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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

World Polio Day - October 24, 2017



If polio is not eradicated, hundreds of thousands of children could be paralyzed

**END
POLIO
NOW**

Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988. In 2007, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation joined Rotary in its commitment to ending polio.

Since 2013, the Gates Foundation has matched every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication 2-to-1, up to \$35 million per year. Rotary, with matching funds from the Gates Foundation, has contributed more than \$1.6 billion to end polio.

Since we started the fight against polio, we've reduced the number of polio cases by 99.9 percent and reached more than 2.5 billion children with the vaccine. There are fewer polio cases today than ever before, but we will not stop until we reach zero. If polio is not eradicated, hundreds of thousands of children could be paralyzed. Global health care costs would rise dramatically, and many children's quality of life would be drastically diminished.

Join us in the fight to end polio and help us save lives and give a child a chance at a prosperous future.

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WhatsOn....

October

Wednesday 25 - Guest speaker Jeanette Hansen
Her topic is "Timebanking"
see story below

Saturday 28 - Sunday 29 - Graffiti Removal

November

Wednesday 01 - Guest speaker to be advised

Friday 03 - Twilight Market - Faulconbridge

Saturday 04 - Trifecta ticket sales - Leura Mall

Wednesday 08 - Guest speaker to be advised

Friday 10 - NSW Police Officer of the Year awards

Sunday 12 - Grand View Market

Wednesday 15 - Guest speaker to be advised

Monday 20 - Rotary Foundation Dinner

Wednesday 22 - Club Assembly

Sunday 26 - Special Olympics Dream Ride event

Wednesday 29 - Guest speaker to be advised

December

Wed 06 - CBM Rotary annual general meeting



Our Guest Speaker October 25

In 2015, Jeanette Hansen faced redundancy and since September 2016, has been volunteering at Springwood Neighbourhood Centre. In January 2016, Jeanette was offered the part time position as coordinator for Blue Mountains Timebanking.

She is very excited to be presenting "Timebanking" to Central Blue Mountains Rotary and is looking forward to a great joint venture!

So... What is Timebanking?

It is an innovative new volunteer program which aims to connect, strengthen and increase resilience in our community by sharing skills, facilitating acts of kindness and encouraging respect for others.

Timebanking is being auspiced locally by Springwood Neighbourhood Centre on behalf of NSW Volunteering. It is a concept specifically designed to be owned, enjoyed and nurtured by all who value volunteering in the Blue Mountains. From Lapstone to Mount Victoria to Bell and right across our diverse and unique community.

It's as simple as give an hour, receive an hour: by giving one hour of volunteering to another member, you earn one hour of time credits which can be used to receive services that are of personal value.

Things such as dog walking, gardening, massage, language tuition, travel advice, design ideas or sharing a members extensive knowledge of celestial photography. You're only limited by your imagination!

Come along Wednesday, October 25 and learn more about this innovative program about volunteering.

Rotary gives another \$49.5 million to help eradicate polio

With just 11 confirmed polio cases so far in 2017, the world is on the brink of eradicating polio.

To recognize this historic progress, Rotary is giving \$49.5 million in grants to support immunization and surveillance activities led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Some of the funds will support efforts to end polio in the three countries where polio remains endemic: Afghanistan (\$9.32 million), Pakistan (\$8.94 million), and Nigeria (\$7.71 million). Further funding will support efforts to keep six vulnerable countries polio-free: Chad (\$2.37 million), the Democratic Republic of Congo (\$4.5 million), Guinea (\$961,000), Somalia (\$1.62 million), South Sudan (\$3.77 million), and Sudan (\$2.56 million). An additional \$7.74 million will go toward surveillance activities in Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean region.

To raise awareness and funds for polio eradication, Rotary clubs around the globe will host nearly 1,900 events for World Polio Day.

Rotary International's fifth annual World Polio Day celebration on Oct. 24 will be co-hosted by Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and held at the foundation's headquarters in Seattle.



