

Rotary Club of Epping



**19 May
2022**

Co-Presidents Corner

On Monday night, we were very pleased to finally present 'Pride of Workmanship' recipients, Jenny Power and Lisa Hedges from Peter Gill Medical Practice with their awards. Jenny and Lisa had been unable to attend on 4th April. It was heart warming to hear Alex Thomas, Vocational Director, read the citation acknowledging the commitment and hard work of these nurses, during a particularly challenging time for the nursing profession. Congratulations Jenny and Lisa!



Wayne Newell, CEO of Minimbah Disability Support Services Ltd, was our guest speaker on Monday night. The name Minimbah is an Aboriginal word meaning 'place of learning'. Situated on a large property in Marsfield, Minimbah has been providing quality support to children and adults with complex disabilities for nearly 40 years.

Whilst there are 80 clients, they can choose what days and times they attend, with approximately 60 doing so each day. It is not a residential facility - 73% of the clients live in group homes that can be local or far afield, such as Kellyville. The oldest adult is 78 years old and the youngest adult is 19, with the average length of stay being 15.3 years. There are 80 staff members with more than half working in a casual capacity.

Wayne made it clear that Minimbah is not a 'babysitting' service, but has a clear focus on helping clients develop new skills or maintain their level of skills. There are 10 buses and these allow for outings and transport to various activities, in which the clients are able to partake e.g. going sailing. The NDIS has meant a number of changes for this service, including their funding. No longer are the children provided with support on weekends, due to the stripping of their funding. Unfortunately, Minimbah doesn't receive many donations and the insurance costs for volunteers make this venture impossible.

During Covid-19, Minimbah remained open, but with reduced client numbers. Covid continues to have an impact on the facility with full PPE having to be worn and daily RA tests.

Wayne, the staff and Board of Minimbah are all passionate about this incredible organisation. It was an interesting and informative presentation, followed by many questions.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with this highly valued organisation.



When Gail and I arrived at RYDA on Monday, we learnt that not only was it National Road Safety Week, but National Volunteers Week. So, Gail and I were seconded for a quick photo for this week of celebrations for RSE and RYDA. Students attending RYDA this week appreciated receiving large cupcakes with bright yellow (for road safety!) icing. Delicious!



Gail and Narelle with Megan Quintiliani, RYDA facilitator and John Elliott, Head of Marketing and Program Delivery

Narelle

Epping Rotary 60th Anniversary and Changeover

On 24th June at our special 60th Anniversary and Changeover, we will be holding a raffle which we hope to be a big one, in keeping with our big celebration! So, we are asking every member to donate a prize.

This may be something you buy or perhaps something you can obtain through a business or company you know who are willing to donate a voucher or item for the raffle. This way we will have a number of items without having to rely on only a few people to find suitable prizes. We can all help! Thank you.

Please book your tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/BYTQE>

If you are having trouble with “try booking”, contact Toula, Narelle or Bruce.

Please invite your family and friends.



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Club of Epping



1962-2022

The Rotary Club of Epping invites you to join them to celebrate
Six Decades of Service.

60th Anniversary Dinner
&
2022-23 Changeover

With Guest Speaker



Shane Fitzsimmons AO, AFSM

FRIDAY JUNE 24 AT 7PM
THE EPPING CLUB, RAWSON STREET, EPPING

\$75 for a three-course dinner & drinks

Please book your tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/BYTQE>



Next Monday

Our meeting next week will be at the Epping Hotel and our guest speaker will be Emily Tweddell, General Manager at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter. Since February 2015 this Shelter has been offering safe emergency accommodation (for a period of three months) and support services to women facing domestic violence and homelessness. We look forward to hearing more about their services at our meeting.



Club Calendar

Date	Speaker	Topic	Location
Monday, May 23, 2022	Emily Tweddell	Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter	Epping Hotel
Monday, May 30, 2022	Club Social	Ten Pin Bowling with Beecroft Club	Macquarie Shopping Centre
Monday, June 06, 2022	Jon Flood, Director of Partner Ministries Taryn Clausing, Family Liaison	Allowah Children's Hospital	Epping Hotel
Monday, June 13, 2022	No Meeting	Queens's Brithday	
Monday, June 20, 2022	TBA	TBA	
Friday 24 June 2022	60th Anniversary and Changeover 22/23		Epping Hotel

Salvation Army Trivia Night

Deretta, Gail and I, with some of our friends, and representing Epping Rotary, attended the annual Salvation Army Trivia Night last Friday night, 13th May. Other Rotary Clubs, such as Macquarie Park, North Ryde, Eastwood-Gladesville and Ryde participated, along with several other community groups. There were 21 tables of approximately 8-10 at each. Not only were the questions of suitable genres for the age group in attendance, but there was a Silent Auction and additional games to play, making it a funfilled night. We all had a great time in support of a worthy cause. \$10,500 was raised which will help the needy in our community.



