

# Rotary

## Club of Epping



**29 August  
2022**

### Quote

"Happiness depends upon ourselves ". Aristotle.

### Bruce's Banter

Great to have 34 attend our meeting last Monday.

I interviewed Parramatta Mayor, Donna Davis, who was excellent in every way. She was accommodating, knowledgeable, warm and down to earth. See report below. Thanks Donna.

We had many special guests for the evening which I'll mention below.

Next Monday is important. We have a Club Forum. Regionalisation will be the most important part but there will be a brief survey for members to complete. If you have a question you'd like included please let me know by midday Sunday

We're experimenting with different table formats for our meetings and last Monday we had tables of 6 or 8. This will be a question in the survey.

COVID has prevented us from engaging in many of our traditions projects and events. We're in the process of engaging with many of these; however, if you have an idea or project for our Club to be engaged with please let me know.

Best wishes to Anne in her recovery from COVID.

### Bruce

### Last Monday

#### Donna Davis plus many guests.

Donna was on her feet for an hour being interviewed and then answering questions. Questions were varied and ranged from her personal experiences to her Mayoral role to her priorities to DA approvals. She was honest, transparent and engaging. Thanks, and best wishes Donna.

John gave a glowing introduction and Betty a similar thank you.

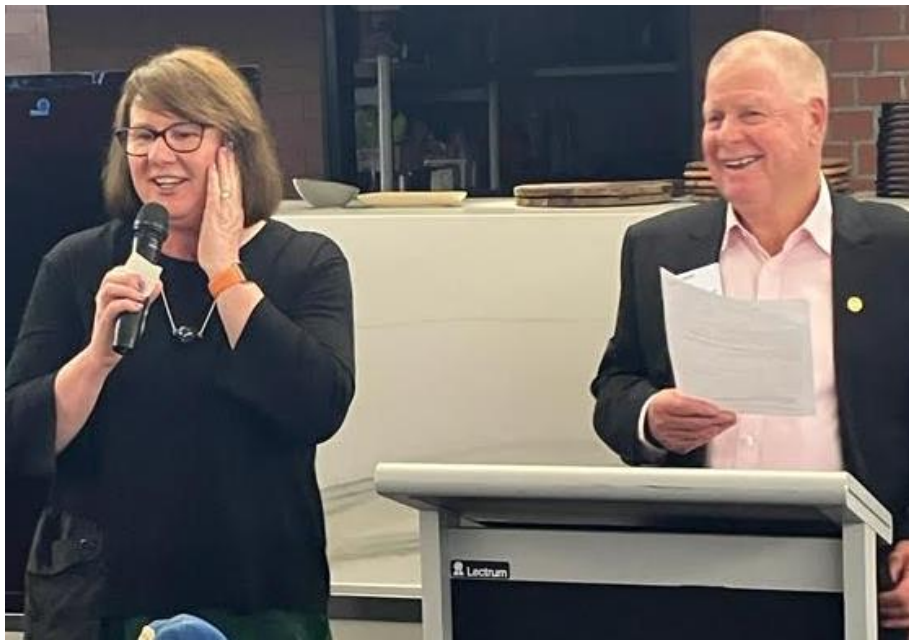
Our special guests were:

Vinisha Nayyar from India, Rob Phillips Chair of BB, Tony Hackett and Andrew Christie from the Chamber of Commerce, Councilor Cameron Maclean, Arthur Chapman who will be an occasional visitor, Ravi Veerakathy for his 4th visit and Nervin Kaur for her second visit.

Betty was also presented with two Ruby pins for her great generosity to the Rotary Foundation. The presentation was appropriately by our Foundation Director and PGD, Monica. Congratulations and thank you Betty and Monica.



Vinisha Nayyar, Tony Hackett, Rob Phillips, Betty, John, Donna Davis, Bruce, Cameron Maclean.



## Next Monday

### Regionalisation, Club Forum and Survey.

PGD, Kalma, will chair a forum on Regionalisation. Kalma is District Chair for Regionalisation and will provide an overview and answer questions.

Following this there will be a brief survey including a question on whether Epping Rotary agrees to a pilot program for Regionalisation. The Club decision will then be conveyed to our District. This is a significant proposal and I urge all members to attend.

## Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
5 September	Club Forum – Decision on Regionalisation	Epping Club
12 September	D.G.visit	Epping Club
19 September	Theresa Collignon. CEO Macquarie College and Chair Gateway Community College. PG	Epping Club
26 September	Penny Wilkinson who is the CEO/founder of The Overcomers Place Ltd a charity which runs programs for people struggling with addition (e.g. alcohol, drugs, gambling)	Justin Kang Epping Club
3 October	Holiday	
10 October	John Booth - TWT	
17 October	International Night	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	Trevor – Book Launch Monica – Foundation	
Date	Other Events	Venue
24 October	Polio train ride in Sydney	Epping Station
4 November	Carlingford 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	
12 November	Golden Oldies Ferry Cruise ???	Meadowbank
13 November	Mito Walk	
17 March	District Conference	Cowra
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne

## A Short Walk Around Balmain

A great walk around Balmain. Thanks, Trevor, for organising and leading it.



Trevor

## Rotary District Regionalisation – THANK YOU!!

Dear Bruce

We have now shared the message about Regionalisation with all clubs in our District. **Thank you all so much** for providing that opportunity, and for sharing your great questions with the delivery teams.

The vote of Club Presidents opens in a couple of weeks, potentially allowing us to open the conversation about how Rotary could operate in our Region to match modern technology and business practices. And there are still many conversations to be had and many options to be resolved!

As a reminder, consider the **attached summary**.

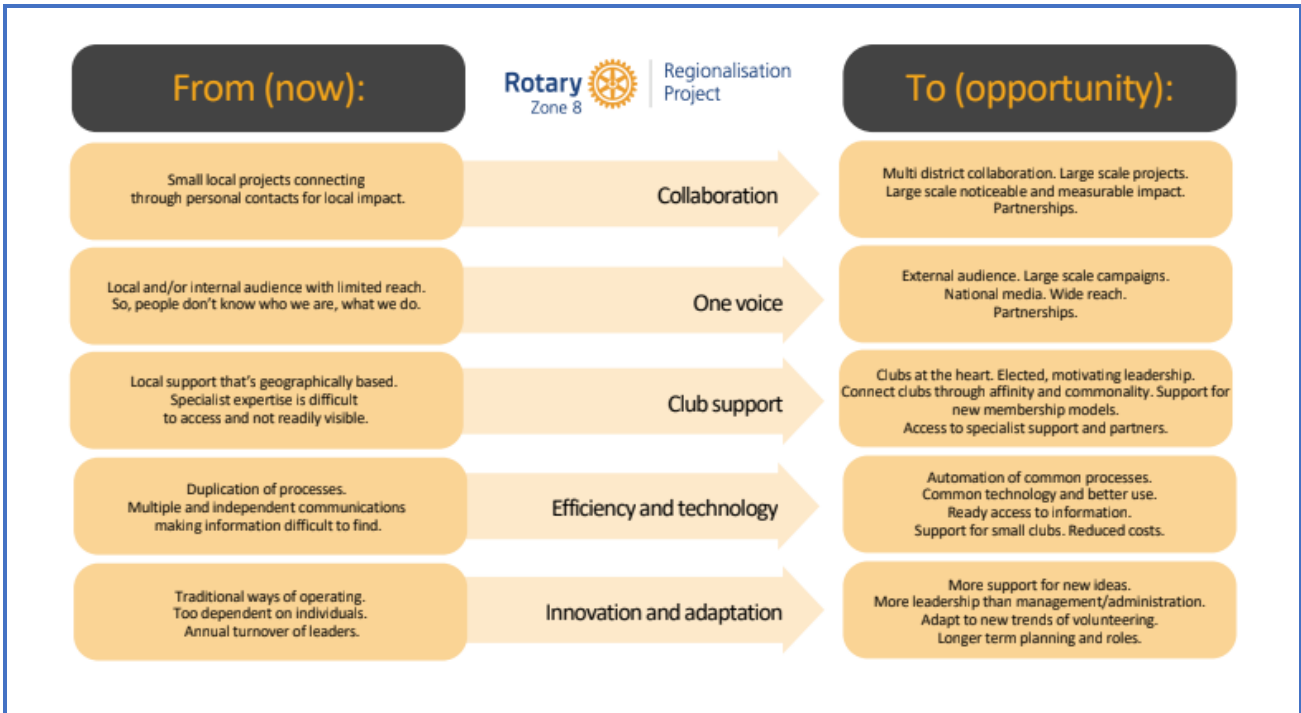
More information, including extensive FAQs, are available at [www.creatingtoorrowrotary.org](http://www.creatingtoorrowrotary.org) and if you have any questions, the rollout team are always available.

