

# 21 November 2022

## Quote

"The Rotary Foundation is "our charity", with a mission to "do good in the world"." District Directory.

## **Bruce's Banter**

There is much discussion on changing the title from The Rotary Foundation to Our Rotary Foundation. Subtle change but personally it resonates with me. Your thoughts? Either way, \$17.50 from each sale of Trevor's book goes to The / Our Rotary Foundation.

The Board decided to give \$500 to the RAWCS Central West NSW Flood Appeal. Several Club individuals also donated collectively \$300, so John Corney on Wednesday facilitated \$800 transfer to this worthy cause. Thanks John.

I'd also like to thank Deretta and Anne who continually help with the attendance and money collection. Thanks ladies.

While Ian and Deretta appear to have Araluen's BBQ under control on Saturday, it'd be good to see members supporting these stalwarts. Please wear your Epping Rotary shirt and hat to such events.

Had a very productive meeting with Ryan Clark's replacement, Steven Fairhurst, today. Good, sensible bloke who is keen to continue the current Monday program with us.

#### Cowra District Conference. March 17-19.

Put this date in your diary. We've had great fun over the last two years with weekends to Leura and Wisemans Ferry.

This will be similar except on a larger scale. Accommodation is getting tight and next week I'll be booking some accommodation. Let me know if you'd like to join us on this special weekend.

## Last Monday. International Night.

A great night with a lovely atmosphere and vibe. 42 attended with about 50% members and 50% guests. The evening was subsidised by Epping Community Bank and was a great success.

A huge thanks and congratulations to Toula who did was excellent as coordinator and visionary. The challenge is stages 2 and 3 as follow up with JF contacting prospective members and Toula and Caroline planning on a visit to a Chinese Garden in March.

While membership growth is a factor for this project, seeking greater social and cultural understanding, experiences and appreciation between different cultures is the main aim. Thanks Toula.

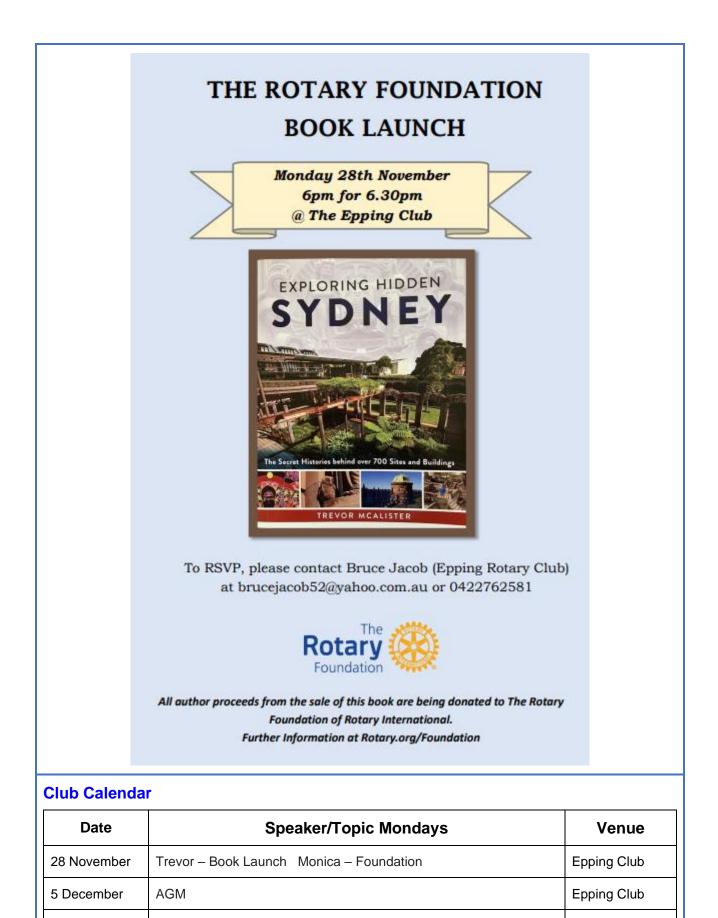


#### Bruce

# Next Monday – Book Launch

Please support the book launch of Trevor's book next Monday. Every book sold is \$17.50 to the Foundation. Encourage family and friends to attend.

While it's at The Brasserie please let Deretta or I know as we need to give approximate numbers for staffing and table settings.



12 December

Xmas Party

Date	Other Events	Venue
26 November	Achieve Australia	Araluen
1-7 December	Polio Movie Event	
11 December	Carols in the park	Boronia Park
17 March	District Conference	Cowra
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne

## A Reminder for the CCA Christmas Hamper Appeal

#### CHRISTMAS IS JUST 31 SLEEPS AWAY

(adjusted, plus or minus according to when you open this Email) ....

