

HORIZONS

Central Blue Mountains Rotary

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

In among the oily bits at Scenic World



Central Blue Mountains Rotarians were privileged last week to enjoy a rare "behind the scenes" visit at Scenic World.

In this image, our team was examining the inside operation for the Cableway, led by former Scenic World director, Philip Hammon.

The fascinating visit also covered oily bits relating to the Scenic Railway and Skyway.

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TOP 5 REASONS TO ERADICATE POLIO

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To improve lives.

16 million people are walking today who would have otherwise been paralyzed.

To invest in the future.

If polio isn't eradicated, within 10 years, as many as 200,000 children could be paralyzed by it each year. A polio-free world will be a safer world for children everywhere.

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To improve child health.

Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems like vitamin deficiency and measles, so they can be addressed sooner.

To save money.

A polio-free world will save the global economy \$40-\$50 billion in health costs within the next 20 years.

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To make history.

Polio eradication would be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox to become only the second human disease eliminated from the world.

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WhatsOn....

March

Wednesday 20: Guest speaker: Jeremy Scott - Adventurer

Friday 22: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

Saturday 23: Woolworths, Katoomba - catering van

Wednesday 27: Guest speaker: Mark Keillor, Marketing Co ordinator Blue Mountains Food Services, an organisation providing programs and services to residents of the Blue Mountains whether it be for the aged, folks living with disabilities or community members who are under-employed.

Friday 29: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

Friday-Sunday 29-31: District Conference, Newcastle.

April

Wednesday 03: Guest speaker: Justin Morrissey: "The Story of Sculptures at Scenic World"

Thursday 04: BM Grammar - Compassion catering

Thursday 04: Board meeting

Friday 05: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

Sunday 07: 'Let's talk about CBM Rotary'

Wednesday 10: Guest speakers: BMGS students and teachers - "Have some Compassion"

Friday 12: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

Friday 12 to Sunday May 12: Sculptures at Scenic World

Saturday 13: 'Lanterns on the Lake' - W. Falls Lake

Sunday 14: District Assembly

Wednesday 17: FoodBank collection/distribution

Wednesday 17: Vocational Visit to "Roasters with Altitude", Blackheath - 4.00pm-6.00pm

Wednesday 24: Guest speaker, Lt.Col. Shaun Whitehouse: "Today's ANZACS – Duntroon to Daesh"

Thursday 25: ANZAC Day

Saturday 27: Woolworths, Katoomba - catering van

Other important dates

Saturday May 4: Blue Ball - Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

Saturday July 6: District Changeover - Hornsby RSL Club

Guest Speaker Wednesday, March 20

Adventurer - Jeremy Scott



Jeremy wasn't only born with a huge hole in his heart, but with an insatiable craving for adventure.

His desire to explore the world inspired a move to London. From here, he travelled extensively throughout Africa, Asia, Europe and South America.

Despite seeing so much of the world, he felt there was so much more to explore, and on 5 October 2011, he set off for what turned out to be a 2½ year 51,916km solo bike ride around the globe.

At the completion of that life changing journey, Jeremy wrote his first book "The Long Road From A Broken Heart" and now dedicates his life to inspire others.

Jeremy has raised over \$70,000 for a number of different charities. He continues to support these charities through speaking engagements and book sales.

Jeremy is a recipient of the Australian Heart Foundation 'Heart Hero' Award and is also an Ambassador for Waterline Challenge.



OUTSIDE under a section of massive structure supporting the Cableway.

Originally called the Sceniscender, now called Scenic Cableway, the cable car passes over a 25-metre-high tower on the edge of the cliff, and then descends 510 metres to the bottom station in the Jamison Valley.



Right: The engine room of the Scenic Railway - the steepest passenger railway in the world. It descends 310 metres through a cliff-side tunnel, emerging into ancient rainforest at the Jamison Valley floor.

Operating since 1945, the Scenic Railway has thrilled more than 25-million passengers



Left: Built in 1958 the Scenic Skyway is another cable-driven conveyance at Scenic World.

It travels across the gorge above the Katoomba Falls, 270 metres above the valley floor.

Business Booming at Rotary Op Shop



3/156 Great Western Highway, Blaxland

More than 50 Rotarians, partners and friends turned out Friday, March 15 to enjoy the opening night of Lower Blue Mountains Rotary Op Shop.

Situated at 3/156 Great Western Highway, Blaxland, the Op Shop is the latest community support project of Lower Blue Mountains Rotary.

Well named as "Rotary Recycles" the shop has already attracted a strong clientele since opening on Monday, March 11.

Indications are that business was booming during opening week, grossing about \$1,950 - a great way to start a new venture.

Chairperson of the operations committee, District Governor 9685 Susan Wakefield said a number of talented Rotarians worked tirelessly to redecorate and refit the shop, which is now filled with a very impressive array of new "preloved" stock.



DG Susan Wakefield invited store manager Kerry Gunn and Lower Blue Mountains Rotary President Michelle Fisher to join her in cutting a ribbon to officially open the store.

"Our aim is to create a regular source of income for Lower Blue Mountains Rotary's many local charities and special projects – along with providing quality goods for families with limited income."

...Store Manager Kerry Gunn



Among the guests at the opening and representing Central Blue Mountains Rotary was co-president Steve and Pauline Cookson, eager to contribute to Lower Blue's exciting venture into the op shop business.



ROTARY RECYCLES is well stocked with fashionable men's, women's and children's clothing, footwear, household goods and a wide selection of general stock – guaranteed to interest the most discerning shoppers.

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Join us at the Rotary Blue Ball



Artist: Tanya Loviz



Carrington Hotel, Katoomba
May 4, 2019- 7.00pm for 7.30pm
\$145 per person
Three-course dinner and wine
Dress: Formal with a hint of blue

Supporting
local Rotary mental health projects

Central Blue Mountains
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RSVP- April 24, 2019

Booking essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBHEK>

Contact: Ray Wiles- 0409 845 415- raymar40@bigpond.com

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Six Great Reasons to do RLI



The success of Rotary Leadership Institute is because it delivers skills and knowledge that Rotarians can apply straight away in their clubs.

1. It hones leadership skills
2. Builds Rotary knowledge
3. Gives a perspective about where Rotary has been and where it is now
4. Shares a vision of what Rotary can be
5. Networking with Rotarians from other clubs
6. Provides opportunities for partnering in service

The two part course is held on a weekend or separately on Saturdays or Sundays to meet demand.

Morning tea and lunch are provided.

Each day starts at 8:00am and finishes around 4.00pm.

Courses 51 and 52 are open for registration:

- RLI 51 runs Saturday 4th and 18th of May at the District Office, Thornleigh.
- RLI 52 runs over the weekend of 1-2 June at a location to be decided in the Penrith/Lower Mountains area.

Register at rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au



22nd to 24th March 2019

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SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for dinner with Rotary International President for 2019-2020, Mark Daniel Malone



**Monday
23rd September 2019**

Rotary International President 2019-2020 Mark Daniel Malone will be in Sydney to address a special dinner to be held at Epping Club on Monday, September 23, 2019.

This is an opportunity for Rotarians and guests to meet and hear from our international leader. Further details and how to register will be advised shortly.

For more information contact PDG Gina Growden 0412 128 106 or gina.growden@bigpond.com



...that's all folks