

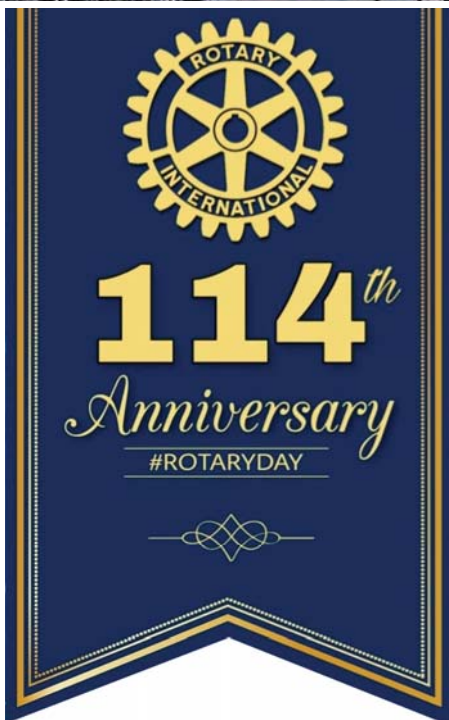
HORIZONS

Central Blue Mountains Rotary

Effective - Energetic - Enterprising - Empowered

Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, February 27, 2019



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Celebrating Rotary's birthday at Katoomba, Saturday, Central Blue Past President Pamela Williams (2005-2006) now a resident of Port Macquarie, had the pleasure of cutting the cake and sharing it with shoppers who stopped to buy a sausage sandwich. Left: A not so big birthday cake, being cut by current presidents Ava Emdin and Steve Cookson, was shared by members at last Wednesday's meeting.

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Community Connection

HEATHER KNIGHT



Ten Years on:

Heather Knight's graphic account of the Black Saturday bushfires in Victoria, February 07, 2009, was a sober reminder of just what can happen in this country during extreme bushfire-weather conditions.

Now a resident of the Blue Mountains, Heather was there to experience Australia's all-time worst bushfire disaster which killed 180 people and left many homeless as a result.

Heather Knight was guest speaker at Central Blue Mountains Rotary, Wednesday, February 20, ten years after the tragic event.

The story of the quilt, displayed by Heather and Rotary President, Ava Emdin, was a feature of her presentation.

Before the Victorian Black Saturday fires Heather Knight was researching her family history and had made contact with a Western Australian woman, Gloria with whom she kept in touch beyond her research. During many conversations Gloria mentioned that she belonged to a quilting group.

In the aftermath of the fires, Heather became a volunteer supporting people who had lost their homes and who were suffering displacement and trauma.

As part of her interaction with many women she began organising morning teas where these women could relax and give support to one another. The morning teas and later lunches grew in number.

Heather told her WA friend about these groups and Gloria offered to make quilts for these folks who had lost so much.

Heather told her a little about each person, their favourite colour, the flowers they liked and so on.

Gloria and fellow quilters got to work and over time made more than 50 unique quilts for the members of the tea and lunch groups.

Each quilt had something personal about each recipient embroidered on the underside.

A kind WA soul donated the cost of registered postage to Victoria. And then Heather received a surprise.

By this time Gloria had gathered information about Heather and had kept all the photos Heather had sent of the women.

Then one day at a regular morning tea everyone brought their quilts and in walked Gloria and a few of her fellow quilters who had flown out from WA to give Heather her own beautiful quilt.

The embroidery on the underside of Heather's quilt tells her story of the twelve months since the fires, through photos screened onto fabric and poems and short stories written by the survivors Heather had helped.

WhatsOn....

February

Wednesday 27: Social night - Barefoot bowls and dinner
Wentworth Falls Bowling Club

March

Saturday 02: Trivia Night, Leura Golf Club

Sunday 03: Clean Up Australia Day

Wednesday 06: Guest speaker: Bev Cooney "A window to my world -my work in Peru"

Wednesday 13: Behind the Scenes at Scenic World followed by dinner at a location to be confirmed. Can't make the tour at Scenic World? Come along for dinner.

Saturday 16: President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

Wednesday 20: Guest speaker: Jeremy Scott - Adventurer

Wednesday 27: Central Blue Rotary gets together with Winmalee Lions

Friday-Sunday 29-31: District Conference, Newcastle.

Other important dates

Sunday April 14: District Assembly

Saturday July 06: District Changeover - Hornsby RSL Club



*I am only one; but still I am one.
I cannot do everything; but still I can
do something; and because I cannot
do everything,
I will not refuse to do the something
that I can do.*

Guest Speaker Wednesday, March 06

Bev Cooney OAM, MOHpe, PHF



Bev Cooney has dedicated her life to helping others. Originally from Queensland where she became an enrolled nurse, Bev moved to Newcastle and spent 35 years working at the Royal Newcastle Hospital and then at the John Hunter Hospital.

On a holiday to Peru in 2003, Bev visited a 1100 bed children's hospital, so moved by the lack of facilities, she organised for a medical team of Australian surgeons to visit annually to assist the local doctors, surplus beds and equipment followed from the closure of the Royal Newcastle Hospital.

