

Toula's Corner

Our primary Community project this year has been and continues to be the Community Garden in North Epping. It has given the club an opportunity to get together as a club and through hard physical work develop a beautiful garden which will give so much pleasure to the children of our community.

24 May

2021

On Monday we had as our guests the leadership team from North Epping Primary School, our partners in this project. Principal Kerry Goldhagen, and Assistant Principal Michael Taylor reiterated this commitment to the project and were very pleased by the enthusiasm and excitement of the students. Glenn Gallagher, the school groundsman received a **Pride of Workmanship** award to thank him for his hard work, positive attitude and generous facilitation of the Community Garden project at the school.



Survey Results

I urge you all to join us **next Monday** when we will share the results of the Survey and discuss ideas for improvement, raised by you, the members.

Last Monday – North Epping Primary Garden Project



The partnership between Epping Rotary and Epping North PS was celebrated at the Club meeting on Monday night.

The focus of the meeting was a question-and-answer session with the Principal Kerry-Anne Goldhagen, Michael Taylor Assistant Principal and Glenn Gallagher the General Assistant. The responses showed a commitment to the project which the school managing through the students being involved with planting seeds. The pictures show the students enjoying their class activity.





Pride of Workmanship award was presented to Glenn Gallagher from Epping North PS for his wonderful support of the Community Garden Project. He has helped with the project working bees during on weekends and school holidays. Nothing was too much for Glenn. He is a worthy recipient of the POW. See picture of presentation, in Toula's report above.

BREAKING NEWS

The Club has been successful in gaining a Federal Grant under the Stronger Communities Project. \$17,500 has been approved which is a wonderful support to our Community Garden Project in partnership with Epping North PS

Peter Garrard Community Director

What's coming up

Rotary Club of Epping Monday Night Program 2020-2021 Date	- Venue	speaker	Comms Person	Status					
					Monday, 31 May 2021	Hotel, Epping	Club Forum Discuss outcomes of Survey	Toula & Narelle	Confirmed
					Monday, 7 June 2021	Hotel, Epping	Stephanie Ho Polar Adventurer and Mountaineer	Bruce	confirmed
Monday, 14 June 2021	NO MEETING	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY							
Monday, 21 June 2021	Hotel, Epping	Rob Philips, Chairman, Bendigo Bank	Bruce	Confirmed					
Monday, 28 June 2021	Club, Epping	Changeover with District Governor Elect Lindsay May		Confirmed					

Joan Clune Update.

Joan's at home and continues to be stoic and a fighter. She's one tough lady as well as being a warm and wonderful person.

I visited her last Friday and plan to again this Friday. She warmly welcomes visitors.

If planning on going maybe ring son Phil on 0407987809 to ensure she's home and ok. Phil is there 4 days a week with the other kids sharing the other 3 days.

Bruce

Blue Mountains Weekend. August 7 and 8

Trevor has organised a wonderful weekend and has asked me to coordinate the accommodation at the Red Leaf at Blackheath.

At this this stage I have the following 25 coming: Bruce and Louise, Alex, Julian and Lyn, Rob and Monica, Peter and Janet, Toula and Victor, Trevor and Ellen, Monica and Geoff, John and Eszster, Alan and Louise, Anne, Sharyn, Narelle, Deretta and Justin.

Most are staying both nights, but some just the Saturday. Can you confirm with me please whether you are both nights or one? It is not too late to join as I've tentatively have two rooms on standby, but Ideally like to confirm soon please.

This promises to be special.

Cheers Bruce

Community Raffle Sales

Volunteers are needed to help sell Raffle tickets!

If you have not done so already, I would encourage members to volunteer a couple of hours of their time on a Saturday morning to help over the next few weeks, either at North Epping Shopping Plaza or in Carlingford, Corner North Rocks Road and Plympton Road.

To book your spot, or for more information, please contact Deretta at secretary@eppingrotary.org.au

Books Sold

For those who have sold your books, please return stubs and cash to Deretta on Mondays. If you prefer to transfer the money online, it will have to go the Community Account account number 135781490. Please include your book number in the details.

Deadline for returning ALL tickets is June 21

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Epping Rotary. BSB 633000 Account 135781490 Reference Your name + Raffle.



Raffle Information

Cost of tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 8 for \$20

Through generous donations we have secured great prizes worth more than \$1000 in total.

Special thanks go to Bruce and Louise and to Betty who donated 2 of the prizes.

Prizes

1. 2 nights at Werri beach, Gerringong at a house by the ocean, which sleeps 6. Donated by Bruce and Louise

- 2. Rawson's Restaurant \$200 voucher; donated by The Epping Club.
- 3. One mixed dozen Epping Rotary wine bottles; worth \$160 donated by the Rotary Club of Epping
- 4. \$100 Macquarie Shopping Centre Gift Card; donated by Macquarie Shopping Centre
- 5. \$100 voucher from Epping Hotel
- 6. One bottle of Veuve Cliquot champagne; donated by Betty Ockerlander

Draw

The Raffle will be drawn on June 28, 2021 at 8:30pm. Winners will be informed by phone.

Money raised will go towards;

- **The Community Garden**. In partnership with the North Epping Primary local school, this project is well underway. It will involve the whole school community and will provide students with a real-time experience on how to grow, harvest, and use vegetables, fruits and herbs.
- Local Youth Projects. Working with local schools, the club has several ongoing projects that require funding. Examples are the sponsoring of teams for a MUNA conference, Seniors Debates and Leadership programs (RYLA)
- **Minimbah Disability Service**. The Club supports this Marsfield organisation, which cares for people with complex intellectual disabilities. Members of the club volunteer their services and gardening skills.

District Changeover – Latest Information

The Changeover will be upon us quite soon as our year races by. Time to register for the lunch gathering. Due to current restrictions, there are limited numbers who can attend, so it would be better to register now if you have not done so.

An Important Message About the Changeover from District Secretary, Pamela Noal

Dear respected fellow Rotarians and good friends through the years,

Please note that the well-established essential Changeover Committee of 6 Rotarians has again met in planning the D9685 Changeover event to be held at Castle Hill RSL auditorium on Sunday, 4th July 2021 for a lunch to become a celebration with many distinguished guests through our Rotary journey in this most challenging year. Indeed, our Rotary Centenary Year!

COVID-19 Government and Medical bulletins continue to update our Rotary planning events with observations of global advice and learning of difficult present devastating news we are hearing from India. It is within utmost respect that the Changeover 2021-2022 committee have unanimously decided that, out of true respect to India, our sincere, ongoing support from our Global friends in reaching out, we will no longer have the District Changeover theme " Bollywood. "



Bloody Long Walk in Sydney

It is a 35km challenge on Sunday, 14 November 2021 from Malabar to The Rocks; the event is owned and operated by the Mito Foundation.

Walk, jog or run and enjoy spectacular scenery whilst raising vital funds to help find cures for mitochondrial disease (mito).

Mito is a debilitating and potentially fatal genetic disorder that impairs the body's ability to convert food into the energy needed to power muscles and major organs; 1 in 200 people are at risk of developing mito. One Australian child born each week suffers a severe or life-threatening form of mito making it the second most commonly diagnosed serious genetic disease after cystic fibrosis.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Bruce.



Food & Wine – The Epping Club Friday 6 August

Save the date. Colin Chua has booked three stands at the fair, with wine tasting All proceeds form his stall will go to Rotary projects.



RIM ARTICLES

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