

Rotary Club of Epping



**23 May
2022**

Co-Presidents Corner

The scheduled speaker, Emily called in sick on the day, instead we organised a 3-on-me evening and heard the life stories of John Royer, John Goddard and Ian Bittner.



John Royer was born in Quirindi NSW a son of a bank manager. His childhood was marked by regular relocations, following his father's job assignments. A memorable experience of his childhood was living in old Adaminaby, while the dam was being built. John attended Tamworth High School and later discovered that Bruce Jacob was also attending in the same years. Their paths did not cross in Tamworth, though.

John finished school in 1965, took a cadetship, and completed a bachelor's degree in production engineering then a masters degree in Engineering and Operational Research at NSW University. After graduation, he worked with Robertshaw Controls designing computer systems. John was a very early user of computer systems when code was punched on paper tape. He later worked as a Systems Analyst with CSR Bradfield, the Bureau of Statistics and the Electoral Office.

John met his wife Rosemary in Eastwood and they were married in 1973, 41 years ago. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. John loves playing cards, lawn bowls and golf. He enjoys travelling and has been to India multiple times, Vanuatu and Tanzania. He also travelled on the Ghan and the Indian Pacific.

John has been a Rotarian for 18 years and is a Justice of the Peace.



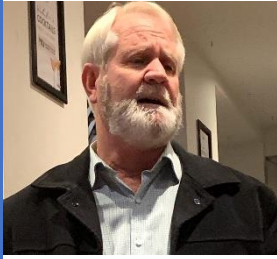
John Goddard has a head for numbers. He worked in banking and stockbroking throughout his career. He took his first job after Newington College at CBC Bank in Riverstone, which was quite rural then with fields all around. This was pre-computerisation, and all jobs were done manually.

On a quiet day, his manager asked him to clean the revolvers that were kept for emergencies. After cleaning them in the back room, John decided to test a revolver by shooting outside the window. The bang almost gave his manager a heart attack and the old bullet filled the room with smoke!

His successful career is littered with stories of innovative thinking which improved processes and brilliant timing when organisations grew and merged. He worked for the Bank of NSW, J P Morgan and finished his career at Ord Minnett, a Wealth Management and Stockbroking firm.

John tells of a time when he flew to Tasmania to board the USS Enterprise Destroyer. It was wartime and the ship had to maintain a black out during its voyage. Little did people know at the time that the destroyer had nuclear weapons on board as it docked in Sydney.

2022 is a year of milestones for John. He recently celebrated his 85th birthday at a picnic with his beloved wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He also celebrates 40 years in Rotary this year and served twice as President of our club in 1988/89 and 2003/04.



Ian Bittner is one of three brothers born in Curramulka, Yorke Peninsula in South Australia. He grew up on a farm and was a very sporty kid at school, excelling at high jumps and hurdles. He was very handy with a knife and a gun and participated in pistol shooting competitions. A few years later, when PM John Howard introduced the gun buy-back scheme, Ian sold all his pistols and shooting equipment and made three times what it cost.

Ian decided not to pursue farming as his brothers did. Instead, he went to Adelaide University to study Medical Science. He really enjoyed the topic and topped his final year. He spent his career as a Medical Pathologist, working in laboratory

environments.

Ian secured a head of department role as his first job in Whyalla, SA. He married his girlfriend from university and had two children. The marriage ended when the kids were teenagers.

Working for Gribbles Pathology gave Ian the opportunity to travel overseas for work. He was their General Manager in Malaysia and Singapore. There he wised up to a world where the rule of law was interpreted less rigidly. Sometime later, Ian worked in Alice Springs where he gained appreciation of the seriousness of social indigenous issues. He found out that they had a direct impact on laboratory practices, which had to be adapted to the local situation. He joined Rotary in Alice Springs in 2008.

Ian currently works for NSW Health and is looking forward to retirement in a couple of years.



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Next Monday

Ten Pin Bowling Competition – continued.

Get ready to let loose on the lanes with turned down lights and cranked up fun!

This is an ongoing competition between the Epping and Beecroft Rotary Clubs for the winner's Shield.

This competition started about 10 years, the last standoff was in 2013/14 when Beecroft won. The current score is Epping 2 – Beecroft 1.

Whether you're competing to be crowned, or just a fan of wholesome fun, join us for a social evening of entertainment.



