

Rotary

Club of Epping



**6 February
2023**

Quote

“Society will be best served when all our kids are given the keys that provide them with the greatest prospects for happy, successful and fruitful lives.”

Mick McLeod, Educator.

Bruce's Banter

Last Monday - Youth Night.

21 members and 12 visitors made for a very special Youth night.

Rob Phillips, Chair of the Epping Community Bank, was our first guest speaker. The Bank has sponsored the majority of our Youth programs over the last 18 months and Rob highlighted the wonderful mutually beneficial relationship between the Bank and Epping Rotary.

Narelle introduced John Elliot from RYDA who updated us on this wonderful program which targets year 10 and 11 students who are about to earn their drivers license. It's a great program which saves lives.

Anne introduced Isabella Holme and Freyja Hazelton from Cheltenham Girls who spoke about their Santos Science experience. Both brought their Dads with them. Both gave mature and high-quality presentations. Anne's report is following.

Our two RYLA students, Gian Gill and Daniel De Andrade, both made outstanding presentations about their weeklong experiences in January. Both said how the week "changed their lives" and how they were challenged and vulnerable many times, but how they grew and made friends for life.

Gian had his parents, Deepak and Meera and brother, Amardeep, attend while Daniel brought his fiancé, Bernie. After their oral presentation, Gian and Daniel, gave a wonderful musical presentation which was sensational. Outstanding young men.



Thanks to Monica who helped me with the interviews for RYLA, Betty for the raffle, Narelle for her RYDA commitment and introduction, and especially to Anne who helped with driving Gian and Daniel plus organised the Science program.

A very special night and as Rob Phillips emphasised, his Bank is proud to sponsor youth in the community and continue the wonderful partnership with Epping Rotary.



Dues.

Thanks very much Rotarians for your prompt payment of dues. Nearly everyone has paid which makes the job easier for John and I.

If any of those few who haven't paid, have financial difficulties, please contact John or I. Those who are ok financially, can you pay by the middle of next week please.

Deretta Update.

While it is cold in England, Deretta has had a lovely time catching up with her son Andrew and his family. You deserve this wonderful holidays Deretta. Enjoy.

Bruce

Youth Report**Santos Science Experience Review**

Epping Rotary shared 50% with the parents in the cost for 2 students from Cheltenham Girls' High to attend the SSE at Sydney University, 18th – 20th January '23. The SSE is conducted in 35 universities and tertiary institutions to give Year 9/10 students an introduction to studying science at tertiary level. Freyja Hazelton and Isabella Hulme were selected by their science teacher to represent Cheltenham. They gave a very informative, entertaining and thought provoking presentation about their experience which they thoroughly enjoyed. They had a mixture of lectures, challenges and lab work. They were fascinated by the lectures on Criminal psychology and the behaviours of someone who is lying. They were given the challenge of dropping an egg 20 metres without it breaking and were successful! Could you do it?

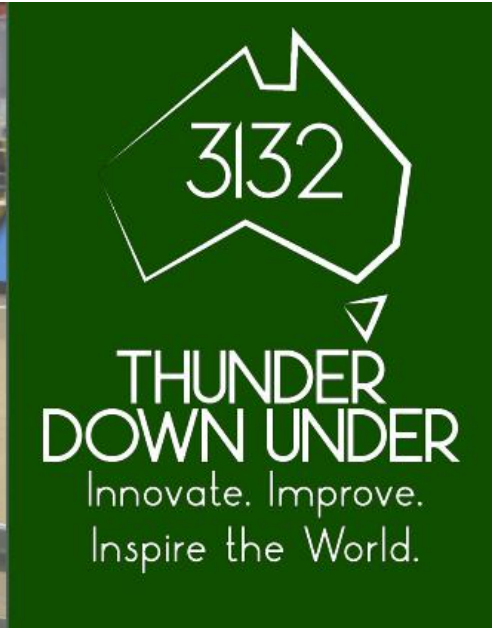
I extend my thanks to the girls and their fathers James and Tim who accompanied them, for coming and giving such a great presentation.

Anne Robinson

**Next Monday - Robotics. Rex Di Bona.**

Robotics is an exponentially increasing phenomenon. Next Monday we are fortunate to have Rex from Macquarie University give a presentation on this very interesting topic; he'll discuss its uses, the various competitions with robotics, it's future etc.

See below for more detail.



FIRST Team 3132, Thunder Down Under, based at Macquarie University, was the first FRC team established in Australia.

