

HORIZONS

Central Blue Mountains Rotary

Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

CBM Rotary: 1976 - 2025

Looking Back
10 years



Comin' up

Stuff you should know about



Fearless Leaders

Hi Folks

Well, this both a sad day and a bright one at the same time.

At the end of the month, Central Blue will no longer exist as a club, but will become part of Greater Blue Mountains Rotary.

So, this is our final newsletter.

Wednesday 18/06 will be the final CBMR club meeting, although we will continue to meet at the Grand View Hotel under our new name.

Please come along on Wednesday with your partners and friends and say:

“Well done Central Blue”.

We will also have Trish Doyle our local member as a guest speaker.

On July 27, Central Blue, Katoomba and Blackheath Rotarians will get together to launch and celebrate the creation of Greater Blue Mountains Rotary, a bigger, stronger and more energetic Rotary club working across the upper Blue Mountains region. If you like, it is our changeover meeting. Further details to come.

I hope this is not the last issue of Horizons, but if it is, can the two half presidents thank Peter Hartley for his wonderful efforts over the years.

Central Blue has been a better club because of PGH's passion and professionalism.

That's all folks

Fearless leaders: Lora and Paul (retiring)

Ian Scott says:



“The Hub and Spoke model will start operating on 1 July and the launch event is planned for 27 July 2025. Please put it in your diaries and you will get more information shortly.

We will be waiting for approvals from RI and Fair Trading, but the model can operate using existing structures.

What this means to members is; we continue to meet at the Grand View Hotel with the Spoke coordinator liaising with the venue on any meeting requirements.

Our coordinator is Eric Cantor. Please let Eric know of any guest speakers, projects, fundraisers or events that are coming up so they can be put into the newsletter.

We continue with projects and fundraising as normal. Team members keep working on your actions with the other Spoke members to finalise lists.

I will be in Calgary for the International Convention with Jennifer, but will continue working on the Hub and Spoke – you keep working on it too, please!

Think about potential new Spokes, new members and new activities that we can all do together in the Rotary Club of Greater Blue Mountains.



Experiencing Rotary Beyond the Club



*PDG Jennifer Scott
Incoming Rotary International Director
Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains*

I love my Rotary club, but it is not my whole Rotary world. I belong to a few Rotary fellowships, each one offering me a different group of friends and a different experience.

There are so many Rotary Fellowship options ranging from wine, whiskey, beer(Brew) and gin, to multiple sports from skiing, table tennis to scuba diving, as well as hobbies and professional groups.

I meet the members of The Rotary Fellowships of Past Governors once a year at Rotary International Conventions.

My husband, PDG Ian Scott was a member of the Australian Defence Force with the RAAF, for over 50 years.

I was an airforce reserve legal officer for 10 years, so it was only natural for Ian and I to join the Rotary Fellowship of Military Veterans.

Our active and retired armed forces members come from all corners of the world, including a strong contingent in Ukraine.

Our focus is on building peace and supporting mental health initiatives.

Recently, I joined the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians ("IFFR"), a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting Rotary and aviation as an opportunity for fellowship and service.

I will be joining the group on a fly away after the Calgary convention involving 56 Rotarians from around the world and 13 aircraft.

We will be travelling through the Rocky Mountains visiting Yellowstone, Glacier and Whitefish national parks.

Perhaps, one day, I would like to start the Fellowship of Camino Walkers. Anyone interested in joining me?

My next walk is the Nakasendo Way in Japan, after the 2026 Taipei Convention.



