

Rotary Club of Epping



22 November 2021

Co-Presidents' Corner

On Monday we hosted the Bendigo Bank's Community Awards for 2021 at the Epping Club. This joint event has become an annual tradition over the last few years, and for good reasons. The



community Bank of Epping and the Rotary Club of Epping have many shared values and social ties. But mostly, we both focus on the wellbeing of our community.

We celebrated on Monday the achievements of special members of our community. Those who went above and beyond and who effected positive change in the community. We learnt how their public spirit made a positive impact on those around them.

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Winners of the Community Award 2021

BRUCE JACOB



Bruce was a teacher at Epping Boys High School for many years, and schooled a generation of students in Economics, and Sports.

At Epping Boys High, he organised regular

MARGARET McCARTNEY

Margaret McCartney, who passed away in March this year was a community worker and activist for many years, particularly in the last five years of her life, and she dedicated her time to the betterment of Epping.

She established the Save Epping Forest Park group because the park was threatened by a large 28 storey apartment proposal right next door. This land is zoned public recreation space, is the only parcel of land of its type in the Town Centre, and Margaret argued that it should be used for a community recreation facility. She was very successful in having the development opposed by the council, by the local planning panel, and right up to the Land and Environment Court. Up until her death, Margaret was still lobbying for Parramatta Council to purchase the Epping Bowling Club land and dedicate it for community use.

international sporting trips for students in years 8, 9 and 10. Each trip had about 40 students, whom he mentored and educated. Hundreds of students were beneficiaries of his efforts, which went way beyond the call of duty. He instilled in these boys the love of true sportsmanship, commitment, and excellence in everything they do.

Bruce joined the Rotary Club of Epping in 2010 and has been an active member and a leader in the club ever since. His enthusiasm and dedication know no bounds. He served as President for 3 years and is a long-term Youth Director. Bruce is a great supporter of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and has been host parent to many overseas students who came to Australia over the years. The last Youth Exchange person, a high school student from Belgium, stayed at the Jacob household throughout the 2020 lockdown.

As President and Youth Director, Bruce forged a community partnership with 10 local schools and engaged the community in a variety of Rotary Youth programs, such as RYDA, RYLA & MUNA

Since his retirement, Bruce continued to engage with Epping Boys High students to educate them about the needs of other countries and how to support underprivileged children in East Timor. For over 20 years, by engaging our Youth in local and international projects, Bruce Jacob has helped teach them many skills which will stay with them for life and help develop them into future leaders.

CRAIG DENYER



Craig spent his early years in North Epping, attending North Epping Public School where he was School Captain in 1977.

As Vice President of Epping Civic Trust, Margaret was extremely active on a wide range of issues, including lobbying and writing submissions in response to various Development Applications.

She established and chaired the tree subcommittee of the Trust. This committee successfully lobbied council for a street tree-planting program that led to over 500 street trees planted around Epping in 2019. And Margaret was always alert if trees were under threat. The most notable example was at 52 Essex Street where a developer illegally removed more than 20 mature indigenous trees. She lobbied council repeatedly until they took the developer and the tree removal company to court, won the case and a fine of \$250,000 was imposed. Unfortunately, the decision came after Margaret's death, but the Council has agreed to use this money for more street trees.

Margaret was a member of the Liaison Committee for the Langston development. While opposing its scale, her lobbying resulted in a better landscaping plan for the area and the future replacement of mature trees along Chambers Court. Margaret's efforts will be acknowledged through a memorial plaque on the site. Margaret was also a member of the Friends of Terrys Creek and maintained bushland in that area.

Tragically, Margaret died prematurely in March 2021. Even while she was ill with cancer, she had never let it deter her. Her attitude was that there were things she wanted to do, and she was going to get on with them. Her courage in the face of her illness was inspirational. Epping is a much poorer place without her.

Margaret's Award will be accepted by her brother John and sister Clare.

MELONY SMIRNIOTIS



Melony Smirniotis is an established artist and a highly respected member of the local community. In 2019 she resigned as a part-time high school art teacher to become a full-time artist. She had

But football was always his first love, and Craig resumed playing in his twenties.

In 2013, Craig joined the Rangers Management Team as the Club Delegate to Gladesville Hornsby Football Association. He became Soccer Convenor in 2014, a position he still holds today.

Not even a broken leg in 2015 got in the way of his dedication, and he continued to share his time between committee positions, playing mixed netball - and football of course!

At the same time, he energetically carried out an enormous amount of work behind the scenes – sourcing funding, uniform options, organising registration for literally thousands of community members, attending meetings with local Government and Football entities etc. etc.

