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TICKET**

A large, overflowing basket of prizes is the central focus of the image. The basket is filled with a variety of items, including toys like a Spider-Man helmet, a Thomas the Tank Engine helmet, and a Disney Frozen II Kids Pail Set. There are also books, such as 'The Lion King', 'The Snow White', and 'The Little Mermaid'. Household items like a Bosch pressure washer, a Karcher high pressure washer, and a Huffy bicycle are also visible. The basket is decorated with a Santa hat, red tinsel, and a small Christmas tree. The prizes are arranged in a way that they are easily visible and appealing.

up front

Shanghai Rotary celebrates 100 years of service



The Rotary Club of Shanghai held its centennial celebration on Oct. 19 at Grand Millennium Shanghai HongQiao.

There were about 200 guests including senior Rotary International leaders, and Rotary leaders from Taiwan, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Australia, Canada, and the United States.

Shanghai Rotary has accomplished many service projects over the years, including multiple clean water projects in Tibet, a library project that placed more than 1.2 million Chinese language books into the hands of children, and "The Gift of Life," which funds heart surgeries for children with congenital heart defects.

The Rotary Club of Shanghai (RCS) was first chartered in October 1919.

The Club operated from 1919 to 1941 and from 1946 to 1949, being forced to cease in 1941 due to war, and in 1949 due to political and legal restrictions.

Welcoming members and guests on October 19, President Terri Lau said:

"On behalf of all our members, I wish to tell you that it was our greatest pleasure to have you join us at our Centennial Gala.

"As the first Rotary Club in China, we were blessed to count guests and visiting Rotarians from many clubs in China and overseas.

"With you all, we were able to celebrate the merits of our earliest members, the countless service projects and the long and adventurous history of Rotary in Shanghai as well as in China.



Rotary Club of Shanghai Club President Terri Lau and Seattle Rotarian Cathy Gibson. (Photo provided by Cathy Gibson)

"Together, we have closed the first hundred years of our history but more importantly, we have opened a brand new book.

"We have reaffirmed our wills to serve, our commitment to the community and our goal to let Rotary shine by its actions.

"More than ever, our focus is on the younger generations: we seek to show them by example the virtues of solidarity, leadership and service because one day, we hope, they will join us, as Rotarians, friends or partners.

"Our gratitude also goes to our sponsors for making our centennial celebration possible.

Again, thank you all for joining us in making that evening memorable and motivating us to carry on for another century!"

WhatsOn....

November

Wednesday 20 - Food Bank collection and distribution

Wednesday 20 - Kim Scanlon - Mountain Youth Services Team

Friday 22 - Lawson Public School breakfast club

Saturday 23 - Rugby Sevens BMGS - catering van

Wednesday 27 - To be advised

Friday 29 - Lawson Public School breakfast club

December

Wednesday 04 - CBM Rotary Annual General Meeting

Friday 06 - Lawson Public School breakfast club

Sunday 08 - Mustangs Soar and Roar, Lilianfels Park, Katoomba

Wednesday 11 - To be advised

Saturday 14 - CBM Christmas Party - Scenic World

Sunday 15 - Carols in the Park

Monday 16 - CBM board meeting

Tuesday 17 - Christmas Raffle sales - Katoomba and Leura

Wednesday 18 - Food Bank collection and distribution

DG makes up at Central Blue Rotary



Before commencing her presentation at Central Blue Rotary, November 06, DG Kalma presented a certificate of appreciation to last year's co-presidents, Steve Cookson and Ava Emdin, to mark the club's contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

We made it to the cathedral



After walking the Camino, the Scott family Jennifer, Ian and daughter Claire, reached the Santiago de Compostela Cathedral earlier this month. Jennifer walked the whole 809km, Claire joined in 250km from the end, and then Ian participated for the final 100km. The cathedral marks the end of the 809 kilometres that make up the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route. It is one of the most important religious structures in Spain.

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Chinese Lion Dancing with Eugene Ma November 13

Central Blue Rotary was privileged on Wednesday November 13 to have as guest speaker a young man who is actually the main performer in a Chinese lion dance because he is always under the lion head manipulating the mouth, eyes and gestures.

Eugene Ma, who lives locally, has been part of the lion dance for many years. He is always under the head of the lion because he is about 198cms tall or 6 feet 6 inches in the old fashioned measurement. He also teaches and trains young people in the tough, energetic art.

Eugene said he lion dance is traditional in Chinese culture and other Asian countries in which performers mimic a lion's movements in a lion costume to bring good luck and fortune.

He said the lion dance is usually performed during the Chinese New Year and other Chinese traditional, cultural and religious festivals. It may also be performed at important occasions such as business opening events, special celebrations or wedding ceremonies, or may be used to honour special guests by the Chinese communities.

"The Chinese lion dance is sometimes mistakenly referred to as dragon dance by most first timers, Eugene said. "But an easy way to tell the difference is that a lion is normally operated by just two dancers and has a tail, while a dragon is longer and is held on poles by many people. Chinese lion dance fundamental movements can be found in Chinese martial arts."

There are two main forms of the Chinese lion dance, the Northern Lion and the Southern Lion. Both forms are commonly found in China, but around the world especially in South East Asia, the Southern Lion predominates as it was spread by communities who are historically mostly of Southern Chinese origin.

Versions of the lion dance are also found in Japan, Korea, Tibet and Vietnam. Another form of lion dance exists in Indonesian culture.



To demonstrate his height, we photographed Eugene Ma with our smallest members Jennifer Scott and Maria Hopwood.



Southern Lion



Northern Lion

Mountain Ghost

The Ghost stayed at the Royal Hotel, in Sofala, 30 years ago. He remembers it quite clearly. He could look through the floor boards from his room and see the bar below with the locals drinking their beers.

