

# Rotary

## Club of Epping



**24 June  
2022**

### Co-presidents' Corner

Friday night was a wonderful evening, thanks to those who organised (led by Bruce), assisted, and attended our 60th anniversary celebration. The room looked fantastic! An extensive report from Bruce, later in this edition of RIM.

During our 'Highlights of 2021-22' presentation, we were pleased to be able to recognise several Rotarians with PHFs and Service Awards

#### PHF

- Deretta Andrews - one sapphire
- Gail Davis
- Stephan Sojka - three sapphires
- Chris O'Brien – three sapphires

#### Service

For years of service, we congratulated these members:

- Neil Andersen 42 years
- John Goddard 40 years
- Wal Dover 31 years
- Graham Stevens 30 years

Sadly, due to illness and inability to attend on Friday night, Gail and Neil did not receive their recognition. We wish them well and hope that we will be able to make their presentations very soon.

As this is our last Co-presidents' Corner report, we would like to thank our members for their support during a 'topsy turvy' year! Thank you to the Board members, in particular, for their commitment, positivity and hard work - 'Teamwork makes the dream work!' (John C Maxwell)

We wish Bruce every success as he begins his fourth round as President of the Rotary Club of Epping.

See you on 4th July!

**Toula & Narelle**

### Resignations

It is with sadness that I announce the resignation of two members of the Club this month.

Narelle and I received a resignation letter from Gail Davis indicating her decision to step away from Rotary due to other commitments.

Gail has been a very active member of the club. As Club Service Director, Gail organised speakers and helped keep members connected by organising socials such as trivia and truth or lies. She was a participant of the Walkathon Fundraiser, she worked on the Working with Children audit and was active on the Fundraising Committee, with a talent for sourcing prizes. She was also the coordinator of the Good Neighbour Program and my partner in the visits we undertook fortnightly.

Gail wishes to remain a Friend of Rotary and has indicated she will participate in future events and will assist if she can.

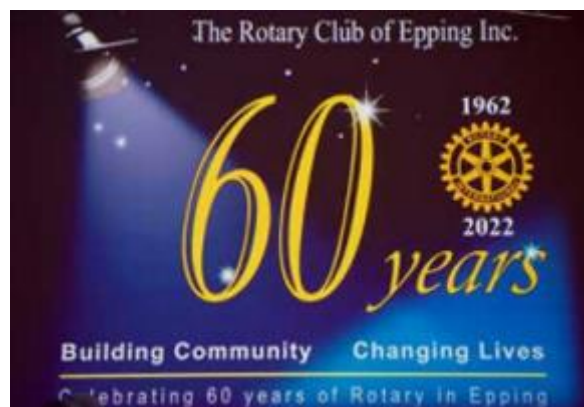
We have also received a resignation email from Colin Chua due to personal reasons.

Colin's generosity knows no bounds. He was a generous contributor to the Rotary Foundation and provided the club with many raffle prizes and helped run the weekly raffle with Betty. Colin was always ready to help in any meeting or function and has made a number of good friends at the club.

We wish to thank Gail and Colin for their contributions to the Club and wish them the best going forward.

**Toula**

## **Wonderful 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**



In arguably the second biggest night in the 60-year history of the Rotary Club of Epping, PP Ian Bittner, summed it up perfectly in my opinion saying: Great Night- Great Speaker- Great Atmosphere and a Great Vibe. It made me proud to be an Epping Rotarian.

I thought it ran like clockwork and the audio-visuals were spot on throughout the entire event.”

I was particularly pleased that over 90% of our members attended making for a great atmosphere for the 115 who attended or participated.

It was such a success and so enjoyable because of a great team effort and I'd like to thank the following. Firstly our 60th Committee which has been meeting since early in the year.

Alan who coordinated our fantastic Anniversary book; Monica for her many contributions to the book, her many contacts, arranging memorabilia and knowledge of protocols, Di for her brilliant decorations and coordination of them, Ian for his obtaining and coordination of the banners, Gail for helping Di plus proof reading, Betty for an enormous and hugely successful liaison and coordination with the Epping Club plus printing programs etc and working on seating and table plans, Toula for coordinating and navigation of try booking and seating plans, Narelle for coordination of the raffle, Narelle and Toula for the Changeover. Betty did much with the raffle and Narelle helped with the programme.

It's been a pleasure and privilege to lead such a wonderful team.

Many others to thank:

Justin for a superb job as MC, Stefan for a superb job coordinating the audio-visual presentations, Deretta and Anne at the front desk, PPs John Fenessy, Peter Garrard, Betty Ockerlander, Chris O'Brien, Toula Serna and Narelle Barker for their valued contributions to our 60th book, and Geoff Saville and John Edwards for taking and collating the photos.

I'd also like to thank all Honorary and Past Members for attending and helping make it such a

success. It is due to these past members, who have set the standards, traditions, projects, ethos etc, that our Club has been able to enjoy such success and experience such strong friendships.

