



Quote

“Be brave, be courageous, be authentic, and most , enjoy your unique journey “

Ashley Barty

Bruce's Banter

Welcome to the New Year. Trust that 2023 will be a great year for Epping Rotary and you and your friends.

Joan Clune.

I see Joan most Thursdays on my way to MoW. She's bed ridden, requires help, but is alert and great to talk with. I think she's better than 12 months ago. She has great family support. She says hi to everyone.



RYLA.

We have two wonderful young men in Gian Gill and Daniel De Andrade as our RYLA representatives. I was lucky enough to drive them to their weeklong “camp” at Knox and then attend the RYLA dinner on January 17, attended by 170. It was a terrific night.

Thanks to Anne who picked them up on the Saturday.

We'll be having a special Youth Night, most likely on February 6, where they'll be an important part of the evening.



RYPEN Cancelled.

Unfortunately this was cancelled, the decision made in January. The reason given was insufficient applicants (Epping Rotary had two). However I'm critical of the District organisers as they left the application link on the website until early December which is far too late.

Thanks to John Royer.

John is a quiet but committed Rotarian who is doing many important jobs for our Club including banking, money float, letterbox attendee, WWCC coordination and bowls organiser. Thanks John, much appreciated.

Best Wishes Deretta.

Deretta flies out on February 2 to England to see her son and his family. Have a great time Deretta; much deserved.

Ying.

Ying is in Hong Kong looking after her frail father. She remains a member and sends her best wishes.

Bowls. Next Monday. January 30.

See below for more detail but this is a fun social event.

Please contact John Royer by this company Saturday as he will be organising the bowls and doing the pizza order.

PP Chris O'Brien and Sue will be attending and I urge all members and partners and friends to come. John Fenessy will help with coaching tips if you're a novice or even a veteran!!

Bruce

Monday 30 January – Barefoot Bowls

What better way to start the New Year than to have a game of barefoot bowls.

Monday 30th January 2023 our meeting is being held at the North Epping Bowling Club. The club has a large veranda which overlooks the bowling greens and the National Park.

Come for the company and to learn and take part in this fun activity (barefoot lawn bowls). If you do not wish to bowl then catch up with the members, enjoy some good food and watch the action.

Details of the meeting:

- Time – 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm start.
- Venue – where Norfolk Road meets Boundary Road, North Epping.
- Plenty of car parking.
- Some words on how to play.
- Total cost for bowls and food \$25 per person (includes pizza).
- Famous Gourmet pizzas from Zappi's (including some vegetarian pizzas and gluten free if required).
- Club bar will be open for soft drinks, wine, beer etc. until 8.00 pm.
- The club will close at 8.00 pm.
- Clothing to be smart casual.
- Footwear is to be flat soled shoes or barefoot. Heels of any sort damage the greens.
- The fee includes the use of lawn bowls.
- Weather will be sunny and dry.
- Bring along family and friends.

Would you please provide John Royer (royer.john@gmail.com 0421 481 650) yes or no regarding your attendance. If you are going to be attending please also provide the names of any family and friends attending by 12pm Wednesday 18th January 2023 to help us with the arrangements. Please let me know of any special dietary requirements so that we can arrange any appropriate pizzas.

John Royer
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January Bush walk

Cumberland Forest Walk.

16 Club members and Friends of Rotary had a lovely 1-2 hours together two weeks ago having a few walks in the beautiful bush land and then a social coffee at the cafe. The Cumberland Forest is a gem



Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
30 January	Barefoot Bowls	Nt Epping BC
6 February	Youth Night (Bruce & Anne)	Brasserie.
13 February	Robotics. Rex Di Bona	Epping Club
20 February	TBA	
27 February	George Souris OAM. Ex leader NSW National Party, Board of Racing NSW, President NSW State Library	Epping Club
26 June	Changeover	Epping Club
Date	Other Events	Venue
17 March	District Conference	Cowra
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne

Green Games - Oecusse

Here is an extract from Judy Charnaud's report. *The full report is attached*

"It was the worst of times, it was the best of times."

That just about sums up the 2022 Youth-in-Action GREEN Games, our 14th. Will there be a 15th – at this stage the answer to that is way out there as I have to get over this one first! I am basically only an involved spectator at the Games and I find it exhausting, so how Luis and the GREENTL Games committee cope I don't know; organising, planning, ensuring things run smoothly every day, liaising with referees and players, cleaning up after each game and solving all sorts of problems which crop up. No detail is left unattended, nothing is left to chance, even though "chance" seems to play a large part in everything up here.

The Games began on the 21st of September and ran until the 25 November, 7 days a week for 9 weeks!

A First for Women's Soccer

Definitely a highlight of this year's games was the inclusion, for the first time ever in competition in Timor Leste, of Women's soccer. Nine teams participated and it was fantastic to see the response of the spectators, the pride in the teams and their coaches and the improvement and growth in the confidence of the players as the games continued. There was a lot of laughter from the sidelines as the players fell over, missed kicks and so on but also a lot of respect that women could play so well, so hard and so fast!



San Isidro Garden Project

Some updated pictured of the project





District 9685 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Course, 24th to 26th February by Zoom



Next program: February 24/25/26 by Zoom

Who: Current and incoming Board members, club members – who do YOU know who would love to attend

Why: To expand your Rotary knowledge and leadership skills

Cost: \$30pp

Register: www.rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

Full details: as follows:

I am standing in for RLI Convenor and DGE Christine Owen while she attends the DGE Training in Orlando during January. The next online Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) course is scheduled for 24/25/26 February via Zoom. Join in from home! Only \$30! Great value! The course is conducted by RLI facilitators and consists of 3 parts:

- Day 1 – Friday 24 February – 6-7pm
- Day 2 – Saturday 25 February 8am- 4pm – 3 x 2hr sessions with breaks
- Day 3 – Sunday 26 February 8am-4pm – as above

This course is designed for Rotarians with at least 12 months Rotary membership and graduates have said: *“the best Rotary learning I have done”* and *“RLI opened my eyes to a much broader Rotary experience beyond my club”*. See RLI brochure attached. This course is ideal for Presidents-Elect, new or

existing Board members and anyone interested in furthering their Rotary knowledge, skills and leadership potential.

