



# HORIZONS



**Rotary - Central Blue Mountains**

*Effective - Energetic - Enterprising - Empowered*

Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, October 11, 2017



## LIFT the LID on mental illness **Aussie Hat Night**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2017**  
**Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls**

6.30pm for 7.00pm - \$30 per person

Barbecue buffet - Drinks at bar prices

Contact: Ray Wiles 0409 845 415



## WhatsOn....

**Wednesday 11** - Hat Night - Aussie Barbecue

**Monday 16** - Board meeting

**Wednesday 18** - Club assembly

**Tuesday 24** - Polio donation collection  
World Polio Day

**Wednesday 25** - Guest speaker to be advised

**Saturday 28 - Sunday 29** - Graffiti Removal

### November

**Wednesday 01** - Guest speaker to be advised

**Friday 03** - Twilight Market - Faulconbridge

**Saturday 04** - Trifecta ticket sales - Leura Mall

**Wednesday 08** - Guest speaker to be advised

**Friday 10** - NSW Police Officer of the Year awards

**Sunday 12** - Grand View Market

**Wednesday 15** - Guest speaker to be advised

**Monday 20** - Rotary Foundation Dinner

**Wednesday 22** - Club Assembly

**Sunday 26** - Special Olympics Dream Ride event

**Wednesday 29** - Guest speaker to be advised

## Special guest speaker at Lower Blue Mts Rotary November 14

Guest speaker at the Rotary Club of the Lower Blue Mountains, November 14, 2017 is Martha Jabour, CEO, Homicide Victims Support Group.

Martha will bring us up to date of the progress of 'Graces Place', a residential trauma recovery centre to cater for children after Homicide.

Rotary club members and their partners are invited to visit Lower BM Rotary, Leonay Sport and Recreation Club at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.

'Graces Place' is named after the mother of Anita Cobby, who with her husband, Gary Lynch and the parents of child murder victim, Ebony Simpson, established the Homicide Victims Support Group. Not long after this, Martha Jabour joined the group and has championed its cause for the past 25 years.

For bookings, please email Amanda Roots on [aroots@bigpond;.net.au](mailto:aroots@bigpond;.net.au)

Cost: \$25.00 - a cash bar will be operating.

## Rotary Leadership Institute Course 44 - October 28-29

This is the last course for 2017, so get in now for this power packed weekend consisting of two parts on consecutive days, held at the District office in Thornleigh.

\*Register at: [rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au](http://rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au)

Cost: \$75 includes lunch, morning/afternoon teas.

Please arrive at 8:00am for an on-time 8:30am start.

The sessions finish at 4:00pm.

Contact PDG Ian Scott for registration:

[ian@scottadr.com](mailto:ian@scottadr.com) - 0402 217 915



***Economic and Community Development, and Peace***  
***17 March 2018 — Sydney, Australia***

Early Bird Deadline: 13 December 2017  
Conference Date: 17 March 2018

For all the latest information like Rotary Presidential  
Peacebuilding Conference – Sydney 2018 Facebook Page





*Ian and Jennifer Scott, Mark Jarvis and Roza Sage*

## Paul Harris Fellow award to Carrington Hotel General Manager

*Mark Jarvis GM Carrington Hotel, Katoomba was recognised Wednesday, October 4, by Central Blue Mountains Rotary for his community work within Katoomba.*

*He received a Paul Harris Fellow award from club president Roza Sage and past district governors Ian and Jennifer Scott, who also represent The Rotary Foundation.*

*A Paul Harris Fellow award is presented by a Rotary club to an individual whom they recognise as having made a considerable difference to the community in which they live or work.*

THE ROTARY CLUBS OF NSW  
**POLICE OFFICER  
OF THE YEAR AWARDS**  
**2017**




**FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2017**  
**HYATT REGENCY SYDNEY, DARLING HARBOUR 6:30pm to 12am**

The awards provide statewide community recognition to sworn and unsworn officers for excellence in police service.  
2GB's Ray Hadley OAM will host the evening of entertainment and a wide range of food/beverages will also be served.

