



HORIZONS



Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Central Blue Mountains Rotary CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Supporting
The Salvation Army, Katoomba
Katoomba Family Support
Mid-Mountains
Neighbourhood Centre
West Connect
Domestic Violence Services

PLEASE DONATE a Christmas gift suitable for a child, a teenager, or an adult at the Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls car park, Saturday, November 18 between 9.00am and 2.00pm.

Gifts will be added to those donated at the Christmas Giving Tree, Woolworths Supermarket, Leura, from Sunday, December 3 to Saturday, December 23.

MONSTER DVD SALE
2,000 DVDs will be sold at bargain prices at the
Grand View Hotel, Saturday, November 18.

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November

Wednesday 15 - Guest speaker: Paul Pixton (RYDA)

Friday 17 - Lawson Public School breakfast

Saturday 18 - Drive through gifts drop off
Grand View Hotel

Monday 20 - Rotary Foundation Dinner

Monday 20 - Fundraising BBQ at BM Grammar

Monday 20 - Board meeting

Wednesday 22 - Club Assembly

Friday 24 - Lawson Public School breakfast

Sunday 26 - Special Olympics Dream Ride event

Wednesday 29 - Guest speaker to be advised

Our Guest Speaker November 15

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)

Our guest speaker November 15 is Paul Pixton, a member of Central Blue Mountains Rotary and a director of RYDA.

He was first secretary of the organisation and co-founder of "U Turn the Wheel" in the Hills District in 2000.

Paul says the program, now throughout Australia and New Zealand, has recently passed 50,000 students attending since 2001. Paul joined Rotary in 1988. He is a past president and Paul Harris Fellow.



December

Friday 01 - Leura Mall decorations

Sunday 03 - 23 - Christmas Giving Tree
Woolworth's supermarket -Leura

Wed 06 - CBM Rotary annual general meeting

Friday 08 - Lawson Public School breakfast

Sunday 10 - Grand View Market 8.00am-2.00pm
Carols in the Park 4.00pm-6.00pm

Wednesday 13 - CBM Rotary Christmas function

Friday 15 - Late night shopping event Leura Mall

Sun-Sat 17-23 - Christmas Raffle ticket sales

Monday 18 - Board meeting

Monday 20 - Club Assembly



An essential life skills program



Rotary Youth Driver
Awareness is a community
road safety initiative

delivering practical road safety information targeting
attitude and awareness of young drivers and passengers.

The program is facilitated in partnership with Rotary,
presented by professionals and supported by corporate
sponsors.

The program about road safety is directed towards young
people as they approach the period in
their lives when they start driving a car
and ride as a passenger in a car driven by
one of their peers.

It is a wake-up program for many young
participants.

The picture shown has been extracted
from the Port Phillip and San Remo Rotary
newsletter. It was taken at a RYDA event
and shows that the dummy used in the
demonstration had no chance as it flew
across the bonnet of the car, which was
travelling at 60km/hr.

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Kiama Rotary Car and Bike Spectacular

The Rotary Clubs of Kiama and Gerringong, November 12, hosted the 5th annual Car and Bike Spectacular, proudly sponsored by Peoplecare Health Fund.

Money raised will support an Australian Rotary Health PhD Scholarship conducting Melanoma Research.

The day was filled with family entertainment including vintage, veteran, classic cars and bikes.

The Australian Navy showed off one of its newest helicopters and there was a demonstration of drone technology. There was also an opportunity for visitors to check out a driverless vehicle.

Younger visitors were encouraged to bring their own remote controlled cars and race them on a specially designed track.



Australian Rotary Health launches Muster for Mental Health Tasmania



Australian Rotary Health chairman John Dare and the Royal Flying Doctor Service's Nicole Grose have a yarn about the Muster for Mental Health. Picture: Scott Gelston

Story: Tess Brunton - The Examiner

A convoy of caravans will circumnavigate Tasmania as part of an initiative to raise awareness for mental health.

The Australian Rotary Health-run Muster for Mental Health aimed to raise awareness and fundraise for research into mental health or youth suicide issues.

Launching the muster at the Tasmanian Craft Fair last week, Australian Rotary Health chairman John Dare said the Tasmanian leg, to be held between February 4 and 25, was part of a larger national muster travelling the country.

Over three weeks, a convoy of about 20 caravans will circumnavigate Tasmania to draw the attention of the organisation's plans to raise funds for mental health and awareness.

