



HORIZONS



Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, November 01, 2017

World Polio Day - 2017



**COUNTDOWN TO
HISTORY**

**JUST \$1 will protect a child for life
from Poliomyelitis (Polio) - a crippling and
potentially fatal disease**

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Rotary

Central Blue Mountains



WhatsOn....

November

Wednesday 01 - Guest speakers from Woodford Academy

Thursday 02 - Purple pinkie painting
BM Grammar School

Friday 03 - Twilight Market - Faulconbridge

Saturday 04 - Trifecta ticket sales - Leura Mall

Wednesday 08 - Guest speaker to be advised

Friday 10 - NSW Police Officer of the Year awards

Sunday 12 - Grand View Market

Wednesday 15 - Guest speaker to be advised

Saturday 18 - Drive through gifts drop off
Grand View Hotel

Monday 20 - Rotary Foundation Dinner

Wednesday 22 - Club Assembly

Sunday 26 - Special Olympics Dream Ride event

Wednesday 29 - Guest speaker to be advised

December

Wed 06 - CBM Rotary annual general meeting

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

Wednesday 13 - CBM Christmas function

Friday 15 - Late night shopping Leura Mall

Sun-Sat 17-23 - Christmas Raffle ticket sales



Our Guest Speakers November 01

Our guest speakers this week are from the Woodford Academy, which is the oldest complex of colonial buildings in the Blue Mountains and is of state heritage significance.

Built originally as an Inn in the 1830s, the property has had a multi-layered history, also operating over the years as a gentleman's residence, guest house, boarding house and from 1907-1936 under the ownership of John McManamey as an exclusive school – Woodford Academy.

Bequeathed to the National Trust in 1979 by John McManamey's sole surviving daughter Gertrude, the Woodford Academy is today a museum that offers not only a unique glimpse of colonial life in the Blue Mountains, but also an insight into the current Blue Mountains community through an innovative program of site-specific art events, performances and talks for the monthly open days.



www.sustainablecambodia.org

*Empowering families and children
to effect lasting change....
community by community*

Rotarian Journey into Cambodia - January, 2018
Tour leader PDG Jennifer Scott Participate from only USD \$825pp



Join fellow Rotarians from around the world on a journey into the heart of Cambodia
For tour details contact Jennifer Scott- jennifer@scottadr.com -
0414 367 631



Premium dark chocolate blended with Valencia Orange tastes, fruit and French Orange Liqueur



Premium dark tropical rum, fruits and finest dark chocolate

**Pudding Lane
Christmas Cakes
and Puddings**

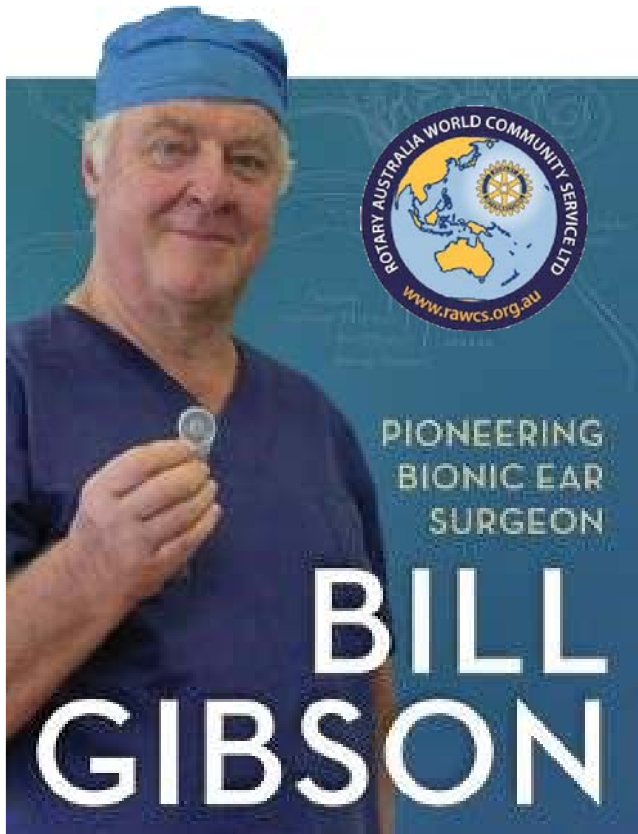
devilishly delicious

Tropical mangoes soaked in matured Barossa Valley brandy and natural mango essence



