



President Ian's Report

Last Monday's Meeting

We have seen Stephanie Ho as a guest speaker once before. We first met when Toulas was president, and we were meeting in the Epping Hotel. Stephanie was still in her teens at that stage and told us of her plans to trek solo across Greenland. I don't think I was the only one who thought the idea was a little crazy.

Two or more years have passed, and much has changed. During the travel restrictions from Covid, Stephanie ran from Canberra to Sydney to raise money for a school in Nepal. All up, she raised around \$15,000 Au and was able to purchase computers, projectors and other improvements that gave the school a functioning computer studies room.



Earlier this year, when restrictions were eased, Stephanie made her crossing of Greenland - but not on her own. She went as part of an organised group that included a guide with a rifle and a handful of other adventurers. Smart move! Twenty-nine days of skiing in icy weather was no small task. Nor was travelling the obligatory 580 kilometres from coast to coast.

Congratulations to Stephanie for a wonderful talk on both of these feats of endurance. Enjoy your planned trip to Canada after graduation.



Attendance: 17 members plus 2 honorary members

A day like any other?

Thursday August 31st was the **International Day of Overdose Awareness (IDOA)**.

IDOA carries a critical mission: to remember and honour those who have tragically lost their lives to overdose, and to acknowledge the grief experienced by their loved ones.

The other important international days coming in September 2023 are **World Coconut Day (2nd Sep)**, **Teachers' Day (5th Sep)**, **International Literacy Day (8th Sep)**, **Hindi Diwas (14th Sep)**, **World Ozone Day (16th Sep)**, **World Alzheimer's Day (21st Sep)**, **World Rivers Day (24th Sep)** and of course **World Tourism Day (27th Sep)**.

My Rotary Directory also lists September 2023 as “**Basic Education and Literary Month.**”

Bert Parker Hall Update

Our lease agreement with Parramatta council is still not signed as we wait on clarification of insurance matters and unspecified expenses. I had planned to hold an informal meeting in the hall on September 11th but those plans may now change at the last moment.



Next Monday

John Steuart. I/V Mongolian Experience.

John is the Chairman of a company that established a sophisticated and successful I/V business for Mongolia.
Bruce



INTRODUCTION

David Allen visited Mongolia in 2002 to go wolf hunting with his brother Jonathan, Andy Tseng and Mr Bae. They met up with local Mongolians including Monhbat (aka Moghy) , Mandal and Odgerel . See photo above. Up to that time Mongolia imported all their intravenous solution (IV) from Russia but there were problems in winter when the IV froze during transportation and if supplies ran out then the local hospitals made some local IV with used bottles and stoppers . Therefore the Mongolians expressed a need to make world class IV solution locally because they had plenty of water which is the main raw material but they did not have the technical know how , the equipment or the necessary funds to develop this project. David likes helping developing countries to improve their health and offered to assist.

After nearly 30 years living and working overseas mainly in Asia for Dairy Farm , HK Land and DHL, I returned to live in Sydney. On 25 March 2003 David sent an email to Monhbat..."John Steuart will visit Mongolia to look at the project of making IV in Mongolia and prepare a plan to do it."

This photobook is a record of my experiences , travels to Mongolia and the people I met from 2003 to 2023.

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
4 September	John Stuart: Establishing Intravenous (I/V) Solutions and Infrastructure in Mongolia	Epping Club
11 September	Club meets at the Bert Parker Hall. (Girl Guide Hall) Informal meeting – light refreshments only.	Guide Hall
Date	Other Events	Venue
22 October	Clean-Up after the Granny Smith Festival, (Alister)	Eastwood
24 October	Ride the train to end Polio	Epping Station
6 November	Rotary Foundation Recognition Event	Epping Club
15 March 24	District Conference	Terrigal

Free Will Through the Rotary Foundation

Dear Friends,

As you celebrate International Legacy Gift Day, know that Rotary is here to help. From 4-10 September, you can create a bespoke Will on-line **for free** through Rotary's arrangement with Safewill.

Writing a Will online may not be for everyone, particularly those with complex estates, but thousands have been able to create a valid Will in just a few clicks. Safewill covers all the basics and prompts you to consider meaningful charitable gifts too. Alternatively, your personal estate planning attorney is an excellent choice to help with your estate plan as well!

Recently, Past Chair Ian shared his thoughts on the importance of estate planning in the [attached message](#). Over the years, I have heard from many Rotarians how great it feels to develop a plan to provide for their most cherished family, friends, and charities.

If now is the time for you to create a Will, then [click here](#) and finish your plan between 4-10 September 2023 **for free**. If you're just getting started and want to have a conversation, I am here to help.

Thank you for making a difference!

Kind regards,

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Rotary Club of Beecroft Living Treasures Award 2023

Living Treasures of Beecroft is an award to recognise the contribution of older people in our community. Rotary Club of Beecroft is inviting nominations for Living Treasures of Beecroft 2023. I would be grateful if you can share and promote this news through your networks and encourage people to make nominations. 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 by the Club at Beecroft Community Centre on Saturday 21 October 2023.

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 at Beecroft Place, 18 Hannah St, Beecroft NSW 2119.

Nominations Close Friday 6 October 2023.

To see prior recipients of The Living Treasures Awards, visit our Rotary Club of Beecroft Hall of Fame at <https://www.beecroftrotary.com.au/living-treasures-hall-of-fame>
For any questions please email us at beecroftrotary.YatH@gmail.com

Beecroft Living Treasures Award - Nomination Form 2023

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- 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 at Beecroft Place, 18 Hannah St, Beecroft NSW 2119; 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:

Nominee's history or relationship to Beecroft / Cheltenham area (including time spent in Beecroft-Cheltenham community/area)

Nominee's Contribution to society (300 words or less)

Maui Wildfire Disaster

This is informing you about a disaster relief fund to provide funds for humanitarian programs to assist the people and communities affected by the catastrophic wild fires on Maui, Hawaii.

Donation link <https://directory.rawcs.com.au/9-2023-24>

The worst wildfires in the US in more than a century have caused loss of life, left thousands in need of emergency shelter, and reduced towns to ash. Your donation to the Hawaii Wildfire Relief Fund will support immediate wildfire relief and long-term recovery efforts in affected communities.

Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) will be working with Rotary Clubs within the regions in providing assistance to affected communities. RAWCS has registered a Rotary Australia Relief Fund project to seek financial assistance. Donations are tax deductible.

Yours in Rotary,

Sue O'Neill OAM

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water

RAWCS Eastern Region Projects Co-ordinator

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RIM ARTICLES

Please send RIM articles to Alan at alan.baker.om@gmail.com

Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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