



# HORIZONS



## Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

### Raising money for Rotary projects

*CBM Rotary had a sale of Easter Bilbies last weekend at a local supermarket to raise money for Rotary projects and make people aware of how endangered the Bilby is.*

*Leading the charge were Rotarians Ray Wiles and John Manners.*

#### DID YOU KNOW?

*The Bilby was chosen by the Commonwealth of Australia Endangered Species Program as a mascot representing all endangered species.*

*To raise public awareness of endangered Australian species, a campaign has been launched to replace the Easter bunny with the Bilby, hence we now have the Easter Bilby and Chocolate Bilbies!*



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## What's On....



### March

**Wednesday 22** - District Governor visit

**Wednesday 29** - Joint meeting with Penrith Valley Rotary - Grand View Hotel

**Friday 31** - Greystanes Golf Day W.Falls Country Club

### April

**Saturday 01** - President-Elect Training Day

**Wednesday 05** - Guest speaker - TBA

**April 07-May 07** - Scenic World Sculpture Exhibition

**Sunday 09** - Food van - Grand View Market

**Saturday 23** - District 9685 Assembly

#### ***Our Mission***

Central Blue Mountains Rotary has a very simple mission; to provide service to others within our local community and overseas, to promote integrity, and to advance goodwill through fellowship.

We have a long and successful history of supporting our local community and assisting overseas. Since being established in 1976 we have achieved, quite simply, nothing less than outstanding results every year. We are proud of our contribution to helping others.



*District Governor D9685 Bruce Lakin, a member of the Rotary Club of Pittwater, will visit Central Blue Mountains Rotary on March 22.*

## Help Central Blue meet the End Polio Club Challenge

District 9685 has challenged clubs to reach US\$2,650 in donations by the end of March.

This is a "dollar-for-dollar" deal from District Designated Funds (DDF). But, there's more....Rotary International will match the DDF 50% and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match that total 2 for 1 – a multiplication factor of 7.5..... **How good is that!**

We're not asking everyone to donate \$100. What we ask is for everyone to contribute something extra if they can to our Polio Pig. Just think, your \$10 donation all of a sudden becomes \$75...and that's a whole lot of polio-free kids.

Please pass donations to our treasurer by March 29 at the latest and we will make this happen.

## Optus Satellite HQ informative tour



Join the CBM Rotary tour of Optus Satellite Control Centre, Belrose, on Tuesday, April 4.

Contact Allan Byrnes 0424 151 904 - 4757 2812 and book a seat on the bus departing Wentworth Falls at 3.00pm, or join the tour at the Optus Satellite headquarters. A dinner booking has been arranged at Terry Hills Tavern.

This is an open invitation to Rotarians and partners to join with Central Blue Mountains at this informative event.

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# WORLD ROTARACT WEEK

13-19 March

Rotaract provides an opportunity for young men and women to enhance knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between people through a framework of friendship and service.



## Rotary needs more women members

....Ian Riseley, R.I. pres-elect



RI President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley has called upon Rotary clubs to seek more diversity in their membership, including improving the gender balance.

In his address to Rotary’s annual leadership training event in January, Riseley noted that 103 of the incoming 539 district governors are women.

These are “leaders who will help Rotary connect with, and represent, and better service, all the members of all our communities,” he said.

## Working with Children

### Applying for a Check

The first step is to submit your Working with Children Check (WWCC) application online by going to [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check).

Once your application form has been completed online, you will be given an application (APP) number.

Then, to complete the application, you must take your application number along with proof of identity to a NSW Motor Registry, RMS Agency, or Service NSW office.

In Rotary, we choose the sector “Clubs or other bodies providing services for children”. As we are volunteers, the check is free.

Most people will receive their results within a few days by email from [WWCCNotification@kids.nsw.gov.au](mailto:WWCCNotification@kids.nsw.gov.au). They recommend allowing four weeks before being in contact to enquire about your application’s progress.

When you get your WWCC number, it must be recorded by your club.

### Renewals

A Working With Children Check lasts for five years and the Office of the Children’s Guardian will email WWCC holders a reminder three months before their expiry date. Renewals cannot be processed until you receive your email alert.

A Working With Children Check is like a driver’s licence – the number stays with you and is renewed before it expires. Do not reapply – you simply renew.

## Multi-Cultural Exchange Weekend for Women

Central Blue Mountains Rotary, and other Rotary clubs in the Blue Mountains, is hosting a cultural exchange with 25 migrant and refugee women, this coming weekend.

The Multicultural Exchange Program was created to break barriers of social inclusion. This is a program for women only that has been running for nine years. It is organised as a partnership of Community Migrant Resource Centre and African Women Group. The program relies on volunteers. Without volunteers it would not be successful.

CBM Rotary has developed and is coordinating the program. Several business partners have sponsored events.

The Migrant Resource Centre and the women are purchasing, cooking and providing a celebration dinner at Fairways, Leura, on Saturday evening March 25.

Please contact Jennifer 0414 376 631 or [jennifer@scottadr.com](mailto:jennifer@scottadr.com) if you would like to participate and/or host one or more guests for two nights.

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# Mountain Ghost

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## *Brigadoon at Bundanoon*

The Mountain Ghost wears his kilt once a year and that is for the Bundanoon Highland Gathering at Bundanoon in the Southern Highlands. Before you ask he does wear underwear. Bundanoon can be colder than Katoomba in April.



From Saturday 1st April (April Fool's Day) everyone who is Scottish or has some Scottish blood or anyone who enjoys a good single malt congregates at Bundanoon for the Annual Gathering.

The program this year is bigger than ever. It starts with a street parade on Saturday morning followed by the Opening Ceremony by the "Chieftain of the Day", in this case Jimmy Barnes.

This is followed by the Massed Pipe Bands display (20 bands will be there) Then there is Scottish Country Dancing and Scottish Highland Dancing. There is a difference evidently if you are Scottish.

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The Ghost has just been looking at some of the competitors online and they are truly massive. Luke Reynolds is 200cm tall and a weight 160kgs. Colin Woulfe from NZ (probably Dunedin) is 195cm tall and 156kgs. These are big boys.

At night there is the traditional "Ceilidh". This is a social gathering with folk music, singing and dancing. The highlight is the piping in of the Haggis. The Ghost would prefer a Big Mac.

A little history. This is the 40th annual gathering at Bundanoon and is by far the biggest festival of Scottish Culture in Australia. Last year an estimated 15,000 attended the Games.

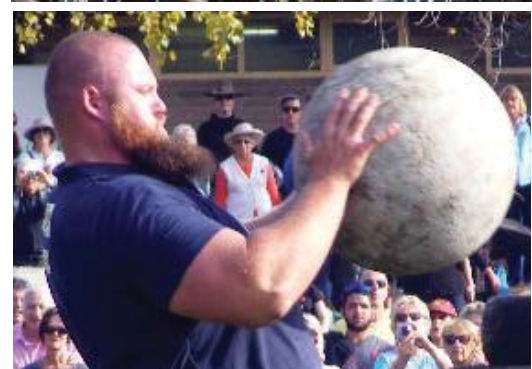
If you can find accommodation in the area there is a lot to see around Bundanoon. There is Morton National Park, Fitzroy Falls, the Highland vineyards, Glow Worm Glen. Bundanoon is a lovely little town.

Entrance to the Games is \$20 a head. In a previous article the Ghost mentioned that ukulele music is not music. However compared to listening to a week of bagpipes the ukulele sounds like a tuned violin. (A matter of taste)

The Ghost highly recommends you get to Bundanoon for a great atmosphere and entertainment.



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Central Blue Rotary and the Greystanes Foundation invite you to the



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