



Quote

"If you want to be mentally tough, follow your beliefs and don't give in to yourself." Steve Waugh.

Bruce's Banter

Last Monday. Darcy Street Project. John Cafferatte CEO.

A lovely night, albeit a little warm, At Darcy Street, Boronia.

Great to induct John who gave an overview of the great work at Darcy Street. John Fenessy has a report below. The food, company and ambiance were outstanding.

Congratulations and thanks to John C for hosting a wonderful night and to John F who coordinated the very successful and enjoyable evening.





Last Monday The Darcy St Project under the leadership of John Cafferatta CEO was admitted to the Rotary Club of Epping as a Corporate Member.

John and his team at the Darcy Street Project uses its profits to help vulnerable people in the community. Since 2014, John and his team have been helping young people to find their sense of purpose and belonging through education and training while assisting with work placement. We will be working with John to look at ways we can engage with a younger cohort from diverse backgrounds to identify opportunities that will be beneficial to our community.

John & his team served an Argentinean BBQ with a variety of salads, cakes, drinks and coffee. It was a great night of good food and fellowship. We raised \$700 which will go towards Shelter Box.

John Fenessy

Shelterbox

On the night our Club raised around \$800 from the \$20 entrance fee and a very successful raffle brilliantly organised by Betty. Thanks Betty as we made \$260 from the raffle. The Club will pay the remainder to reach the \$1000 needed for a Shelterbox.

Ian Stephenson and Wendy Wang also very generously donated \$1000 for a second Shelterbox. Both Shelterboxes will be sent via RI to Turkey/ Syria. Thanks Ian and Wendy.

Bruce

Next Monday Meeting

Guest speaker- Theresa Collignon

She is the CEO of Macquarie Community College and the Gateway Community School based in Carlingford.

Theresa is an experienced educator and a visionary leader. She was instrumental in establishing the

Gateway Community School for students with challenges in their education. She also was instrumental in establishing the Darcy Street Cafe Epping where we met for our Club meeting last Monday. Please come along to learn more about this local community educational facility.

Bruce and Peter

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
13 March	Gateway High School. Theresa Colignon.	Epping Club
20 March	CCA. Heather, Peter and Toulia.	CCA office
27 March	Penny Wilkinson. CEO / Founder of The Overcomer's Place.	Epping Club
3 April	Deepak Gill. Working in Colombo plus Childhood Epilepsy.	Epping Club
10 April	Holiday – Easter	
15 May	Pride of Workmanship	
29 May	Joint Ikebukuro Meeting	
26 June	Changeover	Epping Club
Date	Other Events	Venue
17 March	District Conference	Cowra
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne
3-4 June	MUNA	
16-18 June	RYPEN	

Clean Up Australia - Terry's Creek

Huge thanks to Alister and Ian Bittner for all you did last Sunday. We collected considerable rubbish and litter.

Unfortunately, Narelle had a fall, and broke her wrist. Her opera was last Monday evening and it appears to be successful. Best wishes Narelle on a quick and total recovery.



Country NSW IT Student Tour (DIGIT)

I have committed our Club to this 6 day program from May 14. As a teacher who taught in 3 country

schools before EBHS, I am very aware of the educational inequality between rural and urban NSW. See below for more detail and contact me if you can either billet or help with the transport.

Hi Bruce,

It was good to chat on the phone this morning. We appreciate your help with billeting 3 or 4 students, depending on final numbers and gender split.

After a 3 year Covid hiatus the tour is back this year, running from Sunday evening 14th May through to Friday morning 19th May.

In partnership with the Rotary clubs of Inverell and Forbes, we source 4 local State High School year 10 students from each area and bring them to Sydney for a week. The local Rotary clubs organise and pay for the students' transport costs to Sydney.

The students are billeted with club members or friends for the 5 nights. Our Rotarians collect the students from Hornsby and Strathfield stations, on Sunday afternoon/evening and deliver them to their host families. Host families are required to provide dinner on the Sunday and Monday nights. The students need to be dropped off at Dunmore Lang College each morning at the appropriate time. They will be delivered home each evening by our supervising Rotarians. We cover dinner for the students on the other nights.

Our club Rotarians take the students to visit organisations like Cisco, Coles Distribution, Google, IBM, Konica Minolta, Macquarie Uni, Microsoft, Optus, Oracle and UTS. The idea is to showcase how technology is used in businesses these days and what job opportunities might look like after school. Our club covers all of the students' costs while they are in Sydney.

