



HORIZONS



Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

Effective - Energetic - Enterprising - Empowered

Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, August 23, 2017



This Gory'u Japanese garden at Maple Springs Nursery, 85 Baaners Lane, Little Hartley, has been constructed over several years by Alan Jackson, a former president of Central Blue Mountains Rotary (1991-1992).

The garden will be open for public viewing from October 1 to November 19, 2017 and then from April 14 to May 13, 2018. or by appointment: contact Alan Jackson 0414 879 082

The garden has a huge variety of Japanese Maples and conifers of all colours, along with Japanese lanterns, basins, ornamental bridges, waterfalls and many other attractions.

Alan says it is a continual work in progress. All plants have been propagated by Alan and Margaret Jackson and Alan has laboured over the years on the design and landscaping.

Gory'u is the Japanese name for confluence in English, which means where the waters meet or where two rivers converge, in this case a lake of water meets a dry landscape (karesansui) lake converging to form one.

The garden is based on Buddhist gardens, Taoist gardens, Samurai gardens, Confucianist and some Shinto gardens.

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What's On....

August

Wednesday 23 - Club assembly

Sunday 27 - Bullaburra RSL Community Fun Day

Wednesday 30 - Guest speaker - Ray Wiles

September

Wednesday 06 - Guest speaker: Lynton Phillips
Adventure

Saturday 09 - Greystanes Foundation dinner

Sunday 10 - Catering van - Grand View Market

Wednesday 13 - Guest speaker: Louise Statz
Creating Links, Blue Mountains

Sunday 17 - Waterways event - W. Falls Lake

Wednesday 20 - District Governor official visit

Wednesday 27 - Guest speaker: Julie Ankers
Fiesty, Fabulous and Fifty

Advisory Board Training

Jeremy Carter, president Norwest Sunrise Rotary has offered his company's training course for Board Members - Free to Rotarians and \$50 for non Rotarians.

Saturday, 9 September, 2017 - 8.00am-11.30am

8.00am Coffee & Registration

8.30am - 11.30am Training incl. Morning Tea

Please register by Tuesday, 5 September, 2017.

Advisory Boards – Unlocking success in your organisation

Having a great board of advisors is a powerful asset for your Rotary Club to get objective advice, identify unexplored opportunities, open new doors and increase profitability and sustainability.

This workshop covers what you need to know in order to establish an effective Advisory Board from inception to succession. Unlike corporate boards, advisory boards do not have fiduciary responsibility and their advice is non-binding.

Topics include:

- The importance of governance in organisations
- How to setup an effective advisory board
- Choosing the right people for the board
- Setting objectives, expectations and compensation
- Planning for Meetings
- Running effective board meetings
- Best practice communication strategies

Local students speak about their experience at Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment



Tilda Wilkinson and Michael Hilliard, students at Blue Mountains Grammar School and Owen Drake a Venture Scout originally from Hazelbrook Scout Group now at Springwood Scouts spent the evening at Central Blue sharing their RYPEN experiences with members. BMGS teachers Julie Madgwick and Laura Hall (left) joined their students on the night. Julie Madgwick is also a member of Central Blue Mountains Rotary.

RYPEN, Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment provides teenagers with opportunities to learn life skills and gain motivation, improved self esteem and goal setting

techniques to face the challenges in a competitive world.

All three students made the most of an intensive, action packed residential weekend. From their presentations there was no doubt that they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

L to R: Julie Madgwick and Laura Hall (teachers at BMGS), Tilda Wilkinson, Michael Hillyard, Owen Drake and Ava Emdin, Central Blue's Youth Programs Coordinator.

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Rotary gets council support to continue fight against tagging vandalism

A CRACK team of graffiti removalists is set to receive ongoing support from Ku-ring-gai Council to continue their battle against taggers.

Story:
Jake McCallum,
Hornsby Advocate
August 16, 2017



The “tag team” of removalists, made up of local Rotary club volunteers, have had success in the fight against graffiti on private property across Ku-ring-gai.

Organising Rotarian Roger Norman said he had urged more than 25 clubs across Sydney to follow in the footsteps of Turramurra Rotary.

“Turramurra Rotary started up the graffiti removal project in January 2008, and we have been doing it ever since,” Mr Norman said.

“After about a year or two working on the project, we thought it was a great project for other Rotary clubs across the Ku-ring-gai region and Sydney basin to get involved in.

“I have now presented the idea to more than 90 Rotary clubs across NSW, urging them to take up the graffiti removal project.”

Mr Norman said Rotarians went out to tagging hot spots across the region on a weekly basis.

“On average, each team would remove around six to eight tags each week,” he said.

“The reason why we do the project on a weekly roster is to promote our club, and to create a strong deterrent.

