

HORIZONS

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, March 27, 2019



SCULPTURE at SCENIC WORLD

April 12 - May 12

A wonderful exhibition in an unbeatable location. Central Blue Mountains Rotary, Probus and Leura Gardens Festival members, are again providing visitor appreciation services, guidance and survey information on the fabulous Scenic World Sculptures Exhibition.

Recent media references have compared the Sculpture at Scenic World with the iconic Sculptures by the Sea. A comparison that greatly pleases Scenic World, and the many local and international artists that participate.

Central Blue Mountains Rotary thanks members of the community who support this project, which, through Scenic World generosity, raises funds to benefit the community.

Sculptures at Scenic World is a celebration of art and nature that aims to inspire, intrigue and amaze visitors to our incredible backyard.

Now in its eighth year - the 2019 exhibition showcases stunning artworks carefully crafted by local, national and international artists.

Sculptures at Scenic World has maintained a 0% ecological footprint since its inception and each artwork is delicately installed and removed by a team of experienced professionals with the utmost care of the environment.

...LEONE HURLEY

Artist: Nick Warfield, 'Calling upon the Owl'
Displayed in the 2018 exhibition
Image by Keith Maxwell

up front

ROTARY 'INVADES' NEWCASTLE – AGAIN!



Friday night will be Youth Night, highlighted by the presence of Rotary Youth Exchange students from various parts of the world.

Saturday night will be 'party night' with one of Australia's best show bands, Enormous Horns, providing outstanding entertainment.

The City of Newcastle has been a popular choice for Rotary District Conferences in recent years and on March 29, 30 and 31 an expected 500 Rotarians, partners and friends from District 9685 will be there sharing success stories, fun and friendship.

One of the special highlights will be a mass walk to END POLIO NOW along the foreshores of Newcastle Harbour on Saturday, March 30.

Organised by senior Rotarian Ray Wiles, members of the public are invited to join Rotarians in Civic Park opposite Newcastle Council Offices in King Street, at 2.30 pm.

After a short ceremony, the marchers will head off under the leadership of District Governors Susan Wakefield (9685) and Brian Coffey (9670).

Local Rotarians are expected to join conference delegates to take part in the Walk to END POLIO NOW along the Newcastle Port pathway to Nobby's Beach and return.

The Conference will be opened Saturday at 8.30am by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle Cr Nuatali Nelmes.

There are outstanding presentations planned for all three days but the Sunday program is exceptional –

- Former Federal Police Officer Libby Bleakley – 'Inspiring Lives in East Timor'
- Dr Vera Sistenich – Aboriginal health, medical education, asylum seekers and emergency medicine in the Congo.
- Detective Superintendent Deborah Wallace – 'My Life of Crime'.

There will be a spectacular conclusion to the Friday night program with another stellar performance by the nationally acclaimed Australian Waratah Girls Choir, led by artistic director Lindy Connett.

Rotary is supporting their fund raising efforts to finance another trip to the USA to perform at the famous Carnegie Hall and has organised a bucket collection following the performance.

WhatsOn....

March

Wednesday 27: Guest speaker: Mark Keillor

Friday 29: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

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

April

Wednesday 03: Guest speaker: Justin Morrissey:
"The Story of Sculptures at Scenic World"

Thursday 04: BM Grammar - Compassion catering

Thursday 04: Board meeting

Friday 05: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

Sunday 07: 'Let's talk about CBM Rotary'

Wednesday 10: Guest speakers: BMGS students and teachers - "Have some Compassion"

Friday 12: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

Friday 12 to Sunday May 12: Sculptures at Scenic World

Saturday 13: 'Lanterns on the Lake' - W. Falls Lake

Sunday 14: District Assembly

Wednesday 17: FoodBank collection/distribution

Wednesday 17: Vocational Visit to "Roasters with Altitude", Blackheath - 4.00pm-6.00pm

Wednesday 24: Guest speaker, Lt.Col. Shaun Whitehouse:
"Today's ANZACS - Duntroon to Daesh"

Thursday 25: ANZAC Day

Saturday 27: Woolworths, Katoomba - catering van

Other important dates

Saturday May 4: Blue Ball - Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

Saturday July 6: District Changeover - Hornsby RSL Club

Guest Speaker Wednesday, March 27

Mark Keillor

Mark is Marketing Coordinator Blue Mountains Food Services, an organisation at Lawson providing programs and services to residents of the Blue Mountains whether it be for the aged, folks living with disabilities or community members who are under employed.

As well as offering volunteering opportunities, the organisation runs a social enterprise cafe/restaurant which goes quite a way in breaking down social isolation.

BMFS is a proud member of the NSW Meals on Wheels association and a registered NDIS provider, with over 20 years experience in the community, disability and hospitality sector.

