



HORIZONS

Central Blue Mountains Rotary

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Invite your friends and associates to our outstanding meetings

Tubular Resonance

Interactive Sound Sculpture
Five metres high - Stainless Steel

Terrance Plowright

**What's
On....**



August

Sunday 7 - Catering van at Leura School Market

Wednesday 10 - Guest speaker: Terrance Plowright

Monday 15 - Board meeting - Greystanes

Wednesday 17 - Club Assembly

Wednesday 24 - Guest speaker: Sue Wildman and Auntie Ellie Chatfield

Saturday 27 - Gold coloured coins along Leura Mall

Fri-Sat-Sun 26-28 - Umina Beach Rotary visiting BM

Wednesday 31 - Guest speaker: Member

September

Sunday 4 - Catering van at Leura School market

Wednesday 7 - Guest speaker: DGN Susan Wakefield

Saturday 10 - Polio postcards sold at Leura School

Wednesday 14 - Guest speaker: PDG Ian Scott

Monday 19 - Board meeting - Greystanes

Grow your Rotary knowledge. Connect with the Rotary Leadership Institute

The success of Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) in District 9685 is because it delivers skills and knowledge that Rotarians can apply straight away in their clubs.

RLI hones leadership skills, builds Rotary knowledge, gives a perspective about where Rotary has been and where it is now, and shares a vision of what Rotary can be. This is all done while networking with Rotarians from other clubs and providing opportunities for partnering in service.

The three part course is held on Saturdays or Sundays at our District Office in Thornleigh. Morning tea and lunch are provided. Each day starts at 8:30 for 9:00am and finishes around 3:45pm.

Until further notice, District is bearing the full cost as part of its training budget - yes - it is free!

Courses 36 (Saturdays) and 37 (Sundays) are open for registration:

- RLI 36 runs 20 August, 17 September, 1 October
- RLI 37 runs 18 September, 9 October, 30 October

Please register at rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

Rotarians who have partially completed earlier RLIs should contact PDG Ian Scott for registration: ian@scottadr.com

Guest Speaker 10/08

• Terrance Plowright



Our guest speaker is well-known local identity Terrance Plowright, who has worked professionally as an artist/sculptor for over 30 years.

He has excelled in the exploration and use of a variety of media, and people globally in the private and public arena enjoy his works.

Terrance has built one of the most successful art studios in Australia, at times employing many welders, mould makers and training numerous enthusiastic young artists.

All his sculptural designs, figurative and contemporary, as well as murals, mosaics and stained glass works have all been constructed within the studio premises, apart from the lost wax casting of bronze and stainless steel.

With a background and deep interest in music, philosophy, science and the relationships of living forms, Terrance works on developing themes that endeavour to reveal the interconnectedness and innate intelligence of all life, as well as the profoundly powerful and beautiful nature of existence.

Come along and meet Terrance Plowright. Enjoy a visual presentation of his work past and present.

YOUR ATTENDANCE

Ray Wiles - 0409 845 415 - raymar40@bigpond.com.au is our attendance person. Please call before 12.30pm, Wednesday, if you are bringing a guest or you are not able to attend. Letting us know helps with setting up the dining room.

Also, you must order your meal by calling the Grand View Hotel 4757 1001 Wednesday afternoon.

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Transplant Games unite all those touched by organ and tissue donation



Marilyn and Dudley Mercer and Central Blue Mountains Rotarian Lora Stopic

The Australian Transplant Games are Australia's largest awareness event for organ and tissue donation. They demonstrate the gift of life provided by organ and tissue donation. Competitors are living proof of the difference transplantation makes.

Speaking to Central Blue Mountains Rotary last week, Past District Governor Marilyn Mercer said the Australian Transplant Games are a celebration of the second chance of life received through organ and tissue donation.

Marilyn and Dudley Mercer are members of the local organising committee for the Transplant Games being held at Penrith and Blacktown from September 24 to October 1.

"The Games unite all those touched by donation including transplant recipients, donor families, living donors and those waiting for a transplant, as well as their families and friends.

"Through sports, games and various cultural events, competitors benchmark their renewed health and wellness and say thank you to organ and tissue donors.

"The Games provide an opportunity to network with others in similar situations – transplant recipients, those undergoing dialysis treatment, those awaiting transplantation, living donors, family members of deceased donors and transplant recipients as well as supporters.

"Importantly the Games promote awareness of organ and tissue donation resulting in a flow on effect of increased organ donation rates in each year the Games are held."



Applications are now open for the 2016-17 sessions of The Science Experience – costing only \$120 per student for three days.

Now in its 26th year, the program is supported by clubs of the Rotary Districts of Australia.

Find out more and download application forms at <http://www.scienceexperience.com.au> or contact the Federal Rotary Representative PDG Marilyn Mercer mmm@myisp.net.au 0416 026 848



Mountain Ghost

Always keen to know what's happening, the Mountain Ghost ended up at the Art Gallery of N.S.W. this week. He sent this report of his adventure.

In his long life The Mountain Ghost has never had his portrait painted. Needless to say he has never been hung in the Art Gallery of NSW.

After sending out 200 photos of himself to prominent and not so prominent artists he failed to get even one response.

The winner of this year's Archibald Prize was a portrait of Barry Humphries by Melbourne artist Louise Hearman. While this is a wonderful painting Barry has been hung three times previously. Oh well, there is always 2017.

