

Rotary

Club of Epping



**20 June
2022**

Co-presidents' Corner

Our speaker on Monday 20 June was Emily Twedell, General Manager of Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter. This is a not-for-profit organisation that provides services to assist women and mothers with their children experiencing domestic abuse and homelessness.

Domestic abuse or domestic violence may include physical violence, sexual assault, emotional abuse, financial control, social isolation, digital abuse and coercive control.

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter offer three services:

1. **Hornsby Shelter** is a crisis home, undistinguishable from other houses on the street. It houses up to 10 women and their children for a maximum of three months. The team assesses the needs of each woman and provides her with a personalised holistic service.
2. Residents **Beecroft House** are women over 55 years of age. A maximum of 30 women can reside there for a maximum of 3 years.
3. An **Outreach Service** offers care and support for referred cases.



1 in 6 women

One in six Australian women has experienced physical or sexual violence by her current or former partner

ONE murder per week

On average, one Australian woman a week is murdered by her current or formal partner

482

Incidents of domestic violence related assault in the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai LGAs in 20/21.

Police Work

40% of Police work is related Domestic Violence

Homelessness

Domestic or family violence is a leading driver of Homelessness

\$22 Billion

Estimated cost of violence against women and children in Australia in 2015-16



Rotary Visitors

We had a special visitors on Monday, all the way from Pune Parvati, in India, near Mumbai. Our visitors were president-elect Amarnath Kotbagi and his wife Ujjawala, both members of the Pune Parvati Rotary Club in district 3131. Amar and Ujjawala are in Australia visiting their daughter who lives in Epping



Toula

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker	Topic	Location
Friday 24 June 2022	60th Anniversary of Charter of the Club and Changeover 22/23.		Epping Club
Monday, June 27, 2022	No Meeting		
Monday, July 04, 2022	Councillor Cameron Maclean	Parramatta Council Epping Ward	Epping Club
Monday, July 11, 2022	Robin Walsh Retired Research Librarian	Elizabeth Macquarie 1778-1835	Epping Club
Monday, July 18, 2022	Nirinjan Deodhar & Panel President Beecroft Rotary	Regionalisation of Rotary	TBA
Monday, July 25, 2022	Rob Wilkinson & Tina Clifton	Riding for the Disabled	TBA

Rotary
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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>



TWT Acknowledges 60th

Hello Bruce,

Thanks for the invitation to the AGM of the Rotary Club of Epping. I would very much like to attend but unfortunately, I will still be in Austria on that date.

I would have especially liked to attend because I was at the inaugural meeting of the Club 60 years ago and was guest speaker on an early occasion when I was a Ryde Council alderman and stirrer known as John Action Booth! And screened one of my movies which included the special clash in the water polo at Melbourne Olympic Games.

I have been trying to recall the names of the early presidents....

Anyway I wish you a most successful 60 years celebration and look forward to catching up again soon.

*Cheers
-Keep Smiling!*

*John F Booth AM
Managing Editor*

Weekend in Wiseman's Ferry - August 20-22

Trevor and I are organising a special weekend to Wiseman's Ferry on the weekend of August 20-22, staying Saturday and Sunday nights at the Retreat Resort. The Board endorsed the evening last night and encourages as many members and families to enjoy the weekend.

Early days but around 14 have indicated interest with around 24 expected overall.

It's a combination of historic sites and events, beautiful scenery, friendship, walks from very easy to challenging and banter.

It'll be a similar format to the very successful Leura weekend last year.

Cost for a Standard Room at Retreat at Wiseman is around \$146 for the Saturday night and \$124 for the Sunday night. Their Superior Room is around \$30 per night more expensive.

Contact me and I can do a group booking for our discount.

I need to confirm numbers by July 4 and a deposit paid by July 11.

While I'll organise the accommodation, our tour and walk guru, Trevor, will oversee the day activities.

Bruce



Rates vary depending on whether you want a Superior Room (\$175 for Saturday night, \$155 for Sunday night) or a Standard Room(\$150 Saturday night, \$125 Sunday night). These are tentative figures but will be close to the mark.