John Edwards, Roger Norma and Tiger Mason remove graffiti from a building at Howson Oval in Sydney on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. (AAP Image/Keri Megelus)

“In general terms, the project is working well. We used to have a lot more graffiti across Ku-ring-gai, but now the message is getting through.”

He said support from the council was also matched by donations of free paint from Dulux, storage space through Kennards Thornleigh, and supplies through Turramurra Hardware.

“The Bendigo Bank in Turramurra also provided a grant for us to build a customised trailer,” he said.

A Ku-ring-gai Council spokeswoman said: “Annual funding of \$12,000 a year will be provided to the club over the next five years to distribute to other Rotary volunteers involved in cleaning up graffiti in Roseville Chase, Wahroonga, St Ives, Lindfield, and Turramurra.”

Residents can get more information about the private graffiti removal project at turramurrarotary.org.au.

To document graffiti, visit vandaltrak.com.au.



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World Polio Day October 24, 2017

World Polio Day was established by Rotary International over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis.

Use of this inactivated poliovirus vaccine and subsequent widespread use of the oral poliovirus, developed by Albert Sabin, led to the establishment of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988.

As of 2013, GPEI had reduced polio worldwide by 99%.



**Fairy Floss is as popular
today as it was 100 years ago**

**Central Blue Mountains Rotary
will be setting up a Fairy Floss stall
at the Bullaburra Community Day
Sunday, August 27, 2017 - 10.00am - 2.00pm
Village Green, Noble Street, Bullaburra**

BRING YOUR FAMILY

Meet Bullaburra
Rural Fire Service
Face painting
Scavenger hunts
Guessing competitions
Barbecue and much more...
enjoy some fairy floss



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Mountain Ghost

The Charles Darwin Walk:

It is only 400 metres to Wentworth Falls via picturesque Weeping Rock, only a 15 minute walk to the picnic area and a gin and tonic...and a whole lot of exercise.



In and around Sydney, he collected 110 species of animals, a lot of them not previously recorded. He then went to Hobart and finally to King George Sound in Western Australia. He never got to Darwin.

Twenty years after his voyage he wrote his famous book "On the Origin of Species" which revolutionised the scientific world's view of evolution. It is said that a lot of his views were highly influenced by his observations from his Blue Mountains trip.

The Ghost hopes you liked this bit of history and next time you do the Charles Darwin Walk you may see it through different eyes of 180 years ago.

See you next time....

The Mountain Ghost was invited to do the two-day overnight walk from Brooklyn to Balgowlah along the Great North Road, a mere 100 km over rough terrain.

The Ghost was concerned that he would miss his Netflix so he opted for something easier. The Charles Darwin Walk at Wentworth Falls which took the Ghost a little over an hour – more his style.

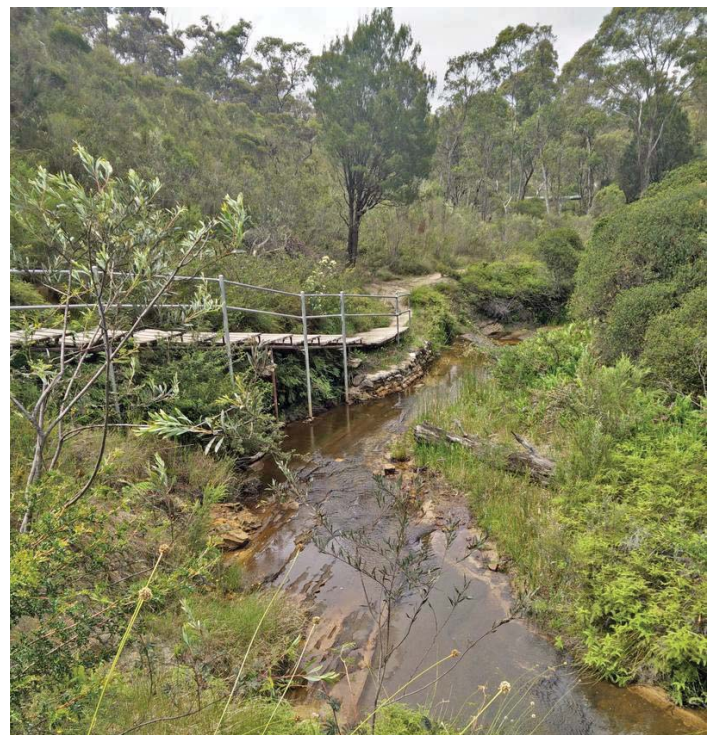
The walk follows the footsteps (figuratively) of the great naturalist Charles Darwin who walked this track in 1836.

The walk starts at Wilson Park, along the boardwalk and bush track through open forest, shrub and hanging swamps to the National Park boundary. From the boundary it is only 400 metres to Wentworth Falls via picturesque Weeping Rock. It is only a 15 minute walk to the picnic area and a gin and tonic. The Ghost was surprised how much bird life he saw on this short walk, he even saw a lyre bird.

