



# HORIZONS



## Central Blue Mountains Rotary

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

### Katoomba shoppers voted for Lucian Keegel as their local Captain of Community

*Lucian Keegel, past president Rotary e-club of Greater Sydney, has been recognised for his community work by Blue Mountains residents.*

*Blue Mountains Gazette reported (August 11) that Lucian won the Katoomba section of the Captains of Community program receiving the highest number of votes by village shoppers.*

*Last Saturday, Lucian was photographed while raising money for the 2018 Drought Relief Fund, an initiative of Rotary Australia, Channel 9 and the National Farmers Federation.*

*In the Blue Mountains Gazette interview, Lucian Keegel said: "I believe in making the future better than it is today."*

*"We have been so blessed, that it is our duty to give back to our community and try to ensure everyone has what they need and want."*

*Blue Mountains Gazette also reported that Lucian Keegel has been a valued member of Rotary International for 13 years, volunteering with the Salvation Army's breakfast service, Men's Shed, Girl Guides, Cancer Op Shop and the Red Cross.*



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# WhatsOn....

## August

**Wednesday 15:** Planning and Business meeting

**Friday 17:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

**Friday 17:** Working bee at Katoomba RSL Memorial Garden  
Katoomba Hospital - 9.00am to 1.00pm

**Wednesday 22:** Lisa Gorman managing director of Life Learning will present a light-hearted, lively approach to adult learning.

**Friday 24:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

**Saturday 25:** Trivia Night, Wentworth Falls Country Club

**Wednesday 29:** Guest speaker: "Peace Building"  
a young person's view of our world.

**Friday 31:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

## September

**Wednesday 05:** Guest Speaker  
Tony Edwards and his mind dog.

**Friday 07:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

**Wednesday 12:** Alex Schwarz, Conditorei Patisserie Schwarz

**Friday 14:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

**Saturday 15:** Barbecue - Mitre 10

**Wednesday 19:** District Governor visit

**Friday 21:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

**Friday 28:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club



The Science Experience offers a three-day hands-on science experience for Year 9 and Year 10 students at universities throughout Australia.

It was initiated by the Rotary Club of Doncaster over 30 years ago and is a Rotary district supported project.

This is the most cost effective youth activities project. Brochures and application forms were sent to all Australian schools and Rotary clubs during May.

### **New South Wales Program Dates**

**University of Technology, Sydney**

3 - 5 October 2018

**Apply before 30th August 2018**

**University of Sydney, Sydney**

9 - 11 January 2019

**Apply before 31 October 2018**

**Macquarie University, Sydney**

15 - 17 January 2019

**Apply before 31 October 2018**

**For application forms and details contact:**

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## *Barry Jonathon Stockbridge*

18<sup>th</sup> May, 1937 - 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2018

Central Blue Mountains Rotarian

Paul Harris Fellow

Sadly Missed



# Breakfast with Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise, August 07

*We all met in The Bunker Bar  
Escarpments Estate, Narrow Neck Road, Katoomba,  
formerly Katoomba Golf Club.  
Delightful breakfast, great friendship, and an excellent guest speaker,  
Maralyn Arnott, president Katoomba Rotary.*



Presidents Michael Small (Upper Blue)  
and Ava Emdin (Central Blue)



## Our Guest Speaker August 22

*Lisa Gorman is a coach, facilitator and presenter working with leaders and business owners to ensure sustainability and high performance by developing confident capable people.*

*She is a dynamic facilitator of programs that impact both personal and professional life. Her key interest areas are communication and presentation skills, igniting effective leadership and workplace behaviours using tools that support relationship and productivity success.*



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# Mountain Ghost

The Ghost was excited..... having been alerted to the sighting of a strange creature in Wentworth Falls Lake.

Had the Loch Ness Monster breast-stroked or dog paddled all the way out to Wentworth Falls from Scotland?

## WENTWORTH FALLS LAKE

Recently the Mountain Ghost had been alerted to the sighting of a strange creature in Wentworth Falls Lake. According to the locals it only appeared early in the morning, would disappear, then reappear then disappear again.

The Ghost was excited! Had the Loch Ness Monster breast-stroked or dog paddled all the way out to Wentworth Falls from Scotland?

The Ghost set off early one morning about 6.00am. It really is a lovely lake at that time of the day. He did see a log with three ducks on it.

They would dive into the water and then climb back onto the log again and so on.