The Ghost visited the Archibald Exhibition last week. There are some wonderful paintings there. The Ghost's favourite was a portrait of Ding Adut, a Sudanese refugee and lawyer painted by Nick Stathopoulos (see photo).

He also liked the portrait of Dr. Philip Nitschke, the euthanasia proponent, painted by Mirra Whale. The Packing Room prize voted on by the staff of the Art Gallery went to a portrait of George Calombaris, MasterChef by Betina Fauvel-Ogden.

As well as the Archibald Prize (awarded to a painting of a prominent Australian) there is also the Wynne Prize for the best landscape painting and the Sulman Prize for the best subject painting, genre painting or mural project by an Australian artist.

The first Archibald Prize was awarded in 1921 and has remained controversial ever since. The biggest contrary was the awarding of the 1948 prize to William Dobell for his portrait of Joshua Smith which ended in court.

The Ghost was curious – who was Archibald? J.F. Archibald (1856 – 1919) was a journalist and founder of the Bulletin magazine and served as a Trustee of the Art Gallery of NSW. He was very keen to promote young writers and artists.

In 1900, he commissioned Melbourne artist John Longstaff to paint a portrait of Henry Lawson. J.F. Archibald was so impressed with the painting that he decided to leave money in his will for an annual art prize. He also left money for the construction of a fountain in Hyde Park to commemorate the association of France and Australia in World War 1.

Good to Know

- www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au
- Apart from the Archibald prize entries there are plenty of permanent exhibits
- The Archibald Exhibition is on until October 9, 2016
- Open every day and some evenings
- \$16 admission for seniors
- Excellent wheel chair access
- Very good café and shop

Ghost rating: 7/10



Hearman



Strathopolous

Rotary Foundation Facts Did You Know?

Donation Recognition Points

Did you know that your personal contributions increase your PHF recognition amount to the same value AND give you PHF points at the rate of one point per US dollar which can be transferred to create a new PHF or PHF level?

Did you know that you can view your own personal giving progress to THE ROTARY FOUNDATION via "My Rotary" on the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org

Did you know that a PHF+1 refers to a Paul Harris Fellow recognition pin with one Sapphire while a PHF+6 has one ruby?

Did you know that your Club President, Secretary, Foundation Chair or Membership Chair can access your Club member PHF recognition level via MEMBERS ACCESS in the RI website at www.rotary.org and viewing the CLUB RECOGNITION SUMMARY Report?

More to come...

Ian Scott
Club Foundation Chair
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Standard Mental Health First Aid Workshop over 2 days - August 25th and 26th, 2016

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| Date: | Thursday 25 th and Friday 26 th August 2016 |
| Time: | Registration 9-9.30am Thursday only Course runs 9.30am to 4.30pm both days |
| Venue: | Community Room Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre 6-10 Station Street, Katoomba |
| Parking: | Street parking available on Station Street |
| Breaks: | Morning and afternoon tea provided. Please bring your lunch or this can be purchased in Katoomba. |
| Cost: | \$95.00 for the full two day training (includes full training manual and all resources) |
| Payment: | Please bring cash or cheque payment on the day. Sorry, no EFT or Credit Card facilities available on the day. Groups can be invoiced prior to the training. Tax invoice and receipt will be issued to each participant. |
| Trainer: | Jane Armstrong – Master MHFA Trainer – www.mhfa.com.au |
| To Book: | Bookings and further information through Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre Phone 4787 7770 or eo@banc.org.au |

This is a joint project of Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre and Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre for the benefit of the Blue Mountains Community.



Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre



Downtown Juneau Rotarians at Work



Each week, well... almost every week, Central Blue Mountains Rotary recognizes a Rotary club somewhere in the world as a gesture of friendship and goodwill.....We let them know by posting a note on their FaceBook page.

Last week, we recognized Downtown Juneau Rotary, in Alaska, popped a note on their FaceBook page, and they replied: 'WOW! Thank you!'.....so....next time you visit Alaska, hopefully not during winter, drop in to the Rotary Club of Downtown Juneau and mention that you read about them here.



Peter Pearce, OAM

ShelterBox Australia Ambassador and Rotarian, Peter Pearce was recently awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's birthday honours list.

Peter, from Terrigal on the NSW Central Coast has been a ShelterBox stalwart since 2006.

As a Response Team member, Peter deployed 20 times to disasters all over the globe. As a result of one deployment to Madagascar, Peter initiated a project with his Rotary Club in North Gosford to send much needed aid including wheelchairs and medical equipment to African island nation.

Peter was given his award for humanitarian services and we are proud that his efforts have been officially recognised.

Rotary and ShelterBox renew agreement

Rotary and ShelterBox recently renewed a three-year agreement to provide immediate, lifesaving assistance to survivors of natural disasters and conflict.

Rotary clubs worldwide have mobilized to provide immediate relief to thousands of displaced people quickly and efficiently with ShelterBox for 16 years.

To date, Rotary members have donated US\$48 million to provide shelter for families in need – 40 percent of ShelterBox's total of US\$119.6 million raised.

"The partnership between Rotary and ShelterBox has provided a place of refuge to people facing some of the

most difficult and uncertain moments in their lives," said John Hewko, General Secretary of Rotary.

"We are happy to renew this project partnership and honour our ongoing commitment to taking action to help communities devastated by disasters and conflict.

"This project partnership renewal simply indicates the strength of our long friendship, and recognizes the immense practical and funding support provided by Rotary members worldwide to enable us to reach out to families in distress."

.....that's all folks