

HORIZONS

Central Blue Mountains Rotary

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, October 16 2019

Leura Gardens Festival, 2019



Image: Paul Sullivan

up front



A unique feature of our Rotary Club is that we are the only civic organization granted the privilege and honor of wearing the iconic Mickey's Ears in our Rotary badges and banners, an honor bestowed upon our Club during the original charter in the early 1970s

source: Rotary Club of Lake Buena Vista website

The Rotary Club of Lake Buena Vista, Florida, the only service club that meets on Disney property, has been welcoming visiting Rotarians for decades.

"We meet for breakfast and we are a make-up Rotary club for the rest of the world," says Augustine Campana, club president and a writer.

Rotarians can serve themselves waffles in the shape of the iconic mouse ears and get a selfie with Pluto or Minnie Mouse — the hotel's restaurant hosts a "character breakfast" at the same time as the Rotary meeting — before they head in. "My grandkids beg to come to the Rotary meeting for breakfast," says Anne Peach, a health care consultant.

The club was chartered in February 1972, just four months after Walt Disney World Resort opened. At the time, the club met at Disney's Polynesian Village Resort, one of the two original Disney hotels located right outside the Magic Kingdom.

Many of the club's 15 charter members were involved with Disney World in some way, and several club members moved here just to be close to Disney World.

The club's service activities include financially supporting and volunteering with the WOW Legacy Group, a nonprofit that was founded by a Lake Buena Vista Rotarian to help women who have fallen on hard times get back on their feet.

The club also is sponsoring a Lake Buena Vista Rotarian who is hiking across the United States to raise money for a foundation which builds smart homes for wounded soldiers.

The club's location also influences its programs for young people, says Jeff Smith, a semiretired Disney employee who is the club's New Generations chair.

Because the Disney property has no schools, there's no obvious place to start an Interact or Rotaract club. But the club supports young people in other ways, including by sponsoring students to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Awards events every year, sponsoring and supporting both outbound and inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students, and awarding scholarships to local high school students. Club members also teach classes and mentor students at RYLA events.

After a recitation of The Four-Way Test — with a Disney-appropriate fifth question, "Is it fun?" — meetings adjourn at 8:30 a.m. You'll be back at your hotel before your family is even out of their pyjamas.

— DIANA SCHOBERG

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WhatsOn....

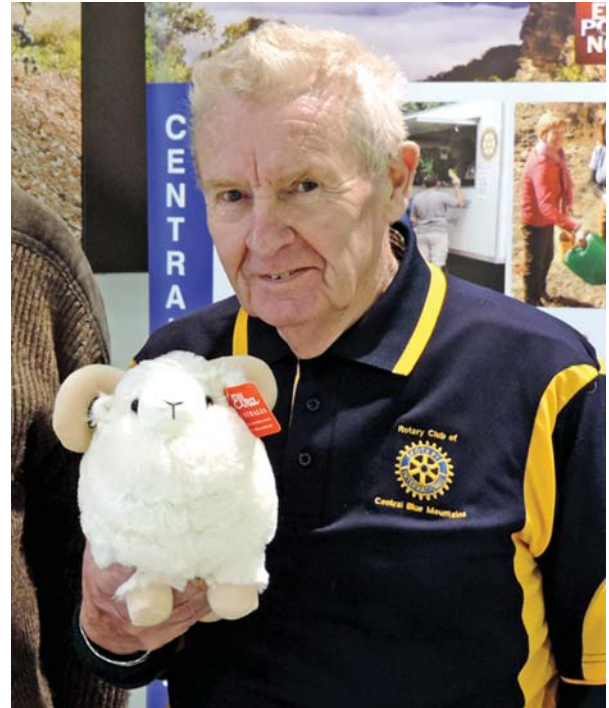
Barrie Sutcliffe Farewell

October

- Wednesday 16 - Barrie Sutcliffe farewell night
- Sunday 20 - Jazz at the Grand View Hotel - End Polio
- Monday 21 - BM clubs combined meeting - Springwood
- Wednesday 23 - Meeting transferred to Monday 21/10
- Thursday 24 - World Polio Day
- Friday 25 - Lawson Public School breakfast club
- Saturday 26 - Catering van at Woolworths, Katoomba
- Sunday 27 - Graffiti Removal Day
- Wednesday 30 - A Night of Pizza - Alexandra Hotel, Leura

November

- Friday 01 - Twilight Market - Faulconbridge Public School
- Friday 01- Lawson Public School breakfast club
- Wednesday 06 - District Governor official visit
- Friday 08 - Lawson Public School breakfast club
- Wednesday 13 - To be advised
- Friday 15 - Lawson Public School breakfast club
- Wednesday 20 - Food Bank collection and distribution
- Wednesday 20 - To be advised
- Friday 22 - Lawson Public School breakfast club
- Saturday 23 - Rugby Sevens BMGS - catering van
- Wednesday 27 - To be advised
- Friday 29 - Lawson Public School breakfast club



Wednesday October 16, Central Blue Mountains Rotary will say farewell to Charter Member Barrie Sutcliffe after 43 years of service.