Also Rum & Plum

**CBM Rotary
will be selling
Christmas
puddings at the
Twilight Market
Faulconbridge
Public School,
Friday
November 3
6.00pm to 9.00pm**



Saturday evening Key Note Speaker: Prof. Bill Gibson, Cochlear implant Pioneer

The man with the rolled-up sleeves and sauce bottle behind the grill at Balmain Rotary's regular sausage sizzles is an unassuming sort of bloke. Few would guess that he has brought the sounds of the world to so many.

The cochlear implant, that wonderful little electronic device, has brought many thousands out of their silent world and is now recognised as life-changing technology for the deaf.

That so many Australians have been given the gift of hearing is due to the surgical skill, perseverance and dedication of an extraordinary man: Professor William Gibson. To further a cause he profoundly believed in, he overcame much opposition.

Surgically inserted in the ear, an implant does not cure deafness; it is a prosthetic substitute for hearing that does the work of the damaged hair cells of the inner ear, the cochlea, to send sound signals to the brain.

Professor Bill Gibson will be our guest speaker at the quarterly Eastern Region RAWCS meeting on Saturday 18th November at Diggers at The Entrance.

You are welcome to join us!

November 18 - *Diggers@the entrance*
Saturday night dinner \$40 per person
6.30pm for 7.00pm
two-course meal bookings essential:
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Rotary Centenary Immunisation Pacific Project



Rotary is celebrating 100 years in Australasia in 2021 by introducing a project to immunise 100,000 children across nine Pacific Island countries.

This is an opportunity to celebrate 100 years of Rotary achievements and demonstrate the contemporary relevance of the Rotary motto 'Service above Self'.

The four oldest Australasian Rotary clubs – Sydney, Melbourne, Wellington and Auckland, in partnership with UNICEF Australia and New Zealand will lead the immunisation across the Pacific Project to support

the sustainable introduction of three new life-saving vaccines:

- Rotavirus vaccine – to prevent a severe form of diarrhoea;
- Pneumococcal vaccine – to prevent pneumonia, blood infections (such as sepsis) and meningitis;
- Human Papillomavirus vaccine – to prevent some types of cervical cancer

By working closely with each country's government, the program will continue in the long term, so generations of children and adolescent girls will be supported.

The nine Pacific Island countries that will benefit from this project are – the Cook Island, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

This new venture builds on the Rotary and UNICEF's partnership that began in 1988, spearheading the Global Polio Eradication Initiative – the world's largest ever public health endeavour.



Help end polio worldwide.

Rotary. Humanity in motion.

rotary.org/endpolio



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CBM Rotary 'END POLIO NOW' promotion Woolworths Supermarket, Leura - Oct 24.



Rotary members were out in force on World Polio Day, October 24, to raise awareness, and support an end to polio - a vaccine preventable disease that still threatens children in parts of the world today.

Central Blue Mountains Rotary mounted a display at Woolworths Supermarket, Leura, and encouraged shoppers to donate.

When people understood that just a \$1 donation would protect a child for life against polio, they were eager to participate in the project.



Purple Pinkie at Blue Mountains Grammar School



The Purple Pinkie Project will be demonstrated November 2 at Blue Mountains Grammar School, Wentworth Falls, by members of Central Blue Mountains Rotary.

Students will learn that when a child is vaccinated, a purple stamp is put on their little finger. So each Purple Pinkie represents another step toward the eradication of polio worldwide.

The PPP has been successfully duplicated by Rotary clubs all over the world as a child's purple pinkie has become a symbol of Rotary's fight to end polio.

