

Rotary

Club of Epping



**31 July
2023**

President Ian's report

Last week our guest speaker, Bronwyn Cooper, gave a wonderful presentation based on a charity walk across China. This star-studded event was to raise funds for the Austin Hospital and cancer research. We heard all about the late Olivia Newton John's big toes and a host of other related topics – enough to fill a sizable Netflix series. Bronwyn also brought along some friends (Julian, Mary and two doctors whose names I did not record) and some podiatry 'equipment' which added to the evening. Thanks to Bruce for inviting Bronwyn along to speak. (See photos below)



The next two meetings of our club are important, and I urge all members to try hard to attend. *Important news will be shared with members at both of these events.*

Next Week we have a **Club Forum** or planning meeting with no guest speaker. We need to look carefully at our list of projects for the year and prioritise where our efforts are best spent. With a recent decline in membership and the advancing age of our remaining members we need to be careful not to burn out volunteers with an overly enthusiastic list of projects and activities. A financial update will be available. It's also an opportunity to put forward ideas for social outings and excursions.

The following week, **August 14th is the District Governors Official Visit.**

DG Christine Owen and AG Stuart Armstrong will be visiting our club for a catch-up. Note that there will be no

DG's meeting with the Board as has been the past custom. Christine is an energetic DG with big goals for her clubs this year. Collaboration on Rotary projects and attendance at the District Conference are two of her pet subjects.

Ian B

Last Monday - Bronwyn Cooper

Dr. Foot Solutions. Pain Pediatrist.

I'd prefer the title of Dr. Dynamo. Bronwyn is an inspirational lady who was the foot specialist on the Celebrity 2008 Great Walk to China. Funds raised went to the Austin Hospital funding cancer research. Celebrities on the walk included Olivia Newton- John, Ian Thorpe, Lane Beachley, Cliff Richard and Didi Cohn. Bronwyn brought 4 guests, Julien, Dr Mary and two Drs who traveled from Sutherland including one who is from India. This is the esteem in which Bronwyn is held.

Bronwyn gave a captivating presentation with a PowerPoint, posters, equipment relating to her occupation and feet rehabilitation.

Bronwyn has been a Rotarian and is about to join Hunters Hill Rotary Club. She is a special lady and gave a great presentation. Thanks and best wishes Bronwyn.



Bruce

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
7 August	Club Forum - Goals & Projects for the year	Epping Club

14 August	District Governor visits Epping Rotary Club 6pm	Epping Club
21 August	TBA	
28 August	Stephany Ho	Epping Club
Date	Other Events	Venue
15 March 24	District Conference	Terrigal

End Plastic Soup Seminar Recording

A link to the edited recording of the District 9685 Seminar 1 - End Plastic Soup, was placed into the news section of the DG's Newsletter that came out this morning. However, there was an issue in YouTube. It is a large file, and although it was fully uploaded onto YouTube as an unlisted video, the processing stage did not continue to completion. This has now been re-done and the new link to the video is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROshiFeesRI>

This seminar was a highly praised event by the large number of people who attended.

Best wishes,

Marilyn Kenney

The Rotary Club of Springwood Inc.

Communications Chair 2023-2024

District Governor's Newsletter

Hello, welcome to the August edition of my DG eNews!

Official Visits So far this month I have completed 11 Official Visits. Thanks to those clubs that have made my experience so enjoyable and for members of those clubs who listened attentively to my message, laughed at my jokes and asked great questions! For those clubs I am yet to visit I look forward to hearing about what your club is putting in place Create Hope in the World.

Insurance Important Update. Our District Insurance Officer (DIO), Dallas Booth, wrote to Presidents and Secretaries last week to advise about changes to our insurance cover by AON. It is a must that all activities and events conducted by your club are sanctioned by your Board and minuted and that the exclusions to activities are noted and risk assessments are undertaken. Contact the DIO if in doubt.

