

17 April 2023

Quote

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal." Irish

Bruce's Banter

Last Monday. Social / Club Night.

A lovely night attended by 22 members with the highlight being life stories by Di Walker and Ian Stephenson. Both had great stories and memories to present which clearly showed very interesting and varied life experiences.

Di has had a continuous relationship with Epping Rotary since it's charter in 1962 through her father and is still a wonderful contributor through decorations at major events and food coordinating. Ian joined in 2010, and is going to Taiwan for 3 months starting this week.



Great to have Caroline Xu and Chris O'Brien attend. Ian reported on the District Assembly and confirmed that Regionalisation will begin next year. We sang (badly) Happy Birthday to Peter, Ian and Alan who each had recent birthdays.

7 Bridges Walk. 7 May

North Ryde are conducting this great event for Youth Mental Health. There is a eRun and a 14 km run across 7 iconic Sydney bridges. I've registered and I'm hoping we can form a team. See below for more details including registration.

POW. Educational Recognition. 5 June

Please see the link below. Let's support Alex.

CCA Gala Night. 19 May

We have a great relationship with CCA and I'm asking every member to attend this special function. See details below.

ANZAC Day. Tuesday 25 April.

lan, John Goddard and myself will be at the 6.00 am Dawn Service to present a wreath on behalf of Rotary. It'd be great for others to join us.

Trevor's Book Sales.

380 books have been sold through Rotary channels which had resulted in nearly \$7,000 for the Rotary Foundation plus over \$1,000 in Royalties.

Trevor and I ask for each member to sell 1 book to help this fantastic initiative. You're a superstar Trevor.

Next Monday. 24 April

North Epping Men's Club. Brian Bailey.

Brian is leading this wonderful community initiative and he and several others will give a presentation next Monday. They and us are both community service organisations, so opportunities exist to partner in some activity or projects.

Bruce

Club Calendar

| Date | Speaker/Topic Mondays | Venue |
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| 24 April | Brian Bailey. Men's Shed at North Epping. | Epping Club |
| 1 May | Tom Sweeney. Entertainment/ Musical Director. | Epping Club |
| 8 May | Breakfast meeting at Darcy Street. | Boronia Grove |
| 15 May | DIGIT | Epping Club |
| 29 May | Joint Ikebukuro Meeting | Epping Club |
| 5 June | Pride of Workmanship | Epping Club |
| 26 June | Changeover | Epping Club |
| Date | Other Events | Venue |
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| 30 April | Beecroft Youth Awards | Beecroft Community Ctr |
| 30 April 19 May | Beecroft Youth Awards CCA Gala Dinner | |
| | | Community Ctr Ryde/Eastwood |
| 19 May | CCA Gala Dinner | Community Ctr Ryde/Eastwood Leagues |
| 19 May 27 May | CCA Gala Dinner Rotary International Conference | Community Ctr Ryde/Eastwood Leagues |

CCA Need Some Help

CCA requires a person to assist in the linen / bed making service.

The service is required on Thursday's fortnightly from 9-11am. They must be a diver.

If you can assist please contact Peter Garrard By mobile 0410685417

CCA Gala Dinner

Dear friends

CCA is holding a fundraising event for youth mental health services in our local community. I am organising a table of up to 10 people. It would be great if you were able to come and be part of this special event.

To be part of this fundraiser could you book through trybooking and also let me know by return email.

Thanks for your support.

Peter Garrard

You can book by clicking here https://www.trybooking.com/CHEXJ Also see attached below.



Beecroft Youth Awards, Sunday 30 April 2023



I am writing in my role as Youth Director at the Rotary Club of Beecroft to invite you and your Rotary Club members to the **Beecroft Youth Awards**.

These awards recognise students in Years 11-12 who pursue their passion while making a difference in the community. Nominations are open now.

The awards will celebrate achievement across 9 categories

Volunteer of the Year

- Entrepreneur of the Year
- Employee of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Journalist of the Year
- Performing Artist of the Year
- Young Person in STEM of the Year
- Environmentalist of the Year
- Designer of the Year

We will present the awards at a community afternoon tea with 100+ local students, families, supporters and Rotary members, and we would be delighted if you can join us:

Beecroft Youth Awards

When: Sunday 30 April 2023

Time: 12:30-2:30pm

Where: Beecroft Community Centre, 111 Beecroft Rd, Beecroft Register here - \$20 per adult, free for students & children

Thank you for your support for Beecroft youth. We hope to see you at the awards!

Kind regards
Daniel Dummer
Youth Director
Rotary Club of Beecroft
M: 0448 423 591

Salvation Army Trivia Night

As part of their Red Shield Appeal in May, the Ryde Zone of the Salvation Army will be holding a Trivia Night on **Friday 12 May**, 7pm at the North Ryde School of Arts Community Centre, 201 Coxs Rd North Ryde. Last year, Epping Rotary had a table as did many other local Rotary Clubs including Eastwood-Gladesville, Ryde, Macquarie Park and North Ryde. It would be great to have an Epping Rotary table again this year.

The cost is \$25/person. Having attended last year, I can honestly say it was one of the most enjoyable Trivia nights I've ever attended. It was a lot of fun! Family and friends are welcome! All proceeds go to a very worthy cause.

