



HORIZONS



Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, May 23, 2018



Red Shield Appeal 2018 26-27 May

Volunteers are needed

Please contact Tom Colless:

tc@colless.com.au - 0418 274 751 or

Ray Wiles: raymar40@bigpond.com

0409 845 415 if you can help.

Photograph: Salvation Army Red
Shield Appeal website

**Rotary
Blue Mountains
Blackheath, Central Blue
Katoomba
Upper Blue Mts Sunrise**



**Wentworth Falls
Country Club
Wednesday, May 30, 2018
6.30pm for 7.00pm
Two course meal
\$40 per person**

Contact

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WhatsOn....

May

Monday 21: Board meeting

Wednesday 23: Club assembly

Saturday 26: Presidents meeting and awards presentation

Sat 26 & Sun 27: Great Train Weekend - Mount Victoria

Red Shield Appeal - volunteers needed

Wednesday 30: BM Rotary Pride of Workmanship

June

Wednesday 06: Guest speaker Melanie Stopic

Wednesday 13: CPR instruction - Grand View Hotel

Wednesday 23: Club assembly

Fri 15 & Sat 16: Winter RYPEN camp

Saturday 16: Barbecue - Home Hardware, Katoomba

Sunday 17: Upper BM Sunrise changeover

Monday 25: Springwood Rotary changeover

Wednesday 27: Catering van BMGS Senior Sports Day

Wednesday 27: CBM Rotary changeover

Thursday 28: Blackheath Rotary changeover



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Mt Solitary hazard reduction burn



Photograph: Sth. Katoomba Rural Fire Service

*Mt Solitary, Katoomba - Massive hazard reduction burn covering 3,500 hectares on May 8.
Blue Mountains Gazette reported that tourists watched smoke rising from a region that had not been burned since 1955.*

ShelterBox Recognition

ShelterBox has been nominated for the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize, the winner to be announced in October.

Whatever the result, this is an amazing nomination and we are truly honoured.

The nomination reflects the incredible work done by the ShelterBox staff and volunteers around the world, and to those who have supported us, especially the many Rotary Clubs and Rotarians.

The nomination is also an implicit recognition of the partnership between ShelterBox and Rotary International. Two great organisations combining their efforts to provide disaster aid wherever it may be required across our world.

Rotary Leadership

The Rotary Leadership Institute course is now run over two days, powerpacked with information, learning and skills you can use in your Rotary life straight away.

Networking with other Rotarians and led by experienced facilitators, you are sure to enjoy what others are describing as the best Rotary training they have had. Register online now at rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au and supercharge your Rotary.

There is 1 course available for registration:

RLI 48 - Saturday 4 and 25 August 2018

Contact Ian Scott: ian@scottadr.com - 0402 217 915

Rotary making a difference

Gosford North Rotary Club has visited Madagascar eight times over the past few years delivering essential aid.

They have been involved in a RAWCS approved program that distributes medical equipment, wheelchairs, SewAid, solar lights, blankets as well as setting up many programs including orphanage building, Skyjuice water project, carpentry skills building, school desk building, educational supplies.

On 6th June 2018, they are off again! This time taking 1,112 RAWCS approved solar lights and undertaking a major water project.

The people of Madagascar are experiencing the worst drought in many decades. Gosford North Rotary has raised about \$20,000 to purchase materials to fund a two kilometre gravity fed water pipeline from a natural spring in the mountains down into a 'parched' village of 2,200 people.

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP? Gosford North is just \$3,500 short of funds necessary to upgrade 12 existing, but damaged water points.

Please contact Madagascar project organiser Peter Pearce if you can assist the wonderful yet disadvantaged people of Madagascar. PS If you would love to join us on this trip, applications are open, leaving on 6th June.

Peter Pearce OAM - 0431 778655

peterpearce48@hotmail.com

TAKE ACTION: Save a life using

Wednesday, 13 June, 2018

Grand View Hotel,
Wentworth Falls

Dinner: 6.00pm

Instruction: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

*A small donation from those attending will
help to buy a gift for the presenter.*



CBM Rotary has obtained the services of Frances Davidson, Pulse First Aid Training, to provide a two-hour FREE-OF-CHARGE instruction session on saving a life using CPR.

Frances Davidson comes with a wealth of 'on the job' practical knowledge. She has 25 years nursing experience.

During this time she has worked in ICU, Cardiothorasic ICU and emergency.

She trained in a hospital based system, five years with Victor Chang both heart surgery and transplant and one year on the RNS disaster team.