The Purple Pinkie Project fundraiser supports Rotary International's Polio Plus efforts, part of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), launched in 1988 with the goal of eradicating polio throughout the world.

Mountain Ghost

The Rhodo Festival claims to be the oldest continuous festival in the Southern Hemisphere. This will be the 65th. A similar festival in Florence, Oregon USA is celebrating its 110th birthday, but do they have a sausage sizzle?

Rhododendron Festival Blackheath



The Ghost has lived in the Mountains quite a few years now and attended many of the wonderful festivals that it has to offer.

He was discussing the festivals over a few glasses of wine at the local pub and the general opinion was the Rhododendron Festival at Blackheath was top of the list, mainly due to the local involvement in the month long events.

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The Ghost has been coming to the RhodoFestival on and off for about 10 years and it seems to just get bigger each year. Here is a quick summary of what's on.

The official opening and Art Show was on October 27. The Grand Parade will be on the first Saturday in November (4th) at 11.30 a.m. starting at Blackheath Oval and finishing at Blackheath Gardens (the park on the Great Western Highway opposite the railway station. This is the highlight of the festival and well worth a visit.

There is the Rhododendron Black and White Ball. This year it has a roaring twenties theme and will be held on November 18 at Blackheath Community Centre. The Rhodo Festival Review, which this year is called 'Bridget Jones does Blackheath', will be held on November 10, 11, 12 and 13, again at the Blackheath Community Centre. The Jazz Festival and the usual stalls, activities

and music for all tastes is on throughout the month. The Ghost would like to emphasise that he is not being paid by the committee to promote the festival.

What brings the tourists are the Rhododendron Gardens in Blackheath. The Campbell Gardens are the best at the western end of Blackheath.

Set in 45 acres, the rhododendrons and azaleas are magnificent. rhododendrons are native to North America, Europe, Russia and Asia and even Queensland. The most diverse species come from the Himalayas. Some rhododendrons grow up to 30metres. The name comes from the ancient Greek for Rose Tree.

The Ghost likes to give you a bit of knowledge. Azaleas are related to rhododendrons. I think we should all make an effort to get to the festival.

Good to know:

