

Toula's Corner

This last week has been a remarkably busy one for Rotary activities. The weekly walk on Thursday saw us walk under the M2 and towards Epping Boys High school. Saturday was District Conference as well as the Community Garden working bee and Monday was the Pride of Workmanship Awards night.

IT was a heart-warming sight to see so many Rotarians, partners and friends participate at the North Epping Primary School. People worked so hard. The spirit of Rotary was very much in evidence on the day. Special thanks to Trevor for being the technical lead and for Peter for organising the event and for providing morning tea to everyone. The day was vividly recorded by Geoff Saville, who shot and distributed 192 photos to the team. Thanks Geoff, you're a pal!

The Pride of Workmanship evening was pretty special this year, if I say so myself! I've had some very favourable feedback from quite a few people. A very warm congratulations to Alex Thomas who organised the evening to meticulous precision. Thanks also go to Sharon Hubert and Colin Chua who assisted with the proceedings.

Last Monday – Pride of Workmanship

The Pride of Workmanship (PoW) is a Rotary programme to promote Vocational Service. It is to promote Pride of Workmanship in ALL vocations and hence provides employers with an opportunity to recognise employees who display those qualities which are worthy of an award. It is also to encourage favourable employer/employee relationships and a sense of community pride in individual achievement. Plus it gives Rotary an opportunity to be involved in the Community. The Theme of PoW is "Do it once, Do it well. Build a better Australia." The programmed has been adopted by over 600 Rotary Clubs in Australia, New Zealand, the South pacific, Malaysia, Canada and the United States.



Our 2021 PoW was held on Monday, March 15th at The

Epping Club. There were 59 persons in attendance totally. Six Organisations/Groups and Companies nominated TEN employees for recognition and for the award. They were all great achievers and worthy recipients.

The following is the List of Nominators and the Awardees for this Year 2021:

1. McGrath – Better Homes Realty

Omid Sayehban



2. Cyrius Media Group P/L

James Hill



3. Epping Boys High School

Stephanie Dwyer



4. Minimbah Challenge Inc

Andy Kerr Celena Coghlan



5. Dorothy Henderson Lodge

Jacqueline Edwards Naresh Koirake Tony Ibrahim Homa Ahmadzei



6. NSW Health Immunisation

Dr Sonya Ennis



Appreciation to all who nominated people and the Board for encouraging PoW to happen again. Glad for all who turned up and made it a great night.

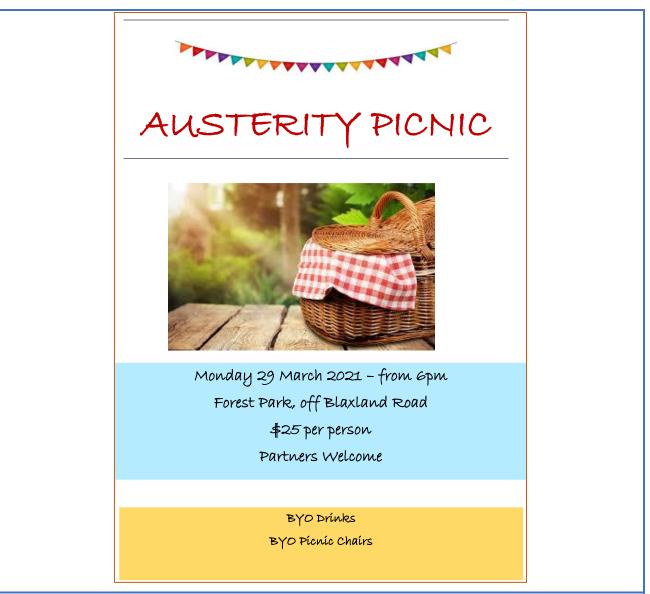


Alex Thomas

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What's coming up

Rotary Club of Epping		
Monday Night Program 2020-2021		
Date	Venue	Speaker
Saturday, 20 March 2021	Surry Hills	Walk with Trevor
Monday, 22 March 2021	Hotel, Epping	Epping Boys High School Acting Principal Jonathon Mullins & Chris Wilden RYPEN Experience
Monday, 29 March 2021	Hotel, Epping	Austerity Picnic @ Forest Park
Monday, 5 April 2021	NO MEETING	Easter Monday
Monday, 12 April 2021	Club, Epping	Celebrating Di Walker



Next Monday

Next Monday we have as our guests the Relieving Principal of Epping Boys High School, Jessica Schadel and the two students who undertook the RYPEN course, Jonathon Mullins, and Chris Wilden. So, join us as we celebrate the special relationship between the Rotary Club of Epping and Epping Boys High School. Bruce Jacob will moderate the evening in what promises to be a friendly and engaging evening.

Thursday Walk Goes Ahead Despite Threats of Cyclonic Conditions

Yes, despite the gloomy weather forecast and the real threat of flooding along the Lane Cove River, a group of six hearty souls completed the loop from North Epping through South Turramurra this morning. It was an epic worth including in the annals of our Club. For once the leader had managed to secure a window of dry conditions in order to do this and nobody had wet feet or wet anywhere else when we sat down to celebrate an achievement at the conclusion. Well done everyone and may there be many more (epic journeys).

STOP PRESS

At the time of going to press, the forecast for Saturday looks fairly gloomy. But things may change and being a 'glass half full' kind of person, I am hopeful of the weather improving in time for our walk through

Chippendale and Surrey Hills. HOWEVER I will make a decision tomorrow afternoon and phone or text all those who put their name on my list as possibly attending probably around 4.00pm. IF you are uncertain of whether or not the walk will be going ahead, then please text or phone me on 0449126896.

Trevor

Spectacular Progress Made on Community Garden Project

Last Saturday significant progress was made by members of our club towards finalising the dream of a community garden. Despite temperatures in the low 30s, a team of 17 members together with three from the school P and C completed a compost bin together with two 1.4 x 1.2 x 0.4 metre high garden beds. Half the team worked swinging picks and shovels to clear the weeds and shrubs in order to prepare the ground while the other half carried out the necessary woodwork. This was not easy as the railway sleepers were wet and very heavy. All had to be cut to size, then physically carried to the site a distance of over fifty metres and assembled. It is something to be said for our Club that more than half our members were prepared to give up their Saturday and do this. The fabulous morning tea prepared by Di Walker and the cold drinks from Toula and the camaraderie which we all enjoyed were things which made the morning's work special. For it was not just about building garden beds, it is about building friendships while doing something really worthwhile for the community.

Having said all this, there are still eight garden beds to be built and they all have to be filled with dirt. One of our biggest needs is sourcing suitable cordless drills and drivers along with the human power to drive them. So, watch this space. Thursday 8th April has been suggested for our next big effort. This has yet to be confirmed but for those able to join us, mark this date in your diaries and come along at around 11.00am. It will be a great day out and a useful one as well.





Tim O'Brien Farewell.

This is on next Friday March 26 at EBHS at 6.00 pm. Cost is \$50 for a 3-course meal, beer and wine. If interested please let me know by lunch time this coming Friday.

Bruce

Eastwood CCA Food Drive

Just a reminder that Eastwood CCA is still in need of non-perishable food. So next time you are shopping, please drop into your basket one or two items for those who are doing it tough. Bring them to Rotary or drop them into CCA at any time during business hours.

Craig's Cocktail Party

Save the date and support a Rotary Project.