His expertise and local knowledge in the planning and preparation and building the North Epping Sports Courts, a joint-venture providing much-needed sporting facilities for the whole North Epping Community – a venture, by the way, to which our bank granted \$75,000.

His contributions to community sport have been recognised within the Rangers Club and the local Football Association, but the Community 2121 Award deservedly acknowledges his contribution to the community in a wider context.

He has trained, managed, and supported so many of North Epping's children over the years, not only developing their sporting skills and attributes, but also their personal development into confident young people and the future leaders of our society.

the family pool removed and built an art gallery and studio in the backyard.

Gallery 11:11 hosts exhibitions and workshops, providing the community with a positive space to learn, teach and create artworks alongside like-minded individuals. The space encourages collaboration and invites all who visit to engage in the works and personal stories of exhibiting artists. Since the gallery opened on September 28, 2019, Melony has organised 20 exhibitions and over 120 workshops, all with the intention of connecting the community to art, via an inclusive and positive experience.

Over 20 individual artists have presented a wide range of opportunities for those in the community to engage in a creative skill, irrespective of their age and level of ability. The space is light-filled, and is a place where locals feel welcome to experience art in a variety of ways.

Each weekend Melony opens the doors of her gallery to welcome visitors to exhibitions, workshops, and mentoring sessions. She has successfully mentored HSC art students and has many primary-aged children as regular visitors to the gallery, inspiring them to explore their own emerging creative and artistic talents.

Melony has an ongoing presence on the community social media pages, with her images providing a “daily dose of North Epping beauty”. She has recently completed a North Epping Community Calendar, featuring beautiful local scenes. As well, both during lockdown and outside it, each day Melony posts images that inspire positivity and creativity, based on the beauty of local gardens and our National Park, sharing her dedication and love for our local environment.

What is Coming Up

Date	Venue	Organisation	Speaker
29 th November	Pub/Zoom	50/50 by 2030 Foundation	Virginia Haussegger
6 December	Pub/Zoom	AGM	
11 December	On site	Official opening	North Epping Community Gardens
13 December	Epping Club	Christmas Party	

Epping Rotary Christmas Party – 13 December



Rotarians, Partners and Friends

are invited to our

Christmas Party

on Monday 13 December, 6.00pm for 6.30pm

at The Epping Club, 45 Rawson St

Cost of Festive Dinner: \$45 pp

RSVP: secretary@epping.org.au - by Thursday 9 December

EFT payment in advance would be appreciated and can be made to:

Members Account

Acct no: 153118740

BSB 633000

Reference: Christmas Party – your name

Raffle tickets may be purchased on the night or with dinner payment via EFT -
1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10 or 8 tickets for \$20.

Prizes given for the best Christmas hat or head dress!



All attendees are required to be double vaccinated.

Rotary 
Club of Epping

**Merry
Christmas** 

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



John Candy has retired from his ministry at the Uniting Church last week and he will be spending his retirement with his wife Wendy in South Australia. Monday's meeting was the last at the club as they will be leaving Sydney in the next fortnight.

John has been a member of our club for 5 years, but a Rotarian for 13. He is already in touch with a Rotary Club in Adelaide and will be transferring there in the next few weeks.

We thank John for being an engaged and friendly member of the club and we are sorry to see him go.

Wishing John and Wendy the best of health, happiness, and success on their new journey in life.

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The Rotary Foundation - Did You Know That...?

1. The Rotary Foundation was started in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth President, Arch Klumph. The Rotary Club of Kansas City in USA had \$26.50 left over from their annual conference and it was suggested that it should go to an endowment fund for Rotary to be invested to bring in income to "do good in the world" in the future. Rotary's Endowment Fund has now grown to more than US\$1 billion.

2. In 2002, The Rotary Foundation established the Peace Fellows program. Since then there have been approximately 1,500 graduates from the six Centres (one of which is in Brisbane). They serve as leaders in more than 115 countries in governments, NGOs, the military, education, law enforcement and international organisations such as the World Bank and the United Nations. A new Peace Centre commenced in Kampala in Uganda this year.

3. The Rotary Foundation is known throughout the world for its exceptional financial management and the efficient use of its donations. Since 2008, Charity Navigator, the world's largest and most trusted charity evaluator has given the Rotary Foundation the prestigious top 4 star rating for its judicious care of donors' money.

4. The Rotary Foundation has many huge projects that came from initially small donations. One of these was \$1,000 raised at a high tea on Women's International Day organised by the Rotary Clubs of Boroko, PNG and Bribie Island in Qld. With donations from Rotary Clubs in USA, Australia and PNG and a matching Global Grant, a total of US\$329,500 was raised for the cervical cancer vaccination program of 28,000 girls in Port Moresby.