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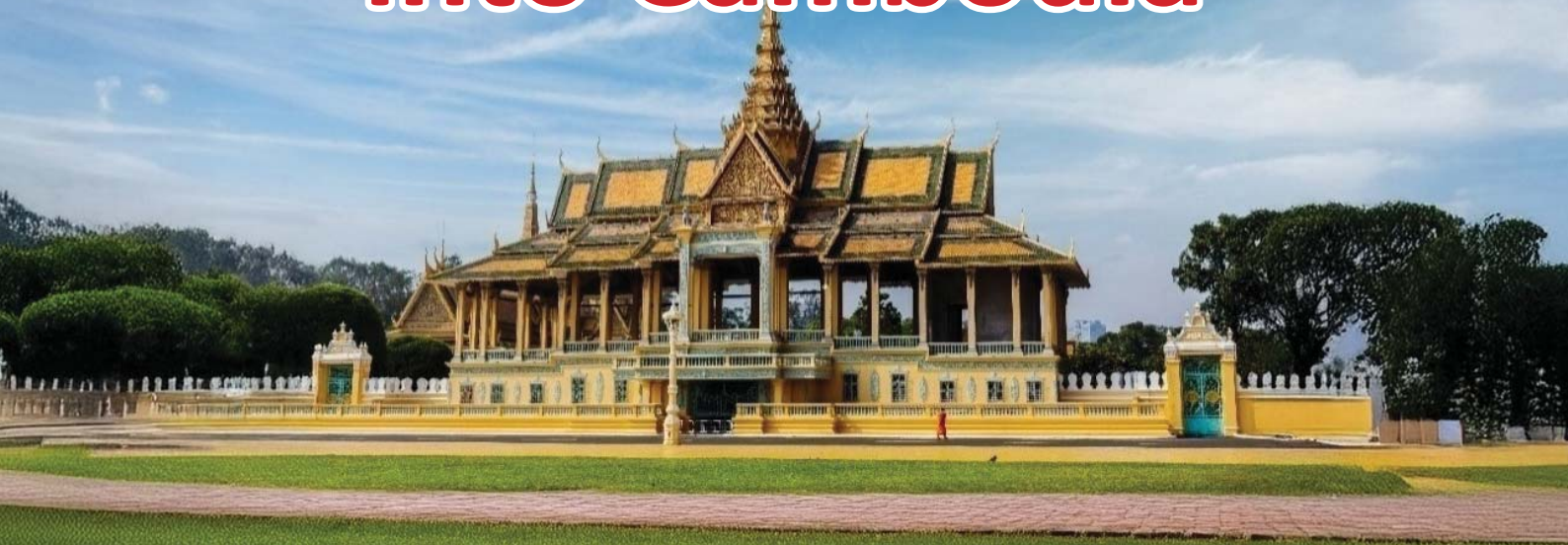

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Rotarian Journey into Cambodia



Join fellow Rotarians on a 10-day trip into ancient Cambodia

Nov 8 to Nov 17, 2025 or Jan 10 to Jan 19, 2026

Participate from only USD \$995/pp

Rotarians from around the world are joining with Sustainable Cambodia on a journey into this beautiful country, rich with history and culture.

We travel to Phnom Penh, and we will walk among the ancient temples of Siem Reap.

We will go far off the “tourist routes” to visit village families and experience the impact of Rotary projects in the remote villages of Pursat Province.

You will have the adventure of a lifetime, while helping rural families and children in ways you may have never dreamed possible.

Who We Are

Sustainable Cambodia is a unique non-profit organisation, bringing education to rural Cambodian children since 2001 and working hand-in-hand with rural families in village development since 2003.

With the assistance of supporters from all over the world and humanitarian groups like the Rotary clubs, Sustainable Cambodia empowers rural village families to create self-sustaining communities with clean water, ample food, and opportunities for self-reliance.

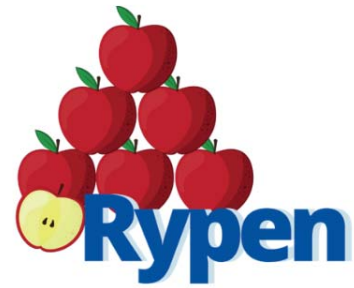
Participatory development engages village families to create ownership, self-empowerment and self-sustaining change through village leadership and community service.