Barrie Sutcliffe, Paul Harris Fellow, was service director in the charter year, 1976-77, and treasurer in 1977-78. He was the club's 10th president in 1985-86. For many years he was sergeant-at-arms.

Tom Colless is coordinating action in the upper Blue Mountains and volunteers are needed.

Equipment and materials required to remove graffiti will be supplied.

Please ring or email Tom before October 18 if you can assist.

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Mountain Ghost

What the Ghost would like to know is if you lived in one of the 40 houses near the top of the track and you ran out of milk – or even worse beer – it could be three days before you could get out of your house.

Mount Panorama, Bathurst

The Mountain Ghost spent a pleasant Sunday watching the Bathurst Races, esky at his side, Peter Brock cap on his head.

No he was not at Bathurst but in his man cave in the Mountains. A long time ago the Ghost was a bit of a petrol head with a lead boot, but now he suffers from gout.

What is the history of this amazing race that transforms sleepy Bathurst to the rev head capital of Australia for three days? Mt Panorama is the premier racing circuit in Australia.

The road itself is open to the public at any time outside race periods. In fact the Ghost has driven the circuit a few times and is a great place to take tourists. The circuit is known all over the world, courtesy of Fox Sports and word of mouth.

The track was officially opened at Easter 1938. They had the bike races on Easter Saturday and the first Australian Car Grand Prix in NSW was on Easter Monday.

The track itself is 6.213 km long, the highest point is 870 metres above sea level (about the same height as Wentworth Falls) and the steepest grade is 1 to 6.13 (that's very steep).

From the bottom to the top of the mountain is 174 metres. For the Bathurst 1000, crowds of over 100,000 are common. In 2006, the crowd was 194,000 to watch Craig Lowndes win but most were there to see the farewell race for Australia's greatest driver, Peter Brock. He was known as King of the Mountain.

What the Ghost would like to know is if you lived in one of the 40 houses near the top of the track and you ran out of milk – or even worse beer – it could be three days before you could get out of your house.

The track no longer hosts bike races as it is considered too dangerous for both riders and spectators because of the lack of "run-off" areas.

In the history of races at Bathurst (both car and bike) 16 people have died plus two spectators.

World Champion driver Denny Hulme suffered a fatal heart attack while behind the wheel in 1992.

It is as dangerous as it looks. In 2006, former World Champion FI driver Jensen Button drove the track in a FI car unofficially breaking all lap record and he said it would make a wonderful Grand Prix track but there would need to be significant change made.



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The lap record stands at 2m 01.5670 set by Shane Van Gisbergen in a McLaren 650S GT3 in February 2016. The lap record for Touring Cars (V8s) was set this year by Scott McLaughlin at 2m 04.14 with a top speed of 295kph.

Multiple winners have been Peter Brock with 9, Jim Richards 7, Larry Perkins and Mark Skaife each with 6 and Craig Lowndes with 5.

The Ghost does not understand the rivalry between Holden and Ford but for those who do Holden has won 26 and Ford 20, Nissan 2 and Morris 1.

Next to the circuit is The National Racing Museum. It is a must for any racing enthusiast and is open every day except selected Public Holidays from 9.00am to 4.30pm.

The Ghost visited the museum with his friends. It is one of the best museums for anyone who loves motor sports. It has vintage bikes and cars and previous Bathurst winners. There is one wing devoted to Peter Brock. The "Immersion Room" is worth the admission by itself. It really gives you the experience of being in the actual race.

The Ghost keeps coming up with information for his readers. Mount Panorama will also officially be known as Wahluu. This ends a 40 year campaign by the local Wiradyuri people to have their name for the land to be formally recognised.

The Ghost hopes you liked the history of Mount Panorama and the great race. Why not take a trip to Bathurst and drive the circuit on race days. Just remember there is a 60 kph speed limit.....

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