

# Rotary Club of Epping



**30 August  
2021**

## Co-Presidents' Corner

### Speaker

Our guest speaker last Monday was Magnus Linder from Anglicare.

Magnus gave a very informative and interesting presentation on DR management.

Magnus has a team of around 1000 volunteers, and he is responsible for the training and coordination of these when disasters such as floods, fires and storms occur which they do regularly.

Anglicare also deploys volunteers to man-made disaster such as Mascot Towers, Opal Tower and terrorism related such as Lindt Cafe.

Anglicare works closely with Resilience NSW, Red Cross, Salvos, Save the Children's etc.

Most of the 26 who logged on found the presentation stimulating as judged by the questions asked.

There are opportunities for Rotarians and friends to train and engage in the program. Contact me if seeking more information.



Thanks, Magnus, for a wonderful presentation.

### Walkathon

The walkathon project is progressing well with just under \$3000 already raised for Australian Rotary Health and other Rotary projects. Sharyn and Monica shared with us their experience and their imaginary destination. I have noticed that participants in this event are very energised and excited by their commitment. A really good outcome, especially during lockdown.

Hint: to help you A website called <https://2kmfromhome.com/> helps you figure out how far are you from your starting point.

Wishing you a great weekend and keep walking!

### Get Ready for the "Truth or Lie" Social Night on 13 September

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September is our planned Social Night and we will be playing the "Truth or Lie" game.

Here's how it goes

1. A member tells a short story
2. Questions are raised to test the story

3. Everyone will vote whether the story is the “truth” or it is a “lie”
4. The truth is finally revealed.

We will be asking for volunteers on the night, so be ready with good stories.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Toula

### Raffle Results

1. Weekend for two to Werri Beach. Julie Thorp.
2. \$200 Rawson Restaurant gift voucher. Trevor McAlister.
3. Mixed dozen Epping Rotary Wine. Ian Stephenson.
4. \$100 Macquarie Shopping Centre Voucher. Janet Stacey.
5. \$100 Epping Hotel Voucher. Rob Toswill.
6. Bottle Veuve Cliquop Champagne. Minna Rana.

My thanks to the “Barrel Girls”, Louise and Becky, and to all Club members who so generously supported the raffle enabling our Club to clear a profit in excess of \$5,000.

## Bruce



## What is Coming Up

Date	Venue	Organisation	Speaker
6th September	Zoom	Shine for Kids	Andrew Kew
13th September	Zoom	Social Night	
20th September	Zoom	Inner Wheel	Robyn Mackey
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Zoom	Destiny Rescue	Rachel Dunwell
4 <sup>th</sup> October		Holiday	

## Next Monday



Our guest speaker on Monday will be Andrew Kew from SHINE for Kids. He will be speaking to us about the wonderful work this organisation does for young Australians affected by family member involvement in the criminal justice system.

Current estimates are that there are over 14,500 children affected by their parents' imprisonment in NSW in any one year. There are many more in Victoria, ACT, Queensland, and the rest of Australia.

These children are hidden in the community and can feel very isolated and stigmatised.

SHINE for Kids assists and supports children of prisoners to develop coping mechanisms and provides opportunities for these children to support each other. They support them and help create hope. They inspire them to reach their potential and empower them to succeed.

### **Walkathon – Monica's Virtual Walk in the USA**

Dear Family, Friends and Neighbours,

Monday was a lovely warm spring day for me to start my 100km Rotary Walkathon. I walked down my street and into the nearby 40-hectare Cumberland State Forest. This has always been a favourite place for me to walk with its scenic walking trails, native trees and shrubs, little creeks and an abundance of birdlife. This forest was established in 1939 so it is just one year older than me!

There have always been families and individuals enjoying the forest but yesterday a woman with a magnificent voice was singing operatic arias as she walked slowly along the Sensory Trail - an accessible walkway catering to people with disabilities and built by Geoff's Rotary Club, Carlingford, many years ago. Her lovely soprano voice carried well until the kookaburras took over, closely followed by noisy parrots and lorikeets.

My imaginary Walkathon started on the other side of the world, in Menomonie, Wisconsin USA where my family and I lived while Geoff studied at the University of Wisconsin's campus there in the 70s. Menomonie was a "university town", a little like Armidale in NSW. It was situated around the shores of Lake Menomin, a beautiful serene feature of the town. In winter this lake would freeze over to a significant depth so that the locals would drive across it rather than around it! Keen fisherman cut holes in the ice and pushed out their little huts over the holes so that they were cosy as they fished!

We were made very welcome by the local Rotary Club who had an unusual fundraiser. They would drive an old car onto the ice, tie it securely to a tree on land and would sell tickets in a real guessing competition to see on what date and exact time it would sink when the ice melted!

My actual walking will take place during the next month around my neighbourhood (which includes the Cumberland Forest) and my imaginary walk will be from Menomonie, Wisconsin to Minneapolis St Paul in Minnesota. On my first day I achieved 6 km (10,043 steps) - only 94km to go!

Thank you to those of you who have already sponsored my Rotary Walkathon or have planned to do so. These funds will be used for Mental Health research, vaccinations to eradicate Polio (Rotary International's major project) and other Rotary projects helping the disadvantaged in our community and abroad.

