

Rotary

Club of Epping



**8 August
2022**

Quote

"I am an optimist. It doesn't seem too much use being anything else." Winston Churchill.

Bruce's Banter

A very engaging, and at times robust, meeting last Monday night with Niranjana Deodhar and wife Vinita. Niranjana gave a presentation on Regionalisation which aroused considerable discussion and debate. On September 5, at our Club Forum, we will decide on our response to Regionalisation. Monica will forward a report later in this Rim.

It was great to induct Alister Maclean into our Club on Monday night. Alister is a fine man and very community, professional and family focused. John will forward a more detailed report later in Rim. Welcome to our Club Alister and I look forward to many productive and happy times with you, especially in my role as President and mentor.

Not too late if wanting to join the 14 of us going to Wiseman Ferry on Saturday week.

Please send photos to John for his Then and Now Fun evening on August 22 which he's hosting.

Wal will be having a hernia operation next Monday and currently Bob is in hospital with abnormally high blood pressure. Spoke to both on Wednesday and they aren't too concerned. Best wishes gentlemen. Joan Clune is pretty much unchanged in the last 12 months and passed on her best wishes to all members. She's amazing.

Bruce

Last Monday's Meeting

Zone 8 Regionalisation Update

Last Monday night DGN Niranjana Deodhar from the Rotary Club of Beecroft outlined the proposed Regionalisation Pilot for Zone 8 - Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

For some years, Rotarians have been concerned that in our Zone there isn't an empowered group of decision makers who can speak with one voice to, for example, develop a regional public image campaign, increase membership, or develop a common approach to a Zone service project - a project of scale.

Together with Zone 10 - Great Britain and Ireland, our Zone 8 has been chosen as a Pilot to investigate the feasibility of establishing a new administrative structure with the vision to significantly increase and enhance the reach and impact of Rotary and Rotaract in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

At this stage, Rotarians are asked to consider the benefits of being in a Pilot and to vote their approval or otherwise in September.

A very lively discussion indicated that Epping Rotarians have a wide range of opinions on the concept and purpose of regionalisation.

Monica Saville

Hi Bruce,

Thanks again for the invitation to address your club, it was great to meet with you and many of your fellow members.

This is a link to a powerpoint document - best watched as a slideshow. The second slide has a "play" button that shows a video, and then the rest of the slides have a voice over that plays automatically if you watch in slide show mode.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1O9QYJi2II1ApPNmgU2cgvQpgloJdkXEj/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103879688755553340002&rtpof=true&sd=true>

It would be good if club members have watched this prior to your deliberations on the 5th of September.

Best regards

Niranjan Deodhar



Alister Maclean, father of Parramatta Councillor Cameron, was inducted as a Rotarian last Monday 8/08/22

Alister has been involved with community organisations for many years being in children's football teams, quartermaster for many Epping Scouts, president of Epping/ Eastwood Seal's swimming club and bush regeneration. So in that sense Alister joining Epping Rotary is a long time coming. Alister is an Epping Old Boy and is an expert in matters environmental, an engineer, Alister graduated from Curtin University (Bachelor of Commerce Business Law) A Senior Design Technician - Water Infrastructure at WSP who "design, manage and engineer long lasting and impactful solutions to uniquely complex problems"

We are sure Alister will draw on all his wealth of experience to contribute to Rotary. We look forward to many years of fellowship and service as a member of the Rotary Club Of Epping.

Don't forget to send your childhood photos for our Then & Now photo night 22nd August. Can you match the childhood pictures with the recent photo? As the song goes you must have been a beautiful baby.....

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others" - Paul Harris I think :) founder of the club that became the humanitarian organisation Rotary International in 1905.[1]

John Fenessy



Next Monday

Next Monday is our visit to WPH / Cherrybrook Club at Springfield House. While Thursday is the deadline given, contact me if you are a late starter. Note Trevor Will chauffeur you from The Epping Club.

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
15 August	Joint Night with West Pennant Hills / Cherrybrook Club.	Springfield House
22 August	Now & Then - John Fenessy	Epping Club
29 August	Donna Davis – Mayor of Paramatta	Epping Club
5 September	Club Forum – Decision on Regionalisation	Epping Club
12 September	D.G .visit	Epping Club
19 September	Theresa Collignon. CEO Macquarie College and Chair Gateway Community College. PG	Epping Club
26 September	Justin Kang	Epping Club
17 October	International Night	Epping Club
24 October	Primary Schools Debate	Epping Club
31 October	Epping Community Bank (BB) Community Awards	Epping Club
Date	Other events	Venue
20-22 August	Wiseman's Ferry Weekend	

24 October	Polio train ride in Sydney	Epping Station
12 November	Golden Oldies Ferry Cruise ???	Meadowbank
13 November	Mito Walk	
17 March	District Conference	Cowra
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne

Reminder: Cockatoo Walk/Tour

Next Thursday (18th August), our Club is meeting at Meadowbank Wharf at 8.30am to catch the 8.42am ferry down the Parramatta River as far as Cockatoo Island. There we will spend an hour or so exploring this fascinating place. There is a small café and there will be the chance for a coffee before returning to Meadowbank by 11.30am or 12.00 noon at the latest. (Ferries can be caught to Circular Quay)

This is a chance to enjoy the company of your fellow Rotarians in this uniquely historic place. All are invited. You don't have to be a regular walker. The walking is easy and steps can be avoided should you prefer. Non-Rotarians are invited.

I hope to see you then; rain or shine.

Trevor

CCA Needs Help – Bus Driver

We are in need of a bus driver volunteer on Mondays and Fridays (times are flexible).

One of the buses only requires a class C (normal) license. The other requires an LR license. If prepared to volunteer we would cover any costs associated with obtaining the LR license. Both buses are automatic.