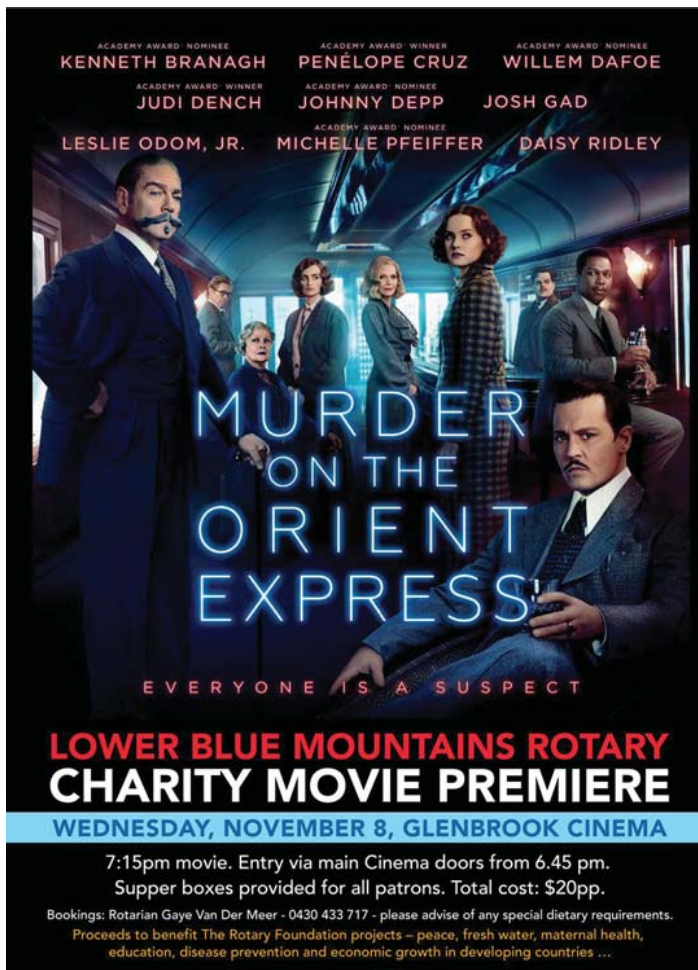
Open – all of November

Ghost Rating – 8/10



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What Rotary clubs are doing



ACADEMY AWARD NOMINEE KENNETH BRANAGH
ACADEMY AWARD WINNER PENÉLOPE CRUZ
ACADEMY AWARD NOMINEE WILLEM DAFOE
ACADEMY AWARD WINNER JUDI DENCH
ACADEMY AWARD NOMINEE JOHNNY DEPP
ACADEMY AWARD NOMINEE JOSH GAD
LESLIE ODOM, JR. ACADEMY AWARD NOMINEE MICHELLE PFEIFFER
DAISY RIDLEY

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

EVERYONE IS A SUSPECT

LOWER BLUE MOUNTAINS ROTARY CHARITY MOVIE PREMIERE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, GLENBROOK CINEMA

7:15pm movie. Entry via main Cinema doors from 6.45 pm.
Supper boxes provided for all patrons. Total cost: \$20pp.

Bookings: Rotarian Gaye Van Der Meer - 0430 433 717 - please advise of any special dietary requirements.
Proceeds to benefit The Rotary Foundation projects - peace, fresh water, maternal health, education, disease prevention and economic growth in developing countries ...

THE ROTARY CLUBS OF NSW

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2017



FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2017
HYATT REGENCY SYDNEY, DARLING HARBOUR 6:30pm to 12am

The awards provide statewide community recognition to sworn and unsworn officers for excellence in police service.
2GB's Ray Hadley OAM will host the evening of entertainment and a wide range of food/beverages will also be served.

Visit www.sydneypolice.com for tickets
Cost: \$95 per person or \$2000 per Corporate Table
BOOK NOW AND DON'T MISS OUT

Rotary Districts of NSW




Joel is a valued member of our community.
That's why we should all help.



Transport for Joel

The Rotary Clubs of The Blue Mountains have come together to support a family in our community who needs some help. You are invited to a special BBQ dinner for a special boy, Joel Hart. Despite his muscular dystrophy, Joel remains very positive and is looking forward to getting out more with his family, once we've raised a few more thousand dollars.

Saturday, November 4th 2017 6 pm
Escarpments Estate (Katoomba Golf Club)
1 Acacia Street, Katoomba

*Joel's personally signed, exquisite pen and ink drawings on sale.
Raffles and silent auctions will add to the fun.*

Online tickets are just \$40 plus booking charge.

The easiest way to book and/or donate is at:

www.bluemountainsrotary.org

Booking enquiries E: ubmrotary@gmail.com

For more information, call Michael Small
0417 84 3456 4784 3456

Drive into the car park of the Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls, on Saturday November 18 and drop off a gift that could provide happiness to someone in our community who is doing it tough.

Gifts will be donated to:

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

Gifts should be suitable for children, teenagers and adults.

ALSO: MONSTER DVD SALE
2000 titles to choose from

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Sydney Districts 9675 & 9685

An Invitation to the Rotary Foundation Dinner

Blacktown Workers Club

55 Campbell St

Blacktown, 2148

20 November, 2017

6:30PM

Keynote speaker at the Foundation Dinner is Canadian Rotarian Jennifer Jones

Jennifer is the President and CEO of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning television production company in Windsor, ON. She is proud member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland and is a Past District Governor of District 6400.



For further details and booking arrangements please contact:

ian@scottadr.com - 0402 217 915

Rotary District 9685 Conference March 10 and 11, 2018 - Fairmont Resort, Leura NSW



conference.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 – register and pay before 30 November 2017.

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. Does NOT include other sessions or events.

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).

..that's all folks