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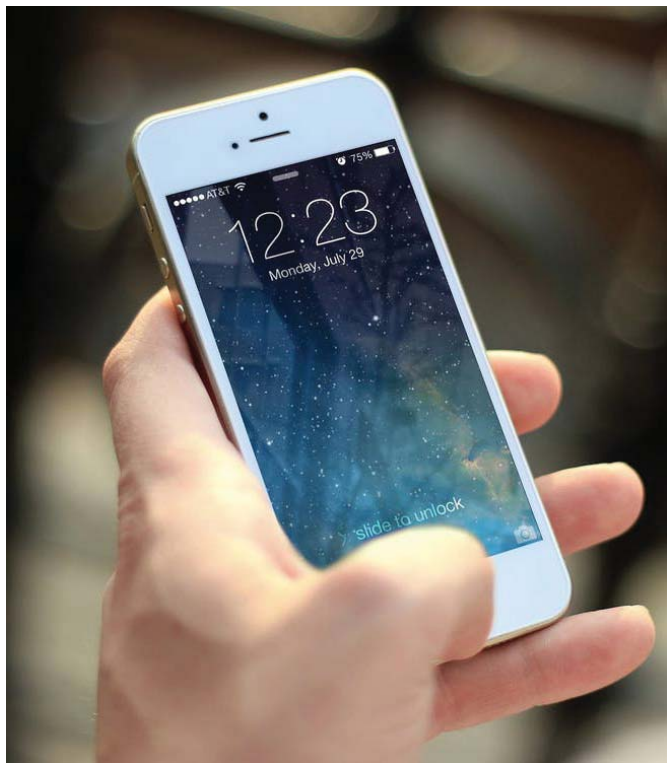
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will be selling
Christmas
puddings at the
Twilight Market
Faulconbridge
Public School,
Friday**

**November 3
6.00pm to 9.00pm**



Fast, accurate cellphone messaging could assist in the fight against Polio



Mobile phones and simple text messaging may be the keys to victory in the world's largest public health initiative: the eradication of polio.

As the disease retreats from the global stage, thriving in only a few remote areas in three countries, it's up to health workers to deliver vaccines and share information with speed and accuracy.

Health workers in Pakistan are receiving cellphone and e-monitoring training at the Rotary Resource Center in Nowshera, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are strengthening the lines of communication by giving cellphones to health workers in Pakistan and Nigeria, where a single text message could save a life.

In Pakistan, Rotary has been working to replace traditional paper-based reporting of maternal and child health information, including polio immunization data, with mobile phone and e-monitoring technology.

Community health workers across the nation have received more than 800 phones through a partnership with Rotary, the Pakistani government; Telenor, the country's second-largest telecommunications provider; and Eycon, a data monitoring and evaluation specialist. Organizers plan to distribute a total of 5,000 cellphones by the end of 2018.

Health workers can use the phones to send data via text message to a central server. If they see a potential polio case, they can immediately alert officials at Pakistan's National Emergency Operations Center. They also can note any children who didn't receive the vaccine or parental refusals – and record successful immunizations. In Pakistan, the polio eradication effort aims to reach the nation's 35 million children under age five.

The result is a collection of real-time information that officials can easily monitor and assess, says Michel Thieren, regional emergency director of the World Health Organization's Health Emergency Program.



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For tour details contact Jennifer Scott- jennifer@scottadr.com - 0414 367 631



Robert Ralston - graffiti eradicator

Saturday 28 October
Sunday 29 October

Contact Tom Colless 4780 1100 - tc@colless.com.au - if you can assist for just a couple of hours on either day. Your help would be much appreciated.

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Mountain Ghost

The Festival involves market stalls, amusement rides and ongoing entertainment all with a Halloween theme. The main attraction is a Street Parade along Main Street which just happens to be the main street (clever people at Lithgow).

Lithgow Halloween

Last year the Mountain Ghost had a very enjoyable day/night at Lithgow for their annual Halloween Festival. The Festival is in its 5th year and is by far the biggest community event in the town. This year's event will be on Saturday 28th. Everyone gets dressed up in their scariest outfit.

The Ghost was most upset last year when he won the prize for the best mask but it was his own natural face. You can't fight age.

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The Ghost also visited Portland, a little village 14km from Lithgow (most readers would remember Portland as the former home of Portland Cement Works which shut about 15 years ago). What a lovely little town very similar to Millthorpe before its rebirth.

The town was actually named after the Portland Cement Works, the first cement factory in Australia. Portland is famous for its "Signs of Yesteryear", vintage signs from 1895 to 1945 have been painted and restored on local shop walls. It really is very nostalgic. Anyway this Saturday, 28th October is the Portland Spring Fair featuring markets and a ute muster. There is also ferret racing. The Ghost can hardly wait.

The Ghost also likes to give you a bit of history and he also learns as well. What is Halloween all about?