Monica Saville
Rotary Foundation Director

CCA Christmas Appeal

CCA has just launched its Christmas Appeal. Trevor is kindly going to coordinate Epping Rotary's collection of presents for our community members in need, so please bring them along to one of the meetings after next week, up until and including our Christmas party on 13 December.

Please see the letter and list of gifts from which to choose to buy for the various age groups.

Christmas Appeal



Your community needs your help!

The challenges we face as a community are significant. We know that marginalised communities are being further marginalised hugely, as a result of COVID-19. **You can make a difference this Christmas!**

We all share a collective responsibility for the future of our community. Let's give generously to make a difference **from 1st November - 19th December** to support people and families who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic to have something to celebrate this Christmas and to dream for a better future.

When we help our neighbours who are struggling, we build a foundation for prosperity. By reaching out a hand to one, we influence the condition of all.

CCA brings people and community resources together to address the most pressing issues. We target the root causes of social issues to effect real and lasting change.

- Did you know that **the number of people requesting help from CCA has tripled in the past two years?**
- Did you know that **Family Violence** and **Youth Unemployment** has skyrocketed in our community?
- **1 in 5 residents and 16% of all children are food insecure!**

There are challenges, but there is also hope. Your donation will help hundreds of vulnerable families, young people and the elderly in our communities. Your contribution to CCA changes conditions in our community so people can live healthier, happier, and more prosperous lives.

This year, our goal is to raise \$100,000 by 19th December 2021. When you give your donation, I hope you will consider how this one act can change the future of our community. I hope you will have compassion and give generously

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Heather Pinto'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Heather' being more prominent than the last name 'Pinto'.

Heather Pinto



Christmas Hampers Wish List

Each year CCA hosts a Christmas Hampers giveaway for the disadvantaged children, families and elderly in our community. Sadly, the statistics on the impact of Covid-19 indicated that thousands of Australian children will go without receiving a gift this Christmas, simply because they can't afford it.

You can help bring a smile to a disadvantaged child's face and help them to create a sense of belonging this Christmas. We **THANK YOU** in advance for your generosity!

Want to know more? contact us on 9858 3222 or email administration@ccas.org.au

0 – 5 year olds :

- Books
- Puzzles
- Dolls / Barbie
- Toy trucks
- Dolls that you do their hair or makeup
- Toys that replicate real things (ovens, pots and pans, vacuum)
- Learning toys for babies – rattles etc

5 -13 year olds :

- School lunch box and drink bottles
- Books
- Board games
- Backpacks
- Craft items
- Colouring in and puzzle books
- Skateboards, sports balls
- Makeup items
- Lego
- Fidgets
- Barbies or action figures
- School supplies

14 – 18year olds :

(we struggle a lot getting gifts for this age group)

- Backpacks
- Wallets
- Beach towels
- Sports equipment / balls
- Wallet
- Cosmetics
- Jewellery
- Clothing store vouchers

Personal items to add to hampers:

- Deodorants
- Nice soaps
- Hand cream
- Face cream
- Kids toothbrushes and paste
- Hairbrush
- Hairbands/accessories
- Perfume/aftershave

Food Items:

- Box of Chocolates
- Lollies for children
- Sauces and gravies
- Snacks like nuts and chips
- Canned fruits
- Jams
- Soft drink
- Juice
- Biscuits/crackers
- Coffee/tea
- Pancakes or cake mixes etc
- Canned meats

Experiences for all age groups:

- Movie tickets
- Pamper vouchers for hairdressers, massage, facials etc
- Zoo/aquarium tickets
- Swimming passes/Raging water tickets
- Shopping experiences – Children can go and choose something they want eg JB HI-Fi, Rebel Sport, Book shops, Kmart, clothing stores etc

End Polio Now Movie Night – Thursday 2nd December

The Rotary Club of Castle Hill are screening “No Time to Die”, the latest James Bond film in cinemas at the moment.

Take a friend and have fun watching the film on Thursday 2nd December at the Event Cinemas in Castle Hill.

What a fun way to raise money for *End Polio Now!*

Please let agnello.dsouza@bidpond.com know if you wish to purchase tickets no later than 26 November.

#End Polio Now

MUSIC BY HANS ZIMMER

NO TIME TO DIE 007™

2nd December
5.45pm for 6.15pm movie start
(no ads, movie starts at 6.15pm)

Event Cinemas Castle Hill
Tickets \$25.00 per person includes raffle ticket
RSVP Agnello D'souza for ticket and payment options
agnello.dsouza@bigpond.com

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RIM ARTICLES

Please send RIM articles to Alan at alan.baker.om@gmail.com or secretary@eppingrotary.org.au

Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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