

Rotary

Club of Epping



14 November 2022

Quote

"Life is what you make it...so make every day your best day." Christine Owens PGE.

Bruce's Banter

Last Monday was low key but very interesting. 20 members attended and most had the floor to discuss a recent project they'd been involved in or a future project. After Covid severely curtailed our activities it's great that we're back in project mode and providing services for our community.

Last Sunday was a special day with The Langston Weekender and Mito walk, see following reports and photos. Thanks to the 14 involved in these activities.

Ian Bittner Nominated as President Elect.

Our AGM is on December 5 and it's great that Ian has accepted a nomination as PE; however others can either nominate someone for PE or get someone to forward and second themselves.

Bruce

Next Monday – International Night

We are inviting members of the local community of various cultural backgrounds to join our Rotary Club on Monday 21st November for our **International Night** to learn and enjoy each other's cultures, through the arts, food, music and language.

The Epping Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) has kindly agreed to partner with us in this ongoing venture.

Join us to what promises to be an exciting evening and feel free to extend this invitation to friends or neighbours who may be interested.

This will be a special night. We're expecting 15-20 people from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds to join with our Club and celebrate our harmonious community but also to gain appreciation of each other's culture.

Epping Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) are co-hosting the event and are subsidising the evening; **hence only \$20 each for a two-course meal with tea and coffee.**(usually \$35)

Toula has been the driving force behind this and has lead a small committee of JF, herself and I. It'll be special so please let Deretta know of your attendance.

Toula & Bruce

Rotary Club of Epping



In partnership with the Epping Community Bank

The Rotary Club of Epping

invites you to join them for an

International Night

to

Launch a "Multicultural Social Group"

Promote Friendships
Enjoy Cultural Activities
Participate in Outings & Social Functions

MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2022 6PM for 6:30pm

THE EPPING CLUB, RAWSON STREET, EPPING

\$20 for a two-course dinner

RSVP - by 18 November 2022 to deretta@yahoo.com.au or 0434 876 695



Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
21 November	International Night	Epping Club
28 November	Trevor – Book Launch Monica – Foundation	Epping Club
5 December	AGM	Epping Club

12 December	Xmas Party	
Date	Other Events	Venue
26 November	Achieve Australia	Araluen
1-7 December	Polio Movie Event	
11 December	Carols in the park	Boronia Park
17 March	District Conference	Cowra
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne

Langston Weekender

Epping Rotary was well represented on our stall at the Langston Weekender on Sunday 13 November. This was an excellent opportunity for us, as a significant community organisation, to be visible to Epping residents and their friends.

The event featured performances from Epping Primary School's band, dance groups and choir, an official opening by the Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Donna Davis, a variety of stalls selling flowers, honey, gifts etc and a mini zoo.

Thank you to all who assisted in any way. Ian Bittner transported the club's marquee, tables and banners and Geoff Saville assisted him setting up and dismantling everything.

The significant feature of our stall was the selling of Trevor's book "Exploring Hidden Sydney". With the assistance of Deretta and Narelle and the club's Eftpos machine, 28 books were sold. This represented \$980 (with half to go to The Rotary Foundation). Toulas initiative to wrap the books in Christmas paper also attracted significant gold coin donations and was a pleasant goodwill gesture.

John Fenessy created considerable interest in Epping Rotary by chatting to passers-by, giving out complimentary Rotary Down Under magazines and encouraging them to enquire further about our club. Thank you to Ian Stephenson for assisting generally with the stall.

This event was a new experience for us all and, I think, was a very worthwhile activity for our club. We had good visibility as a community organisation, something that our members indicated we needed to have.

Monica Saville



Mito Walk

The 6 of us caught an Uber from Epping Station at 6.15 am, 40 minutes to Malabar, brief time with registration and set off around 7.10am.

Crossed finish line around 3.10 pm, 7 hours of actual walking as we had a morning tea and lunch break and a few mini drinks and sustenance breaks.

Very satisfying, great “bonding “and we raised nearly **\$6,000** for the Mitochondria Foundation. A few beers at The Rocks, train to Epping and then an early tea with Deretta at the Epping Hotel. Very good Rotary day with 6 members walking for Mito and 8 others helping with The Langston Weekender. See report below.