Catering volunteers needed for April 4

We have a problem here at Central Blue relating to a commitment at Blue Mountains Grammar School on April 4.

We have offered to provide a catering service for an important school charity project and we need assistance from several more members or friends.

Not only that...we don't have anyone yet to tow the catering van from its resting place at Wentworth Falls to the school.

SO...please contact Eric Cantor if you can assist in either of these requirements...especially the van towing part..... we can't work without the van.
cantors@bigpond.com - 4757 1790 - 0414 271 857



Rotary BowelCare Program April 1 - May 31 2019

BowelCare kits are on sale at participating pharmacies for two months. This year's BowelCare kit will cost only \$15.00. The price includes pathology testing, with notification of your result to both yourself and your doctor.

Check with your local pharmacy or go to our website www.bowelcare.org.au for a listing of all participating pharmacies in your area.

Your result will be issued within 30 days of your test kit being received by pathology.

Please use the pre-paid envelope provided within the kit.

BowelCare Australia is a division of CancerCare Australia.



One happy boy in front of the Yeni Mosque, Istanbul.

Jeremy had successfully cycled across Europe and that was a feeling he'll never forget.



Jeremy photographed with co-president Ava Emdin after his presentation.

JEREMY SCOTT - Adventurer, Author, Speaker, Photographer

Jeremy Scott, guest speaker at Central Blue Mountains Rotary, Wednesday March 20, conquered a 2½ year, 51,916km bicycle ride through 29 countries from London to New Zealand.

He has written a book — *The Long Road from a Broken Heart* — and is raising funds for heart foundations in Australia, the UK and NZ.

Born with a hole in his heart, Jeremy underwent open heart surgery in his native New Zealand at age 4 in 1977.

Not being able to crawl and then run like everyone else had made him stubborn.

That's why he had made the most of his new-found health after the successful surgery he had as a child.

He said riding a bike was the best and most rewarding way to travel.

After living in the UK for 10 years, Jeremy decided to ride home to New Zealand — a trip that took 31 months.

He battled extreme conditions, fear, loneliness, the Iranian military and Filipino mafia.

"Apart from walking, there is no other way to have such a sense of freedom," he said.

"You hear, smell, see and experience everything.

"You never forget the extremes of weather from blistering hot 50 degrees in the deserts in Western China to freezing cold below 20 in the Turkish mountains."

Jeremy says the overall idea of his presentations is to just talk about what he learnt from his bike rides.



Jeremy Scott is currently on a speaking tour throughout NSW and Victoria, before returning to New Zealand.

"I want to talk about some of the lessons I've learned, some of the people I've met and I guess just some of the highs and the lows you go through on a journey like that," he said.

Much needed fodder helps farmers

Rotary clubs of Dubbo South and Cobar joined with Century Batteries to raise the cash.



image and story courtesy of Western Magazine

Farming families across western NSW were delivered much needed fodder recently thanks to a Rotary fundraising effort.

Staff and agents from battery company, Century Batteries, also wanted to help farmers struggling with the drought.

Various fundraisers were held, raising \$13,000.

The company matched dollar-for-dollar to give a total of \$26,000 for drought affected farmers.

Century Batteries agent and Rotary Club of Dubbo South member Brett McCarthy suggested the money go to the Rotary club and they would find a project for it.

With help from the Rotary Club of Cobar, a road train of fodder was delivered to two pick-up points, near Cobar and Nymagee.

"From these two locations, 14 families picked up six bales each. We were greeted with open arms and, along with bacon and egg sandwiches, it was the smiles and appreciation that shone the most," Mr McCarthy said.

An iron lung in Parkes raises awareness and funds to end polio



Rotary District 9700, of which Parkes Rotary Club is a member, is conducting a bike ride around the clubs in the District.

Accompanying them on the ride is the last remaining Iron Lung in Australia. Restored to working order it has been nicknamed "Maggie".

Bike riders and "Maggie" were in Parkes on Sunday March 24, as part of a 1600km journey across western NSW.

image and story courtesy of Parkes Champion-Post



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Mountain Ghost

The Ghost was always under the impression that Bells Line of Road continued all the way to Lithgow. This road is Chifley Road but his Gregory's Street Directory from 1961 shows it as Bells Line of Road. From Richmond to Bell is 59km



Bells Line of Road

When the Mountain Ghost was a kid (not a young mountain goat) he remembers travelling on the Bells Line of Road and thinking it was the most boring road ever.

He seems to think it was unsealed in parts but that may be a sign of a bad memory. What brings this to mind was when one of his grandchildren asked why it was called Bells Line of Road and not just "Bells Road". The Mountain Ghost decided to do some research on his steam powered computer.

Bells Line of Road starts at North Richmond Bridge over the Hawkesbury River, 3km west of Richmond. It continues to rise through Kurmond, up the hill to Kurrajong Heights, then through Bilpin and Berambing before climbing again to Mount Tomah and finishing at Bell.

