

Rotary Club of Epping



**6 June
2022**

Co-presidents' Corner



On Monday night, we enjoyed hearing about Allowah Presbyterian Children's Hospital in Dundas. Jon Flood, Director of Partner Ministries and Taryn Clausing Family Liaison and Care Coordinator shared general information, stories and video clips. Time allowed us the opportunity to ask many questions of Jon and Taryn.

For the past 70 years, Allowah has been providing quality medical care to 120 children (0-18 years) with complex medical conditions. It is the only hospital of its kind in Australia.

Allowah has 44 hospital beds and provides 24/7 nursing care for some children who live there full time. Other children may attend for the week or weekend, when parents need some respite. After School Care and School Holiday Programs also operate there. There are approximately 70 full time equivalent staff – therapists, nurses, admin workers, caterers working together to ensure this incredible facility functions well.

Taryn spoke about the 'My Time' support group she facilitates for parents. This provides the opportunity for parents to share their experiences and information on resources they have accessed that may be helpful to others.

In the past, Allowah has had a sustainable financial model but since Covid-19 hit (and which continues to have an impact), these last 2 years have been particularly challenging, in regards to their revenue. The Hospital relies on admissions and its School Holiday Program for cashflow and at the moment are only operating with 40% admissions. They are aiming for 80% which would help considerably. Whilst they have recently received a total of \$262,000 Government funding, Allowah needs more and so have set up a 'Keep The Doors Open' campaign with a \$2million goal. Much of the money to date towards the campaign has come from fundraising by the Presbyterian churches. Jon told us that Allowah is encouraging the community to help in 3 ways:

- Spread the word about Allowah
- Donate, particularly regular monthly donations
- Fundraise through their online platform Raisley. Groups can put up their organisation's details and encourage donations to be made to the organisation's fundraising page for Allowah. The Hospital would love to hear from people who have contacts in the corporate world that could partner with Allowah and provide them financial assistance and, in return, be promoted on their website and media platforms.



Allowah is keen for its relationship with the Rotary Club of Epping to continue and it was suggested that we could have a future Monday night meeting at Allowah. Our Rotary Board will explore ways to support the Allowah Presbyterian Children's Hospital, and, in the meantime, will donate \$1000, as part of our end of Rotary year 'giving'.



Narelle

Next Meeting – Monday 20 June

There will be no meeting on Monday 13 June, due to the Queen's Birthday holiday.

Our meeting the following week on Monday 20 June will be at the Epping Hotel and our guest speaker will be Emily Tweddell, General Manager at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter. Since February 2015 this Shelter has been offering safe emergency accommodation (for a period of three months) and support services to women facing domestic violence and homelessness.



We look forward to hearing more about their services at our meeting.

Great Support for our 60th Anniversary - Two Weeks Away.

Only 2 weeks remain to arguably the second biggest event in our history on June 24. About 60% of our members have registered on try booking, another 20% have said they will in the next week. My plea to the remaining 20% is please register and partake in a very special part of our history.

If you have trouble booking, please contact Toula or myself and we can do it for you. I've been pleased that our Mother Club, Ryde, has booked a table, and that Carlingford Rotary, a Club we Mothered 50 years ago, is on course to have a table.

We have around 14 special guests too, so our aim of 125 should be achieved.

Our 50 page 60th booklet should be available for our Monday meeting on June 20.

Please contact me with any suggestions or problems.

Thanks again to our wonderful 60th Committee of Betty, Narelle, Di, Alan, Gail, Monica and Ian.

Bruce

Rotary
Club of Epping



1962-2022

The Rotary Club of Epping invites you to join them to celebrate
Six Decades of Service

*60th Anniversary Dinner &
2022-23 Changeover*

With Guest Speaker



SHANE FITZSIMMONS AO, AFSM

FRIDAY JUNE 24 AT 7PM
THE EPPING CLUB, RAWSON STREET, EPPING
\$75 for a three-course dinner & drinks

Please book your tickets at

<https://www.trybooking.com/BYTQE>



Raffle for Epping Rotary 60th Anniversary and Changeover

On 24th June at our special 60th Anniversary and Changeover, we will be holding a raffle which we hope to be a big one, in keeping with our big celebration! So, we are asking every member to donate a prize. To date, we have only around 5 donations.

This may be something you buy (chocolates, hand lotion, gift voucher) or perhaps something you can obtain through a business or company you know who are willing to donate a voucher or item for the raffle. It doesn't have to be an expensive item, as they will be put together into hampers.

Please email Betty to let her know what your item is. It would be appreciated if this could be as soon as possible, but **no later than next Tuesday 14 June**. You don't have to get the item to her until a little later.

Thank you. Narelle

Environmental Representative Needed

The District requires each Club to have an environment representative.
Who'd like to do this?

Bruce

President for a Day

About 6-10 times during my term as President, I'd like another person to be President for the day to enable others to experience the enjoyment and satisfaction that I do in the role.

This would entail:

1. Determining the guest speaker or activity for the night in consultation with me but you having the far greater input.
2. Chairing the meeting.
3. Preparing the Rim report both before and after that night. Minor.
4. Determining who introduces and thanks the guest.

See me if interested as I'm in the process of arranging my schedule up to Xmas over coming weeks.