We have activities for the students on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and a dinner for the students on Thursday night at RDA, where the students give a short presentation on their individual experiences for the week. We pick up the students from their host families on Friday morning and deliver them to their trains.

Hope this covers the running of the project. Appreciate your help.

*Regards
David Martin
Student Tour Coordinator
North Ryde Rotary Club
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Greetings from Ikebukuro

April is the season for cherry blossom viewing in Japan, when the cherry blossoms bloom. Sydney, on the other hand, is about to turn chilly in autumn, and I hear that April 9th is a celebration of Easter.

In July 2022, Tokyo Ikebukuro Rotary Club and Tokyo Toshima East Club merged to form Tokyo Ikebukuro Toshima East Rotary Club. Your club and the Rotary Club of Tokyo Ikebukuro have enjoyed friendship and goodwill since May 17, 1971, when your club became a sister club with the Rotary Club of Tokyo Ikebukuro. After the merger, we continue the history and tradition of both clubs. In 2019, the Rugby World Cup was held in Japan. On October 31st, Rotarians from your club attended our club's traveling luncheon at the Mitsui Club near the Australian Embassy in Mita, Minato-ku, where we had a friendly chat. After that, unfortunately, the interaction between both clubs has been delayed due to the Covid-19.

Japanese historical novelist Ryotaro Shiba wrote a work titled "A Night Party on Thursday Island". From the early Meiji period until before the Pacific War, many Japanese were engaged in pearl oyster harvesting on

Thursday Island at the northern tip of Australia. They were not harvesting pearls, but buttons from the shells. Looking back on history, there have been sad moments, but the relationship between

Japan and Australia will become more important than ever, not only in terms of politics and economy, but also in terms of culture. The Rotary Convention in May 2023 will be held in Melbourne, Australia. After our club participates in the international convention, we plan to stop by Sydney and visit your club meeting

I hope that both clubs will deepen their friendship and goodwill more than ever, and that they will serve as a bridge between Japan and Australia. I also wish your club's prosperity and the health of all its members. I look forward to seeing you and the koalas in May.

Tokyo Ikebukuro Toshima East Rotary Club President Hiroaki Koizumi

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions

Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognitions were established in 1957 to honour the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris, to express appreciation for a contribution of US\$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation.

How does one become a Paul Harris Fellow?

- by donating either in one transaction or over time US\$1,000
- by being nominated by someone who has donated US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation
- by being nominated by a Rotary club that has donated US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation

Rotarians and clubs designate a PHF to recognise a person (who could be a Rotarian, a family member of a Rotarian or a community member) whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace.

Subsequent donations to TRF of US\$1,000 are recognised with “stones” designated as “sapphire” or “rubies”.

At present our club has 24 PHFs, 14 of those with sapphires or rubies in their badges. Over the club's 60 years 171 PHFs and sapphire pins have been given to members, partners or community members!

Monica Saville

The Rotary Foundation Director

Riding for the Disabled



Riding for the Disabled Association (N.S.W.) Ryde Centre

Hi Bruce,

Rob has advised me that Epping Rotary you will be one of our 2023 Semester 1 sponsors. THANK YOU. We have some familiar faces in the group and a few new people. We hope everyone enjoys being part of the RDA family.

Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting the school kids' therapy riding program at RDA Ryde, again.

Classes have started and the joy of riding, the stories of achievements and the longing to come back soon, have also started. Our volunteers too are working hard with new horses and the new faces.

We love the smiles from the children, and we are also encouraged by your support. It demonstrates to us that what we are doing is valued by the wonderful community we serve.

This year in Term 1 we have 8 riders from Denistone East PS on Tuesdays. On Thursdays we have a new school for us in Epping West PS. They bring 11-13 riders one week and 10 riders the next and then alternate.

Next semester (school terms 3 and 4) we have riders from Chatswood PS and Truscott St PS. All riders come from the special support units at these local public primary schools.

For these school kids, our classes offer them a treat, an excursion into the fresh air of our Centre, physical exercise and the rather indescribable therapy that our four legged friends are best at. Your sponsorship means a lot to the families of our riders who have all sorts of extra demands on their time and resources.

We have pencilled in Tuesday 13th June at 10am for our sponsor's morning tea and I will confirm a little closer. We hope you will be there.

Best Regards,

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