Date: Monday May 30th at 6:30 for 7pm

Venue: Strike, Macquarie Shopping Centre (opposite Event Cinemas)

Cost: AUD \$32 for 2 games, includes shoe hire.

Food & Drink: Buy your own

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Rotary
Club of Epping



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>



Club Program

Date	Speaker	Topic	Location
Monday, May 30, 2022	Club Social	Ten Pin Bowling with Beecroft Club	Macquarie Shopping Centre
Monday, June 06, 2022	Jon Flood, Director of Partner Ministries Taryn Clausing, Family Liaison	Allowah Children's Hospital	Epping Hotel
Monday, June 13, 2022	No Meeting	Queens's Brithday	
Monday, June 20, 2022	Emily Tweddell	Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter	Epping Hotel
Friday 24 June 2022	60th Anniversary of Charter of the Club and Changeover 22/23.		Epping Club

Social Tennis Afternoon

Betty's sold house - 7 Araluen Place Glenhaven

- Sunday 5th June 2.00 to 6.00pm
- Members and partners welcome
- \$20 per person - to be fully donated to a good cause to be decided
- Afternoon tea provided by Betty
- RSVP to Deretta by 3rd June
- Bring alcohol and tennis racket

Joint Epping Rotary and EBHS (Epping Boys High School) East Timor Project Ends.

In 2017, Epping Rotary and the Year 7 cohort from EBHS , partnered in a wonderful project to help the Province of Oecusse in East Timor.

While Covid prevented some goals being achievable such as inter school hosting, the project has been an outstanding success. Many old EBHS computers, rugby, soccer, tennis balls, countless clothes, hats, stationery and 1000s of dollars has been raised by fundraising projects and donations and sent to the people, especially the young, to Oecusse.

Judy Charnaud, centre of picture, has been the inspiration for the project and pre Covid lived around 6 months of the year in Oecusse. Judy plans to return in June and will take 50 boxes of stationery and sporting equipment donated and packed by the cohort from EBHS.

This cohort is now in Year 12 and on May 23, Judy, representatives from the cohort, and myself spoke on a whole school assembly. The school is in the process of organising another fundraising activity to raise funds for the Oecusse youth.

The picture shows Judy, Year Advisor Tony Nelson, Deputy Narelle Kathryn and myself with representatives from Year 12.

A wonderful partnership.

Bruce Jacob,
Epping Rotary President Elect and former Head Teacher at EBHS.



Epping Rotary Through the Years.

In the lead up to our Club's 60th Anniversary here is a summary of the first decade of our great club:

Monica Saville

The Swinging Sixties (1962-71)

When the Rotary Club of Epping was chartered in 1962, it was an integral part of an expanding suburb. New families were moving to the area, new schools such as Epping Boys High School, Cheltenham Girls High School and Epping North Public School were built for the post war baby boomers. New shops and restaurants were established. Community facilities such as the YMCA, Dence Park Swimming Pool, Scouts and Guide groups, the Poplars Hospital, and bowling and croquet club were flourishing.

On 15 June 1962, 26 community minded Epping businessmen and male residents formed the new Rotary Club of Epping under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Ryde. By the end of the decade there were 43 members. The Club's weekly bulletin was RIM (Rotary In Men).

The Club Presidents

The Club Presidents for those years were: Charter President Lloyd Gollan (1962-63), Ces Chambers (1963-64), Arthur Walker (1964-65), John Niccol (1965-66), Bill McPhillips (1966-67), Horrie Mendham (1967-68), Jum Land (1968-69), Bill Jennings (1969-70), and Eric Wade (1970-71).

Service projects

During those years, an ambitious program of service to the local community and beyond was established. Early projects were supplying books for patients at the Poplars Hospital, sending books to PNG, painting the Isabelle Pulsford Kindergarten in Bridge Street, establishing the annual Carols in the Park and organising outings for the elderly.

In 1964-65 Club members built the Guide Hall in Blaxland Road, and the Youth Exchange Program commenced in 1967 with a student from Canada. The Club's first two nominees attended The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program and the High School debates were commenced.

Other projects included a careers night at Epping Boys HS, the donation of a public address system to the Freedom From Hunger campaign, furnishing the Board Room at the YMCA, establishing an Interact Club at Epping Boys HS, and providing a piano, a refrigerator, a bus and erecting a double garage and workshop at Karonga Special School.

During the Rotary International world Convention in Sydney in 1971, Epping Rotary hosted the Tokyo Ikebukuro Rotary Club and the enduring sister club relationship was formed.