At this time children with disabilities in Peru were not allowed to go to public schools.

Bev moved to Peru in 2006-10 and with the aid of 21 builders from the Sunshine Coast and donations built a school for children with special needs.

In recognition the President of Peru awarded Bev the highest award given to foreigners, The Merit of Honour.

Now living in Bathurst having completed five years at the Westmead Hospital Breast Cancer Clinic, Bev is coordinating a volunteer program at Bathurst Hospital.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Master Paul Eastment

We're raising money for
Central Blue Mountains Rotary
and Can Assist Blue Mountains



Central Blue Mountains
Rotary



SATURDAY MARCH 2

**6.30pm for 7.00pm
\$10 per person**

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games and to win raffle prizes



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- Individual players welcome
- Food available to order
- Drinks at bar prices
- Definitely NO BYO



Always Moving Forward

Past District Governor Jennifer Scott with PDG Iain Wakefield and past director and past trustee Bryn Styles. Jennifer hosted a dinner in Auckland, NZ last weekend for Rotarians to promote advocacy and fund development for polio eradication.

The Rotarians photographed with Jennifer are:

Dr Iain Wakefield (left) served Rotary International as an Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Assistant Governor, District Rotary Foundation Chair and Club President. Iain was District Governor for D9920 in 2014-15 "lighting up Rotary".

He is a Charter Member of the Bequest Society of The Rotary Foundation. He served as the Charter Administrator of the multidistrict New Zealand Paul Harris Society. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Bryn Styles, a member of the Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron in Ontario, Canada. His previous Rotary International positions include director, Council on Legislation representative, RI president's representative, and regional Rotary Foundation coordinator.

What's old is new again



The old 'Pink Pub' where Central Blue Mountains Rotary has met for more than 20 years has a new coat of paint, and we didn't want visitors to become confused and drive past thinking "that can't be the old Grand View". Instead of faded pink, the Grand View has a new heritage look. Visitors to Central Blue Mountains Rotary any Wednesday night can be assured the warmth of our welcome has not changed.

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Mountain Ghost

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GLENBROOK / BLAXLAND

The Mountain Ghost had been hearing rumours for six months about the push to have the Lower Blue Mountains separate from the rest of the Blue Mountains. We are talking about Lapstone, Leonay, Blaxland and Glenbrook.

The argument evidently goes that the lower mountain people are different and the area is different. Glenbrook is closer to Penrith than Katoomba. The weather is better, fog free and snow free. There are different attitudes as well. What would the chance of McDonalds opening in Leura Mall?

Be that it may the Ghost thought he should spend a weekend in the Lower Blue Mountains and learn a little of its history. He packed his esky and went downhill.

When he arrived at Glenbrook it was 38 degrees, slightly warmer than the 24 degrees at Blackheath. Glenbrook is a town of 5,000 (the locals don't like being described as a suburb of Penrith) and it's a very pretty little town.

It started with Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson reaching Glenbrook Lagoon in May 1813. William Cox, the builder of the road over the mountains established a military depot near the Lagoon. Glenbrook became a proper town in the 1870s with the arrival of the railroad. At the time the town was known as Wascoe's Siding. The name of the town was changed to Glenbrook in 1879.

So what is there to see in Glenbrook? The Ghost was impressed with the coffee shops and galleries in Glenbrook. He has been to the historic Glenbrook cinema a few times and loves it. It is in the old School of Arts building. Is it better than Mt Vic Flicks? Well the Ghost likes them both.

If you get a chance to visit the RAAF base at Glenbrook you can see the historic Lapstone Hotel built in the 1930s. It is heritage listed and is now the Officers Mess. I know what you are going to say, the Lapstone Hotel is on the Highway at Blaxland but that is another Lapstone Hotel. Nearby is Lennox Bridge (built in 1833) the second oldest surviving stone bridge in Australia.

If you are energetic and don't mind walking there is the Lagoon, Jellybean Pool, Blue Pool in the National Park and plenty of other walks.

The Ghost headed west to Blaxland. No prizes for guessing how Blaxland got its name. Blaxland has a population of 7,500. Blaxland was originally called Wascoe but was changed in 1914 to Blaxland. Blaxland was the site of the first land grant in the Blue Mountains when 960 acres was given to Barnett Levey in 1825. Levey built an inn on his land called Pilgrims Inn. The Ghost has seen the ruins of the original inn behind the McDonald's Restaurant.



Glenbrook has one of Sydney's finest lookouts. Mount Portal is a stunning spot high above the Nepean River.

Just to confuse his readers, Levey also built a second inn also called The Pilgrim Inn. The first inn burnt down in the bushfires of 1968. The second inn became the general store and post office.

The Ghost was sorry to see that the Miniature Railway at Wascoe Siding was closed when he was there. He had heard good reports that you can ride the miniature railway and the kids love it. He then found out it is open the first Sunday of the month and plans to take his grandkids there next month. The address is 15 Grahame Street, Blaxland and well worth a visit for a picnic.

