

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to our Rotary program!

As 2021 unfolds, it promises to be better than last year, but still full of challenges. Our concerns about vaccine availability and travel restrictions are tempered by the fact that we are able to live 'normal' lives.

Our Rotary calendar promises to be quite busy, and we promise some exciting speakers and motivating events over the next few months. Special thanks to Bruce who is instrumental at putting the program together.

Our regular meetings will continue to be held at the Epping Hotel while our larger events will be held at the Epping Club.

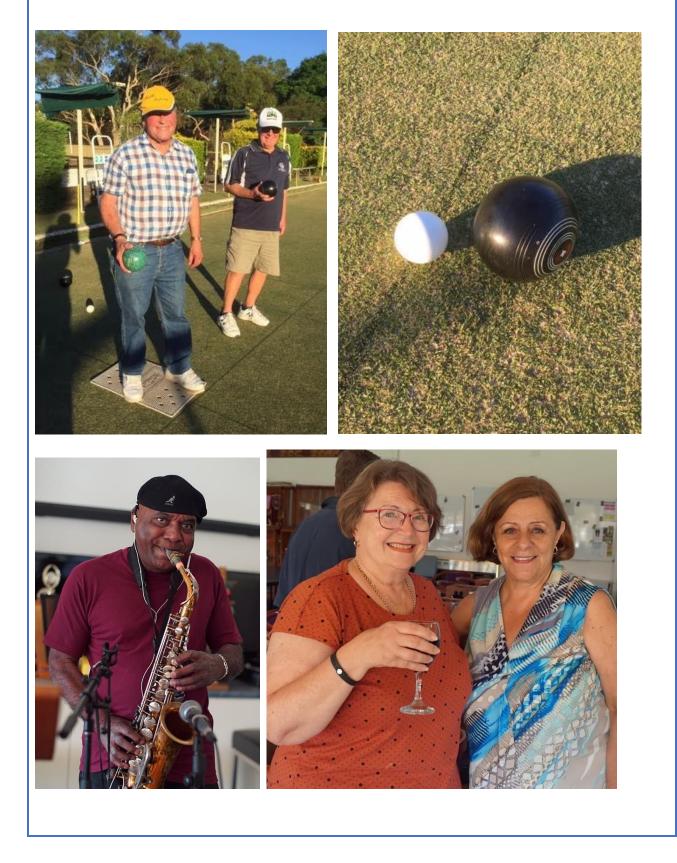
It was lovely to see many of you on Monday at the Bowling Club. Given the heat, many chose not to play but happy to catch up for a chat. We had great pizza, an impromptu musical interlude and some dancing! A prospective new member Tony Huang took great photos which you can see by following the link: <u>Bowling</u> <u>Club Photos - January 2021</u>

Our first speaker next Monday is Lily Serna. She will join us at a Q&A session hosted by our wit at large, Justin Kang.

I hope to see all of you there!

# Our first meeting of the New Year. Bare Foot Bowling

A great start to the year. A time for members to get in touch again. Somme entertainment as well as the opportunity for some bowls in the heat, and a glass on wine for those who chose to stay indoors



# What's coming up



Rotary Club of Epping		
Monday Night Program 2020-2021		
Date	Venue	Speaker
Monday, 1 February 2021	Hotel, Epping	Lily Serna, Mathematician
Monday, 8 February 2021	ТВА	John Alexander, local member
Monday, 15 February 2021	Hotel, Epping	Rosen Kiat, Cardiologist
Monday, 22 February 2021	Hotel, Epping	Trevor Fulton, Streetwork
Monday, 1 March 2021	Club, Epping	Pride of Workmanship

# **Next Monday**



**Lily Serna** is a mathematician, TV presenter and a passionate advocate of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

Her decision to study mathematics at university was based on a love of problem solving— "it's a way to use your mind to break down problems and think about the world in a systematic and logical way".

Lily currently works as an Analyst for Atlassian. She is best known for copresenting Letters and Numbers on SBS and Catalyst programs on the ABC.

#### Join us at the pub 6:00 for 6:30 start





CCA says 'Thanks' to YOU rare few individuals, groups, clubs, churches and organisations who have listened without judgement, spoken without prejudice, helped without entitlement, understood without pretension and LOVED without conditions.

Last year CCA put out a call for your support and trust in CCA to deliver some 'Christmas Joy', essential, vital services, food and other living essentials to our community members who felt anxious and wary about the COVID situation.

It is with gratitude and humility I share with you that in 2020, CCA, with your support delivered 276 Christmas hampers to families and children in our community affected by a number of vulnerabilities. Every hamper consisted of celebratory food, toiletries, vouchers, toys, and gifts.

In the most unusual year of 2020 your effort was an amazing achievement that helped to improve the lives of many people who faced the daily challenges of uncertainty, anxiety, and isolation. Once again, thank you for your confidence in CCA to help make a difference. We could not do what we do without you! From me to you – A Special Thank You.

Once again, thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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**Heather Pinto** 

General Manager

# Good News from "End Polio Day" 2020



Rotary members raised awareness about polio eradication and showed their support more than ever on World Polio Day. Participation in activities and events and donations to PolioPlus both increased this year.

Clubs registered more than 7,600 virtual activities and events in 146 countries, surpassing last year's 5,900 events. We had a variety of awareness promotions and online presentations as part of our registered events, with many virtual events that featured high-profile speakers and attracted large audiences. Donors contributed more than \$920,000 online - totaling more than \$2.7 million with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 2-to-1 match - which is the most ever raised online for World Polio Day.

A new <u>social media campaign</u> inspired members and supporters to share their best End Polio Now photos using the hashtag #MyEndPolio. So far, more than 1,000 photos have been uploaded and shared. Rotary's <u>World Polio Day Online Global Update</u> has been watched nearly 300,000 times and downloaded

by thousands of clubs to communicate the critical need to end polio for good. <u>Learn more</u> about polio eradication achievements and the challenges ahead to protect all children from polio. *Extract from the End Polio Now Newsletter, December 2020* 

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