



### **Quote**

"invite you to continue adding chapters to this book. I am certain it will enrich your life as it has mine."  
Trevor McAlister.

### **Bruce's Banter**

#### **Last Monday. George Souris AM.**

Below is my brief thankyou email to George and his response. Peter also has a brief report below.

*Thanks George for a wonderful and impressive "interview". I've received nothing but praise and positive feedback.*

*Your commitment and skills you bring to many organisations is outstanding.*  
Bruce

*No, thank YOU for taking the risk to introduce me to your treasured Rotary Club.*

*It was an honour to be asked by you and then interviewed so perfectly, irrespective of how poorly each preceding answer was.*

*I thoroughly enjoyed the evening made extra special having Peter, Macca and Paddy there and to receive such a nice BoT from Peter.*

*Thank you for the Epping Rotary wine.*

*Best wishes to you and Epping Rotary.*

**George**

In summary George was very impressive and informative on the many subject areas that he's had and continues to have influence on.

Thanks George.

#### **George Souris speaker**

George was a very entertaining and knowledgeable speaker. He responded to the questions from President Bruce about a range of questions on both his political career and his retirement contributions to a range of Boards.

He provided an interesting insight into Premiers he had served under in the NSW Parliament and members he respected such as Andrew Tink, a friend of Epping Rotary. George expanded on a couple of areas of service. He is the Chairman of the Board of the NSW Public Library, formerly the Mitchell Library. The incredible and extremely valuable collection of both books and paintings he spoke of in glowing terms. He also is very proud of the upgrade of the Library including a new cafe on the top floor which has excellent food and views. He is also on other Boards such as NSW Gaming and Racing.

Overall George showed what a great personal contribution he has made to the State of NSW as an MP for Singleton for 27 and 7 years in various voluntary capacities.

George is a long term friend of Bruce which shows the high quality of TAS Armidale alumni.

**Peter Garrard**



Monica presented Alex with another PHF in recognition of his generosity to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations and thanks Alex.

### **Trevor's Book**

Trevor's book sales continue to soar. He is a much sought after speaker at Rotary, Probus meetings etc and for every book sold, \$17.50 goes to the Rotary Foundation. An amazing effort Trevor and thank you very much.

### **Pride of Workmanship (POW). May 15.**

Been in contact with Vocational Director, Alex, and we've agreed to have an Educational POW on May 15. Alex and Elizabeth are away for much of March but return early April and that's when we'll start to really ramp your enthusiasm for this POW. However please start thinking of worthy candidates.

### **Clean Up Australia. Sunday March 5.**

Details are below but please support this iconic event at Terry's Creek this Sunday. Epping Rotary had this walk as a major project for 20 years and have supported this clean up since then. Alister is now in charge after Ian has done sterling service for many years. It's hard to put a good man down as Ian is still very committed and will be bringing and erecting the tent, BBQ etc. Please support this great event where there'll be a BBQ, beer, soft drinks etc as well. Many thanks Alister and Ian.

### **Next Monday - Darcy Street Project at Boronia Grove / Park**

John has provided more details but it's a 6 for 6.30 pm start. Cost is \$25 payable on the night. Bring your own beer and or wine.

John and I will induct John plus John will give an overview of the Darcy Street Project. However much of the evening will be just chatting amongst ourselves. Please let John or Bruce know if you are coming as we need to know approximate numbers.

Thanks John for leading and implementing this special night.

**Bruce**

## Club Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker/Topic Mondays</b>	<b>Venue</b>
6 March	Darcy Street Project	Café/Boronia Grove
13 March	Gateway High School. Theresa Colignon.	Epping Club
20 March	CCA. Heather, Peter and Toula.	CCA office
27 March	Penny Wilkinson. CEO / Founder of The Overcomer's Place.	Epping Club
3 April	Deepak Gill. Working in Colombo plus Childhood Epilepsy.	Epping Club
10 April	Holiday – Easter	
15 May	Pride of Workmanship	
26 June	Changeover	Epping Club
<b>Date</b>	<b>Other Events</b>	<b>Venue</b>
5 March	Clean up Australia Day 9:00am	Terrys Creek
17 March	District Conference	Cowra
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne
3-4 June	MUNA	
16-18 June	RYPEN	

## Congratulations

How wonderful to be able to present PP Alex Thomas with a 3rd sapphire for his Paul Harris pin. Thank you for your continued generosity to The Rotary Foundation, Alex.

And Congratulations on 44 years of Rotary membership in February!



Our club Treasurer, PP John Corney, has passed on to The Rotary Foundation the annual contributions of our 34 Centurions. Thank you to you all and a special thank you to those members who have contributed for the first time. In addition, we also have members who contribute to TRF at various times throughout the year and we thank them for their continued generosity. These valuable funds enable Rotary to do so much good in our world.

Further Congratulations to PP John and Vivienne Corney on the arrival of their 8th grandchild, a boy, weighing 3.3kg.

**Monica Saville**

The Rotary Foundation Director  
Rotary Club of Epping

**Clean up Australia Day - 5 March**



Help tackle Australia's litter problem and sign up for Clean Up Australia Day 2023.

"Australians tell us every day that they are concerned about the world we live in but often feel frustrated and unsure of how to make a positive

impact. Clean Up Australia Day is a great opportunity to work together and take practical action. Together we can make a real difference."

- Pip Kiernan, Chair of Clean Up Australia

The Rotary Club of Epping has registered the reach of Terrys Creek between Blaxland Road and Epping Road as a CUAD site. The activity is scheduled between 9.00 am and 12.00 noon on Sunday 5th March. Meeting place is Forrester Park opposite 120 Essex St Epping

A sausage sizzle will be available from 10.30 until 12.00 noon.