Epping Rotary Walks Program

Here is the planned program of walks for every second Thursday for 12 weeks starting 19th May, through to 28th July. Together we will be exploring the banks of the Upper Parramatta River.

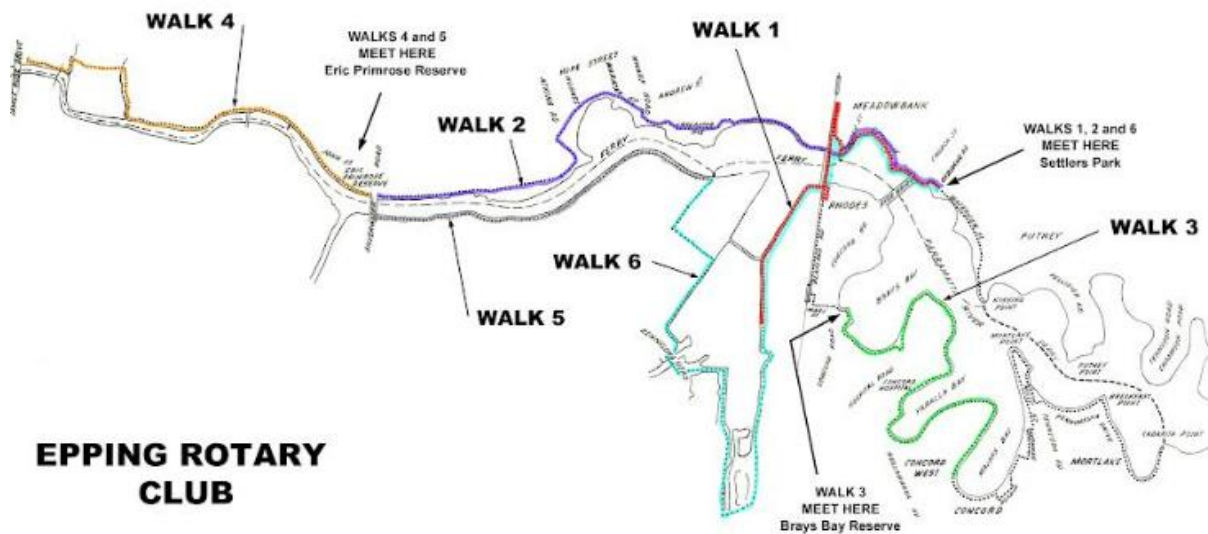
Walks are always 90 minutes (plus or minus 15) total along flat, paved surfaces. There are steps going up onto John Whitton Bridge.

Parking is available near to the meeting places indicated.

Please phone me should there be problems. Trevor McAlister on 0449 126 896

DATE	WALK NO.	MEETING PLACE	START TIME	PROGRAM
19 th May	1	Settlers Park – corner of Waterview Street and Osborne Avenue, Putney	8.30am	Walk over John Whitton Bridge, riverside to Footbridge, Homebush Bay. Coffee near Footbridge, and return. Finish 10.30 – 10.45am
2 nd June	2	Settlers Park – corner of Waterview Street and Osborne Avenue, Putney	8.30am	Walk riverside west towards Rydalmere Wharf and return (maybe by 9.58am ferry from Rydalmere). Coffee at Meadowbank. Finish 10.30 – 10.45am
16 th June	3	Brays Bay Reserve, Mary Street (East), Rhodes	8.30am	Walk riverside towards "Yaralla" Concord and return. Coffee at Rhodes. Finish 10.30 – 10.45am
30 th June	4	Eric Primrose Reserve, corner John and Fallon Streets, Rydalmere	8.30am	Walk Riverside towards Parramatta and return. Coffee 28 Clyde Street. Finish 10.30 – 10.45am

14 th July	5	Eric Primrose Reserve, corner John and Fallon Streets, Rydalmere	8.30am	Walk over Silverwater Bridge to Sydney Olympic Park and return (maybe by 10.03am ferry from Sydney Olympic Park). Coffee at The Armory. Finish 10.30 – 10.45am
28 th July	6	Settlers Park – corner of Waterview Street and Osborne Avenue, Putney	8.30am	Walk over John Whitton Bridge around Homebush Bay (or via Footbridge). Coffee near Footbridge, return by 10.08am ferry from Olympic Park. Finish 10.30 – 10.45am



EPPING ROTARY CLUB

THURSDAY WALKS PROGRAM

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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