



HORIZONS



Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Invite your friends and associates to our outstanding meetings

Days for Girls Cambodia



Photograph: Jennifer Scott

Making Days for Girls kits and selling items to raise funds to make more kits

What if not having sanitary supplies meant DAYS without school or work? That is the plight of millions of girls and women living in impoverished areas around the world. The international organisation Days for Girls is working to provide these girls and women with ready feasible access to quality sustainable feminine hygiene and health education.

Central Blue Mountains Rotary actively supports the Days for Girls Emu Plains chapter through financial donations, gifts in kind and participation in working bees. Last week a group of Central Blue Rotarians and friends joined members of the Emu Plains chapter in sewing and packing kits ready for distribution.

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Central Blue New Member



Angela Lougheed, of Hazelbrook, photographed with president Ray Wiles and Roza Sage, was inducted Wednesday February 8 as a member of Central Blue Mountains Rotary.

Following 20 years of military service, Angela moved to Hazelbrook and purchased the local health food shop which over fifteen years has changed from a retail store to a dedicated online business.

As a small business owner, Angela says she has been involved for several years in promoting Hazelbrook and other central mountains villages, becoming involved and leading a team to provide: two-way interaction with the local council, to enable the community to maintain their village areas, and advocate for better outcomes from the major highway upgrade.

Angela said: "The team achieved an extra investment from Government of over six-million dollars which benefited the community tremendously."

Central Blue Mountains Rotary welcomes Angela Lougheed as a member and will encourage her to become involved in the many activities, both local and overseas, that are supported by Rotary International.

"The immense value to the community at home and internationally of the voluntary work done by Rotarians and the social benefits offered by our friendly group is why I joined," Angela said.

Our Mission

Central Blue Mountains Rotary has a very simple mission; to provide service to others within our local community and overseas, to promote integrity, and to advance goodwill through fellowship.

We have a long and successful history of supporting our local community and assisting overseas. Since being established in 1976 we have achieved, quite simply, nothing less than outstanding results every year. We are proud of our contribution to helping others.

What's On....



February

Wednesday 15 - Club Assembly

Saturday 18 - Celebrating Rotary's birthday

Saturday 18 - Book sale - Sustainable Cambodia

Wednesday 22 - Wayne Cornish - Aboriginal Resource Centre - Siblings Cultural Camps

March

Wednesday 01 - New member information night

Sunday 05 - Food van at Leura School market

Sunday 05 - Clean Up Australia Day - Honour Avenue, Lawson - Girl Guides

Tuesday 07 - Food van - BMGS Cross Country event

Wednesday 08 - Guest Speaker - Jarrod Sorenson

Saturday 11 - District 9685 conference - Penrith Panthers

Monday 13 - Board meeting

Wednesday 15 - Club assembly

Wednesday 22 - District Governor visit

Wednesday 29 - Joint meeting with Penrith Valley Rotary - Grand View Hotel

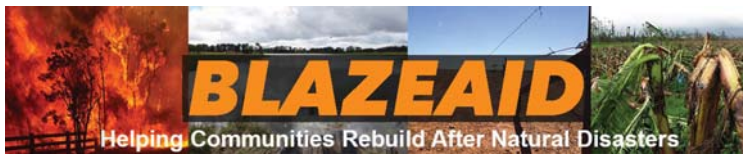
Friday 31 - Greystanes Golf day



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The Rotary eClub
of Greater Sydney
will be celebrating
Rotary's birthday at
The Carrington Hotel
Gardens, Katoomba on
February 18, 2017



Our guest speaker, Wednesday, February 8, was Sue Beevers, of Wentworth Falls, a member of BlazeAid Australia, a volunteer-based organisation working with families and individuals in rural areas after natural disasters such as fires and floods.

BlazeAid volunteers work alongside farmers and their families, helping to rebuild fences and other structures.

In 2014, almost 1400 volunteers assisted 513 rural families, contributing 14,670 days of work to local communities, and the work is continuing.

Sue Beevers said volunteers also help to lift the spirits of people who are often facing their second or third flood event after years of drought, or devastating losses through bushfires.

"BlazeAid volunteers work in a disaster-affected area for many months, not only helping individuals and families, but also helping rebuild local communities.