The Red Shield Appeal is a month-long event in May. The Doorknock Appeal is on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 May. Leading up to the Doorknock weekend, the Salvos have static collections at shopping centres and train stations. They would be very happy if anyone can support them, by signing up for a shift and mind the collection bucket. To register for a shift, please contact Nora Etmekdjian on 0417699955.

Narelle

Social Tennis Afternoon

Betty's sold house - 7 Araluen Place Glenhaven

- Sunday 5th June 2.00 to 6.00pm
- Members and partners welcome
- \$20 per person - to be fully donated to a good cause to be decided
- Afternoon tea provided by Betty
- RSVP to Deretta by 3rd June
- Bring alcohol and tennis racket

Ten Pin Bowling versus Beecroft Club is on again

After a lengthy break when Beecroft won the Shield, they have agreed to "Strike" again.

When: **Monday night, 30th May**

Time: **6:30pm for 7pm**

Venue: **Macquarie Centre opposite Event Cinemas**

Cost: **\$32.00 for 2 games and purchase your own food and drink**

Partners are welcome - last time one spouse almost won the shield for us.

RSVP: Please give an indication if you intend to come by 13th May

Final numbers required 23rd May

Deretta

District Governor's Message

In Rotary it's often said that we *hide our light under a bushel*.

Rotarians take pride in our club and project achievements, and we need to let the world know. I will argue that we are the lead district in Australasia. There are many measures and whilst we're not the largest by membership, we pack a mighty punch in project output and contributions to Rotary-related charities.

Thank you for your generous response to the D9685 Greater Sydney Flood Appeal.

Rotarians, Clubs and public donations resulted in our appeal reaching \$130,000 add to that \$34,250 from a Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Grant.

Since early March, clubs in the Hawkesbury River area have been distributing store gift vouchers to those impacted. They continue to do so and by means of a 5% discount on Woolworths gift cards, our district will distribute about \$170,000 of value for the purchase of; food, hardware, clothing, fuel and other essentials.

Speaking of generosity, my club visits reveal substantial funds raised and tangible engagement achieved with the community to support the community. Astounding results from raffles, fun runs, golf days, art shows, markets, music festivals, blood donations, bucket collections, gift wrapping, flower sales, tree & plant sales and even the humble barbecue, have all contributed as we Serve to Change Lives.

With just 6 weeks to go of this Rotary year I urge clubs to focus on the goals set and do all you can to achieve or surpass them. It's not too late to update the Rotary International Goal Centre and achieve a Presidential citation.

I ask you to share your stories publicly, encourage others to join with us to sustain and expand the wonderful work we do, *step out from under that bushel*.

In this year alone, through 34 district and 17 global Grants you have converted AU\$291,000 into AU\$1,192,198 worth of projects and your contributions to the Rotary Foundation, allow others with the capability, to deliver positive change in the world.

These figures do not consider the value of the benefits to those who will receive the advantage of these humanitarian projects. Children educated, lives saved, villages with clean water and sanitation, crops improved, conflict resolved. The list is vast, and it can happen each time a Rotarian donates \$100 to the Rotary Foundation to become a Centurion.

Where else do you get a return like that?

Stay safe.

Yours in Rotary

DG Lindsay May and Tania

Lindsay May OAM

District Governor 2021-2022

District Changeover 2022

The end of the year is approaching at an alarming rate. Let's all celebrate the end of another somewhat unusual year due to circumstances beyond anyone's control. The Changeover will be celebrating the achievements of DG Lindsay May and all Clubs in our District, and welcoming incoming DG Mina Howard and her teams.

This will be another fantastic Rotary event to be held at Hornsby RSL - another sign of normality returning. The date is Saturday, 2nd July 2022. Commencement time 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm.

REGISTER HERE

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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