

Rotary

Club of Epping



**22 May
2023**

Quote

"RDA.
Riding for the Disabled. Riding Develops Abilities."

Bruce's Banter

Last Monday. Justin on Ethics.

Justin was outstanding and had the audience captivated as he lead discussions on Ethics v Morals; Individual v Group Decisions, Choices, Dilemmas etc.

He provided various scenarios for discussion including The Rotary 4 Way Test and other Rotary ethical questions. Excellent presentation.

Craig gave the introduction and Julianne the thank you; both were entertaining and interesting.



RDA. DIGIT. Dig It.

See quote above.

Our Club has sponsored RDA and several individuals also sponsor this outstanding organisation. Bendigo Bank has recently donated \$25,000 to RDA, which is a huge help.

Last Thursday our hosting families for DIGIT, Monica and Geoff, Narelle, Susie and Steve, plus Craig representing BB and myself, attended the farewell dinner / presentation for DIGIT 2023 at the RDA site.

It was a lovely night.

See reports below.

CCA Gala Night.

194 attended this major community event aimed at raising funds for youth mental health. It raised over \$22,000 and was an informative and enjoyable night.

Epping Rotary and CCA have a long partnership and that was evidenced last Friday with around 50% of our members attending.

Congratulations and thanks to CCA, especially Heather, Peter and Toula.

RYDA Grant.

This has been difficult but finally we have the \$8,000 from The Epping Club to help subsidise RYDA for our local high schools.

Many thanks to Chris, Narelle and Deretta.

Red Shield Appeal.

A great community project last Sunday. Thanks to the drivers Peter, Monica, Trevor, daughter Becky and especially Narelle who coordinated our role in this wonderful event.

See report below.

Pride of Workmanship. June 5.

Alex has done a wonderful job in coordinating this iconic Rotary event. We have 8 worthy nominations from the education sector.

EBHS Connect.

Please see the report below from last week's TWT. Thanks to Toula, JF, Peter, John Caferatte . Justin and Betty who have indicated and shown support for this initiative. If interested, please contact me.



EBHS students, staff and 'Old Boys' at the EBHS launch event. TWT On-the-Spot PHOTO (A. Stavrinou)

EBHS Connect aims to create links between students, 'Old Boys' and the community

By Anthony Stavrinou

Epping Boys High School (EBHS) has launched a new initiative aimed at broadening support and career options for students by creating an 'Old Boys' and community network you would more likely expect to see at an elite private school.

Earlier this month, EBHS students, staff and 'Old Boys' gathered to hear plans for the launch of EBHS Connect, using business/professional social media network, LinkedIn.

EBHS Principal Jessica Schadel said EBHS Connect wasn't only important for the school, but for the entire community.

"One of the things I think we lose as society gets bigger and busier, is that really powerful sense of connection with who we are, and where we've come

from," she said.

"And the purpose of this program is to try and forge and maintain those connections between our 'Old Boys', their expertise and our new boys here.

"And give them the confidence to forge their way into a new path with a feeling that there is community support around them, they're not alone and they can be successful, they can take risks safely."

EBHS Careers Counsellor, Simon Lightfoot, said the concept was about making connections between the school, the 'Old Boys', community bodies and the parent body, "to tap into and make official all those connections and use them for career and transition opportunities for our current boys."

"There's a wealth of individuals that used to come to Epping Boys that are

really prepared to give back," he said.

"We've got people who've traveled from Canberra to come and join the event.

"I haven't been at the school very long, but I'm overwhelmed by the desire for 'Old Boys' to give back.

Epping Rotary president Bruce Jacob, a former EBHS head teacher is one of the key advocates for EBHS Connect.

"EBHS is arguably the best comprehensive state public school in NSW," he told The Weekly Times.

"There has always been a strong connection and bond between 'Old Boys' and the school.

"However EBHS Connect will enhance this strong relationship and offer tangible benefits to current students as they try to navigate the transition from school to

the workplace, University or TAFE."

Mr Jacob said he hopes another event will be held in the coming months, where the goal would be for every 'Old Boy' to attract two to four other 'Old Boys' to achieve some early growth.

City of Parramatta Epping Ward councillor Cameron Maclean is an EBHS 'Old Boy' and said that at the "tail end" of high school, it was often difficult to know what path of study or career to pursue.

"This is an engaged school and it's got good teachers, but sometimes that in and of itself is not enough," he said.

"You want that connection to the 'Old Boys' that know what it is they're doing, know the paths they've taken. It's going to be invaluable to the students of this school."

EBHS Year 12 student and School

Captain Arjun Arora said there were some "really valuable opportunities" in the EBHS Connect concept.

"I'm still personally very unsure of what I'm going to be doing next year," he said.

"And already I've been talking to a lot of different old boys, some who work in (industries including) finance and health.

"I think for myself, having so many different interests, it's really interesting gaining their perspectives on their industries, what they think life is like after high school, university, even friendships and maintaining those as an Epping Boy."

EBHS said it look forward to enhancing its network of committed members through fortifying our connections, partnerships, and initiatives and for those interested, to simply reach out.

Next Monday Night. Ikebukuro Night.

You all have received a personal invitation from JC for this special event next Monday night.

At \$40 per person for a two course meal including wine, it represents great value.

John with help from Di has done an outstanding job in ensuring this evening will be a great success. With 5 visiting Ikebukuro members, a senior official from the Japanese Consul and past members, it promises to be a special evening.