I'd especially like to thank Graham Stephens for liaising with past members and advising me in many matters Rotary plus Peter Tugwell for similar advice and expertly developing and coordinating the front page of our new book.

There were people who helped Di to set up and pack up afterwards who should be acknowledged - Wal, Sharyn, Susie, John R

Lastly and importantly, thanks to all our members who attended and made it such a memorable and special occasion.

**New 60th Anniversary Book.**

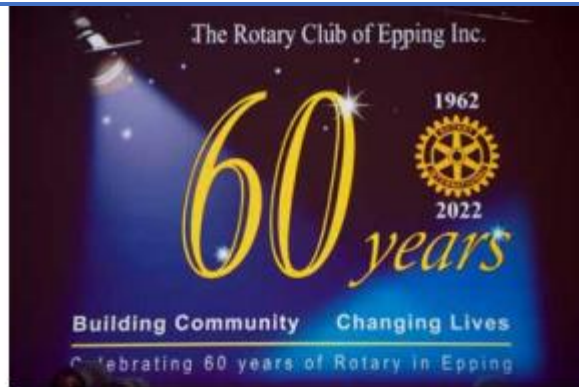
**Bruce has spare copies and will bring some next Monday.**

Thanks

**Bruce**



MC Justin Kang introduced and welcomed our guests



DG Lindsay May OAM proposed the toast to Rotary International



Guest Speaker Shane Fitzsimmons AO AFSM  
Head of Resilience NSW



PDG Monica Saville OAM thanked our Guest Speaker



DG Lindsay May OAM, Lord Mayor of Parramatta Donna Davis  
and Co-Presidents Narelle Barker AM and Toulia Serna



Co-Presidents Toulia Serna and Narelle Barker AM  
reviewed the Rotary year 2021-22





A display of Epping Rotary Club memorabilia over 60 years

Honorary Members attending were Alan Baker, <sup>SM</sup>Graham Stevens, David Taylor OAM, <sup>SM</sup>Peter Tugwell & Diane Walker.

Former Members attending were <sup>SM</sup>John Edwards, <sup>SM</sup>John Hayes, <sup>SM</sup>Ian Mackay, <sup>SM</sup>Graham Simons, Bob Smeallie, <sup>SM</sup>Graham Stevens, <sup>SM</sup>David Stewart and <sup>SM</sup>Peter Tugwell.

Rotary Clubs attending were: Ryde (Mother Club), Carlingford (Daughter Club), North Rocks (Grand Daughter Club), Berowra, Lane Cove and Turramurra.



Epping Boys High School String Ensemble provided the musical background at the start of the evening,



<sup>SM</sup>Chris O'Brien was presented with 3 rubies for his PHF.



Stefan Sojka was presented with 3 sapphires for his PHF.



Deretta Andrews was presented with a sapphire for her PHF.



Mr John Goddard was recognised for 40 years of Rotary service.



Wal Dover was recognised for 31 years of Rotary service.



Honorary Rotarian Mr Graham Stevens was recognised for 30 years of Rotary service.



Past & present members of Epping



Carlingford Rotary Club



Ryde Rotary Club



Lord Mayor of Parramatta Donna Davis drew the raffle.



President Bruce introduced his year and his Board Members.

## Bruce's Banter

Great to be part of such a wonderful evening and as Ian said, it makes you proud to be an Epping Rotarian. Again thanks to everyone.



I'd also in this section like to thank our special guests. Peter Saez and David Taylor have been very supportive of our Club over the years and for many years sponsored RYDA. Peter has also expressed strong support for our Monday trial at The Epping Club starting July 4.

I'm a great believer in establishing and consolidating strong relationships with our political representatives and as such it was great to see Jerome Laxale, Donna David and Cameron Maclean so actively supportive. All 3 have accepted my invitations to be a guest speaker in coming months. Shane Fitzsimmons was outstanding and I've received nothing but excellent feedback. Lindsay May and Tania are among the most committed Rotarians in Australia and it was great to have our DG attend and play several important roles on the night. The Rotary Clubs of Berowra, Ryde and Carlingford were very supportive with the latter two both supplying a table each.

We need to support these for their special events starting with Carlingford's 50th on November 4. I'm very committed to making our Monday nights at The Epping Club a success. Please see report below on this.

I'm also very committed to our weekend in Wiseman Ferry a success and I urge you to see the report below. I need to get a good guide on participants by next Monday July 4.

We should be restarting our normal projects now and Wal has booked our Golden Oldies Cruise for November 12. I've confirmed Greg Smith and The Tokens are good to go too.

Lastly, I'm proud to be Epping President again and I'm committed to our Club getting younger members and members who are more reflective pug our community. I'm also committed to Monday nights being pivotal to our success, re-establishing our existence projects with a few new ones plus having fun.

Cheers

**Bruce**

### **Next Monday - 4 July - Epping Club**

Cameron Maclean, Parramatta Councillor representing Epping Ward. Cameron is a fine young man who completed his HSC in 2016. He has achieved a great deal in a short time and has a wonderful story. He will be introduced by John Fenessy, interviewed by myself and thanked by Deretta.