We need to book within the next two weeks so please contact me ASAP if interested. Already 7 members have expressed interest and 5 with their partners.

Don't contact the Retreat yet, but please contact me. Trevor will be organising the day's walks, history lessons, drives etc while I'll organise the accommodation and suggested meals.

There will be variable options available during each day.

There is also an opportunity to either make it just a day visit (it's about an hour from Epping) or one night, although they state you must book two nights at the weekend; I'll try to negotiate if anyone wants this. Most who have expressed enthusiasm have indicated two nights is their preference.

The area abounds in history with the original Great North Road rated the greatest engineering feat of the 19th Century.

Bruce and Trevor

Veera – One of Our Exchange Students – Ordained as a Priest

For those who were members of Epping Rotary Club in 2013-2014 will remember Veera Ruti as our exchange student from Finland. We had a wonderful year with Veera touching the hearts of many members.

I asked her to write an article about her recent big event, becoming a priest in the Helsinki Diocese. We as a Club wish her all the best in her new journey.

Congratulations Veera.

Peter Garrard

Hey everyone! Greetings from sunny and warm Finland. I am here to tell you what happened to me last week. I graduated university around a month ago. I studied Theology at University of Eastern Finland, in Joensuu. In March I got a message from Helsinki and they wanted me as a priest in their congregation. I was so surprised because it is not so easy to get a job straight after university.

Well, it wasn't that easy to start working. When I graduated, I was only the Master of Theology. If you want to have an ordination, to become a priest, you have to get at least six months job offer. After that you have different kind of interviews with a chapter of Helsinki where they test you, if you are good enough to be ordained. You also have a talk with a bishop who runs the diocese in Helsinki. They want to be sure that there are only good priests around Finland.

After all these interviews we had a training where we learned and talked about our life as priests. That training was very good and showed me that this is the job I want to do, be with people and help them.

I became a priest on the 26th May. Ordination was held at the Helsinki cathedral. The ceremony was big and very emotional, at least for me and my family. There were eight of us to be ordained and I was the youngest. In fact, there are over 900 priests in Helsinki diocese, and I am the youngest!

At the ceremony we gave promises, such as serve the church as priests, and we promised to believe in God and tell about Him to the others etc. After that they dressed us up in chasubles and stoles. It was very emotional, to be there after all the studies. I was suffered the fact I didn't believe myself and thought that I wasn't good enough. That day made me realise, that was the direction, I was meant to follow.

I am very happy to be here now, able to serve the God and the Lutheran church, now in Helsinki and maybe somewhere else later, as a priest. It has been my dream and now it came true. It is hard to believe it yet, but maybe in some point I will understand it. This summer I will have my first services as a priest, it is very exciting, and I am looking forward to it. I hope you are all well over there. Lots of love from Finland.



District Governor's Message and District Changeover

This is the final eNews and it's a partly sad and partly relieved DG and soon to be PDG signing off.

It has been my most fulfilling year in Rotary due to your efforts and your support of myself and Tania through a challenging time. Much of what I wished to say is covered in an email of June 9 and so far, almost 1000 members have read it, but simply thank you and well done as you served and changed lives. So we can appropriately thank everyone, you are encouraged to attend [District Changeover](#) on Saturday July 2, 6.30 for 7pm at Hornsby RSL. We can celebrate and welcome DGE Mina Howard and Larry to the leadership of this outstanding Rotary district and we get to do it all over again.

REGISTER HERE

Please read the following flyer.

It would be great if others could join Toula, Narelle, Monica, John Fenessey and myself to make it a full Epping Rotary Table.

