



HORIZONS



Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, April 18, 2018



Attending the Greystanes golf day, Friday, April 13: Governor of New South Wales, David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) and Central Blue Mountains Rotarians Tom Hickey, Chris Van der Kley and Ray Wiles.



Central Blue Mountains Rotary and Greystanes volunteers: Central Blue members provided breakfast for 80 golfers and volunteers. NSW Governor David Hurley started the day by hitting a great shot from the first tee. Money raised will be used to purchase a much needed vehicle from Blue Mountains Mazda, to transport clients to medical appointments. Photographs: Jo Kot, Greystanes

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WhatsOn....

April

Wednesday 18: Rotary information night

Saturday 21: Catering van Home Hardware, Katoomba

Sat-Sun 21 & 22: Rotary Leadership - Springwood

Wednesday 25: ANZAC DAY - no meeting

Friday 27: Presidents cluster meeting
Blue Mountains ACRC Family Fun Day

Sunday 29: District Assembly
The Kings School
Pennant Hills Road, Parramatta

Registrations 8.30am - start 9.00am - finish 4.30pm.
The training content will be informative and entertaining.
It is a Rotary International requirement that each club is represented at PETS and District Assembly.
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 20 APRIL

May

Wednesday 02: TBA

Friday 04: Science and Engineering Challenge

Sunday 06: Leura Harvest Festival

Wednesday 09: TBA

Wednesday 16: TBA

Saturday 19: Barbecue - Home Hardware, Katoomba

Sunday 20: RSPCA Million Paws Walk - Katoomba

Wednesday 23: TBA

Sat 26 & Sun 27: Great Train Weekend - Mount Victoria

Wednesday 30: BM Rotary Pride of Workmanship



The 2018 Science and Engineering Challenge will be at Blue Mountains Grammar School Friday May 4.

The local schools have been invited and will include BMGS and Katoomba High.

The Challenge runs a range of programs but focuses on inspiring students in year 10 to consider a future career in science and engineering by choosing to study the enabling sciences and mathematics in years 11 and 12. Rotary volunteers are required.

Rotarians wanting to be involved and want to know more can talk to either David Hart (0408 026 832) or Joan Hart (0419 255 011).

To volunteer please contact David Ellyard at david@davidellyard.com. He needs 14 volunteers - Upper Blue Mountains Rotary is providing six. This is a great day and it's on our patch.

Rotary Leadership Institute Course 46

A trial regional RLI will be held at the Oriental Hotel, Springwood on 21-22 April, 2018.

The course consists of two parts on consecutive days from 9.00am to 4.30 pm; lunch and morning tea provided.

Two simple self-paced training sessions are a pre-requisite for the course and course materials will be sent to you beforehand.

Central Blue Mountains Members registration will be paid by the Club.

Register at <http://rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au/>



Rotary BowelCare Program 1 April 2018 - 31 May 2018

BowelCare kits will be on sale at participating pharmacies for two months commencing 1st April, 2018. This year's BowelCare kit will cost only \$15.00. This price includes pathology testing, with notification of your result to both yourself and your nominated doctor.

Blue Mountains Rotary

Blackheath, Central Blue Mountains, Katoomba
and Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise

Wentworth Falls Country Club

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

6.30pm for 7.00pm

Two course meal \$40 per person

**PRIDE of
Workmanship**



Objectives of the Program

- To promote Vocational Service.
- To encourage Pride of Workmanship in all vocations.
- To provide employers with an opportunity to recognize employees who display the qualities worthy of an Award.
- To encourage favourable employer/employee relationships and a sense of community pride in individual achievement.
- To provide an opportunity for Rotary to be involved in the community, particularly the business community.

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Mountain Ghost

The Ghost's favourite connection is the wombat lunch at the Norman Lindsay Gallery at Faulconbridge. Norman Lindsay is the author of the children's book "The Muddle Headed Wombat"

WOMBATS

It has been said that humans have an affinity with animals that have similar characteristics to themselves.

The Mountain Ghost always loved wombats ever since tripping over one at a camping trip to Newnes a long time ago. He is happy to report that the wombats still thrive at Newnes.

Anyway getting back to the Ghost's love of wombats..... they sleep during the day, are overweight and have poor eyesight. They are also not too bright. No wonder the Ghost likes them.

Last year in the Blue Mountains Gazette there was a very inspirational article about the work of Roz and Kevin Holme and their Cedar Creek Wombat Sanctuary. Cedar Creek is 10k's from Wollombi deep in the bush, real wombat country. Roz and Kevin look after injured or orphaned wombats. Currently they have 20 wombats in their care. Once they are healthy they will be released back into the bush.

The Ghost was interested in wombat connections in the Blue Mountains. Blue Diamond Tours do a wombat tour in the Blue Mountains and operate from Featherdale Wildlife Park.

There is also Rocklily Wombats near Wombeyan Caves operated by passionate conservationists Dianna and Warwick Bisset. Rocklily has received support from many Rotary Clubs in Australia.