PPE (gloves and hand sanitizer) and collection bags will be available on the day,

We are hoping that local Bushcare groups will assist. This reach has not been subject to a clean up for several years and is well overdue.

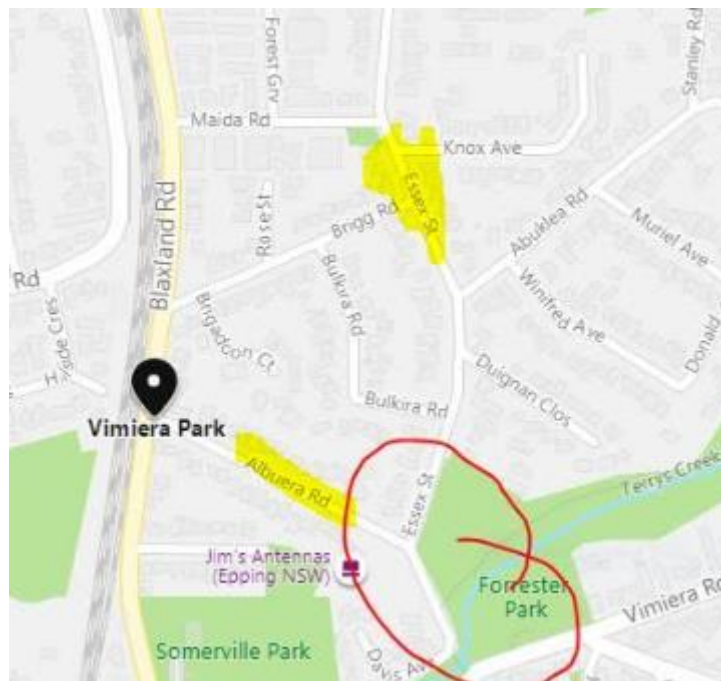
Please inform your group members of this activity. Friends and family of group members are welcome to attend

We need to submit a register of volunteers to CUA prior to the day, Please advise names of volunteers before 6.00pm Sunday 26th of February

Regards

**Alister Maclean**

The Rotary Club of Epping Environmental Officer  
Stanley Road Bushcare Group Coordinator







### Exploring Hidden Sydney – Update

Thank you to all members of Epping Rotary Club for the wonderful response, encouragement and support everyone has given towards making this project a success. I am confident in reporting that everybody in our Club has purchased at least one book and some a great many more. Since Christmas, I have received around 17 invitations to take audiences on a lively and entertaining virtual walk-through Sydney's CBD and of course to sell books. Each yields an average of 8 book sales.

Our Club has sold 250 books. At \$17.50 a book plus over \$1000 in royalties; I will leave you to do the mathematics. In reality a cheque for \$5000 has been sent to Rotary Foundation for Domestic and International projects as well as towards the polio eradication program. Yesterday I visited Abbey's Bookshop in York Street and there it was, in poll position on the front counter. You can see it there standing proud, head and shoulders above its neighbours in the picture.

Bookshops have sold nearly 2000 copies which I am told, it very good for something which has not been promoted anywhere outside Sydney. Another 1000 have been printed. So; please, continue to tell everybody you meet about what a highly desirable thing this book is to handle, to feel the pages, to smell the printer's ink and to own. And if anybody needs stock, then I have plenty. I have 60 copies temporarily stored under my bed along with the family's skeletons and resident spiders.

Happy Exploring,

**Trevor**



## District Governor's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

I can safely say we are all well and truly into a busy year already. There is so much happening around our district. I have completed most of my club visits and I'm now enjoying revisiting and taking part in some of your events. As I go from club to club I am impressed with the number of projects and fund-raising events being planned for 2023, and we certainly put ourselves out there as a district on Australia Day with most clubs providing a variety of activities for their respective communities. It was also great to see clubs joining together and pooling their resources.

DGE Christine Owen and I attended two very successful events last week where clusters joined together. The Riverside Cluster meeting provided each president the opportunity to talk about their projects. There was a real buzz in the room and the next joint meeting is already in the pipeline. The Hills Cluster invited their members to an inspiring speaker event with around ninety in attendance, all enjoying themselves as Rotarians love to do.

TEKKS (Terrigal, Erina, Kincumber, Kariong-Somersby) also come together regularly to enjoy good speakers and fellowship. I know there are other clubs combining on a more regular basis recognising that we are more powerful together than working in isolation. I like to think that the next step is to find a joint project that clubs can work on together and 'increase our impact' in the community. So many projects have similarities that have the potential to morph into something bigger.

The regionalisation summit held a few weeks ago for the DGEs, DGNs and any DGs who could get there was successful in getting everyone on the same page and comfortable with the process moving forward. The core team, who I am in awe of considering the amount of work they are doing, are extremely busy putting together a business plan for the RI Board. If all goes well we will be ready to start implementing the pilot by Jan 2024. A big part of the discussion was the importance of communicating regularly with our members throughout the zone. Please make sure you read the communiques when they start coming out,

especially if you are in a leadership position in your club. It is up to all of us to stay informed in order to have ownership of the pilot.

Some important reminders:

- submit your stories for the RDU magazine. Our district will be featured in the July issue so send your contributions to Marilyn Kenney by mid-May.
- Register for PELD and District Assembly so that your club is up to date and ready for the new Rotary year.
- Join us at our District Conference in Cowra this month. The committee is doing a wonderful job and we have a great speaker line-up. Thank you to all who have registered so far.
- I know that the Melbourne Convention will also be a fantastic experience so I encourage you to register for that as well.

See you there!

And for those of you who hate acronyms:

DGE – District Governor Elect

DGN – District Governor Nominee

RDU – Rotary Down Under

RI – Rotary International

PELD - Presidents Elect Learning and Development

**Mina Howard**

**District Governor 2022-2023**

## **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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