

HORIZONS

Central Blue Mountains Rotary *Effective - Energetic - Enterprising - Empowered*

Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Pride of Workmanship



Pride of Workmanship nominees representing Rotary clubs of Blackheath, Katoomba, Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise and Central Blue Mountains received awards at a function held Thursday May 16 at Blackheath Golf and Community Club.

up front

Speaking to a packed ballroom of Rotarians at the Spokane Convention Center on May 18, 2019, philanthropist Bill Gates brings a message of hope for the total eradication of polio.



Sun., May 19, 2019, 5.00am

By Will Campbell - *The Spokesman-Review*

A goal that seemed nearly impossible just decades ago is now within reach: total eradication of polio.

In 1994, the highly infectious disease that paralyzes those affected for life and often leads to death was wiped out from the Americas.

“That was pretty exciting,” said Bill Gates, speaking to a crowd of about 750 Rotary members from Seattle, Eastern Washington, Idaho and Canada on Saturday at a Rotary International district conference at the Spokane Convention Center.

Ridding polio from the Americas was a first step toward total eradication of the disease. Only three countries are dealing with it now: Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

But Gates, who co-chairs the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is one member of the Polio Global Eradication Initiative, a group dedicated to bringing an end to the disease. But they still need to raise \$3.3 billion for the final push, Gates said.

Gates displayed before the crowd a slide show of world maps showing polio’s shrinking presence.

“Not that long ago, in 1988, polio was everywhere,” he said. “It’s estimated 35,000 new cases were caused every year. Think of that many kids paralyzed.”

There were 33 cases last year worldwide, Gates said.

Gates warned that if polio isn’t eradicated, and if funds dried up, it could make a resurgence over the next several decades, and could roar back to 200,000 cases, he said.

Nigeria is soon to join the list of polio-free countries, Gates said.

The last case in Nigeria was recorded a few years ago, and reaching the three-year mark will mean it’s officially eradicated.

“We’ve come a long ways,” he said.

Gates recalled a 2010 visit to northern India, where polio would soon be eradicated.

“In India, we were so close but it would keep bouncing back in different places,” he said. Part of that was due to poor sanitation, skepticism of the vaccines and difficult access to villages because of flooding or other unforeseen problems. “Our partners had to step up and really get the word out,” he said. “It took two million vaccinators to cover all of India.” India is now celebrating its fifth year of being polio-free.

Gates said Nigeria has been a challenge. Workers helping vaccinate were stuck with inaccurate maps, causing them to assume areas were vaccinated when they weren’t.

But new technology, developed with Gates’ help, has been making improvements. To test villages in the past, workers had to find children who were paralyzed and test them individually. Now, they can take bucketloads of a village’s combined sewage and test it to see if anyone is shedding the polio virus, Gates said.

And when polio is finally eradicated, all of the technology and resources will be able to shift to fighting other diseases. “People are wondering: When will we get it done?,” he said. “That’s a very good question. We’re very very close.”

WhatsOn....

May

- Wednesday 22:** Guest speaker, Chris Cleary:
"Street Med"
- Friday 24:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club
- Saturday 25:** Catering van Woolworths, Katoomba
- Wednesday 29:** Guest speaker, Dr Raymond Yung:
"Developing new cancer drugs - a long and winding road"
- Friday 31:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

June

- Wednesday 05:** Guest speaker, John Robertson:
"The story of FoodBank"
- Friday 07:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club
- Wednesday 12:** Guest speaker, Peter Brooks:
"My Paralympic journey culminating in Athens Gold"
- Thursday 13:** Board meeting
- Friday 14:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club
- Friday 14:** BM Grammar School sports day catering
- Wednesday 19:** Guest speaker, Tara Cameron:
"Conserving now for the future"
- Wednesday 19:** FoodBank collection/distribution
- Friday 21:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club
- Saturday 22:** Catering van Woolworths, Katoomba
- Wednesday 26:** CBM Rotary changeover
- Friday 28:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

July

- Saturday 06:** District Changeover - Hornsby RSL Club

Our Guest Speaker May 22



Chris Cleary

Would you give up the security of full-time employment to run a charity - as a volunteer - to support people living on the streets of western Sydney?

That's just what this week's guest speaker, Chris Cleary did in 2014 when she established 'StreetMed' to provide the homeless in Sydney's west with on the spot physical and mental health care and connecting them with other help services.

In the last few years *StreetMed* has been awarded "Volunteer Champions of the West", while founder, Chris has been named "Outstanding Community Leader in a Volunteer Capacity" in the Zest awards and Hills District's 2017 Woman of the Year.