SOFALA & HILL END

Was the Mountain Ghost guilty of becoming nostalgic? Not at all he thought, as he and Mrs Ghost set off on a road trip to Sofala and Hill End.

The last time the Ghost visited these place must have been 30 years ago at least, so he was a little apprehensive on what he would find.

Sofala is a very old former gold mining town 45k north of Bathurst. The town really comprises only two main streets with one pub, two cafes and some shops. It is really worth a visit. It looks like it has been in a time warp just like the Ghost.

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At the time, the landlady brought in a bucket and placed it next to the bed saying "a lot of people prefer to use the bucket rather than use the outside toilet in the middle of winter". It was good advice.

He also remembers the breakfast was huge with steak and eggs, a great combination. This time when the Ghost stayed there were a few improvements, no bucket but an en-suite. The charm was still there.

A little bit of history on Sofala.

When Edward Hargraves discovered gold at Summer Hill Creek on the 12th February 1851, it started the Australian gold rush. Within six months, thousands of prospectors moved to the area around Sofala.

The Royal Hotel was established in 1862, the Gas Hotel in 1851, the Sofala Inn and Barley Mow Hotel in 1866.

You know a town is well established when it has a Catholic Convent and a Gaol both are still there.

Today, the population is about 250. Weekend prospectors using metal detectors still find small amount of gold. Just out of town is the Turon Technology Museum. This is located between Sofala and Ilford. Also known as Museum of Power. It has a very large range of historic engines from the period 1850 to 1950. Most are in good working order. This exhibition was a winner at the National Trust Heritage Awards. It is not open every weekend so you will need to check. The Ghost loved it.

Hill End is located 37k west of Sofala. It is listed by the National Parks & Wildlife Services (NPWS) as a historical site. Visiting Hill End is like visiting a museum. NPWS has installed signs around the town to give visitors an idea of what the place originally looked like.

There are several buildings still being used for their original purpose. The Ghost recommends visiting the two museums at Hill End.

The Ghost's readers have probably heard of the Holtermann Nugget which at the time was the greatest piece of gold ever found. It weighed 630lbs and was 75% gold. It was unearthed at Hill End in 1872.

Hill End was established in 1860, originally called Forbes but changed to Hill End in 1862. By 1870 it had a population of 8,000 with two newspapers, five banks, eight churches and 28 pubs! The Ghost thinks this says a lot for Australian priorities.

When the gold ran out, the town collapsed. In 1945 the population was 700 but by 2006 it was just 166. Today the population is 80. The most popular tourist attraction is gold panning.

While it was only a weekend visit, the Ghost recommends seeing Sofala and Hill End. It is like going back in time but in a good way.



Clark Street, Hill End



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Soar and Roar Festival - 2019

Lilianfels Park, Katoomba - Sunday, December 08 - 0630 hours



Be there...
and watch
the Mustangs
Soar & Roar



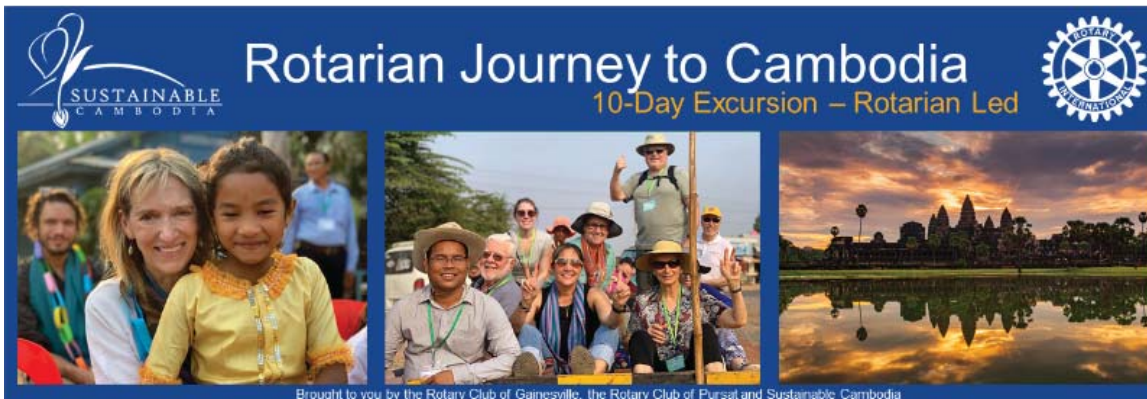
Proudly Supporting Special Olympics Australia

Mustangs, their drivers and passengers assemble at Lilianfels Park, Katoomba from 06.30, December 08, ready for a sustaining Rotary breakfast before they leave for Sydney Motorsport Park, just before 08.00.

The Special Olympics Australia SOAR & ROAR Festival, gives people with an intellectual disability the opportunity to experience the thrill of a "Dream Ride".

The festival features luxury car dream rides, motorbike dream rides and fun activities for people of all ages and abilities.

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Join fellow Rotarians on a trip into ancient Cambodia...

Rotarians from various clubs around the world are joining together with Sustainable Cambodia on a journey into the heart of Cambodia.

This 10-day excursion is a truly unique experience of traveling into Cambodia. Located in Southeast Asia, this beautiful country is rich with history and culture and was awarded one of the top travel destinations for the last two years.

We will travel to the must-visit places in Cambodia including the heart of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, and we will walk amongst the ancient temples of Siem Reap. But tourism is not the sole purpose of this trip.

We will go far off the “tourist routes” to visit village families and experience the impact of Rotary projects in the remote villages of Pursat Province. For those who haven’t gone before, you will have the adventure of a lifetime while helping rural families and children in ways you may have never dreamed possible.

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