

Rotary

Club of Epping



27 September 2021

Co-Presidents' Corner

Our speaker on Monday was Rachel Dunwell from Destiny Rescue.



Destiny Rescue is an Australian-founded (2001), internationally recognised not-for-profit organisation at the forefront of rescuing and caring for children, trafficked, sold, or lured into the sex trade. Destiny Rescue Limited (Australia) is instrumental in raising and providing funds to support partners who manage overseas projects.

Rachel explained that this is a growing industry particularly in Asia and the South Pacific, worth \$99 billion a year. To date, Destiny Rescue has saved over 7000 children and aims to save 100,000 children by 2032.

Rescue agents go undercover in brothels, bars and on the streets to find children being sexually exploited. Once found, trust is built with them and offer a way out.

Highly trained teams of agents go in search of children trapped in sex trafficking and exploitation. Once identified, agents work relentlessly to bring these children to freedom. Each child's rescue looks different, but typically falls into one of four rescue types: covert, raids, border patrols and interventions

Rescue agents identify child victims and gather the evidence to build a legal case against their traffickers. Teams then work alongside law enforcement to free victims and arrest offenders.

There are several ways to support the organisation in their amazing work, namely through donations, sponsorships and advocacy. For more information, please visit their website <https://www.destinyrescue.org.au/>

Toula and Narelle

What is Coming Up

Date	Venue	Organisation	Speaker
4 th October		Holiday	
11 th October	Zoom	DG visit	Lindsay May
18 th October	Zoom	Shelterbox	Johanna Johns
25 th October	Zoom	The Men's table	David Pointon/Michael Lofaro

Community Garden

The community garden project continues to thrive, as a small and COVID-compliant working bee was organised on Monday 27 Sept.

Peter and Bruce, assisted by the school's groundskeeper, Glen, cemented the benches near the garden beds, while Trevor was expertly assembling the shelves inside the very spacious shed. Trevor has later joined by an unlikely apprentice who had a hand at helping! It was a cause of amusement, as you can see.

Many thanks also go to Rozete Alves, who donated and helped plant five avocado trees in the ever-growing garden.

Meanwhile, the garden is looking lovely with growing plants, particularly the sweet peas which tasted so sweet as they stood proud on full display.



San Isidro Gardens

We have been supporters of the San Isidro school garden, project in the Philippines for a few years. Last year's fundraiser event, the cocktail party was cancelled because of COVID. We have now rescheduled the cocktail party to March 12, 2022. Many have already paid for the event, so please put the date in our diaries. Craig Gallagher has kindly offered to host the party at his place, as he did last time.

In the meantime, the garden is producing fruits and vegetables, which are distributed to needy families in the area. Phil Atkins, who is the program manager, has kindly sent us pictures of a distribution day in September 2021.



Blue Mountains Trip – confirmed 27-29 November

Been able to confirm a booking for **Nesuto** at Leura for the nights of November 27 and 28 with departure Monday November 29.

Standard rooms are \$159 per night or \$189 per night for Superior rooms.
Both costs include breakfasts.

I've booked 10 standard rooms but if wanting to upgrade let me know and also if wanting a double or twin. If previously unable to attend but now can, it's not too late, but let me know please ASAP as bookings understandably are strong now that NSW is opening up.

Meal costs are \$45 each for a buffet or \$50 plus for a two course meal. I suggest we try buffet one night and alternative the other but a decision is for later.

Please do bookings through me and I'll pay any deposit needed.
FREEDOM, exercise, friendship and lovely mountain air!!

Ring me on 0422762581 if wanting clarification.

Bruce



Mito - Bloody Long 35 km Walk - November 14

Entries aren't officially opened yet due to COVID uncertainty but expressions of interest (EOI) are. The walk from Malabar to The Rocks is 35 km and is on November 14. A number of us did the walk last year; it's spectacular.

If interested I suggest you enter your EOI (no payment until walk is confirmed) ASAP. I have.

Google Mito Bloody Long Walk, East Sydney. Easy to navigate (I did it).

Your EOI puts you at front of list for entry later as COVID may lead to number restrictions as per 2020.

More details in following RIMs.

Bruce

Opportunity to hear from Past Rotary International President Ian Riseley OAM

As November is Rotary Foundation Month, Ryde Rotary is delighted to have Past Rotary International President (PRIP) Ian Riseley OAM from the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria as our Guest Speaker on *Tuesday 2 November 2021* at 6.30pm.

Ian is currently a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation and will be Chair for the 2022/23 Rotary year. He will speak on Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus and the Importance of The Rotary Foundation.

You are welcome to join the meeting us and hear Ian speak.

Please RSVP to jadecatherall@gmail.com Rotary Foundation Director, by Sunday 31 October, to receive the Zoom Details.

Monica Saville

PRIP IAN RISELEY OAM

CHAIR-ELECT AND TRUSTEE OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 6.30PM

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PRIP Ian Riseley OAM from Rotary Club of Sandringham, District 9810

He will speak on

ROTARY'S SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS

AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



Rotarians from other clubs are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to Jade Catherall jadecatherall@gmail.com
by 31 October to receive Zoom link details.

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