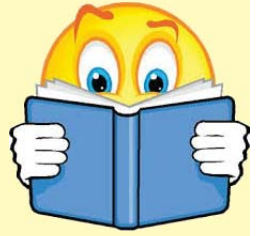
"Working on a fence line with a team of friendly volunteers not only gets the work done more quickly, it helps to restore the spirits of our rural population who are facing tough times," Sue Beevers said.

Learn more about BlazeAid Australia by visiting the website: www.blazeaid.com.au

Photos: Top: Sue Beevers with CBM member John Read.

Below: BlazeAid volunteers clearing a line of fencing after a flood.

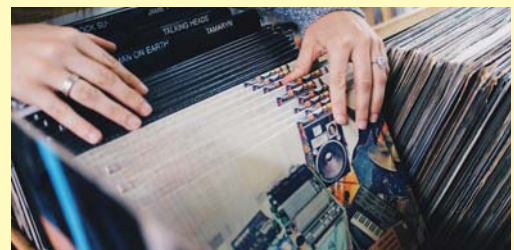
Rotary Central Blue Mountains Monster Book Sale February 18, 2017



Uniting Church
Cnr Megalong and
Grose Streets , Leura
8.30am - 2.00pm



Hundreds of Quality Discounted Books

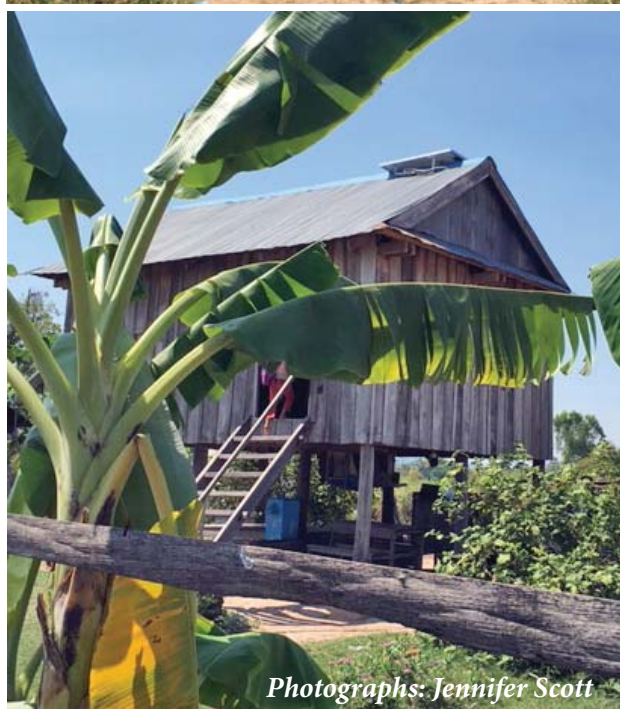


Vinyls, CDs, jigsaw Puzzles

Proceeds will support
the club's Sustainable
Cambodia project

Rotarians in Cambodia - 2017

This week's photographs from Cambodia, where Central Blue Rotary members Ian and Jennifer Scott and Steve Cookson are part of a Sustainable Cambodia team supporting residents of rural Cambodian villages, to help them achieve sustainability and self-sufficiency through wells, irrigation systems, schools, training and empowerment.



Photographs: Jennifer Scott



What makes Sustainable Cambodia unique as an organization is the commitment to empower people through a combination of proven philosophies and methodologies:

Comprehensive programs address far-reaching needs, including education, water, irrigation, food production, nutrition, income generation, training.

