



# HORIZONS



## Central Blue Mountains Rotary

*Effective - Energetic - Enterprising - Empowered*

Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

*Invite your friends and associates to our outstanding meetings*

## Leura Fair - 2016



### Deliciously Yummy Ice Cream

topped with blueberries,  
raspberries and strawberries  
being sold by Central Blue  
Mountains Rotary  
when the crew was not  
sampling the product

*Please turn to the next page*



## What's On....



### October

Sat-Sun 8-9 - Leura Village Fair

Wednesday 12 - Guest speaker - Pamela Gardiner  
Wildlife Rescue (WIRES)

Friday 14 - Hat Night - Aust'n Rotary Health

Wednesday 19 - Club assembly

Monday 24 - World Polio Day

Wednesday 26 - RYPEN speaker

Sat-Sun 29-30 - Graffiti removal weekend

Sunday 30 - Trivia Night - Can Assist and CBM  
Katoomba RSL

### November

Wednesday 2 - Guest speaker TBA

Friday 4 - Pudding sales - Faulconbridge

Sunday 6 - Catering van at Leura School market

Wednesday 9 - Guest speaker TBA

Sunday 13 - Catering - Grand View Hotel market  
Pudding sales - Grand View Hotel  
Wine Tasting - BM Country Club

Wednesday 16 - Guest speaker TBA

Monday 21 - Board meeting - Greystanes

Wednesday 23 - Twilight meeting BBQ - W. Falls Lake

Sunday 27 - Book launch - Mountain Heritage

Monday 28 - Million Dollar Dinner - Rotary Foundation

Wednesday 30 - Guest speaker - TBA

### December

Sunday 4 - Catering van at Leura School market

Wednesday 7 - CBM Rotary Annual General Meeting

Sunday 11 - Carols in the Park? - TBA

Wednesday 14 - TBA

Wednesday 21 - TBA

Wednesday 28 - No meeting

#### YOUR ATTENDANCE

Ray Wiles - 0409 845 415 - [raymar40@bigpond.com.au](mailto: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.

## Our Guest Speaker October 12

Pamela Gardiner has an unusual fascination for lizards, praying mantis' micro-bats and wombats. She joined WIRES – 28 years ago and has enjoyed every minute of it.

"we are so fortunate to have such a wonderful country and a large variety of fauna and flora, it is only right that we nurture and protect it.

"From the rescuing of an injured animal to the rehabilitation and successful release of all manner of wildlife, mammals, reptiles, amphibians – no creature has ever been too great or too small," Pamela says.

As a child and through to a teenager Pamela said she always managed to find stray cats and dogs, and if they had no collar, she would talk to them and they would follow her around, to school, to work (as she grew older) and home much to the dismay of her parents.

Come along and meet Pamela Gardiner, a lady who was taught to care for her fellow man and nature in all its glory (both fauna and flora).

Pamela says living in the Blue Mountains is a "no brainer". It is the perfect setting to raise a family, tend to her garden and enjoy the natural bush she loves so much.

*Visitors are always welcome  
at CBM Rotary*



Date: Monday 28 November 2016

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Venue: The Epping Club, 45 Rawson Street, Epping

Keynote Speaker: Kalyan Banerjee, Past RI President and Chairman of Trustees of the Rotary Foundation

Dress: Business Attire

Cost: Table of 10 - \$700 or \$75 per person

Bookings and payment: [www.trybooking.com/mmrt](http://www.trybooking.com/mmrt)  
or by cheque to: Rotary Club of Epping, PO Box 77,  
Epping NSW 1710 with attendees' names, club and dietary requirements

*Please turn to the next page*

# Yes Rotary Can



## Representing Rotary International in the UK

The travelling Scotts, Ian and Jennifer, are on a quick trip to the UK this week (land of cricket, warm beer, and cups of tea).

Jennifer is international guest speaker representing the Rotary International President John Germ at the District 1200 conference, *The St Johns Hotel, Solihull*, Birmingham. (Google Rotary District 1200 conference 2016)

The theme of the conference is "Yes, Rotary Can" and Jennifer's focus will be on leadership and reviewing the district.

On Thursday, Jennifer will be presenting at the Rotary Club of Arbury. Her theme will be Rotary Down Under - a little bit about the Blue Mountains and the volunteer work Australian Rotarians do within Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. Ian will talk about Central Blue Mountains.

Although only in the UK for a week, they also plan to visit the offices of RIBI - Rotary International Great Britain, and hope to spend a day at Stratford Upon Avon to wish Shakespeare a happy 400th birthday before heading home.

---

## Meet the Rotary Club

Central Blue Rotary information night held at the Grand View Hotel Wentworth Falls, Wednesday 05/10 welcomed members of the local community including representatives of well-know businesses.

It was a function dedicated to introducing local business people to what Rotary is all about - What we do and how we assist people locally and throughout the world.



*Michael Lewchenko, proprietor Bennetts Printing, Katoomba, and Damien Smith, owner Mountain High Pies, Wentworth Falls were awarded honorary membership of Central Blue Mountains Rotary. Julie Bargaenquast, Executive General Manager, Blue Mountains Business Chamber, based in Katoomba, always a very welcome visitor to Central Blue.*

*Please turn to the next page*



# Mountain Ghost

Henry Parkes - Born into poverty, left school when he was eight years of age. He arrived from England in 1839 with his first wife as a penniless immigrant. The Ghost relates his connection with the Blue Mountains.

HENRY PARKES (1815 – 1896)

For years, the Mountain Ghost has been driving past the sign at Faulconbridge saying Henry Parkes grave. This set him thinking who was Henry Parkes and what is his connection to the Blue Mountains?