The Rotary Club of Pursat invites you to experience life in rural Cambodia, see Rotary club projects and visit the ancient temples of Angkor Wat.



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<https://sustainablecambodia.org/visit-SC-in-Cambodia>



Winter RYPEN 2025

More than 60 enthusiastic teenagers from across Sydney attended an exciting three day RYPEN program at Katoomba Christian convention Centre, June 13 -15.

Over three action-packed days, they engaged in a diverse range of activities, from challenging leadership initiative games, team building exercises to heartfelt group reflections.

They explored new concepts, embraced different perspectives, discovered practical techniques to enrich their lives, and became more well-rounded individuals.



L to R: Lucian Keegel, eclub of Greater Sydney, Frank Ross, president of Springwood Rotary, Bronwyn Berriman, Springwood Rotary, Lora Stopic, Central Blue Rotary and Valda Bray, Springwood Rotary.

Three club Rotary promotion with free sausage sandwiches

Excellent promotion for Rotary in the mid mountains on Monday 16/06, at a public forum for seniors, sponsored by Blue Mountains City Council, at The Hub, Springwood.

The forum, about seniors protecting their finances, was free and so were the sausage sandwiches.

It was a three-club affair, featuring Rotarians from Springwood, Central Blue and the e-club of Greater Sydney.

Prue Hargrove, Blue Mountains city Council, said: "Full credit to everyone. We had 45 people there who said they heard about the event via the BM Gazette, fliers distributed by Rotary, local libraries, medical centres, Probus clubs, notice boards and local pharmacies."

Rotary has changed...

Rotary is now bigger, better and bolder



Rotary is an active, friendly organisation centred on participation instead of attendance, allowing people to use their skills to work within their local communities, while developing friendships, business opportunities and contacts overseas.

Discover how your professional skills can help others. Have you seen a need in your community and wondered how you could help?

Whatever your reason, Rotary can help you achieve these goals, and so much more.

CBM Rotarians and Scouts@Work

- Hazelbrook Scout Hall painted.
- Asbestos ceiling in kitchen and hallway demolished and replaced with gyprock.
- Kitchen, hallway, toilet and shower room painted throughout.
- Area totally cleaned,
- A \$4,000 budget, plus \$500 worth of building materials and paint donated by Bunnings Warehouse, Valley Heights, and a lot of hard work turned a shabby, unusable, unhealthy room into a sparkling new utility area.



Job Done



— Handshake for Peace —



*Ambassador of Turkey Mr Reha Keskindepe
Tom Colless OAM*



Catafalque Party



Gates at the entrance to Lone Pine Memorial



*Ambassador of Turkey Mr Reha Keskindepe
and Allan Byrnes, President CBM Rotary*



Blue Mountains City RSL Band



Local residents and Blue Mountains visitors attending the function

Central Blue Mountains Rotary Centenary Garden



Established in 2005 as a special project to recognise the 100th anniversary of the foundation of Rotary, the Central Blue Mountains Rotary Centenary Garden is at Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital, Katoomba, providing continuous pleasure for patients in the palliative care and rehabilitation wards.

The fountain, a work of art in stainless steel, was designed by local sculptor Terrance Plowright.

A Presidents Walk, constructed with pavers, contains names and dates relating to presidents since 1976.



FEEDING HUNGRY

Fire Fighters



Central Blue Mountains Rotary completed its task having providing meals for fire fighting crews for seven days at the RFS Emergency Centre, Katoomba, and Katoomba Christian Convention Centre.

Fire crews from the eastern states and South Australia arrived in the mountains to assist in the enormous effort of stopping fires reaching homes and businesses in Bell, Lithgow, Mt. Tomah, Mount Victoria and Blackheath.

Our picture shows fire crews enjoying a meal at Katoomba Christian Convention Centre.



Members of Shipley Rural Fire Brigade cleaning up

CBM Rotary Hat Night

Fundraising for Australian Rotary Health



...that's all folks