

Rotary

Club of Epping



26 September 2022

Last Monday

Due to confusion over numbers attending, our scheduled guest speaker has been moved till March next year which was a disappointment to our visitors from the Rotary Club of Eastwood-Gladesville as well as our club members. Nonetheless we had a most enjoyable evening with '3 on me' presentations by two of our most recent members and a presentation by Robert Dive from Eastwood-Gladesville.

Ravi Veerakathy

Ravi was born in Colombo, capital of Sri Lanka. He moved to England to study Civil Engineering at Leeds University. He then lived and worked in Singapore for about 8 years during which time 2 of his 3 children were born. His family then moved to Epping for 18 months before settling in Beecroft. His third child was born in Sydney, His children are now young adults and have all settled locally.

He has spent most of his working life in the public sector. Initially working on the railways and designing stronger columns so the tragedy of the Granville train disaster will never be repeated. He has also worked for Land Com which he enjoyed and finally for Transport NSW where he was involved with designing bridges.

Ravi is keen to be involved with Rotary projects now that he has retired from Civil Engineering but I'm sure we will benefit a lot from his problem solving, planning and implementation skills which he has refined through his engineering background.

Alister Maclean

Alister discussed his early childhood in Ryde living near a dangerous intersection where his mother, previously a nurse in WW11 would need to apply her skills to support crash victims. He attended Meadowbank Primary School and later EBHS and had an adventurous spirit from early on; loving a scooter ride from Hornsby heights down to the Cumberland plateau and running up hills thus being mistaken for being a thief. He lived in London for 19 months and used it as a base to travel widely across Europe, often under difficult conditions.

He is married and has 3 sons. His eldest son studied Chemistry and Environmental Science and has a senior position testing for lead contamination in soils, asbestos etc. His second son is a cameraman for Sky News and travels widely covering both our federal election as well as elections in USA. Finally, he has Cameron our local alderman in Parramatta Council who has achieved amazing feats in running despite his visual impairment.

Alister is passionate about bush regeneration which he has done unofficially since 1994 and officially for the past 20 years. He has seen great improvement in the area around Epping pool leading to sightings of 6 wallabies and a 2 metre black snake amongst other native fauna. He is also very active in the local scouting group.

He has a bachelor of Commerce and Business Law from Curtin University and worked as a senior design technician in Water Infrastructure. He believes in the concept of:

'The first 20 years we are nurtured,
the second 20 years we develop our career,
the next 20 years we give back to the community.'

Presentation by Robert Dive from Eastwood – Gladesville Rotary

Robert gave us an inspiring presentation about the fund-raising activities of their 13 member club, 6 of whom came to visit our club.

They raised \$8,000 from a wine tasting held at Pennant Hills Golf Club with the wines presented by Mistletoe Wineries from the Hunter Valley. They also raised \$7,000 from a Trivia night which supported Giant Steps and the Children's Grief Centre. In addition they do Bunnings BBQs at 2 different sites to support Judy Charnaud in Oecusse in Timor Leste and other important organisations.

It was so good to meet our local neighbours and we hope to have further joint meetings in the future.

Anne Robinson

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
3 October	Holiday	
10 October	Anthony Stavrinis, Journalist from TWT.	Epping Club
17 October	Club Forum / 3 on me	Epping Club
24 October	Primary Schools Debate	Epping Club
31 October	Epping Community Bank (BB) Community Awards	Epping Club
7 November	Langston Awards	Epping Club
14 November	Pride of Workmanship	Epping Club
21 November	International Night	Epping Club
28 November	Trevor – Book Launch Monica – Foundation	Epping Club
5 December	AGM	Epping Club
12 December	Xmas Party	
Date	Other Events	Venue
24 October	Polio train ride in Sydney	Epping Station
4 November	Carlingford 50 th Anniversary	
12 November	Golden Oldies Ferry Cruise ???	Meadowbank
13 November	Mito Walk	
1-7 December	Polio Movie Event	
17 March	District Conference	Cowra
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne

National Centre for Childhood Grief

The National Centre for Childhood Grief celebrated 23 years at 14 Hollis St, Denistone West on Saturday 17 September. The house which was recently sold meant the NCCG needed to move to new premises. Their new home is a former medical centre in Balmoral St Hornsby. It will provide more space for the work

the NCCG undertakes but will need support to re-establish itself. Volunteers will be required over the next 3 months to help create the same warm, welcoming atmosphere that they had at Hollis St.

On 17 September, members of the Rotary Club of Eastwood-Gladesville and Epping, as well as Friends of Rotary, ran the barbecue from 12 noon to 3pm for all the attendees farewelling the NCCG's Denistone East home. It was great to have our newest Rotarian, Nervin, there to 'lend a hand'.