Bruce

A flyer with a purple-to-pink gradient background. On the left side, there is a faint, stylized gear icon. The text is centered and reads:

DISTRICT 9685 Changeover 2022
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm 2nd July 2022
Hornsby RSL Club
4 High St, Hornsby NSW 2077
\$55 per head
Cocktail Attire

Ryde Changeover

The Rotary Club of Ryde

warmly invite you to join us at our 77th Annual Changeover

Sunday 10 July 2022

12.00pm for 12.30pm

Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, Rydedale Rd, West Ryde

\$50 per person

RSVP: Friday 1 July 2022 bhorrell65@gmail.com
EFT Payments to Ryde Rotary General Account
BSB 633-000, Acc No. 163462302
Include Reference: 10July



Epping Rotary Through the Years – an Impressive History

In the lead up to our Club's 60th Anniversary here is a summary of the fourth and fifth decades of our great club:

Monica Saville

The Nineties – A Decade of Change (1992-2001)

The Club

The Fourth decade of Epping Rotary saw a great deal of change. Meeting venues moved from Araluen to Epping RSL in Oxford St, the new Epping Club in Rawson Street and to Boronia Grove. The Club meetings were still formal with the President wearing the collar with the names of the Presidents on it but the dress code relaxed a little, much to the horror of some members! Membership fluctuated between 57 to 61 then 54, with 51 inductions and 54 resignations in those 10 years. The most significant membership change was the induction of three women in 1993 and several more during the decade. During this decade many members were involved in District leadership and committees.

Social activities included, theatre parties, dress up theme nights, a dinner at Ryde TAFE to watch the Olympic Games on TV afterwards, weekends away, the attendance at District Conferences and several overseas trips of groups of members and partners extending and strengthening the Club's international relationships. These included Japan in 1993, China in 1993 and 1998, and Southern Africa in 1999. Members also visited the Club's 2nd sister club – Monza Ovest in Italy, and Nepal and Vanuatu to work on humanitarian projects such as the dental vans in Nepal and work on the Port Vila hospital in Vanuatu.

The Club Presidents

During this decade the Club was led by Athol McCoy (1991-92), Tony Castley (1992-93), Kerry Brownsey (1993-94), John Hayes (1994-95), Graham Simons (1995-96) David Stewart (1996-97), Monica Saville (1997-98), Ken Beacom (1998-99), Ian Mckay (1999-2000) and John Payne (2000-01)

Fundraising

Major fundraisers were the Markets run with Eastwood Rotary in the grounds of Eastwood PS for several years and which raised just over \$200,000. Later, five charity golf days at Pennant Hills Golf Club raised \$95,000. At the suggestion of Epping Rotary, three local schools conducted walkathons and raised \$10,000 for the Rotary Adolescent wing at the new Westmead Hospital. The Club participated in the Harbour Tunnel, the Eastern Distributor Tunnel walk and the opening of the M2 motorway. A sportsmen's dinner, selling food, candles and programs at the annual Carols in Boronia Park all raised funds for club projects.

Projects

The Club generously donated to the new Jacaranda Lodge at the SAN hospital, the Epilepsy Association of NSW, Youth Off The Streets, cleft palates in Nepal, Careflight, a defibrillator for the NSW Ambulance Service, fish farms in Thailand, "The Shack" for teenagers in Epping, Australian Rotary Health, The Rotary Foundation and many more worthy causes. The catering caravan was used to distribute food for firefighters in the 1994 bushfires.

The harbour cruise for seniors was expanded. Two more Probus clubs were formed, taking the total sponsored by Epping Rotary to six. Bowelscan – bowel cancer early detection kits - were sold to members and the public through local pharmacies. Two more shadehouses – at Epping PS and Epping North PS – were constructed as part of the "Trees for Survival " project. Primary School debates commenced in 1998 and a war memorial was built in Boronia Park. All the established Youth programs continued – Youth Exchange, RYPEN, RYLA, Science Summer Schools, High School debates and School Citizenship Awards.

The Club received several Rotary International Presidential Citations and District Awards for outstanding performance during this decade.

The New Millennium (2001-2012)

The Club

The new millennium saw many changes in both the suburb of Epping and the Rotary Club of Epping. A new 98 unit 9 storey residential/commercial building, the new railway from Epping to Chatswood, a new railway station and pedestrian overpass on Beecroft Road and the increased migration from overseas, all signalled changes to come.