Mystery solved and a couple of referrals to SpecSavers at Katoomba. The Ghost was surprised at how many people were walking or jogging at that time of the day. The lake provides a lot of enjoyment to many people apart from tourists.

As usual the Mountain Ghost likes to give his thousands of readers a bit of history. He was amazed to find it got its name because it was at Wentworth Falls.

Who would have thought that. A concrete wall was built across Jamison Creek in 1878 to form the lake as a water supply for steam trains well before the Blue Mountains Railway was electrified. The current dam was built in 1908 and enlarged in 1910 and 1914.

A threat to the health of the lake is the Redfin Perch, a noxious fish species. The Perch is native to northern Europe and was introduced to Australia in the 1860s for angling. It is a serious pest destroying native fish and insects. The lake was stocked with brown and rainbow trout.

Wentworth Falls Lake with its area of Blue Mountains Hanging Swamp is of significant importance as the habitat of a threatened species, the Blue Mountains Water Skink. I bet you didn't know that.

Hanging Swamps are also endangered. These are swamps that are formed by groundwater seeping through sandstone layers and are usually found on the side of valleys. The Ghost was surprised to learn the lake is 6m deep in spots. It looks very shallow.



The Ghost also liked the 16 sandstone sculptures dotted around the park. They depict native seed pods found in the area. Each work is placed next to the appropriate plant with engraved information about the plant and scientific name.

While the Ghost was doing his walk around the lake he came across a plaque proposing naming the walk the Stanley Bignell Walkway. Who was Stanley Bignell?

According to the Blue Mountains City Council, Stanley was a former RAAF pilot and Prisoner of War who moved to Hazelbrook in 1956.

Stanley worked as a teacher at Katoomba High School. He taught boat building and founded the Blue Mountains Sailing Club at Wentworth Falls Lake providing opportunities for teenagers to participate in this sport. This included construction, sailing and water safety.

He also worked with Council to have the Lake developed as a recreational lake for everyone's use. He also founded the Hazelbrook Soccer and Netball Clubs in the 1950s at Gloria Park as well as the construction of courts and gardens.

He died prematurely in 1978 as a result of his injuries in WWII. The Ghost thinks the Council have made a good decision naming the walk after Stanley Bignell.

If you want to walk all the way around the lake it is 3.5km and should take two hours. If the Ghost thought it was fairly easy then it must have been very easy, but again the Ghost was carrying his esky. If you have not seen the new building and boardwalk it is worth taking a look.

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# Trivia Night

Fundraiser for Central Blue Mountains Rotary & CanAssist

6:30pm for 7pm start

**Saturday 25 August**

Wentworth Falls Country Club

*206 Blaxland Road Wentworth Falls*

**\$10 per person**

**Tables of 8 -10**

**Individual players welcome**

**Trivia Master Paul Eastment**

**Snacks provided and food available to order**

**Drinks at bar prices NO BYO**

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## Rotarian Journey into Cambodia

10-Day Excursions – Rotarian Led

3 Trips in 2019 ..... Jan 18-27 ..... Feb 1-10 ..... Mid-Summer TBA

Participate from only USD \$925/pp

### Join fellow Rotarians on a trip into ancient Cambodia...

Rotarians from various clubs around the world are joining together with Sustainable Cambodia on a journey into the heart of Cambodia.

Together, we will **explore the ancient temples** of Angkor Wat, and visit cultural sites and museums to gain an understanding of the challenges Cambodia has faced as it rebuilds from the tragedy of the Khmer Rouge genocide. We will travel to the schools and Rotary project sites of Sustainable Cambodia in central Cambodia, and while there each Rotarian can choose from various Rotary-supported projects, such as working with school children, visiting water filter construction sites, water well installations and community ponds.



**More information about this tour can be obtained from Jennifer Scott: [jennifer@scottadr.com](mailto:jennifer@scottadr.com)**



Our sincere thanks, once again this year to Tania Loviz for permission to use "And We Danced" in our promotional material and ticketing. Tania you are a treasure.

Your *Invitation* to the Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise Rotary

# Masked Ball



# \$130 pp

Friday 12th October 2018 6:30 for Welcome Drinks

The Ballroom, Mountain Heritage Resort, Katoomba

## Dress ~ Glamorous & Masked

Lucky Door Prizes,

Raffles, Silent Auctions

## Terry Rae Swing Band

Tickets ~ [www.trybooking.com/402087](http://www.trybooking.com/402087)

Enquiries  
Ken 0428 988 844



Proceeds will support The Katoomba Soul Kitchen, Junction 142

..that's all folks