



HORIZONS



Central Blue Mountains Rotary

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Invite your friends and associates to our outstanding meetings

Hat Night Fun at Central Blue



Rotarians from Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise and Blackheath clubs joined with Central Blue Mountains last Friday for our annual Hat Night of raising money for Australian Rotary Health. The excellent crowd participated in the fun by wearing three different hats during the evening...more pics on page 6.

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**What's
On....**



October

Wednesday 19 - Club assembly

Monday 24 - World Polio Day

Wednesday 26 - RYPEN speaker

Sat-Sun 29-30 - Graffiti removal weekend

Sunday 30 - Trivia Night - Can Assist and CBM
Katoomba RSL

November

Wednesday 2 - Guest speaker TBA

Friday 4 - Pudding sales - Faulconbridge

Sunday 6 - Catering van at Leura School market

Wednesday 9 - Guest speaker TBA

Sunday 13 - Catering - Grand View Hotel market
Pudding sales - Grand View Hotel
Wine Tasting - BM Country Club

Wednesday 16 - Guest speaker TBA

Monday 21 - Board meeting - Greystanes

Wednesday 23 - Twilight meeting BBQ - W. Falls Lake

Graffiti Eradication Training Day

If you have VOLUNTEERED to go forth on the weekend of 29/30 October, there will be a training day NEXT SATURDAY Oct 22nd at 11am at 32 Woodlands Rd Katoomba, (COLLESS WAREHOUSE) to explain how to handle the gear safely .

On October 29 and 30, we will provide chemicals and paint, goggles and gloves.

STARTING 8.30am ALL MUST SIGN on to cover Rotary insurance



Ian and Jennifer Scott, are back in the Blue Mountains Wednesday after seven days in the UK, where Jennifer was the personal representative of the president of Rotary International at the Rotary District 1200 Conference, October 14-16.

In the top picture they are seen with Roger Coopey, president of the Rotary Club of Arbury UK.

In the bottom picture, Ian is taking an opportunity to "preside" at the British headquarters of Rotary International.

Travelling Scotts in the UK



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Graffiti Removal 'Champion' and outstanding community volunteer needs wheels



John Oakey

With the annual Graffiti Removal Day 'just around the corner' - Sunday, October 30, the Lower Mountains Graffiti Removal team has suffered the worst possible setback ...

Graffiti Removal 'Champion' and outstanding community volunteer John Oakey, of Blaxland, is without a motor vehicle.

A pensioner and man of limited means, John has mainly self funded his amazing community service using his battered old Mitsubishi sedan – with the boot laden with paint, brushes and removal liquid. He receives some support with government subsidy for paint and chemicals.

John is the reason the Lower Blue Mountains is now virtually graffiti free. For many years, he has driven his old green Mitsubishi up and down the Great Western Highway virtually fighting an ongoing battle against vandals who delight in scarring public and private property.

He spends almost every day doing the rounds, working with police and schools – with absolutely NO payment and very little funding.

Well, early this week, his old vehicle 'gave up the ghost' while in the garage for its regular registration check.

John was told that his car is simply not worth repairing and John's operations have ground to a halt.

So, if there is a generous citizen or business out there with a reliable car/utility/van/light truck to spare, John Oakey and the entire mountains community will be very grateful.

A permanent gift of such a vehicle would be a wonderful gesture but, the immediate need is to get John through to Graffiti Removal Day on October 30.

Contact John Oakey on 4739 6143 or Central Blue Mountains Rotary - pghpubs@tpg.com.au

The banner features the 'graffiti REMOVAL AUSTRALIA' logo in blue and black text on a white brick background. To the right is a red, torn-edge style box containing the text 'VOLUNTEER TODAY...'. Below this, a red bar contains the text 'Graffiti Hotline 4759 2592'. At the bottom, a large red bar contains the text 'Saturday-Sunday October 29-30' in white.