Frances has experienced both metropolitan and regional ambulance services and has had six years with the Australian Red Cross blood service.

She is a member of the Australian Resuscitation Council.



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Mountain Ghost

On 26th/27th May the Ghost will be in steam train heaven figuratively that is. It is the 150th Anniversary of the Great Western Railway at Mt. Victoria. There are so many activities the Ghost is almost lost for words.



THE GREAT TRAIN WEEKEND

By now, readers of the Mountain Ghost will know a lot about him. He likes to eat and drink to excess, loves nature, loves the Blue Mountains and he also loves steam trains.

Well, on the weekend of 26th/27th May the Ghost will be in steam train heaven figuratively that is. It is the 150th Anniversary of the Great Western Railway at Mt. Victoria. There are so many activities the Ghost is almost lost for words.

Firstly, the readers can take a ride aboard a historic railmotor from the 1920's from Mount Victoria to Katoomba and return. This 50 minute trip will cost \$20.

Secondly you can take a trip from Mt. Victoria to Lithgow in 1930's carriages hauled by the Southern Hemisphere's largest operating locomotive. The return trip takes 90 minutes and costs from \$35. The Ghost has been informed that this is now booked out and the Ghost has missed this trip.

Lastly, there is the steam train from Central to Mt. Victoria on the 26th. This trip actually commemorates Mt. Victoria Station opening 150 years ago. Again this is booked out but the Ghost is getting in early and booking now for the 200th Anniversary.

The local community is really getting into the Activities at Mount Victoria. There is a model train display at the historic Mount Victoria Station on Platform 1. There is the Mount Victoria Museum next to the Station. David Stratton is presenting a Buster Keaton movie at the Mt. Vic Flicks. There are railway pies and soup at the Victoria and Albert Guesthouse. Plus the usual stalls and live entertainment throughout Mt. Victoria.

The Ghost likes to give his readers some information of historical importance. Well there are no ATMs in Mount Victoria!

So much for the train travel 150 years ago. The Ghost was interested to learn that the Indian Pacific train from Sydney to Perth goes through the Blue Mountains on its 4,352 km trek from the Pacific Ocean to the Indian Ocean, one of the world's greatest train journeys.

As from April this year passengers travelling east from Perth to Sydney have an optional tour off the train into the heart of the Blue Mountains. The Ghost's spies tell him that they go straight to Scenic World at Katoomba. All Off-Train excursions on the Indian Pacific are included in the fare.

The Ghost has a great suggestion to the owners of the Indian Pacific to improve the journey – replace the diesel engines with steam engines.

The Ghost hopes to see you all at Mt. Victoria.....



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Hawkesbury Race Club meeting sees \$55,000 go to Windsor Rotary

Hawkesbury Race Club's latest race meeting saw Windsor Rotary Group's charitable expectations smashed for their fifth annual race day.

A record \$54,498 was raised throughout the day, with proceeds benefitting the Children's Medical Research Institute, Children's Cancer Institute and Hawkesbury-Colo Meals on Wheels.

Hawkesbury Race Club's vice chairman Sid Kelly OAM, an active member of the Windsor Rotary and past president, was emcee for the afternoon and was delighted with the community response.

"It is our most successful race day in five renewals and a fantastic result for all involved," said Kelly.

Fellow Hawkesbury Race Club board member, John Gollan, another past president of the Windsor Rotary branch, said the support from local businesses made the fundamental difference.

Windsor Rotary was also proud to support Windsor High School's P&C and their own Windsor Rotary Youth Foundation Trust.

story: *Hawkesbury Gazette*

Central Blue Mountains Rotary supports



Doggie Day Café

Central Blue's Doggie Day Café was open for business Sunday, May 20 at the Million Paws Walk, Melrose Park Katoomba. But, it was a cold windy day in the BM and customers were in short supply early in the morning.

Roza Sage and Jennifer Scott were waiting patiently for hungry people to arrive.





Central Blue Mountains Rotary

invites you to attend

Changeover 2018

Wednesday, June 27

Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls

6.30pm for 7.00pm - \$35 per person

Main-Dessert

Tea and Coffee

Drinks at bar prices

Celebrate the year of President Roza Sage and welcome
Ava Emdin and Steve Cookson as Joint Presidents 2018-2019



RSVP: June 20, 2018 to:

Roza Sage - 0408 329 212 - rozasage@gmail.com

Please indicate any special dietary requirements when booking

Dress: Neat casual