Note we meet at The Epping Club and you order from the Brassiere ideally between 6.20 and 6.30, collect around 6.45 and we have our meal and presentation in the Rawson Restaurant. The expectation is that we all buy and meal and at least one drink.

**Bruce**

### **Club Calendar**

Monday, July 04, 2022	Councillor Cameron Maclean	Parramatta Council Epping Ward	Epping Club
Monday, July 11, 2022	Robin Walsh Retired Research Librarian	Elizabeth Macquarie 1778-1835	Epping Club
Monday, July 18, 2022	Nirinjan Deodhar & Panel President Beecroft Rotary	Regionalisation of Rotary	TBA
Monday, July 25, 2022	Rob Wilkinson & Tina Clifton	Riding for the Disabled	TBA

### President for a Day.

About 6-10 times during my term as President, I'd like another person to be President for the day to enable others to experience the enjoyment and satisfaction that I do in the role.

This would entail:

1. Determining the guest speaker or activity for the night in consultation with me but you having the far greater input.
2. Chairing the meeting.
3. Preparing the Rim report both before and after that night. Minor.
4. Determining who introduces and thanks the guest.

See me if interested as I'm in the process of arranging my schedule up to Xmas over coming weeks.

**Bruce**

### Weekend in Wiseman's Ferry - August 20-22

Trevor and I are organising a special weekend to Wiseman's Ferry on the weekend of August 20-22, staying Saturday and Sunday nights at the Retreat Resort. The Board endorsed the evening last night and encourages as many members and families to enjoy the weekend.

Early days but around 14 have indicated interest with around 24 expected overall.

It's a combination of historic sites and events, beautiful scenery, friendship, walks from very easy to challenging and banter.

It'll be a similar format to the very successful Leura weekend last year.

Cost for a Standard Room at Retreat at Wiseman is around \$146 for the Saturday night and \$124 for the Sunday night. Their Superior Room is around \$30 per night more expensive.

Contact me and I can do a group booking for our discount.

I need to confirm numbers by July 4 and a deposit paid by July 11.

While I'll organise the accommodation, our tour and walk guru, Trevor, will oversee the day activities.

**Bruce**





Rates vary depending on whether you want a Superior Room ( \$175 for Saturday night, \$155 for Sunday night) or a Standard Room( \$150 Saturday night, \$125 Sunday night). These are tentative figures but will be close to the mark.

We need to book within the next two weeks so please contact me ASAP if interested. Already 7 members have expressed interest and 5 with their partners.

Don't contact the Retreat yet, but please contact me. Trevor will be organising the day's walks, history lessons, drives etc while I'll organise the accommodation and suggested meals. There will be variable options available during each day.

There is also an opportunity to either make it just a day visit (it's about an hour from Epping) or one night, although they state you must book two nights at the weekend; I'll try to negotiate if anyone wants this. Most who have expressed enthusiasm have indicated two nights is their preference.

The area abounds in history with the original Great North Road rated the greatest engineering feat of the 19th Century.

**Bruce and Trevor**

## **District Changeover**

This is the final eNews and it's a partly sad and partly relieved DG and soon to be PDG signing off.

It has been my most fulfilling year in Rotary due to your efforts and your support of myself and Tania through a challenging time. Much of what I wished to say is covered in an email of June 9 and so far, almost 1000 members have read it, but simply thank you and well done as you served and changed lives. So we can appropriately thank everyone, you are encouraged to attend [District Changeover](#) on Saturday July 2, 6.30 for 7pm at Hornsby RSL. We can celebrate and welcome DGE Mina Howard and Larry to the leadership of this outstanding Rotary district and we get to do it all over again.

**REGISTER HERE**

Please read the following flyer.

It would be great if others could join Toula, Narelle, Monica, John Fenessey and myself to make it a full Epping Rotary Table.

**Bruce**

**DISTRICT 9685 Changeover 2022**  
**6.30 pm for 7.00 pm 2nd July 2022**

**Hornsby RSL Club**

4 High St, Hornsby NSW 2077

\$55 per head

Cocktail Attire

**Rotary**



Club of Eastwood-Gladesville Inc

## **Wine Tasting and Dinner**

### **Rotary Flood Appeal**

### **Venue: Pennant Hills Golf Club**

Corner Copeland & Burns Road South, Beecroft

**Date: Sat 30 July 2022 – 6.30 for 7pm start**

- Come and enjoy some fine wine, food and conviviality, and support communities who have been impacted by the floods.
- Make up a table of 8 or we will find you a table. Numbers are limited.
- Fabulous 3 course meal (vegetarian option available)
- Wine provided with dinner by Mistletoe Winery – Boutique 5 Star Halliday Winery
- Wine Master – Ken Sloane – Mistletoe Wines, Hunter Valley
- Great raffle prizes, Mistletoe wine on sale at member prices.

**Tickets - \$120 per person**

**Contact Robert Dive:**

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**Phone: 0415 198 475**

**RSVP Friday 22 July 2022**

### **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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