At Jenolan Caves they found a jawbone of a giant wombat that lived at least 20,000 years ago. The extinct wombat was known as a Diprotodon, was the size of a hippopotamus and weighed 3 tonnes. That is some wombat! There is a reconstruction of a Diprotodon in the Australian Museum in Sydney.

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A little bit about wombats. They are marsupials native to Australia and are found in forest and mountainous areas. They are about 1 metre in length and weigh up to 40 kgs.

There are three types of wombat – the Common Wombat, The Northern Hairy Nosed Wombat and the Southern Hairy Nosed Wombat. The hairy-nosed wombat is now endangered thanks to loss of habitat and foxes.



Another connection between the Ghost and the wombat is they both have hairy noses.

Wombats live in burrows. A network of burrows can cover 30 metres. They spend two-thirds of their life underground. The Ghost has been called a couch potato – he can blame the wombat for this too.

An unusual fact is that marsupials have pouches where they keep their new-borns e.g kangaroos etc but an interesting fact purely for the wombat is their pouch opens backwards as they are burrowing animals and the pouch would fill full of earth and would kill the new-borns.....isn't nature a wonderful thing.....



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Seniors Week Activity

Central Blue Mountains Rotary entertained residents from Morven Gardens Aged Care facility, Leura, at a barbecue lunch held at Wentworth Falls Lake, during Seniors Week.

On a glorious Blue Mountains autumn day, Morven Gardens residents and Central Blue Rotarians agreed it was an excellent venue and the food was delicious.

Photo: Margaret Wiles and Bev, a Morvan Gardens resident.

Doggy Day Out in May

The Million Paws Walk is on again this year. May 20 in the Blue Mountains at Melrose Park, Katoomba.

Canines and their handlers will arrive at the park around 0900 hours.

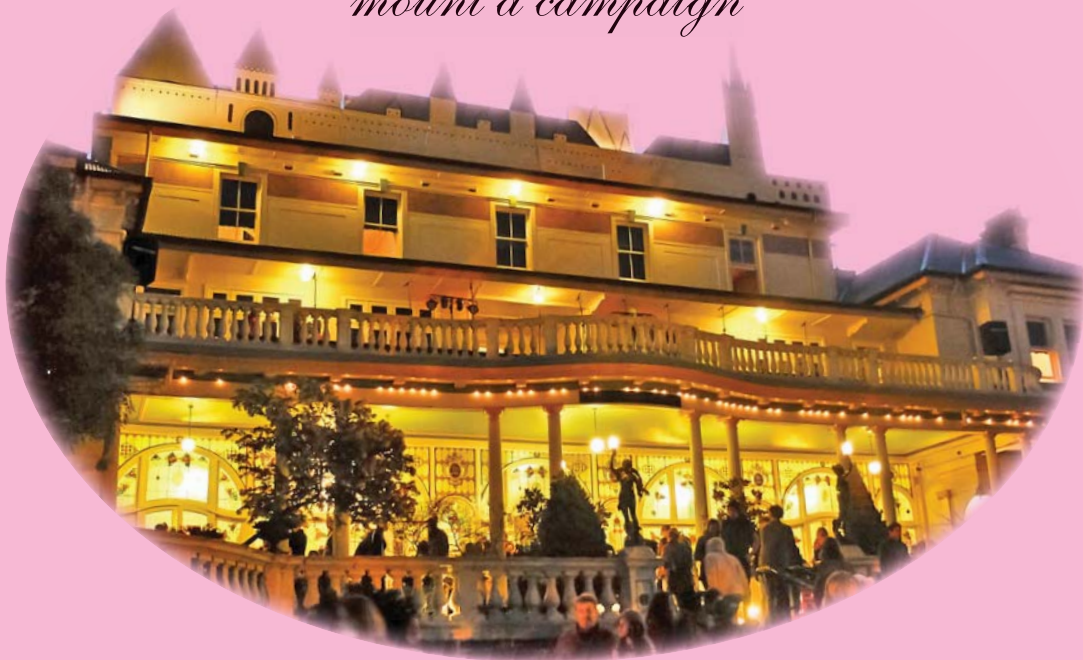
There will be a walk around the oval, lots of stalls and entertainment and Central Blue Rotary will be providing bacon and egg rolls, sausages and onions and the profit after expenses will be donated to the RSPCA Katoomba branch.



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Join us at our Pink Ball for a Night of Fun

*Once upon a time on top of a beautiful
Blue Mountain the kingdom was summoned
to help rescue girls in the far off lands of
Nepal and Cambodia
We must rally our resources to
mount a campaign*



Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

May 4, 2018 - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

\$150 per person — Dress: Formal with a hint of pink



Supporting Astha Home for Girls in Nepal and Sustainable Cambodia

Please RSVP by April 20, 2018 to: Jennifer Scott - jennifer@scottadr.com
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..that's all folks