The NCCG Clinical Director, Dr Liz Mann, expressed gratitude for the support, both financially and in kind, of local community groups such as Rotary.



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Carlingford 50th Anniversary

Carlingford
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Club



50th Anniversary
1972 - 2022

THE ROTARY CLUB OF
CARLINGFORD

INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM TO CELEBRATE

5 Decades of Service
50th Anniversary Dinner

Featuring Guest Speaker

Simon Bouda AM, A Current Affair, Crime Editor

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2022
AT 6.30 PM
MUIRFIELD GOLF CLUBHOUSE
2 PERRY ST, NORTH ROCKS 2151

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

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\$75 FOR THREE COURSE DINNER,
LIMITED ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND
ANNIVERSARY CAKE

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A TOUCH OF GOLD

I am pleased to invite you to attend the **Rotary Club of Carlingford's 50th Anniversary Dinner** to be held on **Friday 4th November 6.30pm** at Muirfield Golf Clubhouse (2 Perry St, North Rocks). Our Guest Speaker for this event is Simon Bouda AM, Crime Editor with A Current Affair. Please refer to the flyer attached for full details. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://events.humanitix.com/rotary-carlingford-50th> and dietary requirements advised as part of your booking. Should you need any further information, please reach out to Event Organiser Martha Jabour OAM (cc'd) or myself.

Our club also has a very exciting Guest Speaker booked for **Tuesday 4th October** – **John Perrottet** (father of the State Premier). John's very impressive bio is below, and we would be delighted if you or some of your club members would like to join us for the event. We meet at the Vikings Club – Scandia Room, 35 Quarry Rd, Dundas. A wide variety of meals are available to order at the bistro from 6pm, and our Rotary meeting commences at 7.15pm. There is plenty of parking, disability access, and a small meeting charge of \$5 per head for the meeting. To advise attendance for this meeting, please contact President-elect and Club Admin Director Bass Bhaskaran (cc'd).

John Perrottet is a global investment and economic development expert with over 40 years' experience specializing in industry development policy, strategic planning, investment mobilization, project financing and financial management with a special emphasis on the **tourism and visitor industries**. He has worked in more than 50 countries across Africa, Europe, Central, South and East Asia, the Pacific Islands, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Middle East.

John has recently retired from the World Bank Group (WBG) where he held several positions including the Global Lead for Tourism based in Washington, DC. As coordinator of the WBG's Global Tourism Team he was responsible for the technical design and supervision of tourism lending and advisory projects supporting a global portfolio valued at ~US\$7.0bn.

He continues to consult to the World Bank Group on tourism related matters and provides specialized senior investment and economic development advice to public and private clients.

I do hope that you and /or some of your club members will be able to join us for either event.

Best regards,
Trudy

Trudy Stevenson
President 2022-23
Rotary Club of Carlingford

News from East Timor



Timor Leste Newsletter September 2022



I began this newsletter, in August, on a very positive note - I have booked my return trip to Timor Leste, flying through to Dili on 29th August, – assuming things will go much better this time around! So far so good as I managed to use some frequent flyer points for the trip up so only cost \$135 including carbon offset! My bag is basically packed as I did not unpack much of it when I arrived home after the aborted last trip so ready to go!

GREENTL has so much planned that we will certainly be hitting the ground running – building the housing for the composting toilet, two fish farms and of course the *Youth-in-Action* GREEN Games. Looks as though we will have over 25 soccer teams so add volleyball, basketball and a marathon to that and the Games will be BIG! This of course is a problem – a good one but still a problem. The more teams we accept the more the games cost due to the extra time involved – extra games for the referees, more fuel costs, (fuel is \$US1.87, \$Aus2.85, a litre in Timor Leste now), hundreds more water bottles and so on.

Read the full newsletter in the separate attachment

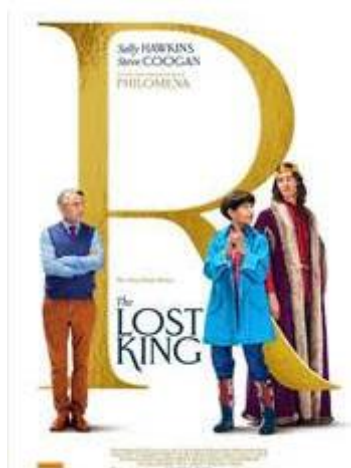
Polio Movie Event – The Lost King

For many years, the **Polio Movie Event** has been a very popular way for clubs to **raise funds for Rotary's number one priority, *Ending Polio***. It's also an opportunity for Rotary members and people in our communities to have some fun together.

