

Rotary

Club of Epping



**7 August
2023**

President Ian's report

Last Weeks Club Forum: Report

Twenty-one members came along last week to our Club Forum that looked at a broad range of issues including membership, finances, club projects, joint meetings and even insurance.

The big news for members on the night was our success in winning the initial 12-month lease of the Bert Parker Hall (formerly the Epping Girl Guide Hall) for our club to use and to make available for a diverse mix of community groups and not for profit organizations. Thanks to Past Presidents John Fenessy, Toula Serna and John Corney for putting the successful EOI together. The Epping Rotary Club has a history of involvement with this hall that dates back to 1964.

There is also an opportunity to assist Cheltenham Girls Hight to improve their school garden and a host of the usual projects both here and overseas that our members have agreed to continue to support.

Johanna Johns reported on her Shelterbox – Off the Grid weekend/project and her desire to find suitable Environmental projects for the club that may be as simple as collecting blister packs for recycling but hopefully something larger and more visible in the community.

The ongoing support shown for CCA NSW and the annual RYLA, RYPEN, MUNA and DIGIT programs and primary school debates means we will start to fill up our coming year with opportunities for members to engage with and participate in activities.

The First Board Meeting For 2023-24

The first Board Meeting is 'Done n Dusted'. The Board meeting followed the Club Forum and looked again at all aspects of club activities. There are some new faces on the Board this year – particularly Secretary Ian Stephenson and incoming Treasurer Ravi Veerakathy.

Minutes of the Board meeting are not yet available, but the next RIM will feature some of the main decisions.

Ian B



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Next Monday – District Governor's Visit

Next Monday, August 14th, we welcome Christine Owen for her Official Visit to the Rotary Club of Epping



DG Christine will be our guest speaker and outline her goals for this Rotary Year. Christines major project for the year will be her "Say No to Domestic Violence" campaign. Collaboration between Rotary clubs and having fun at the District Conference will also get a mention as well.

I urge all members to make a special effort to attend this meeting and please bring your name badge along as there will be other guests on the night that you may be sitting next to.

Ian

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
14 August	District Governor visits Epping Rotary Club 6pm	Epping Club
21 August	Cate Sinclair, CEO the Northern Centre talks about Domestic Violence and their SafeT Pilot program here in Epping.	Epping Club
28 August	Stephany Ho – skier across Greenland	Epping Club
4 September	John Stuart: Establishing Intravenous (I/V) Solutions and Infrastructure in Mongolia	Epping Club
Date	Other Events	Venue
22 October	Clean-Up after the Granny Smith Festival, (Alister)	Eastwood
15 March 24	District Conference	Terrigal

Youth Report

At our Board meeting this week there was endorsement that our Club engage in the following Youth programs over the next 12 months:

- * RYLA: In January 2024.
- * RYPEN: In February 2024.
- * MUNA: Normally around May.
- * Neil Anderson Senior Debate : Term 1 or 2 in 2024.
- * DIGIT: Around May 2024.
- * RYDA (RSE): School dependent.

As well Betty historically has coordinated the following Primary School programs:

- + Primary School Debates.
- + Langston Awards.

Organisation of these is currently in progress. As well our Club for decades has had prizes for our 10 local Secondary and Primary Schools Speech or Presentation Days in Term 4.

President Ian and I are both keen on the idea of sub committees and getting increased member engagement. I'm in the process of organising a subcommittee for our Youth portfolio; please contact me if you'd like to join; it'll be fun and productive.

Bruce

Trevor's Book Sales - Over 500 Sold!

Congratulations to our creative and entrepreneurial book author and salesman, Trevor McAlister on the sale of over 500 "Exploring Hidden Sydney" books! of course, these sales are in addition to the bookstore sales.

Trevor has visited Rotary and Probus clubs, and a variety of other groups talking about his book, showing his excellent PowerPoint presentation and speaking about the numerous sites of interest featured in his book.

To date, with sales, donations and royalties from the publishers, \$18,000 has been raised. Half of the sales go to The Rotary Foundation.

Many of our Rotarians have assisted Trevor by selling this excellent book, however, since this is a project of our club, more assistance from members to promote and sell the book would be appreciated. For example, Betty has offered to sell them at her office. Please contact Trevor if you have any ideas for promotion and sales of "Exploring Hidden Sydney".

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The Rotary Foundation Director

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