

# Rotary

## Club of Epping



# 21 February 2022

### Co-Presidents' Corner

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our first face-to-face meeting back since December. A special thank you to our six members who joined us on zoom and who persevered, in spite of some technology difficulties.

Our speaker last Monday was Nick Hubble, the Chief Operating Officer of Sydney Olympic Park. Nick interfaces between the public and private sectors on commercial transactions and development in the sports, venues, events, and urban development sectors.

He gave us an insider's view of what it takes to run the 600 hectare Park, in which 500 people reside and where 18,000 people work. 5000 events a year are held at the sites within the Park, including major events such as the Rugby World Cup, Invictus Games, State of Origin and the Bredisloe Cup.

The 105th Rotary International Convention was held there in 2015 when more than 18,000 Rotary members from over 150 countries came together to experience the global reach of Rotary. The vision of the organisers was always to plan an Olympic venue that would be used by the community after the games. To a very large extent, this vision has come true and is the envy of many other Olympic venues around the world where the venues easily turn into white elephants.

There are future plans to continue to grow the community engagement and nightlife within the Park, through more residential dwellings and additional businesses employing a total of 30 thousand people. In addition to the current rail link, the Parramatta Light Rail project (stage 2) also plans to connect the Park to the Light Rail network.

Nick's responsibilities are huge and his job keeps him awake at night, he says. But he also gets to meet celebrity stars and exceptional sports men and women from around the world.

**Toula**

## Next Monday

# Joint Meeting

We are delighted to have a joint meeting with the West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Rotary Club on Monday. 22 members and partners of their club will join us to hear our guest speaker, Ron Edwards.



**Rob Edwards** is a highly regarded motivational speaker and a member of the Rotary Club of Corrimal in Wollongong.

Rob has a long history of significant philanthropic initiatives that resulted in an Order of Australia Medal in 2020. His accomplishments include the following:

- He took a year out with a group of 20 to develop and implement a wilderness-based rehabilitation program for young offenders.
- He founded and manages [Its Time Foundation](#) that replaces diesel power with solar in remote island schools.
- He developed the [Plastic Free Oceans](#) social media platform.
- He also established a [Women's Health and Resilience](#) program, bringing well-being education to women in remote areas of Fiji.

He will be talking to us about sustainability, fundraising and the work of It's Time Foundation. Join us at what promises to be a great evening!

## Events Update

2022 Club Program			
Date	Speaker	Topic	Location
Saturday, February 26, 2022	Paramatta Walk	Trevor Organising	Paramatta
Monday, February 28, 2022	Rob Edwards It's Time Foundation Joint Meeting with West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Rotary Club	Sustainability	Epping Hotel Face-to-Face

Monday, March 07, 2022	Youth Night	Celebration of Youth	Epping Club Face-to-face
Monday, March 14, 2022	Dr. Mayada Kayali	President, Women's International Club, Canberra	Epping Hotel Face-to-Face
Saturday, March 19, 2022	District Conference	District 9685	Rooty Hill RSL

Note to members – The raffle jackpot is \$656.60

## You are Invited - Paramatta Walk – 26 February

in fact, all Rotarians and their friends and families are invited to participate in a leisurely walk through the Parramatta area. You will enjoy the exercise, the camaraderie of fellow Rotarians and see a little of the history of the Colony's Second Settlement.

**When?** Saturday 26th February

**Meet** outside the Darcy Street entrance to Parramatta Station at 9.30am OR

**Meet** outside the Tudor Gate of Parramatta Park (corner O'Connell and George Streets) at 11.15am. This is where we will be having morning tea.

**Bring** a sandwich, snacks and a drink for lunch in Parramatta Park.

**Finish** back at Parramatta Station 1.30pm with an optional extension to visit Australia's oldest (European) grave.

**Getting there.** By train is the easiest. Parking is tricky. Parramatta Park is always available but limited to 1 – 3 hours.

PLEASE Email me on [temcalister@optusnet.com.au](mailto:temcalister@optusnet.com.au) or text me on 0449 126 896 if you are intending to come along (morning or afternoon or both). This is important as I need to be able to advise you of any last-minute changes to the arrangements.

**Thank you, Trevor**

## Epping Rotary Board 22-23

It is with pleasure that we announce the Board of 2022/2033, as confirmed by the AGM. A huge congratulations to Bruce Jacob, who has put his hand up to lead our club for the fourth time as president.



### BOARD MEMBERS 2022\_2023

Role	Name
President	Bruce Jacob
Immediate Past Presidents	Toula Serna & Narelle Barker
President Elect	TBD
Club Service Director	Toula Serna
Secretary	Deretta Andrews
Treasurer	John Corney
Community Service Director	Peter Garrard
Youth Service Director	Bruce Jacob Anne Robinson
International Service Director	John Corney
Rotary Foundation	Monica Saville
Vocational Service Director	Alex Thomas
Membership Director	John Fenessy
Corporate Relations	Betty Ockerlander

### OAM – Congratulation Narelle & David

In the Queen's Birthday Honours June 2021, Epping Rotarian Narelle Barker was awarded an AM 'For Significant Service to Education, and to the community' and David Taylor, Honorary Epping Rotarian, was awarded an OAM for 'For Service to Veterans'.

Due to Covid, the awards presentation ceremony scheduled for September 2021 was postponed to February 2022. To ensure the safety of recipients, guests and officials, Government House NSW held 3 investiture ceremonies every day for 8 days in early/mid-February. These proved more intimate and considered very successful, so much so that Government House is likely to continue to hold these smaller ceremonies into the future.

