



HORIZONS



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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

The Rotary Foundation Centennial Souvenir Stamp Sheet



Established in 1917 with a donation of \$26.50, The Rotary Foundation is dedicated to advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Through grants and other resources, Rotary members develop sustainable projects that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children and grow local economies.



Fighting disease



Funding medical and dental programs



Providing clean water

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A souvenir stamp sheet commemorating The Rotary Foundation's Centenary is available now. It can be used for general postage or presented as a gift.

Developed by PDG Ian Scott, Central Blue Mountains and PP Clive Mellor, Dee Why Warringah Rotary, the sheets are A4-sized and individually numbered with eight \$1 stamps embedded. Each has a Foundation Centennial tab set in a Foundation themed design.

The stamps are legal Australia Post issue. The tabs can be removed and affixed to mail items along with the stamp.

The stamp sheets make a great souvenir and if framed would be an ideal gift for guest speakers at club meetings.

All profit from sales will go to The Rotary Foundation.

Cost per sheet is \$25 including postage and packing.

Mail order sales to Australia and New Zealand will be in AUS dollars, in other parts of the world, US dollars.

BECAUSE ONLY 500 STAMP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE, THE GENERAL IDEA IS TO BUY NOW!

So.... You can direct deposit to CBM's charity account: BSB: 802-084 - A/c 731641 - but please tell us who you are when making a deposit, then send an email to Ian Scott at stampsheet@scottadr.com telling us what you have done.....OR you can complete the order form on page 4 of this newsletter and email it to stampsheet@scottadr.com

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What's On....

May

Wednesday 24 - No meeting

Wednesday 24 - Food van - BMGS Athletic Day

Sat-Sun 27-28 - Red Shield Appeal

Sunday 28 - Rotary - MUNA

Wednesday 31 - Bob Reid - Cancer Wellness

June

Wednesday 07 - Guest speaker - to be advised

Sunday 11 - Food van - Grand View Market

Wednesday 14 - Guest speaker to be advised

Fri 16 - Sun 18 - RYPEN camp, Springwood

Saturday 19 - Katoomba Rotary changeover and 80th birthday

Wednesday 21 - Club assembly - plan 2017-2018

Thursday 22 - Combined board meeting

Wednesday 28 - CBM changeover function

July

Saturday 01 - District 9685 changeover - Hornsby RSL

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.

Learn about Rotary at a two-day course

District 9685 Rotary Leadership Institute wants to try a one-weekend, two day course for people who prefer two days of learning in one hit, rather than have it spread over three different days, as would normally happen.

So, they are saying that RLI 41 will run over the weekend of June 24-25.

If this better suits your availability then please register now at rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

This weekend course is held at the District Office, Thornleigh. Morning teas and lunches are provided.

Each day starts at 8:00 for 8:30am and finishes around 3.30 - 4.00 pm.....REGISTER NOW!

Become a Volunteer



RED SHIELD APPEAL

May 27 and 28

If you would like to volunteer as a doorknocker, driver, or street collector contact Tom Colless 4780 1100 and become part of the happy team helping the Salvos this year.

CBM Rotary

- on your PC
- on your Tablet
- on your Phone



DG Bruce and DGE Peter warmly invite you to

ROTARY DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEOVER

Saturday 1 July 2017
6.00pm for 6.30pm

Hornsby RSL Club, 4 High St, Hornsby

\$55 per person incl. 2 course dinner

Register at changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au



RSVP Friday June 23, 2017



Rotary Youth
Program of Enrichment
June 16-18
Blue Gum Lodge
Springwood



Upper Mountains Rotary clubs
have four students attending.

BowelCare kits are on sale only until May 31

Central Blue Mountains Rotary is co-ordinating the program at Hazelbrook, Lawson, Wentworth Falls, Leura, Greenwell & Thomas and Blue Mountains Pharmacy Katoomba.

This is the 27th year that Rotary will be providing Australians with an affordable annual bowel cancer screening program.

Early detection is important because it leads to leads to an improved outcome and less severe treatment. Over 16,000 cases of Bowel Cancer will occur in Australia in 2017. This accounts for 12% of all cancer cases in Australia.

BowelCare kits are sold for \$15.00 each. This is approximately half the normal retail cost of equivalent screening tests.

The cost includes pathology testing and notification of results to both the participant and their nominated doctor

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Mountain Ghost

The Mountain Ghost as his readers know is a lover of history and especially if it is local history. He has recently been reading up on the history of the first white crossing of the Mountains in 1813. It is very hard to prosecute a Ghost for plagiarism.

THE CROSSING OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS AN UPDATE OF THE HISTORY

When the colony of NSW was established in 1788 by Capt Arthur Phillip the early years were plagued by food shortages. Crops failed in the heat and poor soil around Sydney. Better soil and conditions needed to be found.

Governor Phillip gave the task of exploring the Blue Mountains to Lieutenant William Dawes. Apart from being a Marine, Dawes was also a naturalist, an astronomer and linguist. In 1789 he travelled from Prospect Hill to Mount Twiss. The Ghost believes Prospect Hill is the site of the current Prospect Reservoir. Mount Twiss is close to Hazelbrook so Dawes got a fair way up the Mountain.

In 1793, Capt Peterson explored 10m of the Grose Valley. Quarter Master Hacking from the Sirius made an attempt that same year without success. Port Hacking is named after him. George Bass (from Bass & Flinders fame) set out in 1794 but was forced to return unsuccessful.

A George Caley reached Mt Banks only 10 km from Mt Victoria before returning. An ex-convict John Wilson was sent by Governor Hunter. He claimed he had found a crossing of the Mountain via the Wingecarribee River. He probably did find a crossing but was killed by aborigines so we will never know.

The new Governor, Lachlan Macquarie, was very keen to find new grazing lands west of the Mountains. When he visited the Cox Valley he met Gregory Blaxland who was a cattleman supplying meat for the Colony. They discussed ways to get across the Mountains. Blaxland set off with Lieutenant William Lawson and a young Colonial, William Wentworth. Blaxland decided to try a new "tack".

They went straight up a rocky overhang above Emu Ford (Penrith). Keeping to the tops and the ridges, they reached Mt. York eighteen days after leaving the Nepean River. On the 31st May they climbed a hill (Mount Blaxland). They made camp next day on the banks of a stream (The Lett) in the midst of lush grass over 3 feet high.

Governor Macquarie did not acknowledge the crossing in official journals but quickly sent the Government's Surveyor, George Evans to explore further and report his



findings. He took a three week trip past Mt. Blaxland to the lush Bathurst Plains. On his return Evans was given many accolades from the Government for his feat.

The Ghost wonders if Governor Macquarie did not like sharing the praise for Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson because of his big ego. We all know that William Cox was commissioned to construct a road in hot haste, along the Blaxland or Evans Track, to open up grazing lands for the Colony. With a convict road gang of 30 Cox built 160 kms of road in 6 months. This is an absolutely outstanding achievement. As Blue Mountains residents we all know how long it took to build the new double lane highway across the Mountains.

On 24th April 1815 Governor Macquarie and his wife left Government House in Parramatta to travel via the new road to Bathurst proclaiming the town on 7th May 1815.

The Ghost was curious about what happened to Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson. Belatedly they were each given a land grant of 1,000 acres. Not a particularly generous gesture considering their trip was self-funded.

So there you are. I hope you have learnt something new!



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