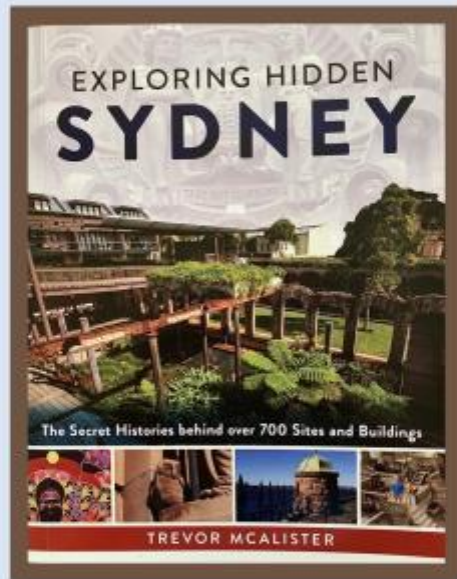
Bruce



Trevor's Book Launch

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION BOOK LAUNCH

*Monday 28th November
6pm for 6.30pm
@ The Epping Club*



To RSVP, please contact Bruce Jacob (Epping Rotary Club)
at brucejacob52@yahoo.com.au or 0422762581



*All author proceeds from the sale of this book are being donated to The Rotary
Foundation of Rotary International.*

Further Information at Rotary.org/Foundation

A Reminder for the CCA Christmas Hamper Appeal

CHRISTMAS IS JUST 40 SLEEPS AWAY

(adjusted, plus or minus according to when you open this Email)

And so, this is a reminder that once again, our Rotary Club is supporting the annual CCA Christmas Hamper Appeal.

It is the time of the year when for most, there is the prospect of a holiday involving aeroplane travel, the consumption of vast amounts of seafood, plum pudding and expensive alcohol and the distribution of gifts wrapped in tinsel and ribbon that come from David Jones.

Our world is not fair. It is one of the harsh realities of life that not everyone can enjoy this kind of celebration. There are some living less than a few streets away who are sleeping inside their cars. Some have nowhere to go and rely on friends for a safe place to spend a night, or to wash their clothes or to have a meal which is not noodles or pasta. The Federal Budget has been delivered and despite living in a country that has abundance, once again it is the poor and the vulnerable that are overlooked. The homeless still remain homeless. For them, nothing changes.

So, our Club is asking that each week from now until Christmas, you pick up an extra item whenever you go shopping and bring it along to Rotary where it will be added to the gifts to be given out to those for whom Christmas may not be such a fun time.

Gifts might be as simple as small toys, Christmas (non-perishable) food items, (new) clothing items, even toiletries.

Your gifts will be collected and will form part of the display at our own Christmas party on 12th December before being added to the Christmas Hampers distributed through the CCA.

Anything you give will bring some joy to someone.

Trevor McAlister (Co-ordinator)

Allowah Update

On Saturday 12 November, I attended the Government House Open Day at Yarralumla, Canberra. It was a lovely, warm day with brilliant sunshine.

The many charities for whom the Governor General is Patron are invited to set up information stalls and share their work with Canberrans and other visitors. This was the first time the event had taken place since 2019. I was there with my colleagues from 'SchoolAid' which has the patronage of the Governor General. I was delighted to see that 'Allowah', supported too by the Governor General, had a stall at the Open Day.

It was great to chat with Jonathan and Elissa from 'Allowah' and learn that things are looking up for their organisation. They have managed to raise \$1 million since they conducted their 'Keep the Doors Open' campaign and are now looking positively to the future. We talked about Epping Rotary's positive relationship with 'Allowah' and our goal to continue to support them. I

have since received an email from Elissa thanking Epping Rotary for its support and informing us that we would be most welcome to visit 'Allowah'. However, at present, the number of visitors is restricted to 5. Hopefully we can visit there as a Club when we can all visit together.

Narelle





RYLA Dinner. January 17 – Book now



Place: Pennant Hills Golf Club
Burns Road South, Beecroft

Date: Tuesday 17th January 2023

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Bookings: Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CECNG>

Bar Code: Attached

RSVP: 6.00 pm Tuesday 10th January 2023

Dress: Formal

I'll be attending this as we and BB are sponsoring two students. Be great if you could join me. It's at Pennant Hills GC so handy location.

Cheers
Bruce

Achieve Australia – the “Good Fair” 26 November



Achieve Australia - Disability Services is hosting "The Good Fair" on Saturday, 26th November from 10am until 3pm
Venue: Araluen, 2 Brigadoon Ct, Epping
left off Blaxland Road into Brigg Road then right into Brigadoon Ct.

All are welcome.

Epping Rotary is providing a sausage sizzle from 11am until 2pm. Please let Deretta Andrews know if you can volunteer: deretta@yahoo.com.au Please include the time that you can volunteer

Remember to wear your Rotary shirt and cap ■

RIM ARTICLES

Please send RIM articles to Alan at alan.baker.om@gmail.com _or_ rob@tosswill.com

Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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