I have attached photos of our daughters, Gillian (4) and Carolyn (2) with us and our VW Campervan outside the university, and outside Grace Episcopal Church, of Geoff and me at a Rotary picnic in Wanaka Park in Menomonie and of me in the Cumberland Forest, West Pennant Hills.

Best wishes to you all.

Monica

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Grace Episcopal Church in the Fall - October 1972

Our VW Campervan in which we travelled all over the USA



A Rotary Picnic in Wanaka Park, Menomonie, Summer 1972



Monica entering Cumberland Forest from Oratava Avenue

## District Governor's Message

The new COVID phrase is 'be creative' and I have experienced Clubs' ability to rejuvenate their members and thrive through this difficult time, by safely meeting online, finding new ways to function, fundraise, continue to deliver projects and plan for future events when we can move more freely. The District team are working to ensure contactless delivery of directories to Club Presidents by Father's Day, to be distributed to their Committee Chairs. Thank you to those who are creating safe pathways for these limited-edition prints. A full PDF version is available [HERE](#).

### Beat the gloom. Jump on Zoom!

We have visited 30 clubs online and continue to be enthused by your activities and high spirits. Tania and I have enjoyed attending many Club Sundowners where members socialise from the comfort of their lounge chairs with a glass or meetup for midday coffee catchups.

September is **Education and Literacy Month**, supported by The Rotary Foundation, funded by Clubs and Rotarians in District 9685.

Some D9685 Grants for Education approved 21-22 include:

- Nepean: School Support Program for Disadvantaged Families, Australia
- Brisbane Waters: Vocational Education, Nepal



- Chatswood Roseville: Scholarships for Students, Timor L'Este
- E Club Greater Sydney: Education equipment and supplies, Kenya
- Greater Hills: Youth InSearch, Australia

A list of all District and Global Grants is available [HERE](#). (view the links to Grant Activities.)

I would like to personally thank and welcome;

- 4 Paul Harris Society members (contributing USD \$1000 per/yr)
- 4 Major Donors who have stepped up to the next level

These generous Rotarians have helped D9685 be recognised as the leading contributor to The Rotary Foundation across Zone 8 as at the end of August 2021. The team is working towards Rotary Foundation month of November for a big boost in personal donations.

For more information about how you can contribute to the Rotary Foundation please contact;

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Finally, Bryan Bartlett, Membership Chair of Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise summed up the opportunity we have at this time to change lives.

**'Members need to be loved'**

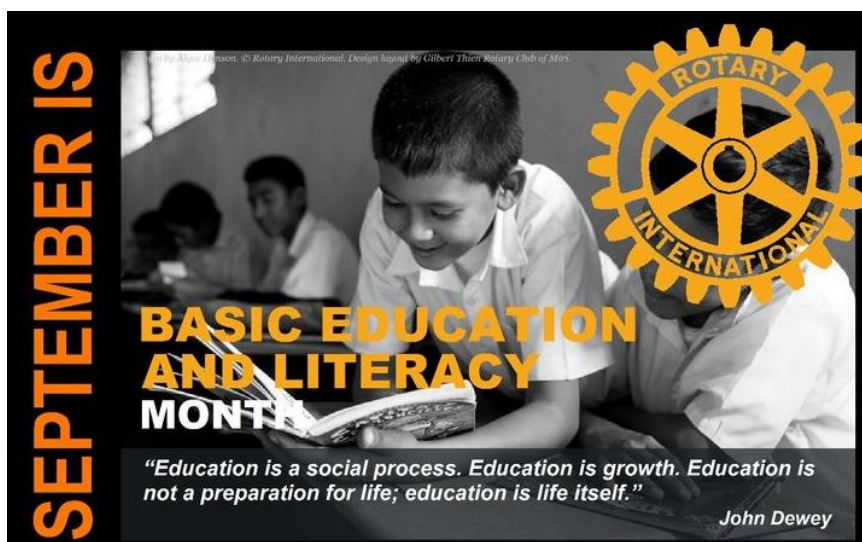
Supporting each other is what Rotarians do well, please continue to reach out to your fellow members and friends and look after each other.

DG Lindsay n Tania

**Lindsay May OAM**

**District Governor 2021-2022**

## September is Basic Education & Literacy Month



September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. Rotary's goal is to empower communities to support basic education and Literacy, reduce gender disparity in education and increase adult literacy. World Literacy Day is coming up on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Literacy Day serves as a reminder of the Importance of Literacy for individuals and society. Let's get involved by – donating books, Time or Money and spreading the word on social media. Changing lives, support literacy projects. Read and share a story with your child / grandchildren. Read, Write, Empower.

**What is Rotary in education?**

Rotary projects and activities help to **give children access to an education** for the very first time. We build schools, we supply books and computers for classrooms and we train teachers.

Rotary supports activities and training to improve education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to ensure that all people have sustainable access to basic education and literacy by:

1. Involving the community to support programs that strengthen the capacity of communities to provide basic education and literacy to all;
2. Increasing adult literacy in communities;
3. Working to reduce gender disparity in education;
4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to basic education and literacy.

## **RIM ARTICLES**

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