Visit [www.sydneypolice.com](http://www.sydneypolice.com) for tickets  
Cost: \$95 per person  
or \$2000 per Corporate Table  
**BOOK NOW AND DON'T MISS OUT**

Rotary Districts of NSW



NSW Police Force

The Rotary Club of Sydney is proud to host the 8th Annual Awards for the NSW Police Force to give state-wide community recognition for excellence in Police service to officers and unsworn employees throughout NSW.

This year as last, nominations for the Customer Service award were made by the General public and Rotarians. This year's Rotary NSW Police Awards promises to be the best ever!

The event will bring together the local winners from all over the state. Together with their colleagues we will come together to celebrate the hard work and outstanding achievements of officers, volunteers and civilian employees for excellence in Police Service throughout NSW.

The evening will include:

- A cocktail reception on arrival
- The presentation of the awards
- A three course meal with fine wines
- Dancing to the NSW Police Band

Order Your Online Tickets Now

Tickets still only \$95 per person

The Rotary Clubs of NSW 2017 Police Officer of the Year Awards proudly supports Police Legacy and The Rotary Foundation. Funds raised from the evening will be donated to the supported charities.



# Severe drought conditions west of the Dividing Range



*Story and photos by Pamela Williams, past president, Central Blue Mountains Rotary*



***We've just returned from a road trip through outback NSW driving from Walgett to Mildura along the side of the Darling River known as the Darling River Run.***

We travelled through Bourke, Louth, Tilpa, Wilcannia, Menindee, Pooncarie, and Wentworth. Beautiful outback country where the roads are ochre red and the trees are covered with dust.

Although there was some water in the Darling, the countryside was dried out and cracked. When we walked across paddocks the dry undergrowth crunched under our feet.

There was a lot of road kill along the way because so much of the wild life is searching for food and water.

We saw many B-double trucks transporting hay to farmers trying to feed sheep and cattle at big financial cost.



Talking with locals at the pubs, we soon learned about the hardship they are suffering in this drought, and how they wait on the rain that they haven't had for so long. With no rain in sight we wonder how they're going to manage, and what their future will be.

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# New wheels for Noosa Men's Shed



*Story by Amber Macpherson published in Noosa News*

*Rotary Club of Noosa and Noosa Men's Shed members with the new trailer donated by Noosa Rotary.*

THE Rotary Club of Noosa, Qld. has provided the Noosa Men's Shed with a new set of wheels - a brand new trailer. A donation of \$3000 from the Rotary Club combined with \$1000 from the Noosa Men's Shed allowed the shed members to purchase the top quality trailer for use by both organisations.

Noosa Men's Shed president Paul Asbury said the purchase of the trailer was suggested after the Rotary Club offered financial support.

"Noosa Men's Shed secretary Neil Watt mentioned the need for a Shed trailer," Mr Asbury said.

"Neil suggested a small donation towards the cost would be greatly appreciated.

"Instead of a small donation, the Rotary Club of Noosa gave the Noosa Men's Shed a whopping \$3000 towards the cost of the trailer.

"With another \$1000 put in by Noosa Men's Shed, a very good quality trailer was purchased for use by both Noosa Rotary and Noosa Men's Shed."

Rotary and Men's Shed members officially welcomed the useful new addition to the site on September 14.

Mr Asbury said the Rotary Club had been helping the shed since the site opened.

"The Rotary Club of Noosa has been a great supporter of the Noosa Men's Shed since the inception of the Shed in mid-2014," Mr Asbury said.

"Of course, this means another shed will now have to be designed and built for the trailer, but that's what the Noosa Men's Shed does best.

"Another win-win for both Noosa Rotary and Noosa Men's Shed."

Rotary president Tess Alexandroff said the trailer would help the club continue its work collecting donations for Mozambique.

The project loads hospital beds, wheel chairs, walking frames and more in to a 40 tonne shipping container, to be delivered to hospitals in the developing country.



