



# HORIZONS



## Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

## Science - not just for nerds

More than 250 students at Blue Mountains Grammar School were engaged earlier this month in an all-day science and engineering challenge promoted by the University of Newcastle. The event is designed to show Year 10 students that science is not just for nerds, it can be lots of fun, and could be considered as being an exciting career.

Students from six schools participated in the challenge.

They were hosted for the first time at Blue Mountains Grammar School, Wentworth Falls.

Activities involved the involuntary application of principles of science, engineering and technology with a minimum of introduction and theory.

The Challenge was conceived at Newcastle University and has been developed, in conjunction with Rotary clubs. It has spread widely throughout country New South Wales and has spread to other states.

More regions are becoming involved, as teachers and students talk about it to their peers. There is a rush to become apart of the Challenge.

### **How do Rotarians contribute?**

In a practical sense, Rotarians are needed at the Challenge site to provide supervision and crowd control. Fund raising to cover the costs of things such as materials, transport and advertising is another area in which clubs can be involved.

Finding sponsors is helpful. Liaison with local high schools to encourage participation is also an important role for Rotary clubs. The structure, management system, and Rotarian involvement for the Science Challenge is remarkably like that of



Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) though not yet as sophisticated.

At this particular challenge, about 20 Rotarians from Springwood and upper Blue Mountains clubs were involved.

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## What's On....

### May

**Monday 15** - Board meeting - Grand View Hotel

**Wednesday 17** - Club Assembly

**Sunday 21** - Million Paws Walk - Dog Day

**Tuesday 23** - Pride of Workmanship

**Wednesday 24** - No meeting

**Wednesday 24** - Food van - BMGS Athletic Day

**Sat-Sun 27-28** - Red Shield Appeal

**Sunday 28** - Rotary - MUNA

**Wednesday 31** - Bob Reid - Cancer Wellness

### 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.

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## Thank you CBM from Blue Mountains Grammar School

On behalf of Pitt House and Compassion we would like to say a big thank you to Central Blue Mountains Rotary for your support and help in running our fundraiser.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated and we are very thankful for the time you took out to run the barbecue and stalls.

I was lucky enough to be part of the Blue Mountains Grammar School Compassion team that visited Indonesia last year. It was an amazing experience, where we were able to see first-hand how valuable our contribution is.

The programs and facilities in Indonesia support many families and work to provide the children and families with the essentials such as education. The experience allowed me to gain a greater understanding of the crippling affects of poverty and with the Rotary's support the money raised will go far in supporting and nurturing children and families who are less fortunate.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Emma Jackson - Pitt House Captain

## Become a Volunteer



**RED  
SHIELD  
APPEAL**

### May 27 and 28

*If you would like to volunteer as a doorknocker, driver, or street collector contact Tom Colless 4780 1100 and become part of the happy team helping the Salvos this year.*





Combined Rotary Clubs of Upper Blue Mountains

Pride of Workmanship Dinner

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Carrington Hotel Katoomba

6.30pm for 7.00pm

Two course dinner - \$50 per person

Rotary Youth  
Program of Enrichment  
June 16-18  
Blue Gum Lodge  
Springwood



Upper Mountains Rotary clubs  
have four students attending.

**BowelCare kits  
are on sale only  
until May 31**

*Central Blue Mountains Rotary is co-ordinating the program at Hazelbrook, Lawson, Wentworth Falls, Leura, Greenwell & Thomas and Blue Mountains Pharmacy Katoomba.*

*This is the 27th year that Rotary will be providing Australians with an affordable annual bowel cancer screening program.*

Early detection is important because it leads to leads to an improved outcome and less severe treatment. Over 16,000 cases of Bowel Cancer will occur in Australia in 2017. This accounts for 12% of all cancer cases in Australia.

BowelCare kits are sold for \$15.00 each. This is approximately half the normal retail cost of equivalent screening tests.

The cost includes pathology testing and notification of results to both the participant and their nominated doctor



Say Aloha  
to Rick  
when  
you visit  
Honolulu

Rick Towill, President Rotary Club of Honolulu, says next time you are in downtown Waikiki stop and have lunch with members of the oldest and largest Rotary Club in Hawai'i. "Our club meets weekly at noon, in the Monarch Room of the famed "Pink Palace" - The Royal Hawaiian Hotel located in Waikiki, Rick said.

"Please come and join us for one of our meetings. You will find the friendship and variety of vocations represented by our members to be encouraging, thoughtful, and hopefully



*Royal Hawaiian Hotel*

inspiring enough for you to engage in our purpose."

Chartered on July 1, 1915, the Rotary Club of Honolulu includes 160 business, civic, and community leaders, both young and seasoned, all with a commitment to a better world through the common purpose of "Service Above Self."



**DG Bruce and DGE Peter warmly invite you to**

## **ROTARY DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEOVER**

**Saturday 1 July 2017  
6.00pm for 6.30pm**

**Hornsby RSL Club, 4 High St, Hornsby**

**\$55 per person incl. 2 course dinner**

**Register at [changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au](http://changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au)**

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# Mountain Ghost

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## VAUCLUSE HOUSE

When the Mountain Ghost was a kid he remembers visiting Vaucluse House at Vaucluse in Sydney as a school excursion. That must have been 60 odd years ago at least.

Well, recently the Ghost found himself in Vaucluse and decided on the spot to revisit Vaucluse House (VH). He had been told that this was now Malcolm Turnbull's holiday home but this is not true it is a museum

The Ghost was pleasantly surprised. VH has had a major upgrade and the place was sparkling. The Ghost's memories of the place previously were large gardens and a lot of buildings that looked like they were due to collapse at any time.

The Ghost does remember the three-horse coaches in the stable now no longer there, but at the Powerhouse Museum. Also, there was a meteorite on display. I don't know where that is now.

Vaucluse House describes itself as a living museum and that is a pretty accurate description. It gives a fairly good picture of what life was like 150 years ago. The beautifully restored drawing room is a must to see.

The location on the harbour and the beautiful grounds are enough reason to visit. The VH Tea Rooms are very good but the Ghost noticed that high tea for Mother's Day was \$70 pp, slightly higher than when he was a child.

A bit of history.:

The original site was 50 acres granted to Sir Henry Hayes in 1803. Despite being knighted, Hayes was a convict who was pardoned by Governor King in 1812 and returned to Ireland.



*The beautifully restored drawing room is a must to see.*

The property was purchased by William Charles Wentworth in 1827. He increased the property to 500 acres and commenced major building projects which are still there. Wentworth is buried at Vaucluse House.

The Estate was sold in 1911 and the NSW Government purchased the property and 28 acres as a public park. It is heritage listed. The Ghost has had his bit of culture and will continue on to Doyles at Watsons Bay for a fish 'n chip lunch. Vaucluse House is well worth a visit.

### Good to Know

**Address:** Wentworth Road, Vaucluse

**Open:** Wed to Sunday 10.00am to 4.00pm

**Entry:** \$12 pp

**Web:** [www.sydneylivingmuseums.com.au](http://www.sydneylivingmuseums.com.au)

**Ghost Rating:** 8/10

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