

Rotary

Club of Epping



**4 April
2022**

Co-Presidents' Corner

Our Pride of Workmanship on Monday night was a huge success! The room at the Epping Club was buzzing with high energy, laughter and beaming smiles, on this very special occasion.



PP David Firth, District Chair for Pride of Workmanship and a member of Pennant Hills Rotary, gave an entertaining and enjoyable talk about how, where and why 'Pride of Workmanship' originated. An approved Rotary Project, it was instigated in 1975 by the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills. It has held this event every year except one, which was cancelled due to Covid. The intention of the POW program is to encourage much needed pride in workplace performance and promote the invaluable precept, 'Do it once, do it well, and Build a Better Australia'. It has now been adopted by over 600 Rotary Clubs in Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, Malaysia, Canada and the United States.

We all learnt a great deal from David's informative and interesting presentation.



After a delicious dinner, 6 of the 9 nominees in attendance, were presented with their plaques, whilst their nominators were presented with certificates. Coming from a variety of vocations from North Epping to Parramatta, we listened to the citations, ably read by Sharyn Hubert. Descriptions such as 'enthusiastic', 'diligent', 'punctual', 'going above and beyond' abounded. Proud recipients, family members and nominators were clearly thrilled to be honoured in this way. Not always do hardworking folk like our awardees receive this kind of recognition, as it is most often the realm of the employers and managers who receive the accolades. Thus, it was wonderful to acknowledge these members of our community.

Our Pride of Workmanship Awardees for 2022 are:



Calum Dennis – Galluzzo's Fine Foods



Ben Eastham – North Epping Upper Cuts Butchery



Shamini Gnanakumaran – Hunt and Hunt Lawyers



Barbara Mifsud – Rotary International South Pacific and Philippines Office



**Jenny Power – Peter Gill Medical Practice
Lisa Hedges – Peter Gill Medical Practice**



Natalie Zak – Meow Café Epping



**Kate Butler – Parramatta City Council
Sue Raven – Parramatta City Council**

As photographs were taken, the raffle drawn and concluding remarks made, we all left with uplifted spirits and satisfaction at having seen hard workers in our community commended on their fine work ethic.

A special thank you and congratulations must go to Vocational Director, Alex Thomas for his excellent organisation of this great event.



Narelle

Next Monday



Our guest speaker for next week is David Furse-Roberts. A Research Fellow at Menzies Research Centre and Electorate Officer at Parliament of NSW, he is author of a number of books - *God & Menzies* (2021) & *The Making of a Tory Evangelical* (2019), Editor of *Menzies in his own Words* (2020), *Abbott: The Defining Speeches* (2019), *Howard: The Art of Persuasion* (2018) & *Menzies: The Forgotten Speeches* (2017).

David is a researcher, speechwriter, editor, public speaker. A qualified lawyer, he also holds a PhD in History from UNSW.

Club Program

Monday, April 11, 2022	David Furse-Roberts	Political History	Epping Hotel
Monday, April 18, 2022	No Meeting, Easter Monday		
Monday, April 25, 2022	No Meeting, Anzac Day Dawn Service		
Saturday April 30th, 2022	Cocktail Party	Fundraising for San Isidro School in the Philippines	Meadowbank

Monday, May 02, 2022	Community Forum	Meet the Bennelong Candidates	Epping Club
Monday, May 09, 2022	Social Night	Gallery 11:11 Visit & Dinner	Pho Sam Restaurant

Paramatta Walk - finally made it

We made it! Third time lucky. Yes; a fine day. Well; it was sort of fine. Not brilliant sunny fine; more sort of overcast fine. The sort of day you would want to pack a brolly and a good quality 'Gortex' and maybe waterproof over trousers just in case.

Monica said she did 19000 steps. That was 13kilometres if she did the maths.



We passed a coffee place. Peter said he needed one. A coffee. Not on the schedule, I said. Anywa.y we had only been walking for ten minutes. Idea for next time: A coffee crawl. Call at every establishment in Parramatta that sells coffee. Today the plan was to keep walking for an hour and a half and then have coffee. Would we all make it?

I turn around at the traffic lights. The tail comprising Peter and Victor has expanded to over 100 metres. The traffic on the busy road stops and starts and stops and starts again. Two cycles happen before the tail catches up. It doesn't matter. Everyone is having fun. I think.

I go through my spiel. I point to Jesus. He has been shot at least twice. He has two bullet holes. So I am informed. He was two metres taller once. Nobody liked a tall Jesus so they shot bullets at Him. Now He is five metres and they are still putting holes in Him.

I tell the people about John Hodges and his winning hand. Eight of diamonds. He won a thousand pounds and built a pub. No longer a pub but the eight of diamonds is there if you are prepared to overlook the two that time has erased.

I sense the need for caffeine has grown. We pass another coffee place. The walking pace slows noticeably as we pass. Is everyone addicted? I am counting heavily on the one under the Tudor Gate being open. It is still half an hour away.

Small bits of the old hospital remain in situ. They are almost invisible. Obliterated by maiden hair ferns. Maybe marijuana as well. Its all behind glass. Archaeology has become a garden.