ACTION: Register and pay [HERE NOW](#) or encourage someone else from your club to enrol today! Registrations close 17th February 2023.

District Conference Update

Hello fellow Rotarians!

District Conference 9685 Cowra Breakout beckons!

The programme has just been updated and it's looking even more exciting – take another look.

There's still accommodation available in Cowra – contact barry_taylor@optusnet.com.au for more information.

If you haven't booked already, don't miss out on this fabulous autumn rural weekend. Register here: <https://www.crsadmin.com/eventportal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=1802df27-8875-402b-bae5-32f6c91bf56d>

Important Message No. 1

Is your club decorating a Hiking Stick for auction and competition at our upcoming conference?

- Blackheath Rotary will allocate each stick with a unique number in advance of its arrival.
- The hiking stick must have an allocated number to be entered into the competition and auction.
- To receive your allocated number(s) respond by email (lemon.mccoy@gmail.com) with the following information no later than 31 JANUARY 2023:

1. Club Name:
2. Club contact email address:
3. Number of hiking sticks:

All hiking sticks are to be delivered for display at Cowra Showground Pavilion on **Friday 17/3/23**.

Important Message No. 2

If your club was a musical band, which band would it be?
Is your club a little bit SSO? Def Leppard? Louisville Jug Band?

We all want to know. Tell us at the conference roll call.

Important Message No. 3

Don't forget to book your bus ticket to and from the Cowra Showground Pavilion online. Just \$10 return. Save yourself the worry and enjoy the festivities.

Important Message No. 4

RDU needs assistance to staff their RDU Merchandise Breakout Showcase stall at the Conference. If you can help with this you are entitled to a 10% discount from any purchases from RDU. (Unfortunately, there are two Rotary Conferences on at the same time.)

Best wishes,

Carol Lemon-McCoy

Rotary Club of Blackheath

Cowra Breakout District Conference Co-Chair

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District Governor's Message

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

I hope you have had a relaxing break from all things Rotary and are now feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead. We will be welcoming our 2023 RYLA participants this month, seeing off three wonderful Youth Exchange students to Brazil and looking forward to our incoming students. DGE Christine has been to Orlando for her training and RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) managers are heading off overseas in all directions to reconnect physically with their projects. So, it looks like things are on the move in 2023.

Speaking of RAWCS, I'd like to congratulate Jan Pryor, our District RAWCS Chair. International President Jennifer Jones chose two projects to visit in Nepal as part of her world trip gathering great stories about what Rotarians do, and one of those projects was Jan's Didi Foundation. Considering the number of wonderful projects in Nepal, that is quite a feather in Jan's and her team's collective hats. Our District continues to lead the zone in the number of RAWCS projects, as well as Foundation projects. We have exemplary leaders in Jan, David Dean, Haran Ramachandran and the committees of The Rotary Foundation and RAWCS who work tirelessly to assist our members to achieve their goals. This is why it is important to continue giving some of our hard-earned dollars to our own programs and then use those stories of action to spread the word throughout our communities.

Over the next six months I will be meeting with clusters to encourage a critical look at their projects and see how we can leverage this often-unrecognised work to grow our membership. There are many clubs struggling with trying to continue their great work with fewer and fewer members and we all know that 'elephant in the room' will nudge us out the door if we ignore it.

I also want to remind clubs to think about preparing a great project story to go in the RDU magazine. It doesn't need to be lengthy, and it does need a photo or two showing action. Send your contribution to have to Marilyn Kenney.

My message to you all as I've continued on my official visits (wow, I sound like Her Majesty) has been based on providing a positive club experience for every one of your members. This includes empowering everyone to have an equal voice and to be respected and listened to. Jennifer Jones reminds us of this in her January message:

"People like me in Rotary leadership can offer all kinds of advice about how to make your club experience more valuable. But what's most important is for everyone in every Rotary club to speak up and listen to one another. We should never be afraid to share with our fellow Rotary members what we expect to get out of our membership and have an open discussion about how to make that happen."

Finally, our Cowra Conference planning is coming along extremely well and thanks to all those who managed to register before the end of December. For those of you who have still not registered please consider doing it as soon as possible. We have a great weekend planned but we need more of you to join us.

I'm going to leave you with a New Year message from Paul Harris, our founder. It's over 100 years old and still has relevance today.

New Year Wishes from Paul Harris – 1916.

From an article titled, 'The Future of Rotary' published in The Rotarian. Harris concluded the short piece with these wishes for the new year.

"I wish you all of the prosperity which your good deeds merit.

May all things you ought to have, be yours.

May your charities rank among your necessary expenditures.

May you not fall into the popular error of thinking happiness is to be found in outdoing your neighbours.

May it always be yours to look beneath the veneer of life to the solid substance which lies beneath.

May you be builders, not mere climbers.

*May you be able to appraise life's blessings at their real worth.
May you be free to act in accordance with the dictates of your own conscience and good judgement.
May you not be slaves to meaningless customs, social or otherwise.
May you shun the groove followers.
May you have vision to discern the right and the health, strength and will to do it.
That is to say, I wish you a happy New Year".*

Shared on FB by Amrit Pal Singh, RC Chandigarh
31/12/2022

Mina Howard
District Governor 2022-2023

RIM ARTICLES

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Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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