

Rotary Club of Epping



**2 May
2022**

Last Week – Meet the Candidates



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Club of Epping



Meet the Bennelong Candidates



John August
Fusion



Rhys Collyer
UAP



**Kyinzom
Dhongdue**
DPDA



**Simon
Kennedy**
LIB



Jerome Laxale
LAB



**Tony
Adams**
Greens

On Monday night we managed to secure 7 of the 8 Bennelong Candidates and held a highly successful combined meeting. We are very grateful to Epping Boys High School for allowing us to use the Edmond Barton Centre, which was a quiet, comfortable and spacious venue that worked well giving plenty of mingling space.

Peter, Tony and myself arrived at 3pm and set up all the tables and chairs and PA system. We left just after 4pm for a quick change and came back at 5pm to start setting up the candidate stalls before they arrived around 5.30 and we organised all the last-minute things. Deretta and Anne did the meeting and greeting at the door and Bruce helped before they arrived.

In the first hour everyone was fed a continual supply of sumptuous canapés while mingling with candidates and other guests at the rear of the hall. Becky Jacobs and Ewen Clements were a great help (unplanned) shuffling trays of food from the kitchen around the room to the guests and tables.

Once everyone was fed, everyone took their seats up the front and the question-and-answer segment began. The whole evening was a very well-structured with Tony Hackett introducing the evening and then Peter Garrard taking over with cleverly worded questions. We were lucky to have Ian Bittner as timekeeper and most stopped speaking immediately when the bell was rung. It moved along very smoothly with everyone listening intently, for just over an hour and a half. Answers were given with dignity and pride and all candidates showed compassion, thoughtfulness, and a visible desire to help our community.

The feedback has been very positive with many thank you emails and compliments on the thoroughness of the questions and answers and how well the evening went.

John Booth and helpers from TWT present and we should be in the paper this coming week. Andrew Hall came and took photos and videos. **See the link to the photos and videos [here](#)**

Thank you to Peter, Bruce, Andrew, Ben Yee, Tom McKibbin and everyone else who assisted and stayed and helped clean up.

Betty Ockerlander



Canapes and Cocktails on the Bay

After several postponements to this event, due to Covid 19, 'Canapes and Cocktails on the Bay' in support of the San Isidro Garden Project, finally took place on Saturday 30 April at the home of Craig and Diana Gallagher and the home of Sharyn Hubert. Around 30 people attended - Rotarians, members of the Gallagher and Hubert families and friends. Whilst the weather was not the best to begin with, later in the afternoon the rain stopped, the sun shone and we were able to appreciate the beautiful views of the Parramatta River. Family members assisted with the serving of drinks and the delicious finger food that was offered continuously. We all enjoyed the opportunity to relax, chat to others and 'eat, drink and be merry!'

It was great to have Phil Atkins and his wife Dawn there. Phil is the Coordinator of the San Isidro Garden Project and the Feeding Program. Epping Rotary, through RAWCS, funds the Garden Project whilst other sponsors support the Feeding Program. Phil shared the latest photos of the thriving garden and provided us with an update. It was great to have the chance to ask questions of Phil too. For the past 2 years, the children have not been at school and since they do not have computers, the teachers had to prepare the lessons on paper for the students. So, printers were purchased for the teachers to assist with this. During the lockdown, packs of food were provided for the poorest families once a month. In the last 2 months, some schooling has resumed and approximately 200 children are back with 'face to face' teaching. The twice weekly feeding of these students has recommenced. The garden is at the stage of the cycle where replanting is being done, so we will look forward to seeing the garden's progress in the near future. Phil has informed us that a small sign indicating Epping Rotary's support will soon be erected in the garden. A couple of Rotarians suggested perhaps a trip to the Philippines to visit the school and see the garden could be considered in the not too distant future.

Thank you to our very gracious hosts, Craig, Diana and Sharyn for their wonderful hospitality and work in ensuring a most successful cocktail party. Approximately \$3500 was raised by this event.

Narelle



Upcoming Meetings

Our Rotary meeting next Monday night, 9 May, will be a visit to Gallery 11.11 at 227 Malton Rd, North Epping (corner of Norfolk Road where the entrance is located), followed by dinner at Pho Sam. The **Gallery visit will be from 6pm – 7pm**, followed by dinner. If you haven't already put your name down to attend on the sheet that was circulated a few weeks ago, **please email Deretta as soon as possible**. We need to provide numbers to Gallery 11.11 owner, Melony Smirniotis and also book for dinner. Partners are welcome.

On **16 May**, we will be back at the Epping Hotel for our meeting. Our guest speaker will be from Minimbah which provides quality and trusted support to children and adults with complex intellectual disabilities at their centre at Marsfield (NSW), in and around local communities, and in people's homes. Our Club has a positive relationship with Minimbah so it will be great to hear from them and how the organisation has fared during the pandemic.

Narelle

Club Program

Monday, May 09, 2022	Social Night	Gallery 11:11 Visit & Dinner	Pho Sam Restaurant
Monday May 16 2022	Wayne Newell CEO Minibah	Disability Services	Epping Hotel

Our 60th Guest Speaker.

At last Sunday's District Assembly, I was fortunate enough to meet **Shane Fitzsimmons** who'd just delivered an impressive presentation. He'll be very good for our special night.

Bruce



Colin and Police Officer of the Year Awards.

Colin (PHF) is one of our most generous and community minded members. Please see Colin's special award and his details of it.

Congratulations and thanks Colin.