Oh joy; such happiness. The coffee place is open. Di joins us. Now we are eleven or is it twelve? I can't remember. Two disappear over the horizon. They seem determined to try out the toilets on the other side of the world. Will I wait? I wait. Have I lost anyone? I can't be sure.

Two more eighteenth century buildings to be observed and commented on. And a grave. Edward Dodd's grave. The oldest undisturbed (European) grave in Australia that anyone knows about. One might have expected this important monument from our past to be preserved. Instead, a machete, gum boots and probably salt are required if you want to visit it. Samuel Marsden is nearby. I don't mind about his grave being surrounded by mud and leaches. A proper bastard to the end I am told.

There is one grave that I hadn't noticed before. One is compelled to wonder what Sarah had endured. I will transcribe and you can decide:

" In memory of Sarah wife of Mr Moses Moses formally of Hobart Town and now of Yass
Died of broken heart from peculiar family trials April 1st 1841 aged 47 years
Peace to her shade (? spirit) May the Divine Creator receive her soul into everlasting rest
and pardon her former unnatural oppressor"

It was a great day out. Let's do it again sometime.

Trevor McAlister



Primary School Debating

We are seeking interested volunteers to adjudicate at the Year 5 Debates on 31st May, 14th June, 28th June, 16th August and 30th August. No experience needed as a Zoom training session will be organised to provide all that you require. If you would like further information or you are able to help, please let Narelle or Betty know by next Thursday 14th April.

Cocktails and Canapes by the Bay

This event, postponed 3 times will now take place on Saturday 30th April at the homes of Craig/Diana Gallagher and Sharyn Hubert. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon/evening. There are 20 places left, so come along and enjoy water views whilst sipping on a delicious cocktail. Further details are in the flyer.

INVITATION

*Epping Rotary invite you to
Cocktails and Canapes by the Bay
To raise funds for the San Isidro Elementary School in the Philippines*

When: **30th April, 2022**

Cost: **\$80 PP**

(See below for payment details)

Where: At the homes of
Craig and Diana
Gallagher
**Unit 33/2 Bay Drive,
Meadowbank**
and Sharyn Hubert
**Unit 32/2 Bay Drive,
Meadowbank**

**GET IN EARLY AS NUMBERS
ARE STRICTLY LIMITED TO 50**

All proceeds will go towards the
Rotary project at the School.

Time: 2.30 pm

RSVP: 22nd April, 2022
cgallagher@huntsw.com.au



How to pay for your ticket to the Cocktail Party (all money paid is tax deductible).

1. Log in to <https://rawcs.org.au/>
2. To the right of the screen a box will appear "know which project you wish to support use our quick donate function".
3. Click "click to donate".
4. Enter Project No. "7" Year Registered "2017-18" (select from the dropdown list)
San Isidro School Vegetable Garden, Castillejos, Philippines will appear.
5. Press DONATE
6. Complete details and press PAY NOW.
7. You will receive an electronic receipt for your tax-deductible donation shortly.

North Epping Community Gardens at Epping North Public– Opening

The **official opening** of the North Epping Community Garden was held last Friday 1 April. As most Rotarians are aware it was developed in partnership with the Rotary Club of Epping and Epping North Public School.

Special guests included: John Alexander, MP for Bennelong, Councillor Emma Heyde from Hornsby City Council, Co- Presidents from Epping Rotary Tola Serna & Narelle Barker and Stacey Exner, Director of Educational Leadership, Gordon network, NSW DET.

Funding for the project came from a commonwealth grant, 'Building Stronger Communities Program', and contributions from Epping Rotary Club and Betty Ockerlander.

Overall the project has cost nearly \$30,000. This includes all the materials: the planter boxes, garden shed, gardening equipment for the students and all the soil, mulch and plants and the lovely new outdoor tables and seating.

As the Community Director I would like to thank Michael Taylor, Assistant Principal at ENPS for his ongoing

support along with the Principal Kerry-Anne Goldhagen. They welcomed the guests and talked about the project and all the people involved in making the project and the celebration possible. Thanks also to Toula and Narelle for their contribution to the afternoon and to the many Rotarians and friends of Rotary who attended.

Stuart Booty designed and constructed the Community Garden sign that was ceremoniously uncovered by John Alexander and two students from the school. Thank you to Talissa and Sakina from Year 5 for assisting with the unveiling of the sign.

After the official program was completed, the guests undertook an inspection of the Garden despite the rain and mud. The response from the guests was most positive and they were very impressed with the growth of the plants.

Thanks to Carolyn Booty for organising the catering for the dignitaries and guests at the event. It was a very lovely afternoon tea that was enjoyed by all.

This has been a very worthwhile Rotary project emphasising that the project was undertaken by many wonderful members of our community.

Thank you to all involved!

It is hoped that the students will enjoy the Garden and the fruits of its labour.

Read more about the garden here:

<https://eppingrotary.org.au/page/north-epping-community-garden>

Peter Garrard
Community Director





RIM ARTICLES

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

Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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