We provide students from across the Greater Sydney Area with the opportunity to discover a passion for STEM, engage with industry professionals, and become the innovators of tomorrow.

Working towards our mission are over 60 diverse students and mentors. We put in countless hours every week to build robots and inspire everyone, everywhere through the mission of FIRST.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95FWRVvmhc4&authuser=1>

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
13 February	Robotics. Rex Di Bona	Epping Club
20 February	Justin Wikkinsin - Caving	Epping Club
27 February	George Souris OAM. Ex leader NSW National Party, Board of Racing NSW, President NSW State Library	Epping Club
26 June	Changeover	Epping Club
Date	Other Events	Venue

17 March	District Conference	Cowra
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne

District Governor's Message

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

It is great to see our clubs back in action after the holiday break, especially so on Australia Day. So many Rotarians throughout the district gave their time to provide activities for their communities and I sincerely thank you for that effort. It was certainly a hot one! It's interesting to see what a big role Rotary plays on this day, a day that is becoming more and more controversial and may evolve into something else in the future. Whatever the outcome, I'm sure Rotary will be still there providing opportunities for neighbours and friends to gather and relax.

A huge congratulations goes to PDG Jennifer Scott who has been recognised with an AM. We all know how much effort Jennifer commits to Rotary both locally and internationally so it is well deserved. A posthumous OAM was also awarded to the late Ross Rocca, formerly of Ryde. Tony Mylan (West Gosford) was awarded an OAM. Wahroonga Rotarian Peter Kirkwood OAM, was awarded the Pennant Hills Rotary Club's annual Australia Day Award. Peter is well known for his long-time work with PCYC as well as his invaluable commitment to Rotary. And congratulations to Paul Rapp, Kenthurst Rotary, for being awarded the Senior Citizen of the Year of the Hills Shire District. Beyond our District, significant Rotarians well known to us were also awarded honours. Ian Riseley was awarded an AM, and Greg Ross, former Chair of Australian Rotary Health, was awarded an OAM. Congratulations to all for the recognition received for outstanding contributions to the community.

Please let us know of any club members who received Australia Day awards or any other awards so that we can recognise them also.

Last week I attended the dinner and closing ceremony of RYLA 2023, a huge success thanks to RYLA Chair AG Liz North and the wonderful facilitators who put so much heart and soul in to this program of Rotary. Thank you also to the many Rotarians who participated and attended in differing roles to establish that Rotary connection. All sixty-two participants thoroughly enjoyed the time there and I know they will go away better people for the experience. Thank you to all of the clubs who sponsored RYLA participants. Please make sure that these inspiring young men and women come back and report on their experience and, stay in touch with them. Add them to your newsletter mailout list and call on them when you need an extra hand and, start searching for participants for 2024.

Still on the subject of youth, we farewelled three very excited Youth Exchange students at Sydney airport recently, bound for Brazil and four students from Brazil have arrived here. Thank you to the sponsoring clubs Mosman, The Entrance, Turrumurra and Windsor, and the YE team for the tremendous work you are doing to organise this exchange after the Covid hiatus.

COTA (our district board) has approved the establishment of a Disaster Response Plan. After the great work initiated by Pam Hudson, Pennant Hills Rotary it has become clear that a 'go to' person would be good to have so that individual club efforts can be coordinated. I am very proud of how our district rallied to assist Eugowra and it was this leadership from Pam, AG Paul Rogers and others that made it efficient and streamlined. If you are interested in this role please contact me.

Early in February I will be attending the Regionalisation Summit for DGs, DGEs and DGNs so I hope to hear more about where we're headed. There are also several D9685 people working on various committees to thrash out strategies. It is an exciting time for Rotary in our region as we look to the future – remember 'you don't imagine yesterday, you imagine tomorrow'.

And finally, here is a brief summary of the state of the District as at 26th January:

- Membership 1652 (+18 from July 1)
- 33% Women in Rotary *
- Annual Fund donation \$76K (-37K this time last year).**
- Polio donations - \$33.58K (+ 5.79K this time last year).

- Club visits completed – 56
- Conference registrations – approx. 206.***

** Yes! We have achieved our International President's goal. Now for 50%!*

***Please continue to give to our Foundation so that the great work our District is doing can continue.*

**** Register now for a great weekend in Cowra, 17th- 19th March. If you have any trouble registering contact Marilyn Kenney.*

Do you know the answers?

- What does COTA stand for?
- What are the four objects of Rotary?
- What is TRF and why should you donate?
- Who is our District membership Chair?

Mina Howard
District Governor 2022-2023

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