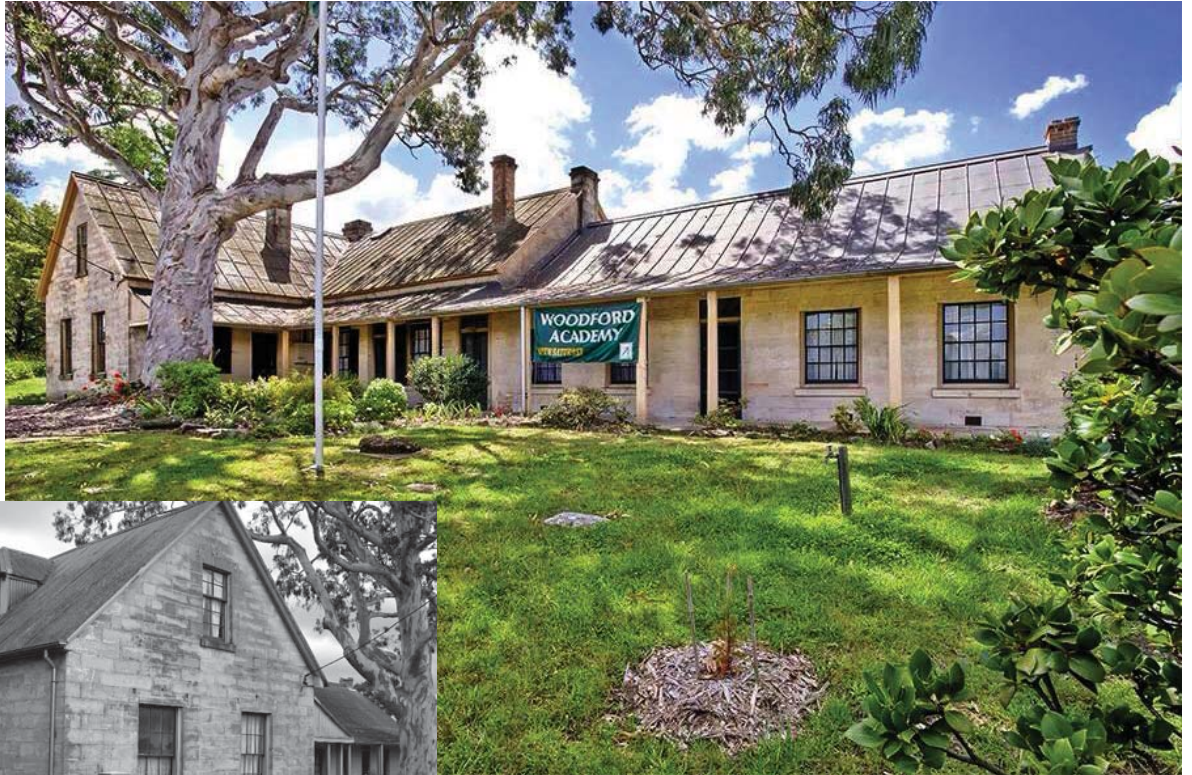
Participatory development engages village families to create ownership, self-empowerment and self-sustaining change through village leadership and community service.

Photo left: Vuthy works for Sustainable Cambodia and manages the Big Village Basket project which delivers latrines, water wells, bio- sand filters and seeds to villages.

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Mountain Ghost

Woodford House later became a private boys school and is now a heritage listed building. The Ghost knows it as the oldest building in the Blue Mountains.



WOODFORD ACADEMY AND BULLS CAMP RESERVE

The Mountain Ghost was recently at Woodford and it was one of those rare days when the Woodford Academy was open. He was really impressed with the Academy and the history of the area. He decided to fire up his computer and do some research. The Academy is owned by the National Trust.

WOODFORD –

Originally known as 20 mile Hollow. In the 1830s an inn called The Woodman was built there. Ten years later the inn became the King's Arms, later popularly known as Buss's Inn after 1855. Some years later Sydney business man Alfred Fairfax converted the building into a private home and renamed it Woodford House. The railway station adopted the name Woodford in 1871. Woodford is the starting point of the famous Woodford to Glenbrook Track. Ideal for mountain bike riders.

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BULLS CAMP RESERVE –

Located half way between Linden and Woodford is the picnic location known as Bull's Camp Reserve. Initially known as 18 Hollow it was set aside as a stock reserve in 1829 and became a camp for convicts engaged in repairing the road between Penrith and Bathurst (Great Western Highway). A military stockade was set up to supervise the repairs and maintain good order on the road, especially since gold shipments were sent to Sydney in the 1850s.

How did Bulls Camp Reserve get its name, wondered the Ghost? Perhaps there were bulls here but no, it was named after Captain John Bull (1806 – 1901) who was appointed Superintendent of road gangs (convicts of course) on the Bathurst Road.

The Ghost drives to Sydney a few times a week from the upper mountains. He has been amazed how many campers and tents have been at Bulls Camp Reserve in the last two months. On some days they are actually queued outside the entrance on the Great Western Highway.

The Ghost was fascinated with the name 20 Mile Hollow. It appears that when the road west over the Blue Mountains was built by William Cox he placed a 20 mile peg at present day Woodford Station and called the place 20 Mile Hollow. It was 20 miles from the crossing of the Nepean River at Penrith. Similarly Bulls Creek Reserve was 18 Mile Hollow.

Linden, the least populated town in the Blue Mountains (population 427) was also known as 17 Mile Hollow.

....that's all folks