Halloween is celebrated on the night of 31st October. Its origins started with the Celts (Ireland, UK and Northern France) 2,000 years ago. They celebrated the New Year on 1st November marking the end of Summer and the Harvest.

On the night before they celebrated 'Samhain' when they believed the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. In 43 AD the Roman Empire had conquered the Celts. The Romans adopted the Celtic tradition of Samhain which they called Feralia. In 609 AD Pope Boniface IV established All Martyrs Day. Later Pope Gregory II expanded the Festival to include all saints as well and 1st November became All Saints Day.

The Ghost hopes you are reading this because he will ask questions later.

In 1000AD, the Church made 2nd November All Souls Day to honour the dead (and was celebrated similarly to the Celtic Samhain. The All Saints Day celebration was also called All-Hallows Day. The night before became known as All-Hallows Eve and eventually Halloween.

It was celebrated in a limited form for hundreds of years before taking off in America in the 19th and 20th Century mainly fuelled by Irish immigrants who knew the Celtic origins.

If you can get to Lithgow or Portland next Saturday the Ghost is sure you will have an enjoyable time.

Don't forget to dress up.....

Images: Lithgow Halloween website



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What other Rotary clubs are doing



Police Officer of the Year

The Rotary Club of Sydney is proud to host the 8th Annual Awards for the NSW Police Force to give state-wide community recognition for excellence in Police service to officers and unsworn employees throughout NSW.

The event will bring together the local winners from all over the state. Together with their colleagues we will come together to celebrate the hard work and outstanding achievements of officers, volunteers and civilian employees for excellence in Police service throughout NSW.

Tickets still only \$95 per person.

Central Coast Graffiti Removal

Woy Woy Rotary Club is holding a Graffiti Removal Day on Sunday, October 29.

Club organiser John Greenway says Graffiti Removal Day draws attention to the fight against graffiti vandalism and encourages people to get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti.

"Central Coast Council and Rotary are committed to combating graffiti, which is why we are proud to be working with the NSW Government, Graffiti Removal Australia and great sponsors such as Dulux, Selleys and Smart Graffiti on this event," Mr Greenway said.

Spring Fashion Show

To raise money for local community projects, the Rotary Club of Warrnambool (Vic) held a spring fashion show last week.

They charged an entry fee of \$20, which included a glass of champagne and nibbles on arrival as well as entry into a lucky door prize draw.

Rotary club member Anne Adams said money raised from the fashion parade would go towards community projects including Tasty Plate, Standing Tall, Hospice in the Home and Food Share.

Driver Awareness

Warwick Sunrise Rotary Club and Rotary Club of Warwick collaborated for last week to run a Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program for local high school students.

Hearing from local police and ambulance officers, as well as accident survivors and instructors, the students gained six different perspectives on how to be a savvy driver and avoid running into strife.

The program is delivered to 1800-2000 students annually around the Darling Downs.



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Sydney Districts 9675 & 9685

An Invitation to the Rotary Foundation Dinner

Blacktown Workers Club

55 Campbell St

Blacktown, 2148

20 November, 2017

6:30PM

Keynote speaker at the Foundation Dinner is Canadian Rotarian Jennifer Jones

Jennifer is the President and CEO of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning television production company in Windsor, ON. She is proud member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland and is a Past District Governor of District 6400.

*For further details and booking
arrangements please contact: ian@scottadr.com - 0402 217 915*

Rotary District 9685 Conference

March 10 and 11, 2018 - Fairmont Resort, Leura NSW



conference.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

Full Registration (incl. Saturday, Dinner and Sunday) – \$280 includes all Conference sessions (incl. Saturday morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea, Dinner and Sunday morning tea).

EARLY BIRD RATE – \$265 for Full Registration – register and pay before 30 November 2017.

Saturday (Day Only) – \$100

Registration for the Plenary sessions includes the Conference plenary sessions on Saturday only (incl. morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea). Does NOT include any other sessions or events.

Saturday (Day and Dinner) – \$200

Registration for the Saturday Plenary sessions and Dinner includes the Conference plenary sessions on Saturday only (incl. morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea) and Saturday Dinner. Does NOT include other sessions or events.

Saturday (Dinner Only) – \$110

Registration for the Saturday Dinner includes Saturday Dinner. ONLY Does NOT include any other sessions, catering or events.

New Rotarians, joining Rotary on or after 11 March 2017 in District 9685. - Full Conference – \$190 Includes all Conference sessions (incl. Saturday morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea, Dinner and Sunday morning tea).

..that's all folks