

# Rotary

## Club of Epping



**4 July  
2022**

### Quote



Quote: **"Imagine Rotary"**  
Rotary International Theme, 2022/23

Could be a discussion point at some stage?

### Bruce's Banter

Great night last Monday and thanks for your support at the Epping Club. More on Cameron Maclean and other aspects of last Monday below.

Congratulations and thanks to Toula and Narelle for a wonderful outcome for 2021/22 under difficult circumstances.

John Royer has taken over from Gail as member in charge of WWCC. Thanks John.

Please see details below about our weekend at Wiseman's Ferry, especially the need to pay a deposit or full amount by next Tuesday.

If anyone has a suggestion for a guest speaker or Monday activity please let me know.

A special thanks to Chris O'Brien who under great duress made a mighty effort to make our 60 th Anniversary.

He went straight from the funeral of his Mum in the UK, caught a plane, and made it just in time to be there at the start of our special evening.

Chris, a two time President, has been an outstanding Rotarian and made enormous contributions to our Club plus a mentor to members such as myself.

Thanks Chris

**Bruce**

### Next Monday

#### Robin Walsh

Robin is a retired research librarian who will give an A/V Presentation on Lady Macquarie, 1778-1835. This was obviously a very important era in Australia's development as a nation and the Macquaries were both hugely influential.

Peter will introduce and Trevor will thank.

Note that meal orders can start at 6 pm and finish around 6.30, we get our beeper, collect our meal and take to the Rawson Restaurant.

Reports and guest speaker begin around 7-7.10 pm.

## Last Monday

### Councillor Cameron Maclean

Cameron is a very impressive, intelligent and community minded man. He was elected to the Parramatta Council in 2021 as the representative of Epping Ward.

He is a former student of EBHS who is studying at University and is a very committed and effective Councillor.

I interviewed Cameron, who I had considerable banter with on the recent Federal election hustings, but the best and most memorable question was from former EBBS Principal, Peter, who asked Cameron about his "disabilities" of albinism and poor eyesight. Cameron's answer was inspirational and positive and gave glowing praise to his parents and his schools.

Thanks Cameron and congratulations on your wonderful achievements.

I also belatedly spoke of the wonderful job and achievements of Narelle and Toula during their joint Presidency of 2021/22.

It was a difficult year with COVID, various venues etc, but a lot was achieved, membership numbers maintained and member morale high. I presented both ladies with a bouquet of flowers and an engraved Parker pen.

Congratulations and thanks Toula and Narelle.

We also had special guests in Alister and Anne Maclean, Ravi Veerakathy and Liam Bowden.

I was very pleased that we had 28 attend. Thanks for your support.

### Bruce



## Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic	Venue
11 July	Robin Walsh – Research Librarian- Elizabeth Macquarie	Epping Club
18 July	Nirinjan Deodhar & panel (President Beecroft) Regionalisation of Rotary	Epping Club
25 July	Rob Wilkinson & Tina Clifton - Riding for the disabled	TBA
1 August	Melanie Lewis District Chair – Environment	
8 August	Club Forum & 3-On-Me	
15/25 August	TBA	
29 August	Donna Davis – Mayor of Paramatta	

## Board of Directors 2022/2023

I may lack talent in certain areas, but I do have a talent for surrounding myself with good people, and this Board is no different. This Board is outstanding and will lead our Club into a very productive and enjoyable year.

Thanks to all Boardies for accepting their roles and special thanks to Toula and Narelle for the great work last year.

Bruce Jacob – President  
Alex Thomas – Vocation  
Betty Ockerlander – Corporate relations  
Monica Saville – Foundation  
John Fenessy – Membership  
Anne Robinson – Youth (with Bruce)  
Toula Serna – Service  
Deretta Andrews – Secretary  
Peter Garrard – Community  
Narelle Davis – Past President  
John Corney – Treasurer/International

**Bruce**



## Thursday Walks

This is a reminder that our next walk is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Our progress towards Parramatta takes us one step closer and we may even get as far as the Female Orphan School. This is Australia's oldest 3-storey brick building. Its foundation stone was laid by Governor Macquarie in 1813. Nearby is a well preserved "boundary stone". Our walk will be 45 minutes maximum each way and we will be meeting at Rydalmere Ferry Wharf at 8.30am.

This is a flat, paved walk, well designed to suit those not physically suited to clamouring over moss covered rocks, wading in creeks teeming with leaches and stepping ankle deep into mud teeming with slimy stuff. Parking around Rydalmere Wharf is free but you may have to walk up to seven and three quarter minutes from where you leave your car to reach our meeting place. So factor this in when you are planning your day. I do hope you can come.

Best wishes,  
**Trevor**

## Weekend in Wiseman's Ferry - August 20-22

Getting a great response to this weekend.

Details are below but two points are very important:

1. A 50% deposit must be paid by next Tuesday 12 July with full deposit by July 31. Fine to do in one go with the cost.

Details below.

2. There is a full refund for illness or other circumstances but not in the 48 hours before August 20.

### Key details:

1. We leave Sydney Saturday morning. Time to meet at WF at a later date.

2. Rooms at The Retreat:

\* Standard Room on Saturday \$148, Sunday \$124.

\* Superior Room on Saturday \$175, Sunday \$155.

These are basically the same; Superior is a King with two singles together, Standard is a Queen. Otherwise same except Standard often a family room with a second bed and or a sofa.

