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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

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**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

2017-18 Rotary International President, Ian H.S. Riseley announces his presidential theme

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley made the case on Monday 16/01 that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service.

Riseley, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, unveiled the 2017-18 presidential theme, Rotary: Making a Difference, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.



Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Riseley said. "They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda."

Environmental degradation is one of the major threats listed by the UN's High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change.

Riseley added, "The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. It is, and must be, everyone's concern."

The president-elect challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

"It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring," Riseley said. "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself."

Securing Rotary's future

In his address to the 2017-18 class of district governors, Riseley also urged clubs to improve their gender balance and lower the average age of their members.

Only 22 percent of Rotary's members are women, up from 13 percent 10 years ago. At that rate, Riseley said, it will take another three decades for Rotary to achieve gender parity.

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What's On....



January

Wednesday 25 - Peter Carroll - Nepal project

Thursday 26 - Australia Day event - Wilson Park
Wentworth Falls 0800 - 1200

Monday 30 - Board meeting

February

Wednesday 01 - Dr Michael Bendon - archeologist

Sunday 05 - Food van at Leura School market

Wednesday 08 - Sue Beevers - BlazeAid

Monday 13 - Board meeting

Wednesday 15 - Club Assembly

Saturday 18 - Celebrating Rotary's birthday

Saturday 18 - Book sale - Sustainable Cambodia

Wednesday 15 - Wayne Cornish - Aboriginal
Resource Centre - Siblings Cultural Camps

March

Wednesday 01 - New member information night

Sunday 05 - Food van at Leura School market

Sunday 05 - Clean Up Australia Day - Honour
Avenue, Lawson - Girl Guides

Tuesday 07 - Food van - BMGS Cross Country event

Wednesday 08 - Guest Speaker - to be advised

Saturday 11 - District 9685 conference - Penrith
panthers

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.

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We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone.

"Three decades is far too long to wait to achieve a Rotary that reflects the world in which we live. We need to make it a priority now," he said.

Noting that 103 of the 539 incoming governors are women, Riseley said they are the type of women we need in Rotary, "leaders who will help Rotary connect with, and represent, and better serve, our communities."

Riseley also believes it is imperative that clubs find ways to attract and engage younger members. Today only 5 percent of reported members are under 40, and a majority of members are over 60.

"Consider what Rotary stands to look like 10 or 20 years from now if we don't get very serious, very soon, about bringing in younger members," Riseley said.

"We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone," he told incoming governors. "I ask you to keep that spirit of teamwork and cooperation always in your minds and to take it back with you to your districts."



8.00am
till Noon

Australia Day Community Breakfast

Wilson Park, Wentworth Falls
January 26, 2017



Adults \$8.00
Children \$4.00

Enjoy freshly cooked eggs, bacon, sausages and Aussie Damper
cereal, fruit juice, tea and coffee

Entertainment, Bush Poet, Aboriginal Culture, Games, Contests, Prizes for the best Aussie outfits

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The Rotary eClub of Greater Sydney will be celebrating Rotary's birthday at The Carrington Hotel Gardens, Katoomba on February 18, 2017

This will be a free community event to spread the word about Rotary clubs and Rotary International to the local community and visitors to the area. The event has the potential to be used as a membership drive for clubs who participate. Please add this to your upcoming events, if you would like to be a part of this event (host a stall, volunteer etc.) please contact Lucian Keegel - iskeegel@bigpond.com or 0415 232 901.



Tour Japan in May - Assist The Rotary Foundation

A nine-day tour to Japan is being organised by the Rotary Club of St Ives, leaving Sydney on 20 May 2017.

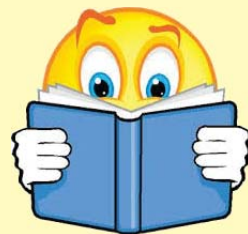
This guided tour will include visits to Tokyo, Kamakura, Mt Fuji, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Nara. The group will fly JAL, meet local Rotarians, and learn about Japanese culture.

Total cost \$4,648 includes economy flights, three or four star accommodation, transfers, all breakfasts, four lunches and an English speaking guide.

The price includes a donation of \$100 per person to The Rotary Foundation. The tour is open to Rotarians, partners and friends. Extra days can be added either before or after the tour.