Bruce

Hi Bruce,

I sponsored the District NSW police awards of the year every year. Pay for the food and drinks for the Police getting awards. The police nominees come from different areas from general duties, detectives, PCYC, highway patrol.

The night is to give something back to the police officers who does a good job in the community. And also raised funds for the Police legacy and rotary foundation. I got the award because I have been sponsoring for the last 10 years. I just normally support for the two tables and for the food

and drinks and lucky door prizes and raffles. Always good to give something back service about self.

Colin



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

Rotary Foundation donations

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU!

The Rotary Foundation has received \$2,750 from Epping Rotarians as a result of their Centurion donations.

Twenty-five people donated \$100 which qualifies them to be Centurions. Most members directed their donations to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund which finances grants to Rotary clubs and districts for humanitarian and educational projects. Two Rotarians donated their \$100 each to Rotary's Polio eradication program. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation 2:1 commitment means that a further \$400 will be added to that making \$600 to PolioPlus.

Five Rotarians donated \$50 each which is most appreciated. In addition, 3 Rotarians have either donated or are in the process of donating US\$1,000 as Paul Harris Society members.

Thank you to all the Rotarians who have donated so generously to The Rotary Foundation this year.

Remember every US\$1 donated earns you a credit towards a Paul Harris Fellow recognition or a sapphire or ruby pin.

Monica Saville
Rotary Foundation Director

Visit from Short North Rotary Club, Ohio

Deretta and I were fortunate enough to host Jessica Hollins and her son Evan, last Friday at the Rawson restaurant.

Jessica is a very committed and passionate Rotarian from the Short North Rotary Club in Ohio. She is in Australia for several weeks visiting her son, Evan, and daughter who attends Macquarie University. Jessica and her Club have a project making blankets for children in foster care. If interested contact Deretta or myself or email info@myveryownblanket.org

Evan is an impressive young man who works with Resmed and lives at Eastwood.

Evan is a guru on Robotics and the games and sports they play. Sounded fascinating and I'll be asking him to be a guest speaker to entertain us with a video and oral presentation in the second half of the year.

Bruce



Salvation Army Trivia Night

A Trivia Night will be held on 13 May for the Red Shield Appeal. The Ryde Salvation Army zone is encouraging local community organisations, like Rotary, to attend. It would be great if Epping Rotary could have some tables of 8 or 10. We have 1 table and a few extras already, so if you would like to join us, please let Narelle know (nbar1603@gmail.com) by Monday 9 May, if you are interested.

RED SHIELD APPEAL 2022
RYDE & HUNTERS HILL ZONE



TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY 13TH MAY 2022 - DOORS OPEN 7PM - TRIVIA STARTS 7.30PM
NORTH RYDE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS HALL - 201 COXS ROAD - NORTH RYDE

\$20 per person - bring a team of 8 or join a table on the night

BOOKINGS - PHONE 02 98871147 - EMAIL redshieldryde@gmail.com

COFFEE AND HOT CHOCOLATE INCLUDED IN DOOR FEE
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District Governor's Newsletter – 5 May (extract)

This is my penultimate column and there's much to report.

Tania and I attended the NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards (POOTY) Friday 29 April along with 550 guests and acknowledged the remarkable work of so many divisions within the NSW Police Force. Attending was Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC and Mr. Wilson and Commissioner Karen Webb. Both impressive leaders and their presence added to the atmosphere of a dedicated force congratulating and remembering their own.

- This is an opportunity to work alongside police, who know what's happening in your community and where need exists. There's great membership potential, especially retiring police officers and I urge clubs to identify police in their area and nominate when the awards open. Due to the pandemic, the 2022 awards will be presented in November.
- Rotary Emergency Services Awards (RESCA) close May 10
- Rotary Inspirational Women Awards (RIWA) close June 9

Club Anniversaries: 1972 was a very productive year for Rotary in then District 968 with six Clubs chartered in that calendar year. Congratulations to; Gosford North, The Entrance, Richmond, Beecroft, Carlingford and Lindfield now part of Ku-ring-gai. Add to these Epping's 60th. Just imagine the positive impact these Clubs alone have had on their communities for over 50 years of service. Thus far we've attended The Entrance, then Gosford North and a review of their Service over 50 years is an extraordinary list of achievements and fundraising.

Awards: We don't join Rotary for recognition but over the years various forms of acknowledgement and awards have been created to recognise those members and Clubs that surpass normal service to their communities. Please review the criteria and make submissions to recognise outstanding effort.

- Rotary International and Rotary Foundation Award details are at myrotary.org
- District Awards criteria is on the D9685 website
- Golden Quill and Avenue of Service Application forms also on D9685 website.

• **District applications close May 27**

D9685 Greater Sydney Flood Appeal: Donate at [RAWCS Greater Sydney Flood Appeal](#)

Our Flood Appeal is at a remarkable ~~\$100,500~~ \$102,600 and already \$47,000 in gift cards has been distributed to people affected in the Hawkesbury area. We also get a 5% discount on the cards so are actually distributing value of \$107,750. Thanks to Clubs and individuals for your generosity. This is additional to \$34,500 already distributed from The Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Grant. Thanks to David Dean who has led the heavy lifting and the clubs and members (see David Dean's TRF report) who have distributed gift cards and continue to do so. This appeal will close soon, once we transfer the last dollar.



Speaking of inspirational women,
We celebrate all Mothers
Enjoy Sunday May 8th
Our best wishes
and Thank you

Stay safe.

DG Lindsay May and Tania

Lindsay May OAM

District Governor 2021-2022

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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