

HORIZONS

Central Blue Mountains Rotary

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

*Leura Gardens Festival
October 5 - 7 and 11 - 13*

up front

Introduce your family to Rotary



Rotary International President
Mark Daniel Maloney

Any time is a fabulous time to bring family members on a Rotary service project or to a fundraising event. That is precisely why one of my top priorities this year is to make most Rotary events welcoming to family members.



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The 2020 convention in Honolulu will be a wonderful way to introduce your children and grandchildren to the internationality of Rotary. We are planning many family-oriented events for everyone to enjoy.

We must foster a culture where Rotary does not compete with family, but complements it. We should never expect our members to choose between the two. That means being realistic in our expectations, considerate in our scheduling, and welcoming of children at Rotary events on every level.

Often, the young professionals that Rotary needs to attract in order to remain a dynamic 21st century service organisation are the very people who have the greatest family responsibilities. We must not keep these prospective young members away from their families by holding events on evenings and weekends at which their children are not welcome.

For too long, we have closed the doors of many Rotary events to children and sometimes even spouses. What wasted opportunities these are! Every chance we have to pass on the gift of Rotary to young people. We must take it if we are going to grow Rotary and ensure that the next generation is fully engaged in our mission.

So let us open our doors and do it in a fun way, with opportunities that make our children and grandchildren want to learn more about Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary membership. Start small if you must — perhaps by holding some of your meetings at more family-friendly times — but think about how you can continue these kinds of events for years to come.

Bringing children to Rotary events is not just fun; it also exposes them to the world! Make this a memorable year for your family — and an unforgettable year for the ever-expanding family of Rotary as Rotary Connects the World.

WhatsOn....

September

- Friday 20 - Lawson Public School breakfast club
- Monday 23 - dinner with Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney
- Wednesday 25 - Guest speaker Martha Jabour
- Saturday 28 - Catering van at Woolworths, Katoomba

October

- Wednesday 02 - Guest Speaker - Kathy Kendall-Dziura
- Wednesday 09 - Guest Speaker - Deb Wells
- Thursday 10 - Hat day - Australian Rotary Health
- Wednesday 16 - Guest Speaker - Eugene Ma - Lion dancing
- Sunday 20 - Jazz at the Grand View - End Polio
- Monday 21 - BM clubs combined meeting
- Wednesday 23 - Meeting transferred to Monday 21/10
- Thursday 24 - World Polio Day
- Friday 25 - Lawson Public School breakfast club
- Saturday 26 - Catering van at Woolworths, Katoomba
- Wednesday 30 - A night of Pizza - Alexandra Hotel, Leura

Guest Speaker September 25



Martha Jabour is the executive director of the Homicide Victim's Support Group (HVSG), a not-for-profit organisation set up in 1993 by the parents of murdered Australian nurse Anita Cobby and those of nine-year-old Ebony Simpson.

Cobby, a young and free-spirited nurse, was abducted, raped and brutally murdered on February 2, 1986, while Ebony suffered a similar fate on her way home from school in Bargo in 1992.

Day in, day out, Martha Jabour's team rings family members to ensure they've woken up each morning.

They're on the phone to check how they've been sleeping and whether they've had breakfast.

Martha calls it "heart work".

HEY!
Don't miss this

"Jazz at the View"
Sunday, October 20
11.30am til 3.00pm

Katoomba Jazz Group

Presented by
Central Blue Mountains Rotary
and the Grand View Hotel



**Proceeds will support the
The Rotary Foundation's
End Polio campaign**

Enjoy a delicious Grand View Hotel lunch
Select from the a'la carte menu or specials board
Table bookings advisable - 4757 1001

Come along
Have a great lunch - Enjoy the jazz
Please support this worthy cause

Bathurst Rotary's sanitation project in the Solomon Islands

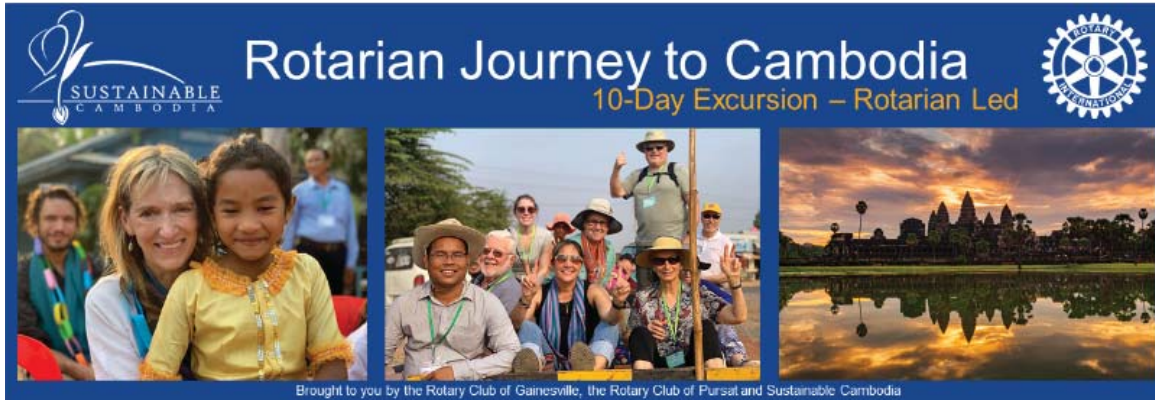
Bathurst Rotary has been working on improving sanitation facilities in a small village in the Solomon Islands for the past four years.