A significant comment from a long time member was "The prestige that was once associated with being a member of a Rotary Club was not carried through to the new millennium". Over the decade the membership fell from 54 to 32. Many of the "traditions" such as singing songs, Rotary Grace and the National Anthem at all meetings were gradually phased out to make the meetings more "business like".

Two members, Monica Saville (2007-08) and Tony Castley (2008-09) became District Governors and Epping members were joined by Carlingford Club to organise and conduct Monica's District Conference in 2008 – a major but highly successful undertaking. District Conferences were very well attended by Epping members and partners and were excellent social events. They were held in Canberra, Wollongong, Newcastle, Tamworth, Bathurst, Dubbo and Port Macquarie.

Approximately 300 members of the Epping community have been members of Epping Rotary in the first 50 years of the Club. \$300,000 has been raised for local and overseas projects and charities and despite the reduction in membership, remained a vibrant and active Club.

The Club Presidents

Leading the Club during this decade were: Graham Stevens (2001-02), Ava Emdin (2002-03), John Goddard (2003-04), John Corney (2004-05), John Edwards (2006-07), Peter Slattery (2007-08), Peter Tugwell (2008-09), Graham Stevens (2009-10) and Ian Bittner (2010-11).

Projects

The Terry's Creek Environment project was the outstanding initiative of President Graham Stevens. Epping Rotarians, together with Work for the Dole people and Hornsby and Ryde Councils constructed a 4km walking track along Terry's Creek, linking Eastwood Station and The Great North Walk. The Club received the District Community Service Award for this project.

Epping Rotary was instrumental in the early funding of the District Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program which commenced in 2001. Applications for grants from The Epping Club under the Community Support Development Scheme were successful and still continue annually. BOC Ltd became significant and generous sponsors of the program and remain so today. Epping Rotarians have been day managers and volunteers at RYDA over the years.

The relationship between The Epping Club and Epping Rotary continued as they worked together to deliver 7 annual Epping Street Fairs in a closed off section of Rawson Street. A talent quest and art show were held in conjunction with each Fair.

The graffiti removal project in Epping was commenced by President John Edwards. Residents, business people and politicians wholeheartedly supported Epping Rotarians in this project. John was recognised by Prime Minister John Howard for this initiative.

Throughout this decade all the established Youth, Community, Vocational and International programs flourished. Sister Club relationships were celebrated with Tokyo Ikebukuro in Japan and Monza Ovest in Italy and vibrant social functions were enjoyed by Rotarians, partners and families.

In this decade Epping Rotarians also visited Tokyo Ikebukuro Rotary, attended several world conventions and visited China, Mongolia and Russia, meeting with Rotarians, working on educational and humanitarian programs including conducting a Model United Nations Assembly at the Maritime State University in Vladivostok. All these programs promoted international friendships and goodwill.

Mental Health First Aid

Michele (Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains) and Cheryl Kitto (Springwood Rotary Club) has recently completed their qualification to teach accredited Mental Health First Aid.

This course was extremely interesting and beneficial to all those who attended. In the current social environment, it could be of great help to be able to assist anyone in need. Michele and Cheryl would like to teach as many members of our community as they can and are offering a course to fellow Rotarians and Volunteers.

Happy to also cater specifically for your club/organisation with a minimum number of 8 members. Feel free to ask for more information.

Attached is a flyer that has dates, times and how to book details if you could pass this on to your members and interested parties, please.

Thank you for supporting a great Rotary project.
Best wishes,
Michele Ellery



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Michele & Cheryl will be holding a

Mental Health First Aid Course

on

Thursday 14th & Friday 15th July 2022

at

Glenbrook Guide Hall, 10 Hare st, Glenbrook

8:30 for a 9am start until approx. 4.30pm both days

Cost: \$50 (for workbook and lunch both days)

(These courses normally cost \$280.00)

We are only requesting funds to cover costs

*Please contact Michele of your interest in attending
including any dietary requirements?*

Michele Ellery

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RIM ARTICLES

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Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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