

# Rotary Club of Epping



**6 September  
2021**

## Co-Presidents' Corner

At our meeting on Monday night, we met Andrew Kew, CEO of Shine for Kids. Andrew worked for 20 years in the Not-for-Profit sector. His passion for working with children and his 20 years of fostering children led to his move to Shine for Kids 2 years ago. With a background in accountancy and business, Andrew has increased the revenue for the organisation by 40% through the building of partnerships with other organisations and government agencies.



Andrew showed a PowerPoint detailing the background and work of the organisation which supports children, young people and families with relatives in the criminal justice system. Shine For Kids works with the 30 prisons (40,00 inmates) all over Australia, with approx. 50 staff and 200 volunteers. It has developed education programs with universities which have also assisted with undertaking research. Unfortunately, the government does not cover any of the costs of the education programs.

A key focus is on 'breaking the cycle' and connecting families which, as a result, has shown offending can be reduced by 39%. Shine For Kids has a \$4.5million annual budget and works with 5,000 children each year.

Our members thoroughly enjoyed hearing about this incredible organisation that has been around for 40 years. Many questions were asked. If anyone would like a copy of Andrew's PowerPoint, just let Toula or me know.



### Whole of Community Approach

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A whole of community approach is needed to counterbalance a lifetime of risk factors including abuse, neglect, violence and intergenerational trauma that can lead to intergenerational offending.



### Our Solution: Reconnecting Families

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### Overview of SHINE Programs

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Child +Parent Wellbeing	Education + Training	Mentoring	Transport	Cultural Restoration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child friendly prison visits</li> <li>Child and Family Centres and Activity Sessions</li> <li>Child and Parent Days</li> <li>Drop-ins</li> <li>Stay Together Play Together Playgroup</li> <li>Keep Connected Program (post-release 12 months family support)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parenting Programs Keeping Us Strong and Keeping Us Together</li> <li>Homey School class: tutoring for children with an incarcerated parent (SHINE Education)</li> <li>Teacher Training NESA Accredited</li> <li>Leadership and Respite Camps (school holidays)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justice Justice Mentoring, Stand As One Program</li> <li>Community Mentoring for children with an incarcerated parent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe By Your Side</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Belong to Family</li> <li>Stand As One</li> <li>Education Support</li> <li>Cultural Camps</li> </ul>

### Cost of Inaction

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Narelle

### Get Ready for the "Truth or Lie" Social Night next week 13 September

Next week is our Social Night, the details of which are below. We hope all our members will 'zoom in' for an enjoyable and fun-filled evening. We will start at 6.30pm for a 15 minute catch up and then commence the Social Night at 6.45pm.

Here's how it goes

1. A member tells a short story
2. Questions are raised to test the story
3. Everyone will vote whether the story is the "truth" or it is a "lie"
4. The truth is finally revealed.

Please help us to have some fun and think about your story, email me [gail16davis@gmail.com](mailto:gail16davis@gmail.com) if you would like to share your story so we can add you to the agenda.

Many thanks  
Gail

From Narelle's Eastwood walks – a touch of spring





## What is Coming Up

Date	Venue	Organisation	Speaker
13th September	Zoom	Social Night	
20th September	Zoom	Inner Wheel	Robyn Mackey
27th September	Zoom	Destiny Rescue	Rachel Dunwell
4th October		Holiday	
11th October	Zoom	DG visit	Lindsay May
18th October	Zoom	Shelterbox	Johanna Johns
25th October	Zoom	The Men's table	David Pointon/Michael Lofaro

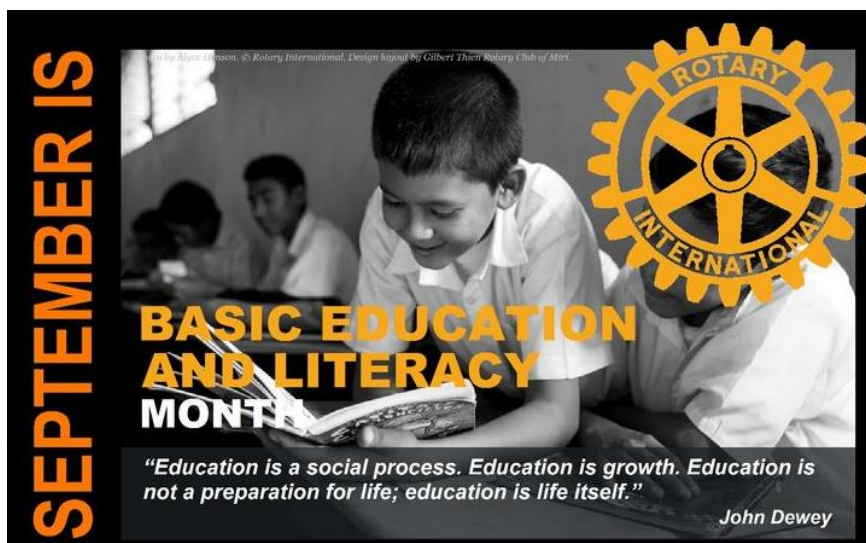
## RYLA - Stephanie Ho

Stephanie has enthusiastically and promptly applied to be the Epping Rotary's candidate for 2022. Stephanie was an outstanding guest speaker last year with her presentation on her 2019 trek to the Base Camp at Mt. Everest plus her planned trip to Greenland next year where she will trek across this vast continent SOLO!!

RYLA is a week-long experience at Elanora Heights from January 9-15, 2022. It is a great program. Members are invited to join me at the dinner on Tuesday 11 January.

Bruce

## September is Basic Education & Literacy Month



September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. Rotary's goal is to empower communities to support basic education and Literacy, reduce gender disparity in education and increase adult literacy. World Literacy Day is coming up on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Literacy Day serves as a reminder of the Importance of Literacy for individuals and society. Let's get involved by – donating books, Time or Money and spreading the word on social media. Changing lives, support literacy projects. Read and share a story with your child / grandchildren. Read, Write, Empower.

### What is Rotary in education?

Rotary projects and activities help to **give children access to an education** for the very first time. We build schools, we supply books and computers for classrooms and we train teachers.

Rotary supports activities and training to improve education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to ensure that all people have sustainable access to basic education and literacy by:

1. Involving the community to support programs that strengthen the capacity of communities to provide basic education and literacy to all;
2. Increasing adult literacy in communities;
3. Working to reduce gender disparity in education;
4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to basic education and literacy.

## **RIM ARTICLES**

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