Contact Peter Lorschy peterlorschy12@bigpond.com for a full itinerary or to register your interest.

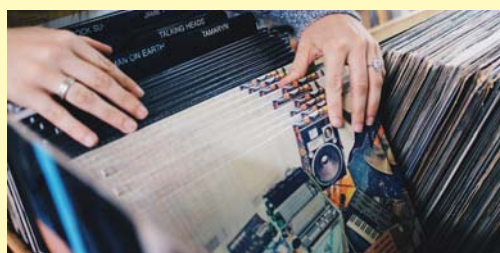
Rotary Central Blue Mountains Monster Book Sale February 18, 2017



Uniting Church
Cnr Megalong and
Grose Streets , Leura
8.30am - 2.00pm



Hundreds of Quality Discounted Books



Vinyls, CDs, jigsaw Puzzles

Proceeds will support
the club's Sustainable
Cambodia project

Mountain Ghost

The Tamworth Music Festival has many times been counted among the world's top ten music festivals.



TAMWORTH MUSICAL FESTIVAL

The Ghost is off to Tamworth - The Country Musical Festival that is – yee haa!! It has been on the Ghost's bucket list for some time along with the Parkes Elvis Festival and the Deniliquin Ute Muster. Now you know the Ghost is a bogun at heart.

While he has not been to Tamworth before, he has friends that make the Annual Pilgrimage and they rave about the atmosphere there.

This year will be the 45th running of the Festival – it goes for 10 days and there are 2,800 events and 700 performers. The highlight is the Golden Guitar awards for the best in Australian country music.

It all started in January 1973 when radio station 2TM launched the Australian Country Music awards. The first winner was Joy McKean who received the first Golden Guitar for "Light on the Hill" - the song that was made popular by her husband, Slim Dusty. I hope Slim was not thinking of Tamworth when he wrote "The pub with no beer". The Ghost likes a beer especially when its 40 degrees in Tamworth.

To date, 500 Golden Guitar trophies have been handed out to deserving Country Music artists and Slim Dusty has received a massive 37 trophies.

The Golden Guitar weighs 1.5kg, but the Ghost was surprised to learn that it was not solid gold. It's not worth stealing.

Apart from the Awards there is plenty going on in Tamworth. There are 10 pre-concert nights in Toyota Park. There are stages erected all over Tamworth plus buskers everywhere. The city of Tamworth comes alive, with visitors from all across the country and worldwide who come to join in the festivities.

The festival has many times been counted among the world's top ten music festivals. In 2007 Forbes

rated it as Number 8 of the World's Coolest Music Festivals. The enormous number of visitors during the bash doubles the city's population and brings significant tourism and economic benefits to the region.

Visitor numbers for the 2012 festival were estimated at 50,000. The mass number of visitors means that accommodation throughout the area is consistently booked out for this period up to 12 months in advance, with many visitors camping in caravans, camper vans and tents by the city's riverside and numerous other temporary camping sites throughout the region.

The festival is the second biggest country music festival in the world, after Nashville. Some of the performers for this year are Kasey Chambers, The McClymonts, Adam Harvey, Lee Kernaghan and Sara Storer. The rumour is that Keith Urban will win the big one. If you haven't booked accommodation – bad luck – you will need to try next year.

The Festival is renowned to be known as a Family Friendly Event. A lot of people have been coming here for more than 20 years. During the music festival the main shopping street (Peel Street) is restricted to pedestrians only. In this area, Buskers are required to register with the local council. There is also a competition between these registered buskers to find the festival's best busker.

Since January is a summer month with daytime temperatures regularly hovering around 38°C, it is during the night-time that the city really comes to life, with people heading down town to drink, dance and generally party while numerous bands play up and down the main street.

Good to Know:

Suitable for all ages

Book at least a year in Advance

Wheelchair access ok for most venues (but beware of crowds)

Ghost Rating: 9/10



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Rotary is Celebrating 112 years of community service

Join the Rotarians in the Blue Mountains in getting together to celebrate 112 years of Rotary International's community support.

18th February, 2017, 10am - 3pm

**Carrington Gardens (Front of the Carrington Hotel)
Katoomba Street, Katoomba**

We will be providing food for purchase - sausage sizzle, pancakes, information and much more. There is an entertainment program featuring musical performances, face painting, balloon twister, and even a Magician!!

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This is a FREE community event.

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