When did Charles Darwin visit the Blue Mountains, the Ghost wondered? In January 1836, Darwin made the trip from Sydney. He stayed at the Weatherboard Hut which is on the site of the commuter carpark at Wentworth Falls. On the 17th, he made the trip along the current Charles Darwin Walk (obviously it wasn't called the Charles Darwin walk then) and looked out over the magnificent Jamison Valley. In his diary he noted that the valley was a drained seabed.

The following day he continued onto Blackheath and finished up at Newnes and Bathurst. There is no evidence that he stopped at the Lolly Shop, at Little Hartley.

Charles Darwin was an English naturalist who sailed for five years around the world on HMS Beagle. His object was to expand the world's knowledge of nature



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graffiti

REMOVAL DAY

Love where we live!

Sunday 29 Oct 2017

Volunteer

Nominate a Site

Promote the Day

For more information call 1300 665 310 or visit graffiti removal day.org.au

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Wentworth Falls WATERWAYS FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
10-2PM • FREE EVENT

- Get up close to a crayfish • Sausage sizzle
- Family walks and talks • Meet a turtle
- Go on a swamp safari • BYO picnic

Western side of Wentworth Falls Lake reserve, Sinclair Crescent, Wentworth Falls • Enquiries 4780 5788 or 4780 5521

Book now! www.waterwaysfestival.eventbrite.com.au

Central Blue Mountains Rotary will be providing food and drinks during the festival



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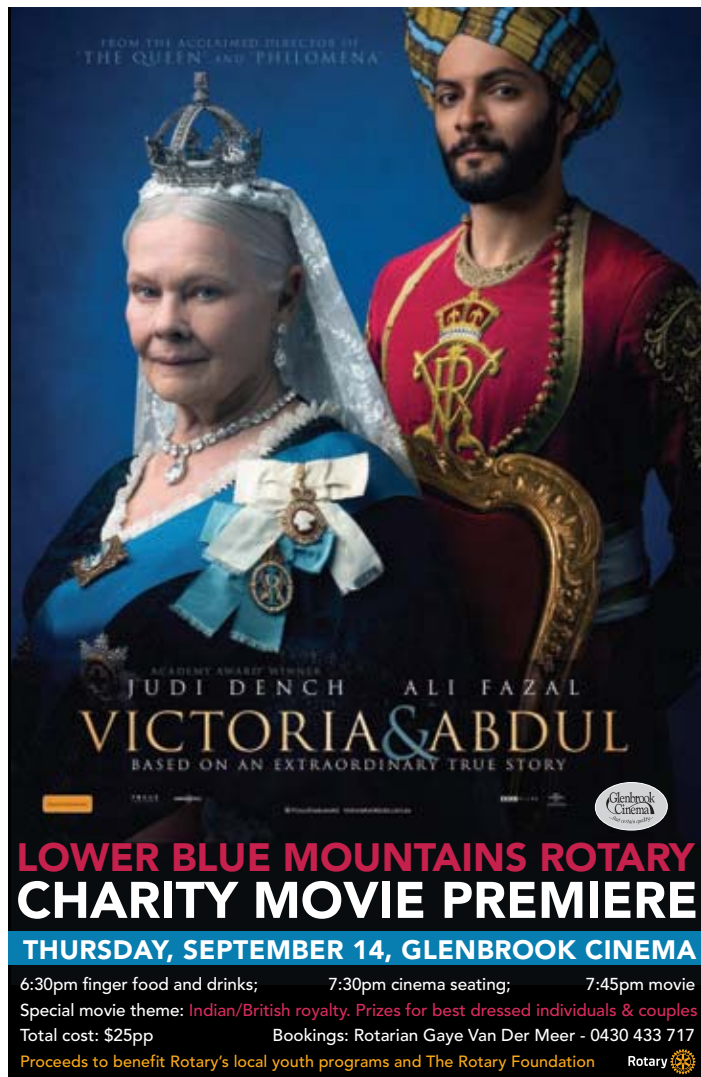
*Mid Mountains
Garden Festival*

16-17 Sept & 23-24 Sept

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JUDI DENCH ALI FAZAL

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BASED ON AN EXTRAORDINARY TRUE STORY


LOWER BLUE MOUNTAINS ROTARY CHARITY MOVIE PREMIERE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, GLENBROOK CINEMA

6:30pm finger food and drinks; 7:30pm cinema seating; 7:45pm movie

Special movie theme: **Indian/British royalty**. Prizes for best dressed individuals & couples

Total cost: \$25pp Bookings: Rotarian Gaye Van Der Meer - 0430 433 717

Proceeds to benefit Rotary's local youth programs and The Rotary Foundation 

....that's all folks