawson Street.

If you have not informed Deretta that you will joining us at this celebration yet, please let her know by Friday at the latest. The dinner will cost a modest \$40 and partners and friends of Rotary are welcome. Changeover will be at 6pm for a 6:30pm start.

Narelle and I look forward to seeing you all there and giving you a preview of our plans for next year.

Toula



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Community Raffle Sales

I'd like to extend my immense thanks to each and every member of this club for supporting the Community Raffle, our fundraising initiative. We sold 100 books and raised over \$5000 in eight weeks, which is an incredible effort.

I'd like to especially acknowledge

- All members and friends who sold raffle books; many of you bought the books themselves, I know.
- Those who sat outside shopping centres, in the cold for hours selling tickets.
- Bruce and Betty for donating two of the prizes
- Deretta for organising the distribution of the raffle books and the management of the money collection, was a huge job as the funds came by cash and money transfers.
- But I save my biggest appreciation and gratitude to Bruce Jacob who drove this project with an amazing level of enthusiasm, dedication, and drive. He sold over 10 books singlehandedly, organised the printing of the tickets at an extremely competitive price (mates-rates) and spent over 20 hours in shopping centres and pubs setting tickets.



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Thank you, Bruce!

Raffle Information

Cost of tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 8 for \$20

Through generous donations we have secured great prizes worth more than \$1000 in total.

Special thanks go to Bruce and Louise and to Betty who donated 2 of the prizes.

Prizes

1. 2 nights at Werri beach, Gerringong at a house by the ocean, which sleeps 6. Donated by Bruce and Louise
2. Rawson's Restaurant \$200 voucher; donated by The Epping Club.
3. One mixed dozen Epping Rotary wine bottles; worth \$160 donated by the Rotary Club of Epping
4. \$100 Macquarie Shopping Centre Gift Card; donated by Macquarie Shopping Centre
5. \$100 voucher from Epping Hotel
6. One bottle of Veuve Cliquot champagne; donated by Betty Ockerlander



Draw

The Raffle will be drawn on June 28, 2021 at 8:30pm. Winners will be informed by phone.

Money raised will go towards.

- **The Community Garden.** In partnership with the North Epping Primary local school, this project is well underway. It will involve the whole school community and will provide students with a real-time experience on how to grow, harvest, and use vegetables, fruits and herbs.
- **Local Youth Projects.** Working with local schools, the club has several ongoing projects that require funding. Examples are the sponsoring of teams for a MUNA conference, Seniors Debates and Leadership programs (RYLA)
- **Minimbah Disability Service.** The Club supports this Marsfield organisation, which cares for people with complex intellectual disabilities. Members of the club volunteer their services and gardening skills.

District Governor's Final Newsletter

My dear friends

This is the last District Newsletter and I want to THANK Marilyn Kenney for the wonderful work she has done in getting out two newsletters each month. I also hope you enjoyed the productions and had some conversations around some of my controversial editorials.

Most of us would say that we joined Rotary because we wanted to give back to, as well as become more connected with our communities. When we became members, we found that not only did we have the first two opportunities, but we also developed or improved a range of new skills, developed as people, had exposure to, and hands-on involvement with inspiring projects both locally and overseas, met new people and built incredible friendships. Outside of our immediate clubs, there is a larger organisation that also gives us new learning experiences and opportunities to expand our horizons. Conferences and assemblies allow us to hear exceptional speakers from so many different walks of life that give us a broader view and expand our thinking. As a result of all these benefits, we as individuals become fully engaged in life, satisfying a basic human need of connecting with others whilst feeling productive and valued. It is this last point that I feel we all need to be mindful of with fellow club members.

Rotarians are volunteers ... they put in as much as they are able to give within the context of their broader commitments. There will always be those in Rotary who give a staggering amount of time and energy to club activities and indeed the wider Rotary organisation. While this contribution is admirable and needs to be acknowledged, it is also important to be mindful that we do not impose expectations on these individuals to continue going beyond that subsequently leads to burn-out or a desire to leave. At the same time, no Rotarian should feel guilty if they cannot take on certain club activities, nor feel less than those who put in a super-human effort. Rotary is made up of people who have wide and varied backgrounds and equally wide and varied life commitments. We need to respect this and be grateful for whatever involvement an individual can give willingly. If we do this, we are less likely to lose members who feel they have given too much, too little, or have been taken for granted. While 'Service Above Self' is our motto, it should not be interpreted as a forced requirement that results in a sense of guilt or obligation that could be detrimental to the wellbeing of any individual. All club Presidents and leadership teams should be aware of club member wellbeing and ensure there remains a feeling of satisfaction in being a Rotarian. This will also ensure member retention.

Have a great week in Rotary service everyone. And remember,

"If it stops being fun stop doing it".

David Clark JP

Rotary 9685 District Governor 2020/21

And to DG David Clark from all of us...

Queen's Birthday Honours

Congratulations Narelle!!



to our very own Rotarians in District 9685 for their well deserved Awards.

Phill	Isaacs	Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise	OAM
Peter	Rubin	Gosford North	OAM
Narelle	Barker	Epping	AM
David	Taylor	Epping (Honorary)	OAM
Robert (Bob)	Howe	Wahroonga	OAM
Ray	Rice (dec'd)	Turrumurra	OAM
Brendan	Walsh	North Sydney (Honorary)	OAM
Dr Leon	Clark	Wahroonga	AM

District Changeover – Latest Information

The Changeover will be upon us quite soon as our year races by. Time to register for the lunch gathering. Due to current restrictions, there are limited numbers who can attend, so it would be better to register now if you have not done so.

An Important Message About the Changeover from District Secretary, Pamela Noal

Dear respected fellow Rotarians and good friends through the years,

Please note that the well-established essential Changeover Committee of 6 Rotarians has again met in planning the D9685 Changeover event to be held at Castle Hill RSL auditorium on Sunday, 4th July 2021 for a lunch to become a celebration with many distinguished guests through our Rotary journey in this most challenging year. Indeed, our Rotary Centenary Year!

COVID-19 Government and Medical bulletins continue to update our Rotary planning events with observations of global advice and learning of difficult present devastating news we are hearing from India. It is within utmost respect that the Changeover 2021-2022 committee have unanimously decided that, out of true respect to India, our sincere, ongoing support from our Global friends in reaching out, we will no longer have the District Changeover theme " Bollywood. "

DG David and DGE Lindsay
invite
District 9685 Rotarians & Friends
to a



**SUNDAY COLOURFUL
CHANGEOVER**

SUNDAY 4TH JULY 2021

12PM for 12.30PM

Castle Hill RSL

77 Castle Street, Castle Hill

Theme Attire: Sunday Lunch colourful
Be Bright, Be Bold

RIM ARTICLES

Please send RIM articles to Alan at alan.baker.om@gmail.com or secretary@eppingrotary.org.au