The Ghost has always thought of Sir Henry Parkes as the “Father of Federation” which he never lived to see as he died five years before it happened.

When you research Henry Parkes he was an amazing person. Born into poverty, left school when he was eight years of age. He arrived from England in 1839 with his first wife as a penniless immigrant.

He worked many jobs to support his family. He was a farm labourer, factory worker, piano tuner, importer, shopkeeper and journalist. He started a newspaper “The Empire” and helped set up the Australian League to educate people about the rights and duties of citizens in a democracy. He fought for jobs and fair wages.

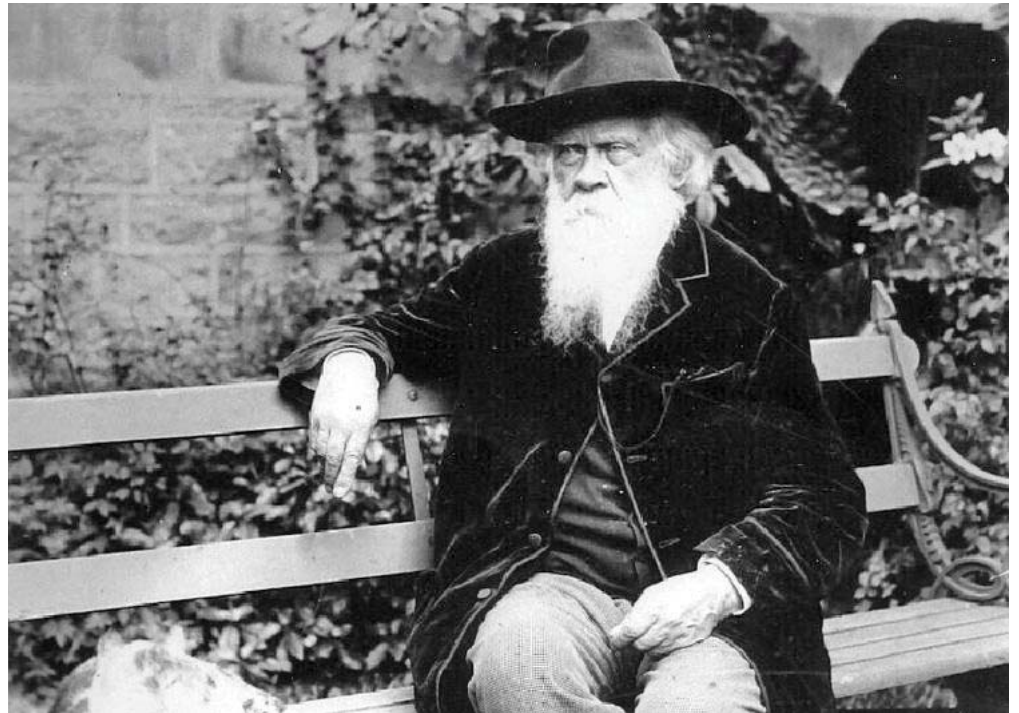
Parkes was elected to the New Parliament in 1854. For many years he was not paid for his parliamentary work and he had to leave parliament in order to fight off bankruptcy. In 1872 he became Premier of NSW and served five terms. Parkes became a great orator. His most famous speech was at Tenterfield in 1889.

The great question – “is whether the time has not now arisen for the creation of this Australian continent of an Australian Government and an Australian Parliament. I believe the time has come. Surely what the Americans did by war, Australians can bring in peace”

Parkes was also responsible for the creation of Centennial Park in 1888.

Every great man seems to have scandals. Parkes was married three times and fathered 17 children. At the age of 80 he married his housekeeper who was 23. I bet that caused a stir! He died the next year!

It is interesting that he wrote poems and political articles for the Sydney Morning Herald under the pseudonym “Faulconbridge”. In 1877, Sir Henry Parkes purchased 600



*Sir Henry Parkes grave at Faulconbridge*

acres in the Blue Mountains and named it Faulconbridge after his mother, whose maiden name was Faulconbridge. He was buried there in 1896 next to his first wife Clarinda. Clarinda Falls at Faulconbridge is named after her.

While visiting Sir Henry Parkes grave the Ghost also visited the Corridor of Oaks at Jackson Park, Faulconbridge. An oak tree was planted for each Prime Minister of Australia (the old Henry Parkes residence is across the road. The Ghost was interested to see if there were two oak trees for Kevin Rudd. I guess you will have to make a visit to find out.

# Head to the Central Blue HAT NIGHT PARTY

*Hat parade, fundraising games, chocolate wheel,  
lucky door prizes, great auction items*

Please join us and help Australian Rotary Health, fundraise for mental health research in Australia. 100% of the money raised during this year's Hat Day campaign goes directly to research helping the one in five Australians affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and many other illnesses.

6:30pm to 9:00pm

**Friday, 14th of October 2016**

The Lodge at Leura Fairways

19 - 21 Fitzroy Street, Leura

\$35 per person includes canapes and drinks

**Don't forget to bring three hats**

**RSVP before the 7th of October 2016**

Ray Wiles: raymar40@bigpond.com.au or call 0409 845 415

Vanessa Balfour: 23balfour@gmail.com or call 0402 004 968



Central Blue Mountains

# Rotary



Selling at the  
TWILIGHT MARKET



# PUDDINGS

*from*

## Central Blue Mountains Rotary

Faulconbridge Public School - 6:00pm to 8:30pm - Friday Nov. 4, 2016

....that's all folks