

Rotary

Club of Epping



**31 May
2021**

Toula's Corner

Thank you to all of you who attended **our Club Forum** on Monday. We presented the outcomes of the Member Survey and proceeded into three discussion groups to thrash out topics such as Fundraising, Club promotion, Social Events and Membership. Many great ideas emerged. Narelle and I will be working together to incorporate many of the suggestions and ideas into in the club plan for next year.

Congratulations for Peter Garrard for securing the **\$17,500 grant** for the Community Garden at the North Epping Primary School. What a great achievement! Plans are now underway on how to spend these funds wisely.

Toula

Next Monday – 7 June



Next Monday we have as our guest Stephanie Ho, an adventurer and explorer. Stephanie is a young 19-year-old university student, living in Sydney with BIG dreams. She has set herself the goal of skiing solo across the Greenland icecap. This expedition will cover 540km over 30 days.

She has already been to Antarctica and trekked to Everest Base Camp in Nepal.

She hopes to be able to encourage others to live their own dreams, no matter how crazy they may seem.

What's coming up



Rotary Club of Epping		
Monday Night Program 2020-2021		
Date	Venue	Speaker
Monday, 7 June 2021	Hotel, Epping	Stephanie Ho Polar Adventurer and Mountaineer
Monday, 14 June 2021	NO MEETING	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
Monday, 21 June 2021	Hotel, Epping	Rob Philips, Chairman, Bendigo Bank
Monday, 28 June 2021	Club, Epping	Changeover with District Governor Elect Lindsay May

Community Raffle Sales

Congratulations to all those who have sold their raffle books. We still have more books to sell, so if you are up to the challenge, please contact Deretta.

For those who have sold your books, please return stubs and cash to Deretta on Mondays. If you prefer to transfer the money online, it will have to go the Community Account:

Account number 135781490.

Please include your book number in the details.

Deadline for returning ALL tickets is June 21

Toula

Epping Rotary.
BSB 633000
Account 135781490 Reference Your name + Raffle.



Raffle Information

Cost of tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 8 for \$20

Through generous donations we have secured great prizes worth more than \$1000 in total.

Special thanks go to Bruce and Louise and to Betty who donated 2 of the prizes.

Prizes

1. 2 nights at Werri beach, Gerringong at a house by the ocean, which sleeps 6. Donated by Bruce and Louise
2. Rawson's Restaurant \$200 voucher; donated by The Epping Club.
3. One mixed dozen Epping Rotary wine bottles; worth \$160 donated by the Rotary Club of Epping
4. \$100 Macquarie Shopping Centre Gift Card; donated by Macquarie Shopping Centre
5. \$100 voucher from Epping Hotel
6. One bottle of Veuve Cliquot champagne; donated by Betty Ockerlander

Draw

The Raffle will be drawn on June 28, 2021 at 8:30pm. Winners will be informed by phone.

Money raised will go towards;

- **The Community Garden.** In partnership with the North Epping Primary local school, this project is well underway. It will involve the whole school community and will provide students with a real-time experience on how to grow, harvest, and use vegetables, fruits and herbs.
- **Local Youth Projects.** Working with local schools, the club has several ongoing projects that require funding. Examples are the sponsoring of teams for a MUNA conference, Seniors Debates and Leadership programs (RYLA)
- **Minimbah Disability Service.** The Club supports this Marsfield organisation, which cares for people with complex intellectual disabilities. Members of the club volunteer their services and gardening skills.

Nepal COVID – Global Grant

The Rotary Club of Northlakes Toukley is a partner with the Rotary Club of Rudramati in Kathmandu and they would like to apply for a global grant and seeking other Clubs' support, asking for between \$500 and \$1000.

The money will be used to purchase oxygen concentrators. The President of the Rudramati Club, is working with local medico's, hospitals and biomedical engineers to source the most appropriate machines from China. The machines cost \$700-\$900 for 5 litre and \$2000-\$2500 for 10 litre.

After liaising with Board members, Toula would like Epping Rotary to pledge \$1000 made up of:

- \$500 from Club funds
- A couple of raffle collections

- Personal contributions

If you wish to support this project, you can either pledge (and pay when the grant is approved) an amount of money by letting Deretta know or you can send money directly to the following account:

Community account

BSB 633000

Ac 135781490

If the project doesn't go through, you would be reimbursed of course.

Narelle Barker
International Director

Fundraising Report.

Wine Sales.

Our Club purchased 80 dozen bottles of wine. There are now only 3 dozen and 4 bottles of Semillon and 4 bottles of Rose remaining.

The net profit is comfortably over \$5,000.

Thank you members for your support.

Raffle.

75 of the 100 books are now accounted for and I'm super confident all books will be sold. With Saturday morning sales at Carmen Drive, North Epping, North Carlingford and Epping Hotel on Saturday afternoon June 19, all books will be sold.

Net profit should be well over \$4,600 and maybe near \$5,000.

Please return your sold books and money to Deretta by Monday meeting June 21 please.

Bruce

Thursday Walks

The walking maestro, Trevor, is having a well-deserved two-week break and has asked me to be walk "leader" for the next two Thursdays.

Both walks will be west of the railway, but no visa is required.

Thursday June 10.

The beautiful and historic Lake Parramatta walk of 5 km and about 75 minutes.

Thus June 17

Cumberland Forest. A much easier walk with options of 15 minutes to 70 minutes.

Both at 8.30 am and details of both next week. Cafe at both.

Enjoy your break, Trevor.

Bruce

District Changeover – Latest Information

The Changeover will be upon us quite soon as our year races by. Time to register for the lunch gathering. Due to current restrictions, there are limited numbers who can attend, so it would be better to register now if you have not done so.

An Important Message About the Changeover from District Secretary, Pamela Noal

Dear respected fellow Rotarians and good friends through the years,

Please note that the well-established essential Changeover Committee of 6 Rotarians has again met in planning the D9685 Changeover event to be held at Castle Hill RSL auditorium on Sunday, 4th July

2021 for a lunch to become a celebration with many distinguished guests through our Rotary journey in this most challenging year. Indeed, our Rotary Centenary Year!

COVID-19 Government and Medical bulletins continue to update our Rotary planning events with observations of global advice and learning of difficult present devastating news we are hearing from India. It is within utmost respect that the Changeover 2021-2022 committee have unanimously decided that, out of true respect to India, our sincere, ongoing support from our Global friends in reaching out, we will no longer have the District Changeover theme " Bollywood. "



RIM ARTICLES

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