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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, September 13 2017

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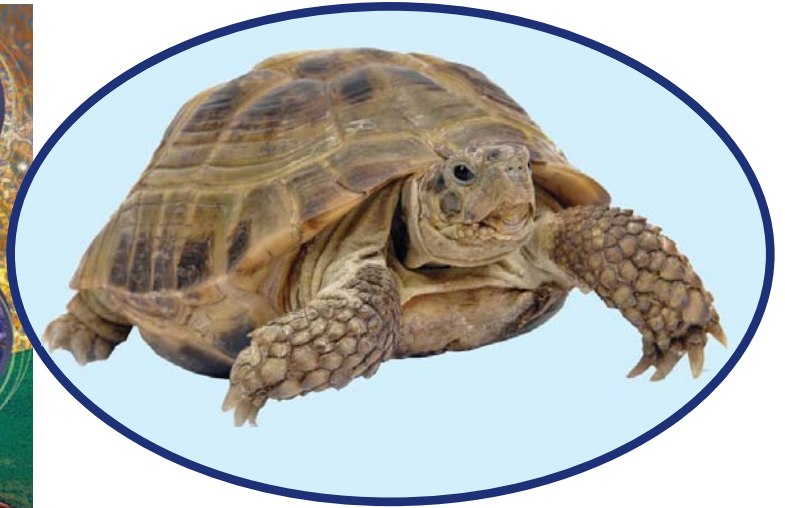


PEOPLE of ACTION

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Wentworth Falls Lake - Sunday 17/09

Get up close and friendly
with a turtle....Meet a crayfish.



Our creeks, rivers and lakes are part of what makes the Blue Mountains so special. They are home to unique animals such as: giant dragonflies, turtles, water-skinks and more....

Learn about who lives in and around the water, and what we can do to look after them. Meet a crayfish, listen to stories, explore a swamp, create some art, make a difference!

Throughout the day you can visit displays by Blue Mountains Grammar School, Wentworth Falls Primary School, Kindlehill Steiner School, the Jamison Creek Catchment Community Group, and Blue Mountains City Council.

Meet a turtle. Get your face painted while you learn about local iconic species from these passionate students, join in the campaign to 'Ban the Bag'. Learn about council's works program to improve waterway health, and much more.

In addition to the stalls and displays, we have a great group of expert scientists, artists and storytellers putting on a walks, talks and workshops program.

This event will go ahead in wet weather- bring your raincoat and gumboots!

There will be a sausage sizzle run by Central Blue Mountains Rotary to keep your bellies happy. Alternatively, bring your own (waste-free) picnic to enjoy by the lake.

Zensational Coffee will also be there providing delicious hot beverages. Bring your own cup and get a 50 cent discount.

Accessibility: The main festival displays and activities are easily accessed by level footpaths and grass areas. Unless otherwise noted, the walks, talks and workshops are accessible for wheelchair and pram.

This event is made possible by a grant from the NSW Environment Trust.

Discover more
about our local
waterways and the
creatures that live
there.



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What's On....

September

Wednesday 13 - Guest speaker: Louise Statz
Creating Links, Blue Mountains

Sunday 17 - Waterways event - W. Falls Lake

Wednesday 20 - District Governor official visit

Wednesday 27 - Guest speaker: Julie Ankers
Fiesty, Fabulous and Fifty

Friday 29 - Aboriginal Cultural Centre barbecue

Saturday 30 - Leura Gardens Festival

October

Sunday 1 - Trifecta ticket sales - Leura Mall

Wednesday 4 - Guest speaker to be advised

Saturday 7- Sunday 8 - Leura Village Fair

Wednesday 11 - Hat Night - Aussie Barbecue

Monday 16 - Board meeting

Wednesday 18 - Club assembly

Tuesday 24 - Polio donation collection

Wednesday 25 - Guest speaker to be advised

Saturday 28 - Sunday 29 - Graffiti Removal

Our guest speaker this week is Louise Statz, Chief Executive Officer of Creating Links, a company which has just opened a new office at Faulconbridge.

Creating Links is a boutique, person-centered organisation that has been delivering a diverse range of services across the Greater Sydney areas for more than 40 years.

Services include but not limited to: NDIS, aged care, foster care, children and family, financial wellbeing and various community projects.

Louise Statz has been the CEO of Creating Links for 14 years and with the board of Creating Links, the organisation has grown significantly across many communities and services.

District Governor to visit CBM

Peter Ward, Governor Rotary District 9685, will visit Central Blue Mountains Rotary on September 20.