Free mental health forums would be on offer in several stops along the way with a professional speaker and members of the community discussing mental health issues in their community and their own struggles, Mr Dare said.

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Community Service at a local school

On a regular basis, Central Blue Mountains Rotary provides breakfast for students at Lawson Public School.

Last week, after making sure that the kids started their day with a nutritious breakfast, CBM Rotarians provided a morning tea for parents, carers and grandparents at the school's open day and Remembrance Day Service.

Our team at the school was: Steve Gillett, John Emdin, Ava Emdin and Tom Hickey.

Become a Rotary Foundation Centurion



All it takes is a commitment to donate \$100 to the Foundation each year. You know, that's less than a cup of coffee a week!

To make it easy to be a Centurion, the District makes available Centurion money collectors at no cost; each collector will hold exactly \$100 in \$2 coins.

If you add a coin each week you go to Rotary, you will be a Centurion in 50 weeks. If you add the odd extra coin, the time will be even shorter.

Take the completed collector to your Club treasurer ... it's that simple! Then you can start a new collector.

For more information, see your club's Foundation Director, Ian Scott: ian@scottadr.com

Central Blue Mountains Rotary Annual General Meeting 2017

The Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains Inc. will be held at 7:45 pm, Wednesday 6th of December 2017 at the Grand View Hotel, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls.

Nominations for Club Officers in the 2018-2019 Rotary Year are now called for.

Completed nomination forms are required to be returned to the Secretary by end of the normal Club meeting on the 29th of November 2017.

Expressions of interest for other club positions are also being called for, although they do not need to be submitted for, or ratified by, the AGM. These should be submitted to the Secretary for new Board consideration.

Other business includes the election of office bearers, appointment of Public Officer and Auditor, and delivery of financial reports for the 2016-2017 Rotary Year.

Rotarians from India visit the Blue Mountains

A delegation of 120 Rotarians and their partners from District 3232, Chennai, India will be visiting District 9685 November 16-19. They will be in the Blue Mountains and Nepean on Friday November 17.

The delegation is visiting District 9685 as part of a friendship exchange, having completed the first half of their visit in Victoria.

District 9685 is inviting clubs to participate in the exchange at events hosted at various zones; and District 3232 is keen to establish sister club relationships. This supports part of the Rotary objective to build international understanding and goodwill.

Sister clubs share club information, projects and activities.



Parliamentary Polio Pinkie Painting

While we rarely see politicians agreeing on an issue, this year's World Polio Day commemorations at Australia's Parliament House saw all Parliamentarians come together to throw their support behind eradicating polio.

Global Citizen Australia joined forces with the Parliamentary Friends of UNICEF, RESULTS Australia, Rotary International, Polio Australia and UNICEF Australia to hold an event in acknowledgement of efforts to date and the task ahead to finally see polio eradicated from the world.

The fact that polio is 99.9 percent eradicated is proof that vaccines work and that if we work together preventable diseases will be a thing of the past.



Australia's Contribution

Earlier this year, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop announced that the Australian Government will contribute new funding to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to help the global fight to end polio.

"We will provide a further \$18 million over two years (2019-2020) to contribute to ending polio transmission in the last remaining countries of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. Australian funding to GPEI will purchase and distribute polio vaccines; support polio surveillance and monitoring; fund immunisation campaigns and strengthen routine immunisation systems.

"The Australian Government is proud to continue our support to this important global initiative, and this announcement brings Australia's total funding for GPEI to \$104 million since 2011, Julie Bishop said.

Rotary District 9685 Conference

March 10 and 11, 2018 - Fairmont Resort, Leura NSW

John Germ
R.I. President
2016-2017
attending the D9685
conference as the
Rotary International
President's
Special
Representative



**Early Bird
Discount
Registration
closes on
November 30**



www.conference2018.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

Full Registration (incl. Saturday, Dinner and Sunday) – \$280 includes all Conference sessions (incl. Saturday morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea, Dinner and Sunday morning tea).

EARLY BIRD RATE – \$265 for Full Registration

Saturday (Day Only) – \$100

Registration for the Plenary sessions includes the Conference plenary sessions on Saturday only (incl. morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea). Does NOT include any other sessions or events.

Saturday (Day and Dinner) – \$200

Registration for the Saturday Plenary sessions and Dinner includes the Conference plenary sessions on Saturday only (incl. morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea) and Saturday Dinner.