The Ghost found plenty of places to eat and drink at Blaxland and plenty to see. All the people he met seemed normal and no different to the people of Katoomba. Why not all live in peace and forget separation. The Ghost packed his bag and headed back up the Mountain.



WOMEN'S BUSINESS: School of Textile Arts A Journey of Exploration And Discovery in Northern Laos.

Narrated by Amanda Keller, this is the story of a group of young Lao farming women participating in a project to learn the centuries old weaving and embroidering skills of their culture, traditionally women's skills, before they are lost to a rapidly modernising world.

In September 2018, Australian journalists Trish Clark and Iain Finlay launched a small textile arts school in Luang Prabang, Northern Laos called Women's Business.

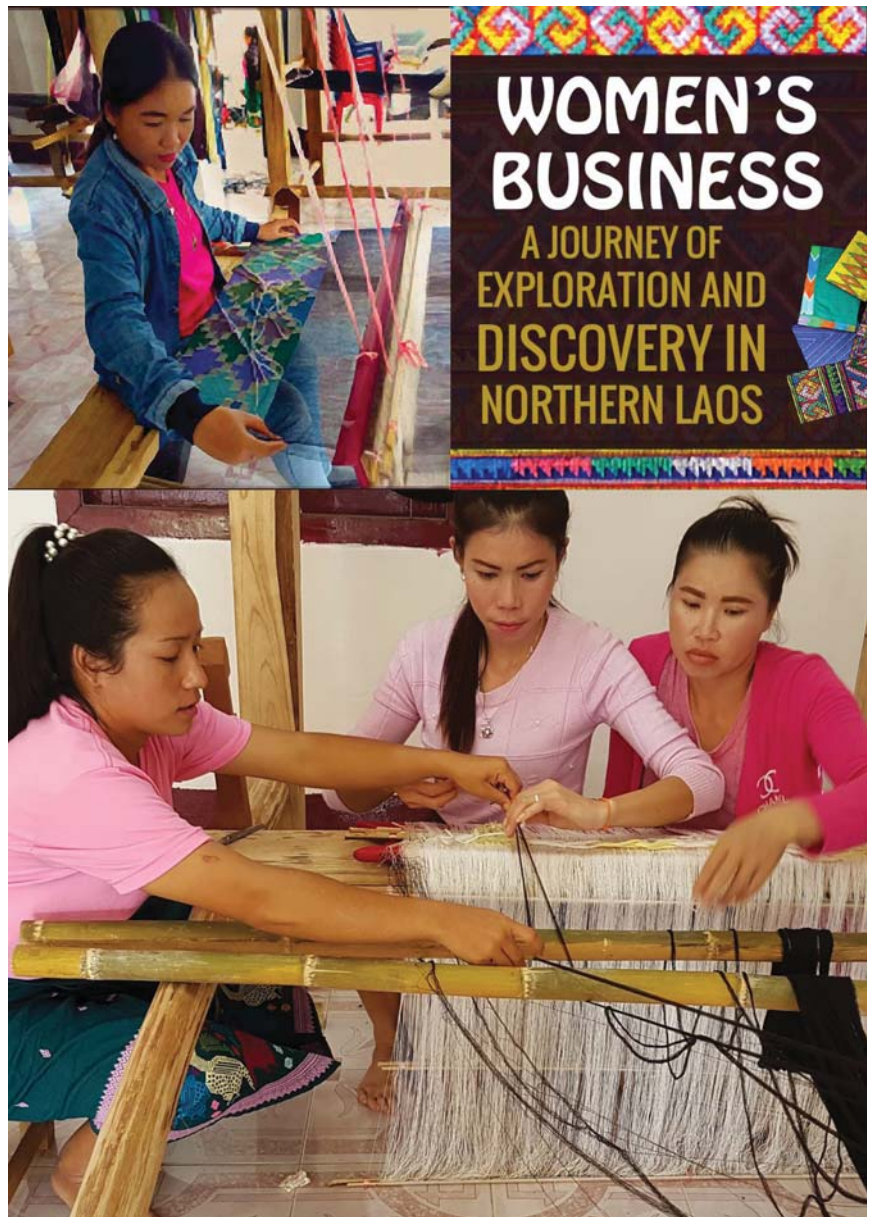
The school had two embroiderers and two weavers as teachers in its first semester and took on eight young farming women as students.

The women joined the school because they wanted to learn a craft, an alternative means of earning income other than working in the rice fields on their small family farms.

At the end of the 16-week course, the women had learned the skills and created a wealth of beautiful woven and embroidered textiles and garments. Some of these garments will be on display at the screening.

Join us after the screening for a Q&A with Trish and Iain and take a closer look at the beautiful fabrics and clothing on display - 100% of the purchase price of any clothing and fabrics sold goes back to the women who created them and towards keeping their school operating.

Tickets are \$20 and includes a glass of bubbly.



MOUNT VIC FLICKS

Monday, March 4, 2019: 7:00 PM
(ends at 8:30 PM) BOOK NOW!

Bookings recommended! - Tickets \$20

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Doors open at 6:30pm.