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President Ian's Report

Report on Last Meeting:

Last week a friend and member of Carlingford Rotary Club talked about her involvement with 'Days for Girls' and the 'Sustainable Cambodia' programs which really turned into a lesson on Rotary Overseas Projects 101. Fay Kitto outlined how a small contribution by a number of committed Rotarians can make a huge difference to the lives of young people in rural Cambodia and help to overcome the poverty and disadvantage most young Cambodians endure. Both of these projects are well established and well supported through RAWCS.



Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd. (RAWCS) was formed to enable Australian Rotarians, Rotary Districts and Rotary Clubs to assist disadvantaged communities and individuals through humanitarian aid projects.

https://www.daysforgirls.org/australia/ https://www.sustainablecambodia.org/

Costs are around \$250USD to sponsor a high school student, and \$500USD for a university scholar for a full year. The sponsorship program is managed by Dennise Herrick, Rotary Club of Burwood

For anybody interested in becoming a sponsor, Fay said "Sponsorship money is paid via RAWCS, so your donation is an immediate tax deduction. The cost this year for my 2 high school students and 1 university scholar was \$1210.00AUD. It was paid in June, so the exchange rate was slightly better then."

Fay has sent some photos of the students that she sponsors, as well as a group of students at one of the villages we visited.



Many Rotarians travel together to see these projects firsthand and to take in the tourist sights along the way. Members attending 16 Visitors 3. **Monica Saville** OAM / PDG, PP and PHF ⁺⁸ celebrates 30 years of membership of Rotary and of the Epping Rotary Club this week. This is a huge achievement and Monica told stories last Monday night about what it was like to join a male centred Rotary organisation as only the third female member in the Epping Rotary Club. Thankfully both Rotary and our club have moved on from those days.

Monica continues to serve our club on the Board as Foundation Director and at District level and is without a doubt our most passionate Rotarian. Well done Monica.

New Community Director

I'm happy to announce that **Alister McLean** has agreed to fill the vacant **Community Director** position and will join our Board from the next meeting. Please assist Alister as he settles into his new role.

Walk against Domestic Violence – Castle Hill – Friday November 10th. The walk will be from the Castle Hill Shopping Precinct to the Castle Hill RSL club. Michelle Byrne (Rotary Club of Castle Hill) is the organiser or contact point. There are no further details at this stage, but we will talk about this next Monday night.

NEXT WEEK - September 25th No guest speaker but THREE BIG SUBJECTS

- 1. The Bert Parker Hall / Rotary Hall the latest information for members
- 2. Domestic Violence Walks who is interested and what are the choices?
- 3. The Regionalisation Project and Picking a Community

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
25 September	Members update on the Guide Hall: Lease Signing, Insurance, Bookings, Furniture	Epping Club
2 October	NO Meeting – Holiday	
9 October	TBA - Maybe a visit to the hall	
16 October	Primary School Debates with Betty	Boronia Grove
Date	Other Events	Venue
22 October	Clean-Up after the Granny Smith Festival, (Alister)	Eastwood
24 October	Ride the train to end Polio	Epping Station
6 November	Rotary Foundation Recognition Event	Epping Club
10 November	Walk against Domestic Violence	Castle Hill
15 March 24	District Conference	Terrigal



Youth Report

The \$6,750 application for our youth programs to the Epping Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) has been ratified by their Board. There is a stage 2 involving ratification by the central or national Board but that should be straightforward.

Thanks to Chris O'Brien for the applications. Thanks to BB for your ongoing support.

Epping Boys and Cheltenham Girls have both pledged two students for the February RYPEN program and I should have two students for RYLA in coming weeks. If anyone has a suggestion, please contact me. Betty does a wonderful job with our Primary School Debates and Langston Awards. Both these are coming in future weeks and are a must for all members.

Thanks Betty for your huge contributions both with these plus with the raffle and other Rotary activities.

School Presentation Days.

This is another traditional and ongoing Rotary community activity where we physically present community service related prizes to 10 local schools. If you'd like to help with the organisation or go to a school for the presentation please contact me.

I'd like to thank Deretta and Anne for the wonderful work they have done on this for many years. There is much more to it than meets the eye as I'm finding out.

Thanks Anne and Deretta for all you have done over the years and your help this year.

Bruce, Youth Director.

RIM ARTICLES

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

Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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