

# **Toula's Corner**

We started our meeting last Monday with a short quiz in honour of International Women's Day which coincided on the day. Chocolates were handed out to those who answered the questions correctly. Monica was the hands-down winner with the most correct answers. Well done Monica!

Many thanks to senior Constables and Shane Carne from the Crime Prevention Officers at the Ryde Police Area Command who presented to us the facts and figures about crime in the area. It was most interesting to know that contrary to what we hear elsewhere, crime statistics actually went down in 2020 during lockdown and beyond. Criminals are increasingly using technology with cybercrimes like phishing and scamming on the rise. Interestingly, the police are also becoming more reliant on technology. They are now able to use video to take victim statements, Dashcam video for evidence in accidents, and face-recognition software to identify perpetrators.

### What's coming up

Rotary Club of Epping Monday Night Program 2020-2021		
Saturday, 13 March 2021	Online	DISTRICT CONFERENCE
Sunday, 14 March 2021	Online	DISTRICT CONFERENCE
Monday, 15 March 2021	Club, Epping	Pride of Workmanship
Saturday, 20 March 2021	Surry Hills	Walk with Trevor
Monday, 22 March 2021	Hotel, Epping	Epping Boys High School Acting Principal Jonathon Mullins & Chris Wilden RYPEN Experience

### **Next Monday**

Next Monday promises to be a great **<u>Pride of Workmanship</u>**. All nominees are frontline staff fighting the COVID-19 epidemic. Alex Thomas, the club's Vocational Director has been busy organising the evening. If you haven't already, be sure to let Deretta know you are attending so we can give the club exact numbers.

Please remember that we will be at the **Epping Club** and NOT at the Epping Hotel.

The meeting will start at 6pm for 6:30pm, as usual.

#### Epping Rotary and EBHS Strong Partnership at POW.

Stephanie Dwyer is a recipient of one of our POW Awards next Monday.

She is a wonderful teacher and a truly deserved recipient.

Of equal pleasure to me is that the Principle, Jessica Schadel, and the two Deputies, Seddique Martin and Narelle Katherine, are also coming.

Doesn't this emphasise the esteem they hold Stephanie in, but also the strong bond and relationship between our Club and EBHS.

#### Bruce

## **Clean Up Australia Day**

Eleven Epping Rotarians and two partners attended the traditional Terry's Creek Clean-Up on Sunday. There were no additional volunteers from the community this year largely because of the COVID rules and regulations posted on the website, however around thirty Macquarie University students were in the creek at the same time doing a field study and sampling the water quality.

This past summer has been quite wet so much of the expected rubbish seems to have been washed downstream. Our recent stretch of fine weather meant the water levels were low on the day and quite smelly in places.

Despite an average age of 67 years, the fearless Rotarians braved the conditions and hauled in the usual load of plastics, discarded household items and general trash. In the end, the bags were not as heavy as in past years but the effort required to fill them was just as great. Special mention goes to Trevor for providing long sticks with hooked ends for retrieving those hard to reach items and to Robert for putting on a very respectable BBQ at the end.

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Terry's Creek is chosen by our Club due to the great work by Epping Rotary in helping establish a walking track along Terry's Creek.

Stage 1 was opened in March 2002 with Stage 2 in September 2002.

Graham Stevens was the driving force of this wonderful project.

The plaque is located near the bridge on Epping Road over Terry's Creek.

#### Bruce



### DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2021 A Message from our District Governor, David Clark

Dear Rotarians and friends,

I am asking you to PLEASE register for the District 9685 Conference 2021.

Why you ask? Do I need to register because I'm going to a club showing, or to someone's house to view the event?

Well, the reason is simple. The District Conference is a mandatory part of the District Governors responsibilities and we have to give a report to RI on the success of the event. It is costing a large amount of money for us to put this very professional event on for you all to view, and it will be sent out to every Rotarian in the District **FREE** of charge, (whether you register or not), but it would be nice to know just how many people intend to view the program either on the day or later. We also need to ensure that we have a guide to numbers to ensure that there is enough capacity in the broadcasts for both days so that all can view the broadcasts.

The only way we can do that is by registrations. For example, we won't know if 20 people show up at an RSL Club to watch it on the day. All registrants will receive the Conference links, a copy of the full program and a name tag which can be used for group events. See below for more information and the Registration link. **So please register today**.

Our virtual Annual Conference 2021 is being held on Saturday, 13th March - Keynote speakers and top 10 Club videos, and Sunday, 14th March - House of Friendship and all of the Club videos.

<u>CONFERENCE PROGRAM (</u>for Saturday. More details to follow) CONFERENCE WEBSITE REGISTER HERE

# **Craig's Cocktail Party**

Save the date and support a Rotary Project.



## Invitation from North Ryde

For those not aware, The Rotary Club of Epping is an offshoot of the Ryde Rotary Club. They are celebrating their impressive 75 birthday and have kindly invited us to join in their celebrations.

If you are interested, please follow the instructions as per the invitation below.

