



HORIZONS



Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, February 21, 2018



Central Blue Mountains Rotarians Kevin Schreiber and club president Roza Sage were at the official opening of the upgrade of Leura Train Station last week. Kevin Schreiber represents Leura and Katoomba as a Blue Mountains City councillor. They are seen here with Shayne Mallard, Member of the NSW Legislative Council, who in his presentation said he was pleased to represent the Minister for Transport Andrew Constance to open a new lift and upgraded facilities at Leura Station. "These upgrades will make it easier for people with a disability, parents with prams and tourists with luggage to travel on the picturesque Blue Mountains Line," he said.

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WhatsOn....

February

Tuesday 20: Visit Rotary Garden - BM Hospital - Noon

Wednesday 21: Club Assembly - Pre-visioning

Friday 23: Presidents Cluster Meeting

Saturday 24: Rotary's 113th Birthday celebration
Carrington Gardens, Katoomba
10am-3.00pm

Sunday 25: Summer Wine Tasting - W.F. Country Club

Wednesday 28: Youth Night Speakers

March

Sunday 04 Clean Up Australia - W. Falls Lake - 8am

Wednesday 07: Lone Pine Peace Park - Tom Colless

Wednesday 14: Jodie Van der Velden - Josophan's
Chocolates, Leura

Saturday 17: Catering Van Home Hardware, Katoomba

Wednesday 21: Club visioning night

Wednesday 28: Barefoot Bowling, W. Falls Bowling Club



The Rotary International Presidential Peacebuilding Conference 2018 (RIPPC 2018), will be taking place on the 17 March 2018 at Sydney Town Hall.

This is a Conference you do not want to miss with this being one of the six Rotary Peace Conferences to be held across the globe.

The Conference Program includes keynote lecturers and presentations from international and national leaders in the industries of 'Economic and Community Development and Peace'.

Delegates will hear about the underlying causes of conflict including poverty, disease, lack of water and food security and the lack of education from our inspirational and stimulating speakers.

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Celebrate Rotary's 113 years of Community Service Saturday, February 24, 2018 10.00am - 3.00pm Carrington Gardens, Katoomba

(Front of the Carrington Hotel)

Official Opening - 11.00am
Cake Cutting - Community Awards
Food Stalls - Sausage Sizzle - Pancakes
Games for the kids - Face Painting
Katoomba RSL Blue Mountains City Band
Gilberto Nova - will entertain
Our Town Crier will keep us moving
A chance to reminisce and celebrate
the great work of Rotary

This is a FREE community event



For more details contact: Lucian Keegel
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Rotarians Pamela Noal, Susan and John Wakefield, Penrith PM Stuart Ayres, Cathy Dean and Sonya Inosrozza representing Glenbrook Public School. Story and photograph from Lower Blue Mountains Rotary newsletter.

Last week we reported that Gosford Rotary donated 17 computers to a local school with the help of Harvey Norman's Erina store.

We also mentioned that Oberon Rotary Club received a State Government grant of \$14,800 to construct a viewing platform in the local area.

This week's good news story comes from Lower Blue Mountains Rotary who received a State Government grant of \$16,335 to erect shade sails at the old Glenbrook Public school.

Stuart Ayres MP, Member for Penrith joined representatives of the Rotary Club of the Lower Blue Mountains and school staff to announce a grant of \$16,335 as part of the NSW Government's 2017 Community Building Partnership (CBP) program.

Stuart Ayres said this funding for Rotary will go towards shade sails at the old Glenbrook Public School offering the many users of the school grounds some much needed relief from the harsh sun.

"It is my pleasure to support Rotary with this grant which I know will benefit locals and visitors alike," said Stuart Ayres.

Pamela Noal, Rotary Past President said "On behalf of the Rotary Club of the Lower Blue Mountains I share our immense appreciation in receiving this grant that will create an area of shade for multiple users of site including after school care and people who visit on many occasions through each month of our community calendar of events".

"Funding through the CBP Program aims to create more vibrant and inclusive communities and deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes," added Stuart Ayres.

The NSW State Government's Community Building Partnership (CBP) program forms a partnership between the NSW Government and community organisations to develop projects that need funding support.

Community-based organisations with a project that will benefit their group and the wider community, should visit www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au to learn more.

Applications for the 2018 program will be called for in mid-2018.



d'Vine Cellars in partnership with
Central Blue Mountains Rotary &
Wentworth Falls Country Club
PRESENTS

WARM WEATHER WINES

\$25 per person including nibbles
From 3:00pm Sunday 25th February

- Enjoy a selection of Maxwell Wines from Maclaren Vale wines to enjoy before the weather turns North.
- Settle the debate about Screwcaps Vs Corks.
- Bob Coleman discusses PetNat sparkling wines.

Wentworth Falls Country Club 206 Blaxland Rd, Wentworth Falls

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Mountain Ghost

The Ghost remembers last year's Music Festival very well – again, for two reasons. The RSL burnt down and it never stopped raining. Blue Mountains residents would be wishing that it rained soon and the RSL re-opens quickly.

BLUE MOUNTAINS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Some months ago the Mountain Ghost's potential son-in-law announced that the Blue Mountains had some of the best music in Sydney and he was coming up the Highway for the Blue Mountains Music Festival at Katoomba.

This took the Ghost by surprise for two reasons. Firstly he thought the Festival was a local secret not to be shared with the rest of the world and secondly the program was so varied that it put to shame the Ghost's ukulele festival the previous week.

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This is the 23rd Annual Festival and runs from 16th to 18th March at various venues in Katoomba. There are some big name performers this year. Missy Higgins, Kate Miller-Heidke, Vikki Thorn, Archie Roach, Paul Grabowsky and a host of acts both local and overseas.