If you or your club members are unsure about what the future holds, have a look at this video which captures the thoughts of many of our regional leaders on the notion of Regionalisation: <https://vimeo.com/737422555>

For Club Public Image Directors, there is also a great tool kit link [PI Tool Kit](#) for Facebook and other updates over the next 3 weeks as we approach the mid-set vote. One asset says "We're voting yes" for any club who wants to use it.

Thank you all again for being part of this great journey – and we look forward to everyone being involved.

Sent on behalf of PDG Kalma McLellan. Any questions and comments should be sent to PDG Kalma.



### Bruce's Daughter in Denmark with Linea

My daughter, Becky, after spending time in Belgium with Rotary Exchange Student Clem, then spent time in Denmark with Exchange Student Linea. These two photos show Becky with Linea and her niece and Linea and her boyfriend.

**Bruce**



## Epping Rotary Mitochondria Walk. November 13

Peter, Justin, Julian and I have registered for the 35 km walk on November 13 to raise funds for mitochondria. I expect that we can raise \$3,000.

The walk starts at Malabar and finishes at The Rocks.

We'd love to have others from our Club join us. Peter, Julian and I did it pre Covid and it's a beautiful walk which follows the coastline for most of the time.

To enter just Google: Mito walk November 13, enter team and Epping Rotary.

At the conclusion we'll meet at a hotel or wine bar and others are encouraged to join us.

**Bruce**

## District Governor's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

As I work through my official club visits schedule, I continue to be impressed with the projects that our Rotarians are involved in. Regardless of their size, clubs are working successfully in their communities and globally, making a measurable difference as people of action.

An exciting project that shows the power of Rotary is the ABCD (Association of Bell, Clarence and Dargan) Hall project. In the 2019-20 bushfires these small communities in the upper Blue Mountains were devastated with a huge loss of homes and habitat. They also lost the only place where the community could meet. A miracle arrived in the form of a generous anonymous donation to RAWCS for bushfire-affected communities and we were able to secure \$140,000 to rebuild the hall. On Sunday, the grateful community gathered to 'turn the sod' and get the building underway. If we are successful with our Global Grant application Rotary can also contribute to the fitting out of the building and provision of water tanks. This project is about more than providing a space, it is about building community and developing resilience.

I've been asking members to take a really good look at their club culture and how it may look to an outside observer. One suggestion is to bring along a non-Rotarian with the express view of asking them to provide some feedback of their visit. They may need to attend more than once. Often, we are so used to the way we are operating that we are oblivious to things that may present a barrier to a new person joining. Having someone you trust to give some honest feedback may provide your members with something to work on to make your club meetings more attractive.

Last week I was privileged to attend Australian Rotary Health's (ARH) *'Healthy Children- Bright Futures. Improving the Mental Health of 0-12 Year Olds'* Symposium. This is ARH's new research grant funding focus. Excellent research reports were presented by doctors and professors from around Australia to show the urgent need for this work. Please consider supporting ARH when you have funds to disperse.

The Regionalisation Team have successfully completed their visits to all clubs, and presidents will be asked to vote on your behalf very soon. The feedback is positive for a 'yes' vote so let's hope that the other districts allow us the chance to trial new ways of managing Rotary in Zone 8 – Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. Again, I'd like to give a big thank you to PDG Kalma McClellan and her team.

Meanwhile, continue the good work and let everyone know about it! Start thinking about the hiking stick that you will bring to the Cowra Conference and register for the International Convention in Melbourne. Look after each other and enjoy what you are doing.

**Mina Howard**  
**District Governor 2022-2023**

## The National Centre for Childhood Grief



NCCG is one of the Community Services that you all support financially through the club.

Address is: 14 Hollis Ave Denistone East. They are moving to Hornsby soon.

Farewell is 17 September (*drop in when you can through the day*) between 10am and 5pm. Sausage Sizzle from 12 noon till 3pm.

They are also looking for volunteers. See the rest of the details in the attached email.

Kind regards,

Deretta

### 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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