3. Most have indicated they are staying both nights but there are options of 1 night or just a day visit.

4. Expressed interest so far are:

PG, JF, Monica, Deretta, Anne, Sharyn, Justin, Trevor, Wal probably and I. Half the above bringing their partner. This makes 10 rooms.

5. I have tentatively booked 14 rooms with a \$600 deposit. We can book more but need to be quick. The tourist industry is rebounding.

6. To make it simpler all round, please forward money to my account which is

**Bruce Jacob**

**BSB: 812170**

**Account: 7350716**

**Teachers Mutual Bank**

**Reference: Wiseman Ferry**

7. Payment Timelines:

50% by July 12

100% by July 31,

Happy if you forward funds in 1 sum but up to you.

Cheers,

**Bruce**



#### **All the details from Trevor**

All plans are in place for a really great time with your fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotarians. Details have been provided but for those wondering what we will be doing, then here are a few starters:

1. Cross the ferry, turn left, travel 500 metres and walk a most interesting section of the Old Great North Walk. This is the same road of which can be seen traces adjacent to the railway viaduct beside Beecroft Road here in Epping. Well, there are more substantial features, including some massive retaining walls, buttresses and culverts and there is the famous "Hangman's Rock" as well. These were built between 1826 and 1836 to create an overland route between Sydney and Newcastle. This was a time when the only alternative was by sea and this could be treacherous at best. The road is 240 km long and you cannot but marvel at how this engineering was carried out by hand and with people chained together and compelled to exist in appalling conditions. There are a few pictures here to give you an appetite for what can be seen today.
2. Cross the ferry, turn left and keep driving for about 20km to St Albans. The Settlers Arms Inn was built of convict hewn sandstone about 1842. It is one of Australia's oldest pubs and once provided an overnight stopover for Cobb and Co coaches in the nineteenth century. Order a cappuccino and look inside and try to avoid tripping over one or two inebriated ghosts normally seen lying about on the floor. Turn left and return via St Albans Road. A second ferry crossing completes the circle. Total driving time is around 1.5 hours or 40 km.
3. Cross the ferry, turn right and drive Wisemans Ferry Road to Mill Creek and Wombat Café. Mill Creek picnic site is about 2km left off the main road and provides an opportunity for a very nice



walking trail which is flat and not long (less than 2km). Total distance from the ferry is 8km. The café with the wombats is a little further along Wisemans Ferry Road.

4. Stay in Wisemans Ferry and check out Wisemans Inn Hotel. This was in part, built by freed (emancipated) convict Solomon Wiseman in 1827 which makes it pretty old for European Australia. He successfully lobbied the government to build the Sydney to Hunter Valley through land he owned and provided the means to enable the river crossing to be made. This is the oldest ferry crossing in Australia. I need to add that the hardware has been updated once or twice since the 1820s.
5. Check out the cemetery nearby to see if you can find Solomon's grave. Turn right before the ferry onto Singleton Road and the cemetery is about a 3km drive.
6. For the truly adventurous, continue driving past St Albans along the Wollombi Road to Cessnock. This follows in part, the old convict built road and there are convict built features to watch out for. Last time I was there, it was a well graded gravel road for part of the journey but you are glimpsing a wonderful wilderness area along the way and you can always turn around. Cessnock is about 89 km or 1.5 hours driving time each way.

So, please consider what is being offered and why not give it a go? The accommodation is good and the company promises to be first class. It will be a real 10 out of 10 weekend, so don't miss out.

See Bruce for further details including booking your space on the trip.



## Flood Relief Sydney & Surrounding Regions (RARF)

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Sydney floods



Summary:

We are raising funds to provide relief for people affected by the recent flooding in and near Sydney during July 2022.

Challenge:

This is the third time that many of these people have been flooded in the last 18 months.

Solution:

The relief appeal will provide funding to Rotary Clubs located in the flood impacted areas of Sydney and surrounding regions to assist their communities in the recovery from the devastating floods.

Long term impact:

Assistance to the most affected to get them back into their homes as soon as possible once the floods subside.

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## District Governor Changeover

### A WELCOME...

to District Governor 2022-2023 MINA HOWARD



Welcome to the new District 9685 Governor for 2022-2023, DG Mina Howard. We congratulate DG Mina and wish her a wonderful and fulfilling year ahead.

### AND A THANK YOU...

to Past District Governor 2021-2022 LINDSAY MAY OAM



On behalf of all of the Rotarians in District 9685, we thank PDG Lindsay May OAM for his tireless efforts to superbly manage, promote, and sustain District 9685 throughout 2021-2022. A huge job, carried out with distinction.



**Rotary**



Club of Eastwood-Gladesville Inc

## **Wine Tasting and Dinner**

### **Rotary Flood Appeal**

### **Venue: Pennant Hills Golf Club**

Corner Copeland & Burns Road South, Beecroft

**Date: Sat 30 July 2022 – 6.30 for 7pm start**

- Come and enjoy some fine wine, food and conviviality, and support communities who have been impacted by the floods.
- Make up a table of 8 or we will find you a table. Numbers are limited.
- Fabulous 3 course meal (vegetarian option available)
- Wine provided with dinner by Mistletoe Winery – Boutique 5 Star Halliday Winery
- Wine Master – Ken Sloane – Mistletoe Wines, Hunter Valley
- Great raffle prizes, Mistletoe wine on sale at member prices.

**Tickets - \$120 per person**

**Contact Robert Dive:**

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**Phone: 0415 198 475**

**RSVP Friday 22 July 2022**

#### **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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