And so, this is a reminder that once again, our Rotary Club is supporting the annual CCA Christmas Hamper Appeal.

It is the time of the year when for most, there is the prospect of a holiday involving aeroplane travel, the consumption of vast amounts of seafood, plum pudding and expensive alcohol and the distribution of gifts wrapped in tinsel and ribbon that come from David Jones.

Our world is not fair. It is one of the harsh realities of life that not everyone can enjoy this kind of celebration. There are some living less than a few streets away who are sleeping inside their cars. Some have nowhere to go and rely on friends for a safe place to spend a night, or to wash their clothes or to have a meal which is not noodles or pasta. The Federal Budget has been delivered and despite living in a country that has abundance, once again it is the poor and the vulnerable that are overlooked. The homeless still remain homeless. For them, nothing changes.

So, our Club is asking that each week from now until Christmas, you pick up an extra item whenever you go shopping and bring it along to Rotary where it will be added to the gifts to be given out to those for whom Christmas may not be such a fun time.

Gifts might be as simple as small toys, Christmas (non-perishable) food items, (new) clothing items, even toiletries.

Your gifts will be collected and will form part of the display at our own Christmas party on 12<sup>th</sup> December before being added to the Christmas Hampers distributed through the CCA.

Anything you give will bring some joy to someone.

Trevor McAlister (Co-ordinator)

## Achieve Australia – the "Good Fair" 26 November



Achieve Australia - Disability Services is hosting "The Good Fair" on Saturday, 26th November from 10am until 3pm Venue: Araluen, 2 Brigadoon Ct, Epping left off Blaxland Road into Brigg Road then right into Brigadoon Ct.

All are welcome.

Epping Rotary is providing a sausage sizzle from 11am until 2pm. Please let Deretta Andrews know if you can volunteer: <u>deretta@yahoo.com.au</u> Please include the time that you can volunteer

Remember to wear your Rotary shirt and cap.

## The Langston Weekender – Thank You

Cbus Property sincerely thanks you for your attendance at The Langston Epping's Grand Precinct Opening, Ribbon Cutting and Weekender festival on Sunday, 13 November 2022.

It was fabulous to celebrate the opening of The Langston Epping's public plaza and The Langston Weekender with our valued residents, members of the community and various project stakeholders.



## **Cowra Flood Appeal**

Good morning

I am sending this email to the Presidents and Community Service Chairs in our group for urgent action!

With the approval of our DG, The Rotary Club of Pennant Hills is coordinating a collection of nonperishable food, pet food and other essentials for the flood victims of Cowra. DG Mina has spoken to the DG in Cowra. He is happy for the assistance and will arrange for appropriate distribution.

At this stage the plan is to collect items between now and the 27th November for packing and delivery to Cowra around the 28th or 29th November.

The collection is being coordinated by Pamela Hudson of Pennant Hills Club. Please contact Pam to offer assistance and to arrange for delivery to her of any items that you may be able to organise.

Kind regards, Stuart

**Stuart Armstrong - AG The Hills** 

Rotary District 9685

## **District Conference**

## More on our District Conference 2023

DG Mina has been having ongoing discussions with people in Cowra in preparation for our Conference 17th to 19th March. Mina has organised wine tours at <u>Antonios' Wines</u>.

Antonio's Wines Tours

Friday pm and Sunday pm

Normally \$25 pp.

Rotary Price \$10 (no redemption from cellar door purchases)

Maximum 25 people per tour

1 hour duration with expert guide and sampling of at least 4 wines

Another attraction to look forward to!

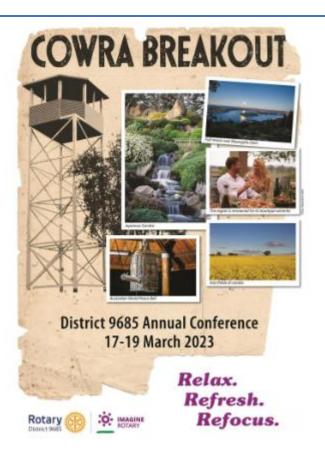
Other exciting news includes some of ther planned events for the Conference...

Friday 17th March - Evening : Easy live music, local historian BBQ and sheep dogs demonstration.

Saturday 18th March : Engaging sessions and speakers, and later in the evening, the Conference Dinner with Mr Stan Grant and 40's dance tunes.

Sunday 19th March : Brunch at Japanese Garden with Japanese Ambassador and live tenor performance.

It is going to be a great Conference so <u>REGISTER NOW</u>.



## **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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