Next week seven Bathurst Rotarians will visit the club's Seghe Area Sanitation Project and work with the local community to install new facilities.

This visit will focus on the installation of two toilet blocks for Seghe Primary School, where 120 students attend.

The Rotary Club of Bathurst is hoping to expand the project to other areas of the Solomons over the next few years.

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Early Registration ends September 30



Jan 9-19 & Jan 30-Feb 9, 2020
Participate from only USD \$995/pp

Join fellow Rotarians on a trip into ancient Cambodia...

Rotarians from various clubs around the world are joining together with Sustainable Cambodia on a journey into the heart of Cambodia.

This 10-day excursion is a truly unique experience of traveling into Cambodia. Located in Southeast Asia, this beautiful country is rich with history and culture and was awarded one of the top travel destinations for the last two years.

We will travel to the must-visit places in Cambodia including the heart of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, and we will walk amongst the ancient temples of Siem Reap. But tourism is not the sole purpose of this trip.

We will go far off the "tourist routes" to visit village families and experience the impact of Rotary projects in the remote villages of Pursat Province. For those who haven't gone before, you will have the adventure of a lifetime while helping rural families and children in ways you may have never dreamed possible.

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Mountain Ghost

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Platypus and Echidnas

For some strange reason the Mountain Ghost has always been fascinated by Echidnas and Platypuses. Perhaps like the Ghost, the Echidna is a little prickly and the platypus has problems with bills.

While these two animals look nothing alike they are related. They are the only egg laying mammals in the world or monotremes to give them the scientific name.

Recently, the Ghost was staying in cabins at Turon Gates, near Capertee just past Lithgow when the grandchild saw this strange creature in the river. It was a platypus so the Ghost thought he would do some research on these lovely animals.

Platypus were thought to be a cross between a beaver and a duck or so thought the early European settlers in Sydney.

Platypus live in streams and rivers in SE Australia and nowhere else in the world. The Ghost has some useful information on platypuses. They locate prey by way of electroreceptors in their bill. With their ears and nostril closed they can detect movement of animals underwater. Also the male platypus has a deadly spur on its hind leg which is quite venomous.

While platypuses are not considered endangered their numbers are threatened by habitat, destruction and pollution of rivers. If they venture away from these points they can make a nice meal for a fox or a dog and even snakes. The Ghost has seen one platypus in the Blue Mountains, but like the Wollemi Pine he will keep it a secret.

According to Google, the best place to see a platypus in the Mountains is the Blue Lake next to the entrance to Jenolan Caves. You will need to be lucky because platypus sleep during the day and hunt for food at night.

Echidnas or spiny anteaters are strange animals. In the Ghost's opinion they are spine covered vacuum cleaners. Their snouts are rigid and strong allowing them to break



open logs and termite mounds. Echidnas then slurp up ants and insects with their sticky tongues which can be 17 cm long.

There are two types of Echidna, the Long-beaked Echidna found only in Papua New Guinea and the Short Beaked Echidna is widespread in Australia, in fact they hold the title of Australia's most widespread native mammal.

They are common in the Blue Mountains but are well camouflaged and hard to see. To survive in the Mountains, echidnas burrow into the soil, hide in hollow logs and in burrows created by wombats and rabbits.

Here is a fact the Ghost learnt doing his research. Echidnas are good swimmers. They have been seen crossing rivers and beaches with their snouts in the air like snorkels.

Like the platypus, the echidna does not have any teeth. They grind their food between the tongue and bottom of the mouth.

So what are the threats to echidnas? They do not have many natural predators, but habitat loss is a problem. Also because they move so slowly a lot are killed by cars.

The Ghost is sure many of his readers will remember the 2000 Sydney Olympics. The three mascots used at the Olympics were Olly (the kookaburra), Sydney (the platypus) and Millie (the echidna). The Ghost thinks the Olympic Team made a good choice.