I emphasise the importance of each club having a Verification Officer to monitor currency of Working with Children Checks (WwCC) and ensuring that all volunteers working with Rotary on activities involving children have a WwCC in place. Stiff penalties apply for breaches. A D9685 Cyber Security Committee has been formed and we are grappling with how we can effectively take responsibility at District and Club level with regards for the privacy of member, financial and official data. Please look out for additional information about these matters.

Say NO to Domestic and Family Violence Campaign and YES to Respectful Relationships Campaign.

A D9685 DV Committee has been formed and has met once. Thanks to those who have stepped forward to be part of this committee and to help lead some of the activities we have in mind. Additional reps are required from Cluster 2 (Riverside, North Shore and City North) and Cluster 3 (Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury Nepean). Let me know if you are interested in joining us.

Activities in the pipeline for 2023-24 include:

- A walk in each cluster during the UN's 16 Days of Activism 25 Nov – 10 Dec (arranged at Cluster level);
- Club projects 9 (new or continuing);



- A film fundraiser and photographic exhibition (to be confirmed);
- A DV Seminar High Tea with guest speakers (date and venue TBC);
- Club sponsoring of the high school programs 'Love Bites' and 'Walk the Talk' to engage young people in this conversation; and
- Purple T-shirts (see design below) will be available for purchase and details will be made available shortly.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). I am pleased to announce that COTA (the District Board) has agreed to make available 1 scholarship to RYLA each year for the next 3 years titled the D9685 Liz North RYLA Scholarship. Liz North was former chair of RYLA and passed away earlier this year. This Scholarship is dedicated to her memory and her unstinting passion for RYLA. Applicants will apply in the usual manner with club sponsorship and the RYLA District Committee, chaired by Tony Durbin, will conduct the selection process. A club whose candidate is selected will have the opportunity to nominate a second candidate.

Science and Engineering Challenge Congratulations to Gavin Ralston and Barry Henwood for the successful conduct of these important youth events encouraging interest in STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects for students in Years 9 and 10. Winning schools will compete at the National Science and Engineering Challenge event hosted by District 9685 and 9675 and thanks in advance to Beecroft Club for agreeing to host the associated dinner. The event will be held at Sydney Olympic Stadium on 27 October 2023.

Youth Exchange. Welcome to our exchange students, newly arrived during the last 2 weeks and who are currently settling in with their initial host families. Thanks to the generosity of host clubs and host families we are welcoming 9 new students to D9685. The following students have arrived recently:

First Name	Last Name	Country	Host Club
Lisa	Wunderle	Germany	Central Blue Mountains
Kazushi	Shimizu	Japan	Mosman
Luis	Alonso Indiano	Spain	North Ryde
Paulina	Längle	Austria	Ryde
Justin	Cuennet	Switzerland	Umina Beach
Emiliano	Cortes Maureira	Chile	Carlingford
lisa	Vilander	Finland	West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook
Tomas	Brix	Czechia	Kincumber
Ingrid	Elkjaer	Denmark	Norwest Sunrise, Bella Vista

Fernanda Rapchan (Windsor), Marco Antonio Loncke (Mosman) and Sofia Oliveira (Turramurra) from Brazil who arrived in January will be here with us until early January 2024. Wow! They are half way through their exchange already!

The District Youth Exchange Committee is conducting our outbound/inbound training weekend at Blue Gum

Lodge, Springwood on 4-6th August 2023 to orientate our new arrivals and preparing our 10 outbound students in readiness for departure in January 2024. My thanks to the YE Committee for their commitment and dedication to this life-changing experience for these young people.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

Further to information provided at the President's Meeting on 22 July, clubs are encouraged to continue to identify NYSF candidates and submit applications in the usual way.

Regionalisation

The D9685 Regionalisation Advisory Committee is chaired by PDG Kalma McLellan. Please ensure you and your club are aware of upcoming activities that are part of the pilot. More information in this Newsletter.

District Meetings

The G-Train, CPTA, Presidents AGs and the District Team have all met with me during the past 2 weekends. We are all keen to support your clubs and assist you to create hope in the world.

I trust you will now take time to read the newsletter for additional information.

Christine Owen

District Governor 2023-2024

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