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But this does not answer the grandkids question. Who was Bell? Archibald Bell, with the help of Aboriginal guides, found an alternate route to the Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson route across the mountains. The route was marked in 1823. Bell put markers down to show the route.

Later, the Government surveyor followed these markers for a road and it became known as the Bells Line of Road. For many years Bells Line of Road was little more than a stock route, rarely used in comparison to the Great Western Highway, which from the 1860s onwards also had the railway line running parallel to it.

The first bridge at Richmond was completed in 1860 in response to increased traffic caused by several gold rushes in Central Western NSW. The timber bridge was continually battered by floods, time and time again.

In 1876, the government bought the bridge from its private owners and raised the level. However the bridge was severely damaged by floods in 1900. In 1905, the Department of Public Works opened a new concrete bridge at Richmond and Bells

Line of Road was officially opened as a State road. A rail line to Kurrajong was opened in 1926. The Ghost never knew that. This railway closed in 1952. Some of the railway route was used in the improvements on the Bells Line of Road in the late 1950s.

During the Depression, the Great Western Highway was totally sealed and as a result Bells Line of Road fell into disrepair for lack of use. During the Second World War the government was worried about defence routes. As a result the road was upgraded as well as the Putty Road from Windsor to Singleton.

The Ghost thought it would be a great idea to make a day of it and retrace the famous Bells Line of Road. It could be a Mountain version of Route 66. Alas, none of his children thought this was much of an idea so he and Mrs Ghost went alone.



First stop was the North Richmond Bridge. Then on through farmland to Kurmond. The Ghost was pleased to see the Kurmond Steakhouse was still there. Then on to Kurrajong Village just off the road. This is a real village, a little touristy but who cares. A good place to stop for a coffee. Back on the road for the climb up Bellbird Hill, the steepest part of the trip. There is a rise of 450 metres to Kurrajong Heights. On a clear day you have wonderful views of the Hawkesbury Valley.

We wander on until we arrive at Bilpin, the apple capital of NSW. Bilpin apples are famous. Mrs. Ghost has discovered there are craft and gift shops at Bilpin. The Ghost cannot stand craft and gift shops but he has discovered the Hillbilly Cider Shed. Mrs. Ghost can look at her shops while Mr Ghost will research (drink) some cider. What a great set-up at the Hillbilly Cider Shed.

Back in the car with Mrs Ghost driving, the Ghost having done too much research. Up the hill to Mt. Tomah and Blue Mountains Botanic Garden for a late lunch. The Botanic Garden is a nice way to spend an hour or so. Back in the car once again and a detour to Mt. Wilson to look at an open garden. Another lovely spot. Finally we arrive at Bell, take the road to Mt. Victoria and we are almost home. Not quite "Route 66" but a nice day out.....

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Join us at the Rotary Blue Ball



Artist: Tanya Loviz



Carrington Hotel, Katoomba
May 4, 2019- 7.00pm for 7.30pm
\$145 per person
Three-course dinner and wine
Dress: Formal with a hint of blue

Supporting
local Rotary mental health projects

Central Blue Mountains
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RSVP- April 24, 2019

Booking essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBHEK>

Contact: Ray Wiles- 0409 845 415- raymar40@bigpond.com

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Permanent undercover home required

Dear Newsletter Reader

Our magnificent catering van is feeling a little unloved...mainly because it sits out in the Blue Mountains weather 24/7...hail, rain, wind and occasional snow.

We are looking for a permanent home under cover. Somewhere safe, not too far from Wentworth Falls, where it can rest, relax, be loved again, and regularly serviced.... Ideally, we need 24 hour access.

The van is approximately 4 metres long , 2.2 metres tall and 2 metres wide.

Now, that's a tall order...but maybe there is someone out there who has a huge vacant garage we can use.

In return, and perhaps as a gesture of goodwill, we can offer a year's supply of our delicious sausage, onion, egg and bacon rolls....non-fattening, of course.

If you can assist in any way, please negotiate with our food services management guru, Eric Cantor:
cantors@bigpond.com - 4757 1790 - 0414 271 857.



GREYSTANES GOLF DAY



Blackheath Golf and Community Club - Friday April 12, 2019 — FUN DAY OF SOCIAL GOLF —

Ambrose style (teams of 4) with shotgun start. Competitions and great prizes. Breakfast and lunch is included in the registration fee. Registration and breakfast start at 8am with a 9.00am tee-off.

To book a golf cart please contact the Blackheath Pro-shop directly on 4787 5643. If you would like to register a team or sponsor the Greystanes Golf Day please contact events@greystanes.org.au or call 02 4784 1118. RSVP by the 5 April 2019. It is \$300 a team of four or \$80 for individual players.

...that's all folks