Thanks John and Di.

Bruce

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
29 May	Joint Ikebukuro Meeting	Epping Club
5 June	Pride of Workmanship	Epping Club
19 June	A preview of 2023/4 - PP Ian Bittner	Epping Club
26 June	Changeover	Epping Club
3 July	BYE – No meeting	
14 August	District Governor visits Epping Rotary Club 6pm	Epping Club
Date	Other Events	Venue
3-4 June	MUNA	
16-18 June	RYPEN	
24 June	Visit to Chinese Gardens	
1 July (Sat)	District Changeover Lunch	
15 March 24	District Conference	Terrigal

Digit Feedback

I really enjoyed hosting a student from Forbes. It was not onerous at all and good to help out North Ryde Rotary with this worthwhile project, DIGIT.

The students spent long days visiting various IT companies, businesses and universities and also enjoyed some recreational activities in between.

As the week passed and we talked to these Year 10 boys (with one Year 12 exception), we learnt about their towns, the size of their schools, size of their year groups as compared to city schools, and subsequently limited subject choices, and how they came to be selected for their 'big adventure'.

I appreciated how daunting it would have been, as 15 year olds, to leave their families and friends to travel by bus and train for 6+ hours to come to such a large city as Sydney and spend a 'full on' week with strangers, experiencing public transport and taking in a huge amount of information! I'm sure they slept well on their return home.

I have no doubt that the benefits to these boys participating in this project are significant in helping them consider their future career options. Congratulations to them for accepting this great opportunity and to North Ryde Rotary for organising this terrific project that has been running for over 20 years. Thank you for giving us at Epping Rotary the chance to be involved. I hope Epping Rotarians will join in again next year.

Narelle



Country Students Visit Sydney IT

Last week, Narelle, Susie and Stephen, and Geoff and I had the pleasure of hosting Year 9 students from rural NSW. Our boys came from Forbes and Warialda while the four others, hosted by North Ryde Rotarians, the organisers of the week, were from Inverell and Ashford.

During an action packed week the students visited the IT facilities at Cochlea, Oracle, the Department of Home Affairs at Parramatta, Cole's massive warehouse at Eastern Creek (where the highlights were their robots), the UTS library retrieval system, UTS Engineering, Cisco, IBM, Google, and the Powerhouse Museum.

The students also enjoyed a ferry trip to Manly, and Ten Pin Bowling and Laser Tag at Macquarie Centre. On their last night, North Ryde Rotarians hosted all the boys and their host parents to a dinner at Riding for the Disabled at Marsfield. We were all impressed by the confidence of all the students as they reviewed their week and described how inspirational their experiences had been. The student Geoff and I hosted said that it had been "the best week of my life"!

Congratulations to North Ryde Rotary on their initiative and commitment to this excellent program that they have been organising for the past 20 years!

Monica Saville

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

A huge thank you to Monica, Becky J, Bruce, Trevor and Peter for giving up their Sunday morning last weekend to drive students from Epping Boys HS and James Ruse HS to their designated areas, to door knock for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. It was all very well organised and students and drivers were provided with clear information and directions by the Salvos. The large 'door knock' area covered included Epping, Eastwood, Marsfield and Macquarie Park. The students dressed in their school uniforms and wearing their Salvation Army lanyards and carrying their Salvation Army bags went house to house in pairs, working both sides of a street. The end of the morning everyone returned to the Salvation Army/Baptist Church at Top Ryde where the students counted the donations collected, and, with their drivers, enjoyed a sausage sizzle and drink. They were then returned to Epping train station or Epping Boys HS.

It was a fulfilling experience for all involved to help out this wonderful charity. A special 'Thank you' to Becky Jacob who joined the 5 Epping Rotarians.

Narelle



A Visit to the Chinese Gardens in Darling Harbour



As a follow-up to the International Night that we celebrated earlier this year, we are organising a group visit to the Chinese Gardens in Darling Harbour.

Nestled between the high-rises in the middle of the city, you will be visiting a serene oasis with lakes, waterfalls, pagodas and beautiful flora.

Join us on a tour of the gardens followed by lunch at the Lotus Restaurant for *Mixed Dumpling Basket* lunch which includes 8 scrumptious dumplings.

Date	Saturday June 24, 2023
Time	10:15am for a 10:30am start
Place	Chinese Gardens Darling Harbour, a short walk from Town Hall Station
Lunch	Mixed Dumpling Basket with 8 dumplings Details (scroll down)
Cost	\$30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The cost includes entry fee and lunch. ○ The cost is generously subsidised by the Rotary Club of Epping ○ Drinks are not included. ○ A Guided Discovery Tour is available at 10:30am for a maximum of 15 people.
Interested	Email Toulaserna toulaserna@outlook.com

District 9685 Changeover 2023

Saturday 1st July from 12.00 pm to 4.00 pm at Rydges Norwest, 1 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills.

DG Mina Howard and DGE Christine Owen invite you to join friends and leaders from across the District as we celebrate the service and accomplishments of Rotarians over the past year as we imagined Rotary, and begin to grow Rotary together in 2023-2024, creating hope in the world.



DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEOVER

SATURDAY, 1ST JULY 2023, 12.00 pm to 4.00 pm



RYDGES NORWEST
1 COLUMBIA COURT, BAULKHAM HILLS
LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN

\$60 per head
Business Attire
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