Please email me if you are interested in being part of a table - nbar1603@gmail.com



Regionalisation Pilot

Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot Receives Financial Support from Rotary International Board

Dear Rotary members,

Following our <u>all member communication on 14 March</u>, the Regionalisation Core Team submitted the business case to the Rotary International Board on 11 April 2023, seeking financial commitment to commence the pilot.

We are pleased to advise that the RI Board received the regional pilot proposal for Zone 8 and approved funding subject to annual review.

Following the Council on Legislation vote and club endorsement in 2022, this was the final step needed for approval for the pilot to proceed to the establishment then implementation phase.

We would like to thank the many volunteer Rotarians and Rotaractors who have willingly given so much of their time over the last four years to get us successfully to this point. Also, a big thank you to the Rotary International staff in Sydney and Evanston who have given invaluable input and support. You have given us all the opportunity to craft a stronger future for Rotary in our Zone.

You will receive further information on next steps in May. If you would like to receive ongoing updates, <u>subscribe here</u>. You can have your say by visiting <u>creatingtomorrowrotary.org</u> or emailing us directly at rotaryregionalpilot@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Regionalisation Pilot Project Team Co-chairs Ingrid Waugh (NZ/Oceania) and Peter Frueh (Australia)

eFun Run

Hello from the Rotary Club of North Ryde,

Just a reminder of our eFun Run starting on the 30th April. We would love you to support us by joining in or sponsoring one of our members. Youth Mental Health is an ongoing issue but COVID has certainly made things worse. It's a challenge in so many ways and, in a situation very dear to my heart, it manifests itself particularly in schools.

Best regards Bob Selinger



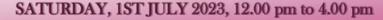
Rotary International District 9685 Changeover

SAT 1 JULY 12 noon
The RYDGES NORWEST 1 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills, NSW 2153

DG Mina Howard and DGE Christine Owen invite you to join friends and leaders from across the District as we celebrate the service and accomplishments of Rotarians over the past year, and begin to grow Rotary together in 2023-2024.



DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEOVER









2022-2023

2023-2024

RYDGES NORWEST 1 COLUMBIA COURT, BAULKHAM HILLS LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN

\$60 per head Business Attire Register HERE

Why I am a Rotarian

Norm Winterbottom

"Rotary is so simple that many people do not understand it, and some even misunderstand it. Rotary is not a philosophy...not an all-embracing world point of view which answers every question...and satisfies all the dictates of the heart and mind. Rotary is merely an association of business and professional men united in the ideal of service." Paul P Harris — Address to 1938 Rotary Convention, San Francisco, California, USA

Notwithstanding Paul Harris' unembellished description, it is irrefutable that we each hold our individual perceptions of what Rotary is, its place in our daily lives and the lives of those around us. For me, the perception is formulated on the three interconnected tenets of Fellowship, Service and Peace. Without Fellowship there can be no Service and it is Service which motivates our search for Peace.

Rotary Friendships are like no other, save perhaps those special bonds that are formed by the exigencies of the military. Rotary Friendships take no account of social standing, colour, nationality, language, religious belief, social customs or political persuasion. They are formed on the basis of mutual respect, tolerance and recognition of the inherent worthiness of the individual. They endure in strength despite the fact that friends may be separated by oceans, national borders or inter-nation disputes and between some who may never physically meet. That is what makes them so special, even unique.

The 16th century English poet and satirist John Donne wrote: "No man is an island, Entire of itself. Each is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. . ." It is my view that this proposition is the motivation for Rotarians in the giving of Service, not only to their neighbours, but to their communities, their nations and beyond the confines of their own national borders. I see Rotary Service as an extension of the Liberalism of Victorian England; an indivisible amalgam of compassion, pragmatism and duty. In other words, from each

according to his means; to each according to his needs, cognisant of a balanced approach and limited responsibility for the welfare of others.

Again, to quote Donne, "Ask not for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee."

From the time of the hunter-gatherers through to the increasingly complex world in which we live today, aggression has extracted a grievous price on mankind, despite the technological advances and benefits which that aggression has brought in its wake. For more than a century Rotary, by its very nature and philosophies has been a beacon of hope in the search for peaceful solutions to conflict. Because of its apolitical nature, demonstrated neutrality and near universal respect Rotary has the ability to cross national borders to succeed where politicians and diplomats cannot. In a world of increasingly sophisticated weaponry, together with sectarian and national aspirations to territorial dominance, Rotary's continuing search for Peace becomes more important than ever before, not just for the benefit of the present generation, but for the benefit and security of those who are to follow.

Why am I a Rotarian? I am a Rotarian simply because of an unshakeable belief in what I perceive to be the goodness in humanity that Rotary exemplifies in all that it does and all that it seeks to achieve.

Editor's note:

This article dates back to 2014 - almost 10 years ago. The quote from Paul Harris, as you can see, is from 1938, prior to World War 2.

Norm Winterbottom was the Secretary of the Rotary Global History Fellowship. They produce a newsletter to members from time to time. This one was back in 2014 when Norm was Secretary.

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