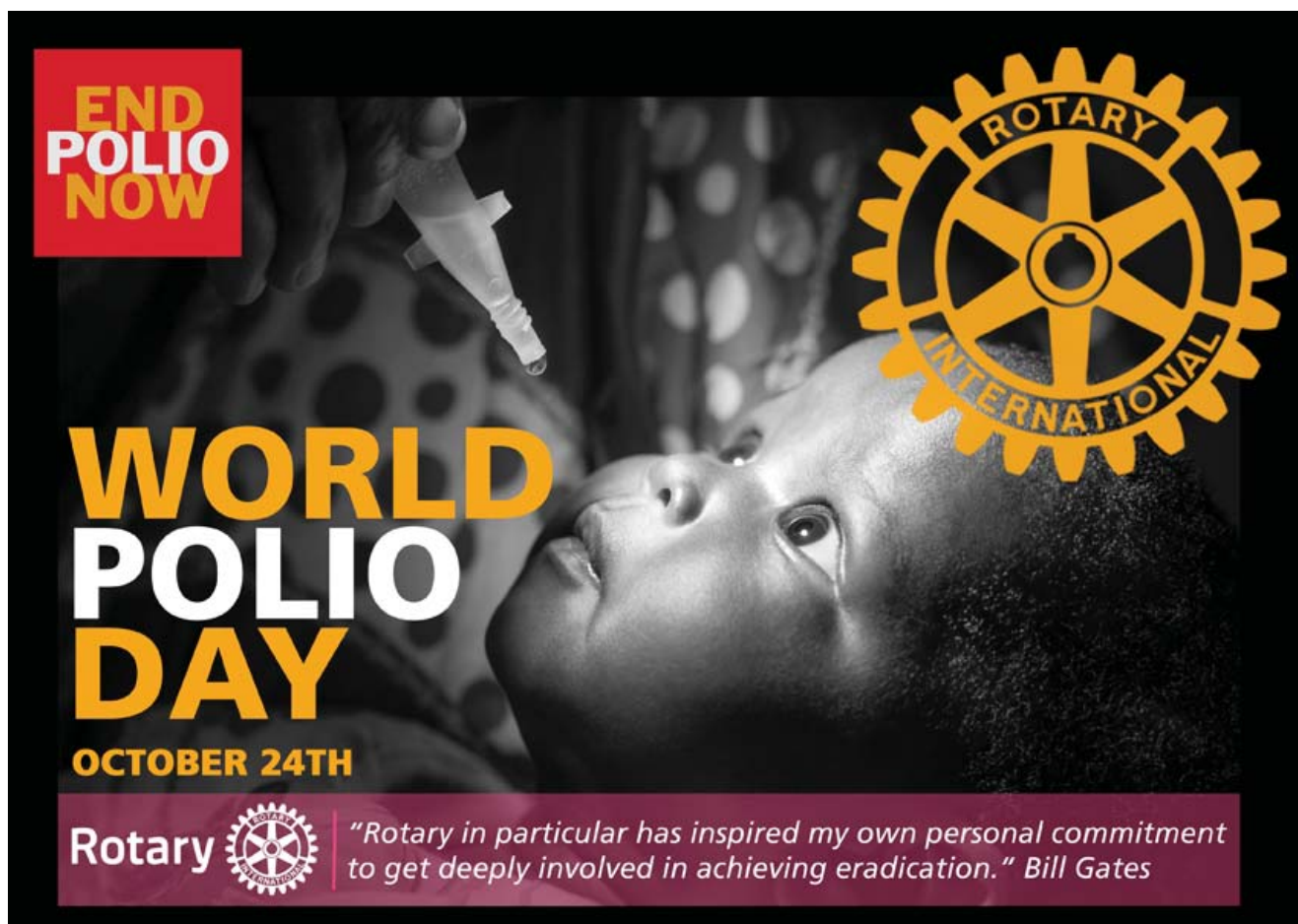
graffiti
REMOVAL AUSTRALIA

**VOLUNTEER
TODAY...**

Graffiti Hotline 4759 2592

Saturday-Sunday October 29-30

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Since Rotary launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative nearly 30 years ago, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to 26 confirmed as of Sept. 19, 2016.

To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, experts say \$1.5 billion is urgently needed. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to previously polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk.

Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.6 billion to ending polio since 1985.

Latest figures available, as at September 28, 2016
Numbers in brackets represent data as at this time in 2015

Wild poliovirus in 2016

- Global Total: 26 (44)
- Global WPV1: 26 (44)
- Global WPV3: 0 (0)

Endemic: 26 (44)

- Afghanistan: 9 (12)
- Pakistan: 14 (32)
- Nigeria: 3 (0)

A reminder of how polio was treated before a vaccine was available



This torturous piece of medical equipment is a negative pressure ventilator, often referred to as an Iron Lung. It was used before the introduction of polio vaccine to treat people infected with the polio virus.

Physicians who treated people in the acute, early stage of polio saw that many patients were unable to breathe when the virus's action paralyzed muscle groups in the chest. Death was frequent at this stage, but those who survived usually recovered much or almost all of their former strength.

This particular Iron Lung is kept at the British headquarters of Rotary International as a reminder to people of what went on in the past....photographed by Jennifer Scott

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Mountain Ghost

Sorry, NO Ghost story this week
“...we don't know where he are.”

We apologise to our readers this week for not having a Ghost story, but our Mountain Ghost demanded to take his long service leave.

Hopefully, he will reappear next week.

Now, although he probably needs a break, and we insisted that long service leave was not part of his contract, this spooky person who contributes to our newsletter each week has disappeared.

To use some words from Banjo Paterson's "Clancy of the Overflow"...the Ghost has gone a droving and we don't know where he are.

Now...if readers would like the Ghost to look into a particular subject or report on something you think he might enjoy doing, then please contact us here at Central Blue and we'll see what we can do about it. - pghpubs@tpg.com.au

Rescuing and caring for sick and injured animals has become a way of life for Pamela Gardiner

Pamela Gardiner joined WIRES – 28 years ago and has loved every minute of it.

“we are so fortunate to have such a wonderful country and a large variety of fauna and flora, it is only right that we nurture and protect it.

“From the rescuing of an injured animal to the rehabilitation and successful release of all manner of wildlife, mammals, reptiles, amphibians – no creature has ever been too great or too small,” Pamela says.

The NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service (WIRES) care for animals in the Blue Mountains and Nepean.

WIRES - Blue Mountains Branch is a full time operation assisting injured or orphaned native wildlife who have had to adapt to human habitation of their environment.

The Blue Mountains Branch, rescues and rehabilitates injured, sick, orphaned or misplaced animals, through a network of trained volunteer rescue, foster carers and veterinarians.



Our guest speaker 12/10 was Pamela Gardiner, of Valley Heights, representing WIRES (Blue Mountains) - photographed with her husband Alec and Central Blue's Ava Emdin, presenting a small book as a token of thanks.



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Hat Night Fun for Australian Rotary Health



"High Tea" with Altitude!

govetts cafe & wine bar

Sunday 6th November

3.00 - 5.00pm

Tickets: \$35

Come along and support local, Barb Wall.
Barb's "Stepsister" team will raise funds for Interplast
when they do the "Eureka Climb" in
Melbourne on the 13th of November.

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