This year's movie is ***The Lost King***, the story of the rediscovery, by an amateur historian, of the five centuries old remains of Richard III... in a Leicester carpark. Critics describe it as "*an incredible and inspiring true story about perseverance and not taking no for an answer*".

The movie will be released to the Australia and New Zealand public on Boxing Day, but the great news is that ***a pre-release of the movie is available for Rotary clubs during the week of Thursday 1st to Wednesday 7th December.***

Let's make this year's Polio Movie Event a blockbuster — and ***End Polio Now!***



Rotary Beecroft – Living Treasure Award

Living Treasures of Beecroft is a biennial award to recognise the contribution of older people in our community. Rotary Club of Beecroft is inviting nominations for Living Treasures of Beecroft 2022. I would be grateful if you can share and promote this news to Trust members and through your newsletter to the broader community. Details about the nomination process are below.

To be eligible for the Award, a nominee should be

- 70 years or older
- have made a significant and enduring contribution in any field of service that are aligned to Rotary's aims, and priorities
- Person must have lived in Beecroft OR made a significant contribution to Beecroft-Cheltenham area
- Have not previously received Rotary's Living Treasures Award

A judging panel by the Rotary Club of Beecroft will review all nominations and recommend finalists for the Award. Awardees will be recognised at a ceremony to be held in the Beecroft Community Centre between 3 pm and 5 pm on Saturday 22nd October 2022.

Anyone can make a nomination using the form attached. Completed nomination forms can be returned to beecroftrotary.YatH@gmail.com or to the Rotary Preloved Bookshop, 5B Hannah St, Beecroft NSW 2119.

Nominations Close Monday 10 October 2022.

For more details, please contact me on Greg Keighran on Mobile: 0412 276 097 or Email: beecroftrotary.YatH@gmail.com

Thank you
Yours faithfully,

Greg Keighran
Community Services Director 2022, Rotary Club of Beecroft

Anyone can make a nomination. Please complete your nomination using this form and send it to us. You can

- Email us the filled form to beecroftrotary.YatH@gmail.com
- Or leave the filled form in a sealed envelope with Rotary staff at the Beecroft Rotary Preloved Bookshop; mark the envelope "Living Treasures of Beecroft"

Details of Nominator

Nominator Name:

Nominator Phone number:

Nominator's Email:

Nominator's Relationship (if any) to the person nominated:

Details of person being nominated for Living Treasures of Beecroft

Nominee Name:

Nominee's Age

Nominee Phone number:

Nominee's Email:

YOUNG AT HEART FESTIVAL

Hello RCBeecroft

We are VERY excited to invite you to our first major event this year!

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday 22 October
in Beecroft Village

We have lots of things for you and your loved ones to do!!

Rotary
Club of Beecroft
**YOUNG AT HEART
FESTIVAL**



**Connecting Young
with Older Generations**

Colouring Comp - Photo Hunt - Music - Fun

**Saturday 22 October
10 am to 2 pm
Beecroft Village**

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Riding for the Disabled – Meet the Sponsors 17 November

We would love you to join us to meet some of the riders from Truscott St School on Thursday 17th November. Their class starts around 10am and concludes around 11am. It would be followed by morning tea and handing out of their medals.

As you can imagine, these children and their family have far fewer choices and opportunities in life to do something special. Your sponsorship makes such a difference and enables them to participate.

Thank you again for your support We hope to see you at the morning tea.

Best Regards,

Tina Clifton
Honorary Secretary
The Ryde Centre
Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW)

From a parent:

Whilst I was always a big supporter of the Riding for the Disabled program and thrilled that my child was able to attend, I have been impressed by the profound impact it has had on my child – and its only week 4!! I was nervous on Week 1, I thought he would be either rigid with fear when near a horse or refusing to go beyond patting one. However, first photo – here he is, riding, and a smile from ear to ear!! From there, it has grown a life of its own. For the first time in his primary school years, he comes home from school and can't wait to tell me (in his words) about "riding the ponies". His favorite pony is "his friend" and he loves him. He tells me what he looks like, how a pony talks and we have "pony day" on the calendar and we are now counting sleeps between sessions. The horse riding is developing his conversation at a whole new level, it's a chat that goes beyond functional yes/no. It is also helping him to have real texture in a weekly structure - in that we know we wait until his riding day and how long until his next ride. The horse riding is also helping his regulation, he is calmer since he started riding and the excitement of it gives him so much joy that it helps with the waiting between the sessions.

The value of a therapy animal cannot be underestimated. I know we hear about it often, but I am now seeing it action.

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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