



# HORIZONS



## Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

*Effective - Energetic - Enterprising - Empowered*

Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, April 26, 2017



## *Blue Mountains in Autumn*

*The Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mt Tomah - an award winning cold climate garden with beautiful flowering plants in all seasons.*

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**What's  
On....**



**Guest speaker  
Wed. April 26**

**April**

**April 07-May 07** - Scenic World Sculpture Exhibition

**Monday 24** - Board meeting - Grand View Hotel

**Wednesday 26** - Youth speaker - Melissa Li

**Friday 28** - Upper BM Sunrise homeless Ball

**May**

**Wednesday 03** - Paul Innes - BM historian

**Sunday 07** - Scenic World Sculpture last day

**Sunday 07** - Leura Harvest Festival

**Wednesday 10** - Guest speaker TBA

**Sunday 14** - Food van - Grand View Market

**Monday 15** - Board meeting - Grand View Hotel

**Wednesday 17** - Guest speaker TBA

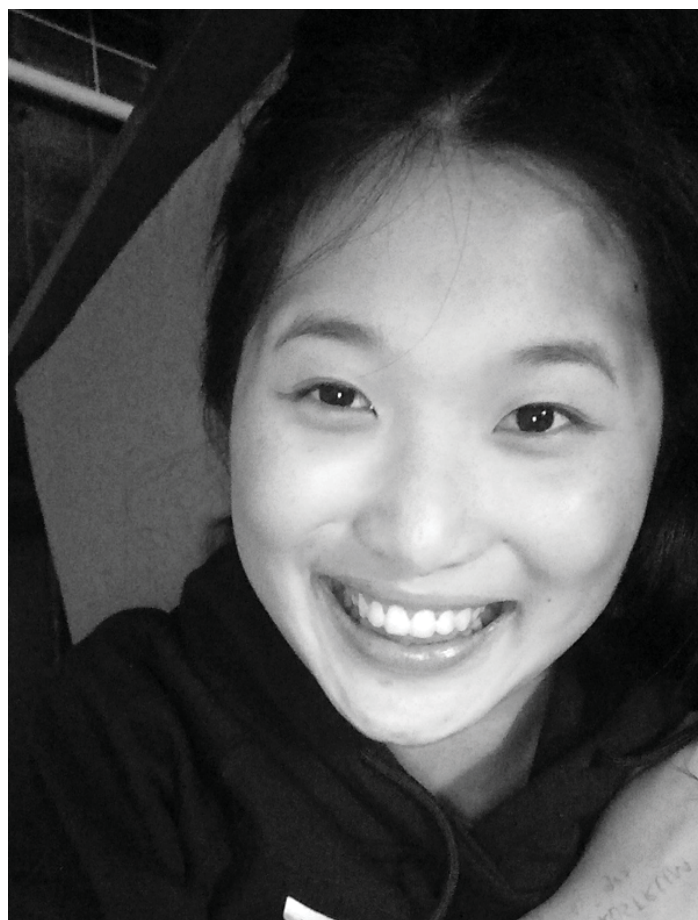
**Sunday 21** - Million Paws Walk - Dog Day

**Tuesday 23** - Pride of Workmanship

**Wednesday 24** - Food van - BMGS Athletic Day

**Sat-Sun 27-28** - Red Shield Appeal

**Sunday 28** - Rotary - MUNA



**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.

Melissa Li, is a Year 10 student at Abbotsleigh Private Girls School, Wahroonga. She is really passionate about law, in particular humanitarian law and international relations.

Melissa intends to study in this field, or perhaps political sciences. She is considering studying in the UK and hopes to work in the future as a lawyer or politician, especially in pro bono work.

Public policy and international conflict resolution and negotiation, and her involvement in the United Nations Youth organisation fuel this interest.

She has attended many summits, including the Refugee Crisis and National Security, and will be a delegate for Austria on the Human Rights council in a state conference, where as part of Model United Nations she will be debating resolutions.

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**ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS**



Promoting Peace - Fighting Disease - Providing  
Clean Water - Saving Mothers and Children  
Supporting Education - Growing Local Economies

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## Central Blue volunteers meet and greet visitors at Scenic World Sculpture Exhibition

Rotary volunteers are again providing support at Scenic World's 2017 Sculptures Exhibition, which is increasingly being recognised as important in the artistic calendar, and attracts many international artists.

For this, the 6th annual exhibition, there are a record number of 35 sculptures, with an additional display created by students and teachers of St Canices Primary School, Katoomba, from recycled bits and pieces.

While the students display isn't in the running for artistic prizes, its colour and innovation is attracting attention, with a number of people 'voting' for it as a statement.

The great Blue Mountains weather has attracted record crowds, so our faithful volunteers have been extremely busy collecting visitor data, encouraging voting, organising queues and generally responding to enquiries.

Scenic World management is grateful for our contribution, and we are most grateful for their contribution to our Rotary community projects.

Leone Hurley  
Coordinator



## Fun and Friendship at Central Blue Mountains Rotary



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# Mountain Ghost

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## CANOWINDRA INTERNATIONAL BALLOON CHALLENGE

Some weeks ago the Mountain Ghost visited Orange for their Food Festival which was very good.

He decided to take a drive to Canowindra (it is pronounced Canoundra, you knew that) a little less than an hour west of Orange. What a lovely little town.

The main street is lined with heritage listed buildings. The Ghost thinks that if you substituted the cars for buggies nothing has changed in 100 plus years.

He was impressed with Finns Store which has been fully renovated. The Canowindra Trading Post has a great mix of old and new stuff.

What really put Canowindra on the map so to speak was the discovery in 1955 of a fossil of a fish that lived 360 million years ago give or take a few million years.

Further fossils have since been discovered and can be viewed at The Age of Fishes Museum. The Ghost was amazed to find this quality museum in a small country town. It is very impressive and you certainly must visit it if you are going to Canowindra

But the Ghost digresses. He is writing this article mainly about the Canowindra International Balloon Challenge which is on from 18/04/2017 to 25/04/2017.

This town is now recognised as the Balloon capital of Australia, hot air balloons that is. More than 20 hot air balloons take to the skies each morning and late afternoon for a week. The highlight is the Balloon Glow and night markets where you will enjoy local produce, wines crafts etc. culminating in a display as the balloons light up synchronised to music. This is a big tourist attraction.



Canowindra has a population of 2300 but for this week 10,000 visitors flock to town and the numbers are growing. There is a lot of history in the area. Ben Hall the bushranger raided the pub in 1863.

The Ghost thoroughly enjoyed his visit to Canowindra but would suggest Summer is a little hot for those people coming from the Blue Mountains.

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# LEURA HARVEST FESTIVAL



LOCAL ARTISANS

PRODUCE & PLANT STALLS

WINE & CIDER TASTINGS

CHEF'S TABLE & FOOD STALLS

UPCYCLED FASHION

## COMPETITIONS

- BIRCHES OF LEURA  
Scarecrow Competition
- JOSOPHAN'S FINE  
CHOCOLATES  
Chocolate Cake Competition
- PET CHOOK SHOW

Entry details: [www.leuravillage.com.au](http://www.leuravillage.com.au)



7th MAY 2017 • LEURA MALL

Visit the Central Blue Rotary stall and enjoy delicious ice cream topped with yummy berries or a fabulous frankfurt on a roll

....that's all folks