

# 17 May 2021

## Toula's Corner – 50 Years - Ikebukuro

Last Monday we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of a relationship between our club and the Rotary Club of Ikebukuro in Tokyo, Japan. A relationship between two Rotary Clubs across the oceans which has lasted for 50 years.

This enduring friendship is a shining example of what the mission of Rotary International is. It is a wonderful representation of what Rotary aims to achieve.

The Consul General of Japan, Mr. Kiya Makahiko spoke about the importance of the Australia Japan relationship and John Alexander MP reciprocated. We were also joined by David Clark, our District Governor, David Clarke.

The evening was meticulously organised by Narelle, Monica was the amazing MC on the night and the beautiful table decorations done by our very own Di Walker. A big thank you to all involved.





# Next Meeting - North Epping Public School – 24 May

Our primary Community project this year has been and continues to be the Community Garden in North Epping. It has given the club an opportunity to get together as a club and through hard physical work develop a beautiful garden which will give so much pleasure to the children of our community. The project is far from completed, but it is important to acknowledge the work that has been done in partnership of the North Epping Primary School.

On Monday we will have our guests the leadership team from the North Epping Primary School together with Glenn Gallagher, the school groundsman who will receive a **Pride of Workmanship** award to thank him for his hard work, positive attitude and generous facilitation of the Community Garden project at the school.



#### What's coming up



Rotary Club of Epping		
Monday Night Program 2020-2021	-	
Date	Venue	- Speaker
Monday, 24 May 2021	Hotel, Epping	North Epping Primary School Kerry Goldhagen, Relieving Principal Glenn Gallagher, School Groundsman
Monday, 31 May 2021	Hotel, Epping	Club Forum Discuss outcomes of Survey
Monday, 7 June 2021	Hotel, Epping	Stephanie Ho Polar Adventurer and Mountaineer
Monday, 14 June 2021	NO MEETING	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
Monday, 21 June 2021	Hotel, Epping	Rob Philips, Chairman, Bendigo Bank
Monday, 28 June 2021	Club, Epping	Changeover with District Governor Elect Lindsay May

## **Community Raffle Sales**

With the assistance of Ian, Deretta and I set up shop in North Epping last Saturday to sell our Community Raffle tickets. I've not done this before, so it was a new experience to me. We did sell \$275 in tickets, met a lot of people, distributed brochures, but most importantly, is it gave our Rotary club the exposure it so lacks in the community. Having the Banner there was brilliant – even though it kept falling in the wind!

If you have not done so already, I would encourage members to volunteer a couple of hours of their time on a Saturday morning to help over the next few weeks, either at North Epping Shopping Plaza or in Carlingford, Corner North Rocks Road and Plympton Road.

To book your spot, or for more information, please contact Deretta at secretary@eppingrotary.org.au

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Epping Rotary. BSB 633000 Account 135781490 Reference Your name + Raffle.



### **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.

# Bloody Long Walk in Sydney

It is a 35km challenge on Sunday, 14 November 2021 from Malabar to The Rocks; the event is owned and operated by the Mito Foundation.

Walk, jog or run and enjoy spectacular scenery whilst raising vital funds to help find cures for mitochondrial disease (mito).

Mito is a debilitating and potentially fatal genetic disorder that impairs the body's ability to convert food into the energy needed to power muscles and major organs; 1 in 200 people are at risk of developing mito. One Australian child born each week suffers a severe or life-threatening form of mito making it the second most commonly diagnosed serious genetic disease after cystic fibrosis.

#### If you are interested in joining, please contact Bruce.



# Food & Wine – The Epping Club Friday 6 August

Save the date. Colin Chua has booked three stands at the fair, with wine tasting All proceeds form his stall will go to Rotary projects.

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ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO A LOCAL CHARITY Book online or call customer service on 9876 4357

NON MEMBERS

It's that time of year again! The Epping Club's annual Food & Wine Festival is back!

Enjoy this exciting event from 6pm on Friday 6 August which is guaranteed to be a mecca of indulgence once again!

The event will feature our favourite brands and producers from across the state.

Of course, there's also the chance to sample the latest morsels from the delicious menu from Rawsons Restaurant.

Grab your friends and take advantage of the Epping Club's courtesy bus and enjoy a wonderful night.

Mark the calendar and buy your tickets now! Tickets are only \$10 for Members and \$15 for non-members which includes 8 tasting tickets, & you'll receive a complimentary take-home wine glass plus an entry into the lucky prize draw!

Afterwards enjoy the smooth sounds of the dapper Chris Gable performing live in the bar until late! View the bar menu here.

Book your tickets online or call the Concierge team now on 9876 4357.

For information on being a stall holder please contact us here.

#### e-Club of Greater Sydney

The document below is a summary of the work done through Rotary's Sydney e-club and a message from Tony Castley

Dear President Toula and Bruce,

Thank you for inviting me to your Ikebukuro 50th anniversary last night. It was a great pleasure to be back at the club where we have so many great memories.

In mentioning my 24 years in the club and my move to open the E-club of Greater Sydney, I failed to mention that Epping was the mother club which assisted me to open this club, and to thank again for that!

I also mentioned my International project experiences at Epping, and you may be interested to know that when I started the E-club, we encouraged membership from people who had their own international humanitarian project and/or foundation.

Today I received from my international director our international report for this year, and so I thought you might be interested to see it. Our club is rather unique in that we have 14 members with RAWCS projects and as a club we all help each other.

Thanks again for inviting me, and congratulations on a great evening. regards Tony



# **RIM ARTICLES**

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