

Rotary

Club of Epping



**7 June
2021**

Toula's Corner

Last Monday we had as our guest Stephanie Ho, an inspirational adventurer and explorer. A young 19-year-old with huge aspirations and dreams delivered a fantastic presentation about her road to self-discovery and her plans to ski solo the distance of 540km across the Greenland icecap in 30 days.



It was a delight to have Stephanie as speaker. She was engaging, well-spoken and mature beyond her years. There were many questions from members, including inquiries about how she planned to protect herself against polar bears.

Stephanie is raising money for the **Fred Hollows Foundation** as part of her Greenland Adventure. The raffle money we raised at the last meeting (\$135) will be donated to her chosen charity. If anyone wants to supplement the amount, please transfer funds to our community account with the details below. We will transfer all the funds next week.

Epping Rotary
BSB 633000
Account 135781490
Reference Your name + Fred Hollows

Please be reminded that there will be no meeting next week. We look forward to hearing from Rob Philips, the Chairman of Bendigo Bank next time we meet, on Monday June 21st.

In the meantime, enjoy the long weekend.

Toula

What's coming up

There will be no meeting on Monday 14 June



Monday, 14 June 2021	NO MEETING	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
Monday, 21 June 2021	Hotel, Epping	Rob Philips, Chairman, Bendigo Bank
Monday, 28 June 2021	Club, Epping	Changeover with District Governor Elect Lindsay May

Dog Park in Epping West



The Board and club members are delighted to support Olga, in her quest to lobby Parramatta Council for a new Dog Park in Epping West.

If you have not signed the petitions or if you would like to assist Olga in any way, please contact Olga directly.

Chinese Community Dinner



Tony Tang, Deretta Andrews, Chris O'Brien, Narelle Barker, John Fenessy, Rose Jackson, Toulou Serna & Peter Garrard

Last Friday, a number of Board members and their partners attended a Community Dinner. The dinner has hosted by the Ryde Community forum, The Chinese Community Council of Australia together with the Rotary Club of Epping.

In attendance were the Mayor of Ryde, other councillors and representatives from the State Labour opposition. Unfortunately, the new NSW Labour Leader was not available on the day (he had just become leader on the very day). He was represented by Rose Jackson, as member of the Legislative Council.

A similar dinner a few weeks ago members of the Liberal NSW government at state and local levels were invited.

Community Raffle Sales

Congratulations to all those who have sold their raffle books. We still have more books to sell, so if you are up to the challenge, please contact Deretta.

For those who have sold your books, please return stubs and cash to Deretta on Mondays. If you prefer to transfer the money online, it will have to go the Community Account:
Account number 135781490.

Please include your book number in the details.

Deadline for returning ALL tickets is June 21

Toula

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Raffle Information

Cost of tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 8 for \$20

Through generous donations we have secured great prizes worth more than \$1000 in total.

Special thanks go to Bruce and Louise and to Betty who donated 2 of the prizes.

Prizes

1. 2 nights at Werri beach, Gerringong at a house by the ocean, which sleeps 6. Donated by Bruce and Louise
2. Rawson's Restaurant \$200 voucher; donated by The Epping Club.
3. One mixed dozen Epping Rotary wine bottles; worth \$160 donated by the Rotary Club of Epping
4. \$100 Macquarie Shopping Centre Gift Card; donated by Macquarie Shopping Centre
5. \$100 voucher from Epping Hotel
6. One bottle of Veuve Cliquot champagne; donated by Betty Ockerlander

Draw

The Raffle will be drawn on June 28, 2021 at 8:30pm. Winners will be informed by phone.

Money raised will go towards;

- **The Community Garden.** In partnership with the North Epping Primary local school, this project is well underway. It will involve the whole school community and will provide students with a real-time experience on how to grow, harvest, and use vegetables, fruits and herbs.
- **Local Youth Projects.** Working with local schools, the club has several ongoing projects that require funding. Examples are the sponsoring of teams for a MUNA conference, Seniors Debates and Leadership programs (RYLA)
- **Minimbah Disability Service.** The Club supports this Marsfield organisation, which cares for people with complex intellectual disabilities. Members of the club volunteer their services and gardening skills.

Happy Campers at Carmen Drive.

Ying, Chris, Justin and myself sold another 5 books last Saturday.
Next Saturday sales will be at North Epping.