Formerly assistant governor for the Central Coast, Peter is a member of the Rotary Club of The Entrance.



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Mountain Ghost

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BERGHOFER PASS and VICTORIA PASS

The Mountain Ghost like everyone else takes Victoria Pass (on the Great Western Highway at Mount Victoria) for granted. Yes there is some trepidation descending in heavy fog or with black ice but for the most part it is an easy ascent and descent with spectacular views on both sides. But it was not always so.

The Ghost has been doing some research using his peddle powered computer and a fascinating story emerges.

The original "Pass of Victoria" with its spectacular stone causeways opened in 1832. Mitchell's Bridge (also known as Mitchell Causeway) near Mt. Victoria was also opened that year and was built by convicts.

As everyone knows it is still used today. It is a major cause of the bottleneck going from Mt Victoria. Officially Victoria Pass starts at Mt. York Road and finishes at where Berghofer's Pass meets the Great Western Highway, at Little Hartley.

Before 1832 the road was a very steep and dangerous descent from Mt. York to Hartley Vale.

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Construction started in 1906 and was extensively used until 1920 when more powerful cars reverted to the Old Victoria Pass. The new road Berghofer Pass was finally closed to traffic in 1952.

Who was Berghofer you might ask? John William Berghofer was a German immigrant who arrived in Australia in 1855. He purchased the Victoria Inn at Little Hartley in 1892 and renamed it 'Rosenthal'. He lived there until his death in 1927.

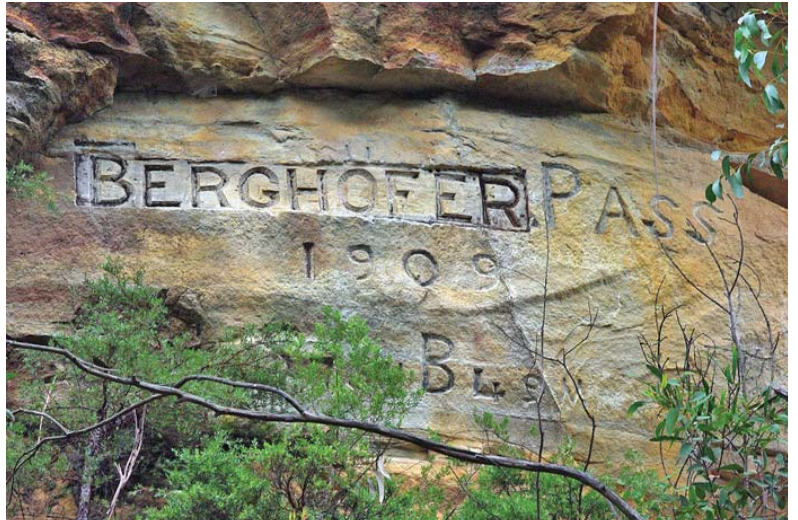
'Rosenthal' was changed to 'Rosedale' because of anti-German sentiment during the First World War. He was the first president of the Blaxland Shire Council (now part of the Lithgow Council). He also owned shops at Mt. Victoria.

The pass was named after him in 1910 but with the outbreak of World War 1 anti-German sentiment saw him stripped of the presidency of the shire council and his name was removed from the Pass. It was not officially restored until 70 years later.

Today, Berghofer Pass is a wonderful bushwalk providing great views of the valley. You can see the stonework put in place by the convict gangs on Victoria Pass.

I would certainly recommend the Berghofer Pass walk. It is an easy walk (easier than Brooklyn to Balgowlah 100k walk) with plenty of historical features on the way.

It is 4.5km from top to bottom and should take about two hours. If you are feeling energetic you could also do the Lawson Long Alley Walk which traces the original road before Victoria Pass was built. This is much harder and is 17kms long. John Berghofer and his wife are buried in Mt. Victoria Cemetery.



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Central Blue Mountains Rotary

AUSSIE HAT NIGHT



**LIFT the LID
on mental illness**

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls

6.30pm for 7.00pm - \$30 per person

Barbecue buffet - Drinks at bar prices

Bookings please by October 4, 2017

Vanessa 0402 004 968 or Ray Wiles 0409 845 415





World Polio Day October 24, 2017

World Polio Day was established by Rotary International over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis.

Use of this inactivated poliovirus vaccine and subsequent widespread use of the oral poliovirus, developed by Albert Sabin, led to the establishment of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988.

As of 2013, GPEI had reduced polio worldwide by 99%.

Help end polio worldwide.

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....that's all folks