Bruce

Weekend in Wiseman's Ferry - August 20-22

Trevor and I are organising a special weekend to Wiseman's Ferry on the weekend of August 20-22, staying Saturday and Sunday nights at the Retreat Resort. The Board endorsed the evening last night and encourages as many members and families to enjoy the weekend.



Rates vary depending on whether you want a Superior Room (\$175 for Saturday night, \$155 for Sunday night) or a Standard Room(\$150 Saturday night, \$125 Sunday night). These are tentative figures but will be close to the mark.

We need to book within the next two weeks so please contact me ASAP if interested. Already 7 members have expressed interest and 5 with their partners.

Don't contact the Retreat yet, but please contact me. Trevor will be organising the day's walks, history lessons, drives etc while I'll organise the accommodation and suggested meals. There will be variable options available during each day.

There is also an opportunity to either make it just a day visit (it's about an hour from Epping) or one night, although they state you must book two nights at the weekend; I'll try to negotiate if anyone wants this. Most who have expressed enthusiasm have indicated two nights is their preference.

The area abounds in history with the original Great North Road rated the greatest engineering feat of the 19th Century.

Bruce and Trevor

Epping Rotary Through the Years – an Impressive History

In the lead up to our Club's 60th Anniversary here is a summary of the first decade of our great club:

Monica Saville

The Golden Eighties (1982-91)

The Club

During this decade membership reached is highest to date at 72 with a wide range of classifications. Meetings were quite formal with the Loyal Toast, a sung Grace, the National Anthem and a Sergeant conducting a fine session, usually with humour. The dress code was strictly suit and tie, attendance was monitored closely and singing featured at each meeting with an annual contest between Ryde or Carlingford Clubs. Members assisted with the serving of meals and clearing the tables. Ladies were invited each quarter. There weren't any female members until 1993. Several workplace visits were included in the program each year. Raffles were not generally accepted as an acceptable way to fundraise.

Social outings such as family picnics, weekends away for both families and members only ("bucks weekends"), theatre parties, progressive dinners and woolshed dances and BBQs were well attended.

A Decade of Club Presidents

Leading the Club in those years were: Bob Paisley (1981-82), Ken Dobinson (1982-83), Alan Thomas (1983-84), Keith Chinchin (1984-85), Russ Walker (1985-86), Doug Rae (1986-87), Paul Clune (1987-88), John Goddard (1988-89), Ron Hinton (1989-90) and Cees Thurmer (1990-91).

Service Projects

Members' construction and painting skills were well utilised with the construction of a cabin at Camp Breakaway at San Remo on the Central Coast. This was to house children with disabilities having a holiday. A garage was built at Christian Community Aid at Eastwood and two second-hand caravans were stripped and fitted out - one for the Eastwood Police as a mobile police station and one for St John's Ambulance. The latter earned the Club a Sydney Morning Herald a Community Service Award.

The Club participated in the organisation of two concerts at the Opera House to support Microsearch, ran the District Assembly in 1987, collected for the Salvation Army's annual Red Shield Appeal, formed 3 more Probus Clubs, donated generously to Polio Plus which started in 1985, conducted flea markets, worked at the Dalmar, Karonga and Minimbah fetes and Carols in Forest Park and at Channel 7. Pride of Workmanship and Austerity nights were annual highlights.

International projects included tools for vocational training and medical equipment for PNG, a well in Bangladesh, hospital beds to the Solomon Islands and high protein food for young children in India.

In 1984 Epping Rotary was asked to be the Trustee of the Langston Award, a scholarship for the most outstanding local Primary School student. The Club continued with Youth Exchange, RYLA, RYPEN, MUNA, Science Summer School, High School Debates and sponsoring disadvantaged children to camps at Vision Valley. As part of the "Trees for Survival" project, a shadehouse to nurture young trees was constructed at Epping West PS.

MUNA - June 18 - 19.

Epping Rotary will again sponsor two teams from EBHS at this year's MUNA. The sponsorship is courtesy by Epping Commitment Bank (Bendigo Bank) with whom we have a wonderful relationship.

It will again be held at EBHS and is being organised by Beecroft Rotary who took over from Epping Rotary. I suggest come along and witness this great Rotary leadership developing event.

Bruce



Beecroft Changeover

President Russell Zimmerman &
President Elect Madeleine Sherwood

Invite you to

Beecroft
Rotary
Club  | 2022 Changeover Dinner

50 YEARS

& 40 years since the Beecroft Rotaract Charter

SATURDAY **25** JUNE
2022

Pennant Hills Golf Club
6:30 pm for a 7 pm start
\$80 per person
Dress: Black Tie / Winter Formal
RSVP 14 June beecroftrotary@gmail.com

District Changeover

The end of the year is approaching at an alarming rate. Let's all celebrate the end of another somewhat unusual year due to circumstances beyond anyone's control. The Changeover will be celebrating the achievements of DG Lindsay May and all Clubs in our District, and welcoming incoming DG Mina Howard and her teams.

This will be another fantastic Rotary event to be held at Hornsby RSL - another sign of normality returning. The date is Saturday, 2nd July 2022. Commencement time 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm.

The evening is filling fast so don't miss out. We cap at 260 guests.

REGISTER HERE

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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