Saturday (Dinner Only) – \$110

Registration for the Saturday Dinner includes Saturday Dinner. ONLY Does NOT include any other sessions, catering or events.

New Rotarians, joining Rotary on or after 11 March 2017 in District 9685. - Full Conference – \$190 Includes all Conference sessions (incl. Saturday morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea, Dinner and Sunday morning tea).

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Mountain Ghost

The Gully was declared an Aboriginal place on 18th May 2002. It became the largest Aboriginal place in NSW. The declaration was welcomed by both Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal people.

The Gully, Katoomba

The Mountain Ghost has visited the Gully in Katoomba and it has moved him, well not physically but emotionally. It is a big part of indigenous history in the Mountains.

Before white settlement the traditional owners of The Gully – The Gundungurra and Darug peoples used The Gully as a summer camp.

Settlement at the foot of the mountains forced many Gundungurra and Darug people to resettle permanently in The Gully since the 1890s.

In 1957, drama occurred when the aboriginal people were forcibly removed from The Gully to make way for the construction of the Catalina Park Raceway.

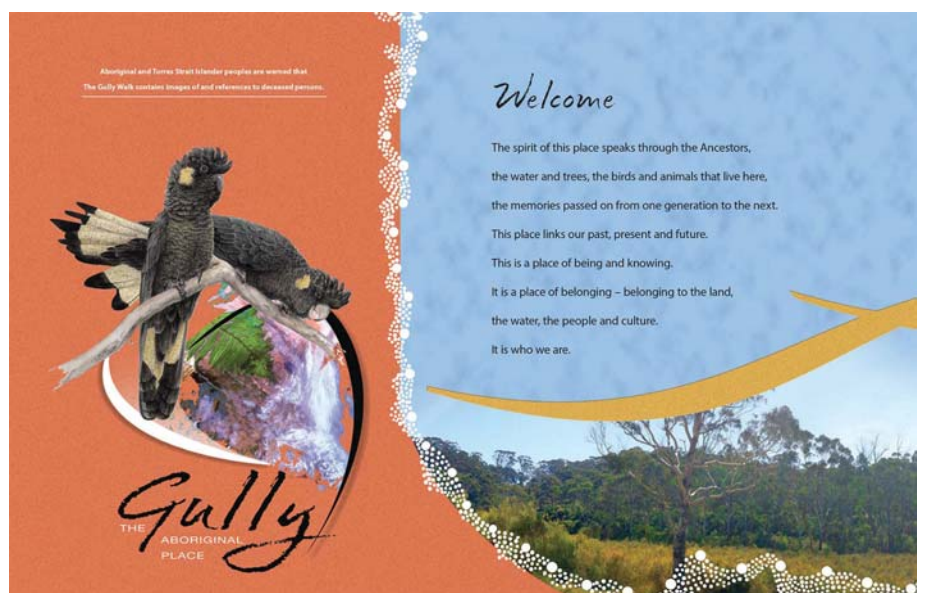
This racetrack was organised by a group of local businessmen and supported by the then Blue Mountains Council. The trauma caused to the land and the community who were living there was profound. Even today animosity still exists.

The pity is that the racetrack only lasted 18 years but the damage will last a lot longer.

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The Gully Interpretive Walk was opened in February 2013 by Governor Marie Bashir and tells the story of “The Gully in Katoomba” pre and past European control. Entry is from Gates Avenue, Katoomba. It takes about 1 hour after reading all the plaques and history. The Ghost loved it. The remnants of Catalina Racetrack is very visible as well.

So....if you are looking for a Sunday morning walk, I can recommend The Gully, in Katoomba.



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Nepal Trek

ANNAPURNA 2018

Join us on the ShelterBox Nepal Trek and help ensure no family goes without shelter following a disaster or humanitarian crisis.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Help ShelterBox rebuild communities after disaster strikes
- Experience the majesty and mysticism of the Himalayas
- Immerse yourself in the spectacular scenery of Nepal's Annapurna region
- Discover bustling Kathmandu, the beating heart of Nepal

FAST FACTS

Dates: 3 – 16 September 2018

Registration fee: \$770
(non-refundable)

Fundraising target: \$3,500
(excludes travel)

Travel quote: \$4,790*, including taxes

Accommodation: Twin share in 3 star hotels, lodges and teahouses

Minimum age: 18 (younger ages considered on application)

Visit: inspiredadventures.com.au/events/ShelterBox-Nepal-Trek-2018

**Subject to change*

Get more information and register:

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