If you'd like to help please contact Peter, Deretta or Toula.
We're going well and on track to make a \$5,000 net profit.
Please start bringing in your butts from your sales and the money collected.

Bruce



San Isidro Garden Project

Here is an update from Phil Atkins regarding the Garden Project at San Isidro School:

'The past 12 months have been disastrous for the kids at San Isidro. There has been no face to face teaching for all that time and there is no prospect of any immediate return. At the request of the Head Teacher, I provided funds from the school feeding account to buy photocopiers, printers and paper to assist the teachers to provide Philippine style remote learning (computers would be very rare in households). There has also been the occasional feed by hand delivery, but this is very time consuming and labour intensive and not an ongoing viable option. Recently I have provided funds for rice and other good for the indigenous families associated with the school.

The garden for which Epping Rotary is the supporter has continued. I have paid the gardener throughout the past year and I am informed that she has been at the school every day. She is very diligent as I think the money, she earns is very important to her family. I have used all but 4,000 PhP of the money which you have transferred into my Philippine BDO account, so at some stage in the next month or so I will need to ask for a further transfer. From memory there are still funds in the RAWCS account.

The vegetables which have been harvested have been used by staff and others who come to pick it. Right now, it is the time of the season for replanting. I have received some recent photos which show the current situation. As you can see there has been extensive work setting out the gardens.'

Narelle
International Director



Thursday Walks

The walking maestro, Trevor, is having a well-deserved two-week break and has asked me to be walk "leader" for the next two Thursdays.

Both walks will be west of the railway, but no visa is required.

Thursday June 10.

The beautiful and historic Lake Parramatta walk of 5 km and about 75 minutes.

Thus June 17

Cumberland Forest. A much easier walk with options of 15 minutes to 70 minutes.

Both at 8.30 am and details of both next week. Cafe at both.
Enjoy your break, Trevor.

Bruce

District Changeover – Latest Information

The Changeover will be upon us quite soon as our year races by. Time to register for the lunch gathering. Due to current restrictions, there are limited numbers who can attend, so it would be better to register now if you have not done so.

An Important Message About the Changeover from District Secretary, Pamela Noal

Dear respected fellow Rotarians and good friends through the years,

Please note that the well-established essential Changeover Committee of 6 Rotarians has again met in planning the D9685 Changeover event to be held at Castle Hill RSL auditorium on Sunday, 4th July 2021 for a lunch to become a celebration with many distinguished guests through our Rotary journey in this most challenging year. Indeed, our Rotary Centenary Year!

COVID-19 Government and Medical bulletins continue to update our Rotary planning events with observations of global advice and learning of difficult present devastating news we are hearing from India. It is within utmost respect that the Changeover 2021-2022 committee have unanimously decided that, out of true respect to India, our sincere, ongoing support from our Global friends in reaching out, we will no longer have the District Changeover theme " Bollywood. "



Comedy for a Cause

I would like to invite you to book for a Rotary Club of Wahroonga fund raising event on Saturday 14 August.

The event,

Comedy for a Cause”, will be an enjoyable evening of comedy held at the Asquith Golf Club. There is plenty of parking inside the grounds.

The evening will consist of 3 professional stand-up comedians telling jokes and satire about current events. All the funds raised will be donated to a Nepal Orphanage and to the Indian Covid relief appeal the Rotary club has organised through a Rotary Club in India.

The cost is just \$ 35 per person. The show will start at 8 pm but the club has offered an option of 6 delicious meals at \$ 15 per person available from 6.30 pm and the bar will be open. Meal details are attached. Drinks will also be available at interval. Full details of the event are on the attached flyer.

Please book your tickets using the “Comedy for a Cause” website <https://comedyforacause.net/rcw>.

I would appreciate if you will share this information with your family and friends and invite them to also book for this event.

Please let me know if you would like any further information. I look forward to seeing you on 14 August.

Kind regards

Peter Lorsch

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Rotary Club of Wahroonga



Comedy for a Cause

SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 2021

Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm / 15+

Adults: **\$35**
Students: **\$20**

Featuring comedians from
**Sydney & Melbourne
International
Comedy Festivals**

comedyforacause.net/RCW

 **Asquith Golf Club**
Lord St,
Mount Colah



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