The Ghost was amazed at the variety of performers and suggests his thousands of readers visit www.bmff.org.au for a list.

The locations are still to be announced but last year they were at places like the Carrington Hotel, The Family Hotel, Gearin Hotel, the Clarendon and some open air concerts.

By the way The Ghost does not want his readers to think he does not like the ukuleles, it is just that a whole week of them is like listening to bagpipes and didgeridoos, great in small doses but a bit overwhelming in the long term.

However, last week's Ukulele Festival at the Carrington Hotel was great. This was the 9th Annual Blue Mountains Ukulele Festival and it is the largest ukulele festival in the world. If you have not seen the Blue Mugs perform then you are missing some great performers.

We are truly lucky here in the Mountains to have so much music available all year and quite often we take it for granted. The Ghost recommends seeing a live show at least once a month. A lot of them are free.

That's all folks.....

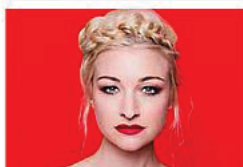


These artists appearing at Festival 2018

Missy Higgins



Kate Miller-Heidke



Harry Manx



Grigoryan Brothers and Adam Page



Steve Poltz

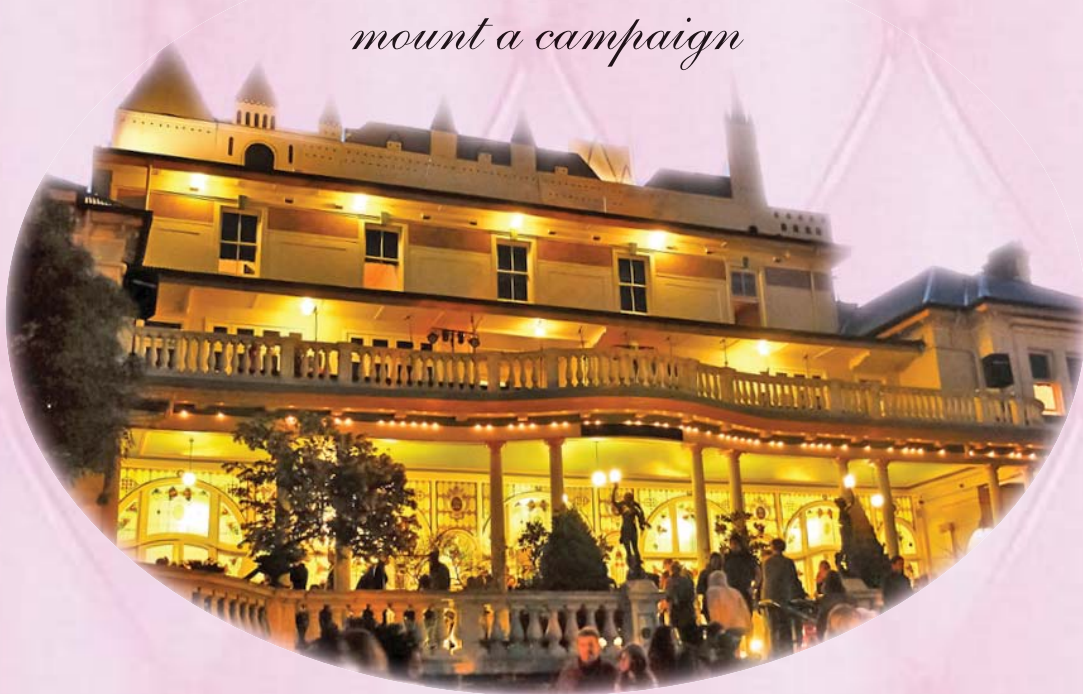


Brothers Comatose



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
or call John Sim 4784 3151 - 0409 665 437 - email: johnsim@bigpond.net.au



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District 9685 Conference

10th and 11th March 2018

Leura, Blue Mountains

Great Guest Speakers



Dr Gill Hicks BE FRSA

Shane Fitzsimmons

Jeremy Carter

Prof James Arvanitakis

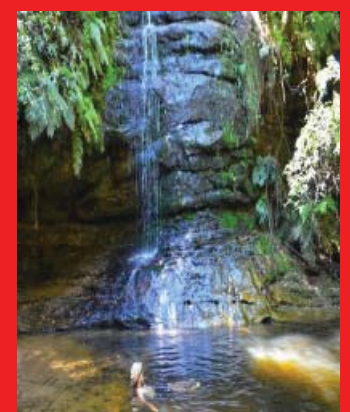
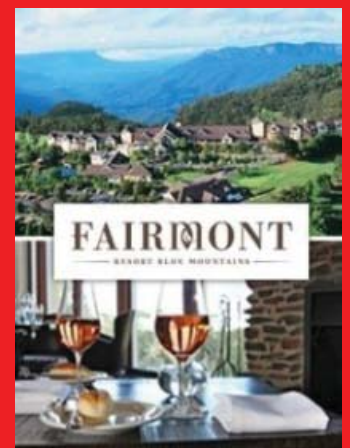


Survivor of the London Terrorist Bombings

Rural Fire Service Commissioner

Leadership, Team building, Communication

Western Sydney University



Time to have some fun

Enjoy great food and wine.

Catch up with your fellow Rotarians.

And to keep things rolling along will be MC David Bacon.



Partners Outing will be the local hop-on hop-off bus.

See and shop as much or as little as you like.



Come and Meet IPRIP John Germ

and his wife **Judy** who
will be attending the
conference

Saturday Dinner

With the Turtle Search Big Band

Come and dress up and decorate your tables
with as many bright vivid colours as you can
muster - orange, yellow, purple, lime green -
anything bright and "happy".



For more information and to register please visit:

conference2018.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

..that's all folks