On Friday 18 February, both Narelle and David, coincidentally out of the 24 ceremonies, were presented with their medals and certificates at the same ceremony. It was a beautiful day weatherwise and a wonderful occasion for family and friends of recipients. Congratulations to them both. Attached is a photo of David, his wife Barbara and Narelle.



### **Clubrunner & MyRotary**

Deretta has given a summary of what to expect from out Rotary Web systems

**CLUBRUNNER** holds a lot of club members' data

e.g. Name, Address, email address(es) phone number(s) for Home and Work, birth date, date joined Rotary and date joined Epping, Member RI number, member access code for Clubrunner e.g. 70 or 80 is for view only; (Execs code is 30); change password; Organisation has a list of Executives (Board) year after year - I enter them once we have the Board finalised for the following year; fields that are allowed to be viewed by Club, District and RI i.e. My Rotary

**MY ROTARY** has a subset of Clubrunner data. Overnight (or every 3 days) there is synchronisation from Clubrunner to My Rotary never the reverse. So if an update is made to My Rotary, then the data must be updated in Clubrunner as well. To save hassles, it is better to update Clubrunner. Here, they too have the Execs listed; our half yearly invoice for RI dues is here in USD and Aussie Dollars. There's other "stuff" but they are the common ones used. Also, there are learning centres in My Rotary that we are encouraged to use. I haven't yet checked to see for ease of use or relevance.

**CLUB CENTRAL** is in My Rotary and that's where targets for the Citation are entered. Some of the results like member numbers are updated in Club Central. Some other results have to be manually entered. It contains data from members, and summarised at Club and District Level such as the number of members we have now versus our target for the year versus previous years. In Club Central, we update the fields for the thirteen (13) targets (of the 25 options in the District Directory) that we set in order for the club to achieve the Citation.

That is it in a nutshell, more details are available but it is debatable whether you need to know about that. If you don't understand something please come back to me.

Kind regards,  
**Deretta**

### **Stephanie Ho - Our Amazing 2021 Guest Speaker Adventurer**

I'm working on a new project this year - I got a bit restless waiting to do the Greenland crossing in May 2023, so I decided to set a bit of a short term goal.

Basically, I'll be running from Canberra to Sydney in July to raise funds for the school I taught at in Nepal. I'm hoping to raise \$30,000 to build a science lab there.

I'm currently in the process of putting together support crew - specifically two drivers for the campervans to stay on the road with the team for 9 days. I also will be needing two campervans (I will make sure they're

insured) - if you happened to know anyone who had one and wouldn't mind lending it for 9 days that would be amazing. Regarding support crew, would you know anyone who might be interested (even yourself)? Here are some details about the run:

**Distance:** 360km. Running the equivalent of a marathon everyday for 9 days.

**Dates:** 21-29 July 2022

**Route:** Canberra Girls Grammar Senior School to North Sydney Girls High School

**Fundraising for:** Shree Mahalaxmi Secondary School in Nepal. I taught at this school in 2020 and saw a lot that could be improved. I aim to raise \$30,000 to build a science lab at this school.

**I'm looking for:**

**Support crew:** 2 people (driving the campervans)

**Campervans:** 2 x 3 berth

Perhaps some people at the club might be interested? Anyway, feel free to give me a buzz anytime if you would like to discuss.

Thanks!



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<https://www.gofundme.com/f/c2s-run-for-nepal>

## An Invitation from Pennant Hills



The Pennant Hills Rotary Club  
invites you to our combined  
Australia Day Merit Award Dinner  
and  
62<sup>nd</sup> Club Birthday Celebration  
on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Time: 6.30pm -7.00pm  
at  
The Pennant Hills Golf Club, Beecroft  
Cost \$45 per person for a 2-course  
meal  
Guest Speaker: Janelle Dodd  
'Days for Girls'

RSVP: 4 March 2022  
Phone: 0415 233 575  
Email:  
pennanthillsrotary@gmail.com

Please send your reply to the phone or email address below.

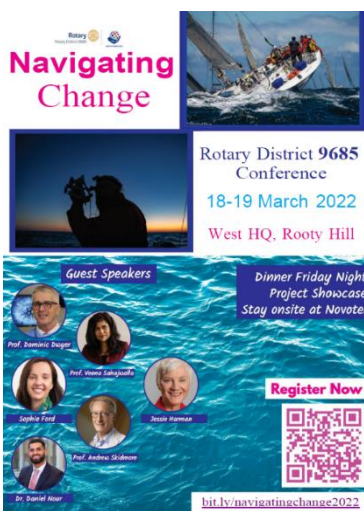
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## District 9685 Conference 2022



All members are strongly encouraged to attend the District Conference, which is planned in West HQ, Rooty Hill on 18/19 March 2022. An optional extra is the Friday night dinner and stay in an adjacent hotel. A group of us are already committed and it should be an informative and fun weekend for all. A registration package has been organised and includes discounted rates for Early Bird registration until 31 December 2022. I have summarised the options in the table below. For more information, please navigate to the [Registration Website](#)

### Registration Options for District Conference 2022

		Rates
Friday 18 March	Friday Night Dinner	\$99
Saturday 19 March	Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opened by NSW Police Band</li> <li>• High action, fast paced presentations</li> <li>• Leading speakers in their field</li> <li>• Long breaks to visit your Project Showcase</li> <li>• Closed with Sundowners</li> </ul>	\$199
Accommodation at <a href="#">Novotel Sydney West HQ</a>	Please call 9832 3888 and quote booking code ROTA2022	

## RIM ARTICLES

Please send RIM articles to Alan at [alan.baker.om@gmail.com](mailto:alan.baker.om@gmail.com) or [rob@tosswill.com](mailto:rob@tosswill.com)

Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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