[www.sustainablecambodia.org](http://www.sustainablecambodia.org)



*Empowering families and children to effect lasting change.... community by community*

**Rotarian Journey into Cambodia - January, 2018 - Tour leader PDG Jennifer Scott**  
**Participate from only USD \$825 per person**

Join fellow Rotarians from around the world on a journey into the heart of Cambodia  
For tour details contact Jennifer Scott- [jennifer@scottadr.com](mailto:jennifer@scottadr.com) - 0414 367 631

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story: PDG Jennifer Scott



***POLIO HAS NO CURE. It is a crippling and potentially fatal disease, and children under the age of five are at the greatest risk. While there is no cure, there is prevention. For as little as \$1.00, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.***

The purpose of Purple Pinkie for Polio Day is to twofold: to raise the funds needed to finish the job of eradicating polio, and to raise awareness about the seriousness of this disease, and how we can prevent it.

When a child is vaccinated in poorer countries the vaccinator paints indelible purple ink on to the little finger (pinkie) nail of the left hand. Before giving a vaccine this finger is checked to see if that child was recently vaccinated. If the finger is not purple then they can have the vaccine

The Purple Pinkie Day Campaign will be divided into two parts, the Street Appeal and the Purple Pinkie in school.

The Purple Pinkie Street Appeal on or about 24 October 2017 will have Rotarians gather outside Shops around the Blue Mountains, providing information and collecting donations

Purple Pinkie in School will see Rotarians visiting schools to educate children about polio and supporting a gold coin donation day combined with a purple mufti day.

***This Purple Pinkie Day comes at an important time in the fight to eradicate polio, which would be only the second human disease to be eradicated, after smallpox. Currently there are only three polio endemic countries: Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan.***

In 1988, when Rotary and its partners committed to eradicating the disease, polio paralysed more than 350,000 children per year in 125 countries – or, more than 1,000 per day. Since that time, the number of polio cases has been reduced by 99.9%, with only 11 cases in two countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan) to date in 2017.



***Polio has been eradicated in all but two countries. If polio isn't eradicated, the world will continue to live under the threat of this crippling disease.***

Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.4 billion to ending polio. Funds contributed to Rotary are tripled thanks to a 2:1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Rotary is joined in the fight to end polio by its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, a public-private partnership that also includes the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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Sydney Districts 9675 & 9685

## An Invitation to the Rotary Foundation Dinner

Blacktown Workers Club

55 Campbell St

Blacktown, 2148

20 November, 2017

6:30PM



For further details and booking arrangements please contact Ian Scott  
[ian@scottadr.com](mailto:ian@scottadr.com) - 0402 217 915

## Keynote speaker at the Foundation Dinner is Canadian Rotarian Jennifer Jones

Jennifer is the President and CEO of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning television production company in Windsor, ON. She is proud member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland and is a Past District Governor of District 6400.

In Rotary, she has served as the Chair of the Strengthening Rotary's Advisory Group, Moderator of the 2013 RC/RPIC Institute, Vice Chair of the RI Communication Committee, North American RPIC Coordinator, the Advisory Board for Rotary Canada and the RI Promotions Committee's for Lisbon and New Orleans.

She served three terms as Seminar Leader at the International Assembly and has been a featured speaker at this event on four occasions.

One of Rotary International's most recognized communicators, Jennifer has presented keynote addresses and training workshops at more than 100 conferences across North America and most recently in St Petersburg - Russia, Panama City, Bangkok, Lisbon, Finland, India, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Australia and Germany.

Jennifer also contributes much of her energy to local organizations.



Central Blue Mountains Rotary members were involved recently in assisting the Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture & Recreation Centre, Katoomba, during their "Outreach Day".

Left to right: Robert Ralston, Kevin Schreiber, and Ray Wiles with junior helper, Saxon Meers.



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## REMOVAL DAY

*Love where  
we live!*

*Saturday 28 October*  
*Sunday 29 October*

**Volunteer**

**Nominate a Site**

**Promote the Day**

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call 1300 665 310 or visit  
[graffitiremovalday.org.au](http://graffitiremovalday.org.au)

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Contact Tom Colless 4780 1100 - [tc@colless.com.au](mailto:tc@colless.com.au) - if you can assist for just  
a couple of hours on either day. Your help would be much appreciated.

*..that's all folks*