In the last 12 months *StreetMed* volunteers have supported over 3000 people living on the streets. Find out how they've done it, without government funding when Chris Cleary presents the inspiring story of *StreetMed* at this Wednesday night's Central Blue Rotary meeting.





Pride of Workmanship awardees representing Central Blue Mountains Rotary were Katie Toohey, Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls, and Wendy Dollin, Blue Mountains City Council, seen here with Co-President Steve Cookson, Blue Mountains City Councillor Chris Van der Kley and Central Blue's Vocational Director, Paul Pixton.

Follow all the action from Hamburg



Capture the Moment in Hamburg, Germany, 1-5 June

Whether you'll be attending the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany, from 1 to 5 June, or you simply want to keep up with everything that's happening there, you can find all the latest news on riconvention.org and social media using #Rotary19.

Every day, the Convention Minute provides a quick video recap of the previous day's events, along with a look at the day ahead.

The Convention Minute covers the general sessions and breakout sessions and includes other items of interest, such as popular booths and events in the House of Friendship.

Find the Convention Minute on Rotary's Facebook page, at riconvention.org, or within the daily convention e-newsletter.

On riconvention.org, you can browse exclusive photos of all the convention highlights. You'll be able to watch and share full videos of the world-class speakers who will be inspiring Rotarians to greater service.

And you'll find inspiring stories that show how Rotary members are people of action tackling pressing regional issues in Europe and beyond.

On this blog, you'll find Profiles of Action: short first-person essays from members who are making a difference in their communities, just the sort of people you'll meet in Hamburg.

Be sure to check back later this month, and use #Rotary19 in your own social media posts about the convention.

Mountain Ghost

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Tony Costa - 'Lindy Lee'
oil on canvas - 182.5cm x 152cm

THE ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2019

The Mountain Ghost has some excellent news (for him anyway). He has finally had his portrait hung in the Archibald Prize – well, not exactly, a photo of him/her has been given to the security guards.

Another year passes and still the Mountain Ghost has not had his portrait hung in the Archibald. He is not getting any younger you know. And, even worse, the Ghost thinks the selection of this year's winning portrait was poor but they say beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

The first prize went to Tony Costa for a portrait of fellow artist, Lindy Lee. The Ghost's favourite was the painting by Angus McDonald of Mariam Veiszadeh and Karyn Zamel's self portrait. The Ghost is also impressed by the talent of Anh Do. This guy is a comedian, television presenter, best-selling author and a great artist. He has a lot in common with the Ghost.

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As well as the Archibald Prize (awarded to a painting of a prominent Australian) there is also the Wynne Prize for the best landscape painting and the Sulman Prize for the best subject painting, genre painting or mural project by an Australian artist.

The first Archibald Prize was awarded in 1921 and has remained controversial ever since. The biggest contrary was the awarding of the 1948 prize to William Dobell for his portrait of Joshua Smith which ended in court.

The Ghost was curious – who is Archibald?

J.F. Archibald (1856 – 1919) was a journalist and founder of the Bulletin magazine and served as a Trustee of the Art Gallery of NSW. He was very keen to promote young writers and artists. In 1900 he commissioned Melbourne artist John Longstaff to paint a portrait of Henry Lawson. J.F. Archibald was so impressed with the painting that he decided to leave money in his will for an annual art prize. He also left money for the construction of a fountain in Hyde Park to commemorate the association of France and Australia in World War 1.

You might like to know that entry to the Art Gallery is free but there is a fee to enter the Archibald. Apart from the Archibald prize, there are plenty of permanent exhibits.

The Archibald Exhibition is on until September 2019 and the opening hours are 10.00am – 5.00pm. On Wednesdays you can stay until 10.00pm.

The Art Gallery is open every day (apart from Christmas Day and Good Friday)

Excellent wheel chair access and a very good café and shop to finish off the day.

As the Mountain Ghost's readers know, he loves to be economical and save a few pennies.

A \$2.50 train trip to Sydney makes for a cheap day out.



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Central Blue Mountains Rotary



invites

You, your family and friends

to

Changeover 2019

Wednesday, June 26

Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls
6.30pm for 7.00pm - \$40 per person

Main + Dessert

Tea and Coffee

Drinks at bar prices



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the year of Co-Presidents Ava Emdin and St

and welcome Justine Murphy as President 2019-2020



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Please advise Paul or Justine of special dietary requirements when booking

Dress: Neat casual