I have sent this information with a general call out to recruit more volunteers to John Fenessy at Epping Rotary. (I have also sent the general callout to all other church groups and service clubs that support us).

Heather asked me to contact you directly as the bus driver role is very urgent. If you can assist please let me know. Happy to call you at a suitable time or have the co-ordinator of this service call you to explain the details.

Kind regards,

Kerrie Baguley

As well as bus driving, CCA need help in other areas

- MOW – roster currently full – only backups needed at this stage – permanent volunteer required 1st Saturday of the month from October (Nathalie)
- Medical transport – ad hoc basis and urgently required (Denise)
- Front Office helper – Monday 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in September and October
- Community Store – one needed Friday 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m (Chloe)
- Eastwood Kiosk – one needed Thursday 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. (Chinese speaking preferred) (Denise)
- Linen Service – one needed Thursday fortnightly 9.00 to 11.00 a.m. from 18 August (Maggie)
- Bus driver - Mondays and Fridays – flexible time (Nathalie)
- Bus shopping – Fridays 9.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. (Maggie)
- Bus outing – Fridays 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (Maggie)
- Chinese Calligraphy tutor - Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 12.15 pm. (Ying)

August – Membership Month

Focusing on the comfort and care of our members

August is Membership and New Club Development Month. One of [RI President Jennifer Jones' initiatives](#) is to focus on the comfort and care of our members, and Membership Month is the perfect time to make sure that your club provides a welcoming experience. Members are more likely to stay if we listen to them and understand what they want out of Rotary. Here are a few ideas for helping people feel valued and involved:

- Take the [Best Practices for Engaging Members](#) course to develop strategies for engaging people at all stages of membership, or the [Creating an Inclusive Club Culture](#) course to discover ways to become more inclusive, diverse, and equitable.
- Make sure your members know that they can develop their [leadership skills](#) with professional development courses.
- Help your club improve its member experience, service and social events, public image, and operations by taking the [Is Your Club Healthy?](#) course.

Remember that for any Learning Center course, you'll need a My Rotary account. Find more [membership resources](#) on My Rotary.

Seven Bridges Walk – Sunday 23 October

Hi

I'm Deb, and it's a pleasure to tell you about 7 Bridges Walk... because I love it so much!

This event has had a special place in my heart since my family and I first got involved in 2016, and I'd be delighted if you could join us again this year.

We're so pleased that it's returning to an in-person event this year!

Like so many people, I became involved in 7 Bridges Walk because of a cancer diagnosis close to me – my father.

I wonder if you share my experience, if you yourself have been impacted by a cancer diagnosis to someone close to you? Or if you have faced that reality for yourself. If so, I'm so sorry and I hope you remember that you are not alone in this

Many people's journey with cancer lasts for years and years. For us, it was a matter of months.

I visited my dad in the UK in April 2016, before he was diagnosed. He had many strange symptoms: hallucinations, confusions, abdominal pain, and we didn't know what was wrong with him until I was back in Australia.

Doctors found cancer cells in his lymph nodes and lungs, and he was diagnosed with cancer of an unknown primary, which only 2% of cancers are.

One month later, in June 2016, dad died. I was devastated.

When people in their 70's or older die of cancer, it's easy to assume that they were unhealthy, but dad was active right up until his illness. Just six months before he died, he was on the roof at home painting the gutters, fixing tiles... which is only a reminder that cancer took him from us far too soon.

Cancer impacts almost everyone at some point, and for my family it was sudden and severe.

I did 7 Bridges Walk that year because it was an incredible opportunity for me to channel my grief into something productive, important, and powerful.

Doing something for dad was the best thing I could do at that time.

And Ian, whether you're walking in honour of someone close to you, you're facing a diagnosis yourself, or you're just here to show your amazing and powerful support – let me invite you to be part of this wonderful community again.

Will you do 7 Bridges Walk again on Sunday, 23 October?

Plus, sign up now and you'll save \$20 on your entry fee – and you could win a walking holiday for 2 along the Three Capes & Tasman peninsula thanks to Life's an Adventure*!



Rotary District 9685 - Comedy for a Cause – 19 August

Hi Bruce

We really need to get behind this event to assist our flood victims. Please consider booking a table. Thank you to Norwest Sunrise who have booked two tables!

Do you want a fun night out with fabulous comedians Peter Berner, Daniel Townes, Bruce Griffiths and Mat Wakefield?

Fancy giving your happy endorphins a workout?

Find an astounding piece at the silent auction, or try your luck with the lucky door prize and raffles.

All profits will be distributed directly to the Greater Sydney victims of the floods.

Lucky door prize – a night for two with breakfast at The Crowne Plaza Hawkesbury Valley

Marilyn Kenney

Communications Chair 2022-2023

Rotary District 9685

A promotional poster for a comedy event. The title 'Comedy for a Cause' is written in large, bold, orange and red letters at the top. Below it, a black banner with white text reads 'FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST 2022'. Underneath the banner, white text on a black background says 'Doors: 6:30pm / Show: 8pm / 18+'. The poster features a central illustration of a hand holding a red microphone. To the right of the hand, a white circle contains the text 'BOOK NOW!' and '\$60'. Below the hand, a small black box with a white arrow points to the text 'BOOK ONLINE'. At the bottom left, there is a location pin icon followed by the text 'Diamond Showroom Blacktown Workers Club 55 Campbell St Blacktown'. At the bottom center, the Rotary Club of Blacktown City logo is displayed, with the text 'Rotary Club of Blacktown City' and 'IN SUPPORT OF FLOOD RELIEF FOR GREATER SYDNEY' below it. A QR code is located at the bottom right of the poster.

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Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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