

Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Blackheath Rotary Rocket Launch Sunday, March 25, 2018



WhatsOn....

March

Wednesday 28: Barefoot Bowling, W. Falls Bowling Club

April

Wednesday 04: Guest speaker to be advised

Thursday 05: Seniors Barbecue - Wentworth Falls Lake

Saturday 07: Presidents Elect Training

Wednesday 11: Visioning night information - Ian Scott

Friday 13: Greystanes Golf Day

Sat 14/04 - Sun 13/05: Scenic World Sculptures

Monday 16: Board meeting

Wednesday 18: Membership night

Saturday 21: Catering van Home Hardware, Katoomba

Sat-Sun 21 & 22: Rotary Leadership - Springwood

Wednesday 25: ANZAC DAY - no meeting

Friday 27: Presidents cluster meeting Blue Mountains ACRC Family Fun Day

Sunday 29: District Assembly The Kings School Pennant Hills Road, Parramatta Registrations 8.30am - formal start at 9.00am

finishing at 4.30pm.

The training content will be informative and entertaining. It is a Rotary International requirement that each club is represented at PETS and District Assembly. REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 20 APRIL



Rotary BowelCare Program 1 April 2018 - 31 May 2018

BowelCare kits will be on sale at participating pharmacies for two months commencing 1st April, 2018.

This year's BowelCare kit will cost only \$15.00. This price includes pathology testing, with notification of your result to both yourself and your nominated doctor.

Rotary Leadership Institute Course 46

A trial regional RLI will be held at the Oriental Hotel, Springwood on 21-22 April, 2018.

The course consists of two parts on consecutive days from 9.00am to 4.30 pm; lunch and morning tea provided.

Two simple self-paced training sessions are a prerequisite for the course and course materials will be sent to you beforehand.

Central Blue Mountains Members registration will be paid by the Club.

Register at http://rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au/

"Central Blue, this is your Future, you designed it"

These were the words of District Vision Facilitation Chair David Mylan when he wrapped up the club's Visioning session on Wednesday 21 March.

The night was a buzz of ideas and enthusiasm for the future of our Club.

We have now envisioned what we want Central Blue to look like by 2023; what we stand for, what we want to be doing in the Avenues of Service, with the Foundation and PR, and how we see ourselves financing our activities.

The pace of the visioning process does not give time for waffling or doubt, but gets the actionable ideas out of heads, on to paper, and prioritised.

We will now be collating the outputs and validating the results before going ahead to action planning.

The results will be presented back to the Club on 11 April in a powerpoint that summarises the rationale for Visioning and then presents the priorities in an easily digestible format. I will be doing this as "Club Vision Champion".

It is important that all members come to this meeting, especially if you missed the Visioning. It will be a great opportunity to be part of your Club's future.

...Ian Scott



Rotarians at the launch representing clubs across the Blue Mountains



Central Blue Rotarians Kevin Schreiber, Roza Sage and Chris Van der Kley met up with a couple of spacemen.



Central Blue Mountain Rotary President Roza Sage seen here with Rotary District Governor 9685 Peter Ward, who travelled from the Central Coast to attend the function.

Congratulations Blackheath Rotary Club for returning the "Rocket" to the town's Soldiers Memorial Park.

After an outlay of \$70,000 by the club and \$30,000 by Blue Mountains City Council to construct the groundworks, the "Rocket" is now again part of the Blackheath Community and will provide entertainment for children for many years to come.

In the early 1960s Blue Mountains City Council engineer, Mr John Yeaman, visited the United States and brought back the plans of a playground "rocket".

Funded by the Rotary Club of Blackheath, the first Blackheath Rocket was built and installed in the Blackheath Soldiers Memorial Park by the BMCC. Over the years the park became widely known as the "Rocket Park".

In 1997, for safety and insurance reasons, the Rocket along with other heritage playground equipment was removed.



The original Rocket C1962

Join us at our Pink Ball for a Night of Fun

Once upon a time on top of a beautiful Blue Mountain the kingdom was summoned to help rescue girls in the far off lands of Nepal and Cambodia We must rally our resources to

mount a campaign



Carrington Hotel, Katoomba May 4, 2018 - 7.00pm for 7.30pm \$150 per person — Dress: Formal with a hint of pink



Supporting Astha Home for Girls in Nepal and Sustainable Cambodia

Please RSVP by April 20, 2018 to: Jennifer Scott - jennifer@scottadr.com or call John Sim 4784 3151 - 0409 665 437 - email: johnsim@bigpond.net.au



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Mountain Ghost

At night there is the traditional "Ceilidh". This is a social gathering with folk music, singing and dancing. The highlight is the piping in of the Haggis. The Ghost would prefer a Big Mac.

Brigadoon at Bundanoon

The Mountain Ghost wears his kilt once a year and that is for the Bundanoon Highland Gathering at Bundanoon in the Southern Highlands. Before you ask he does wear underwear. Bundanoon can be colder than Katoomba in April.

From Saturday 7th April everyone who is Scottish or has some Scottish blood or anyone who enjoys a good single malt will congregate at Bundanoon for the Annual Gathering.

The program this year is bigger than ever. It starts with a street parade on Saturday

morning followed by the opening ceremony by the "Chieftain of the Day".

This is followed by the Massed Pipe Bands display (20 bands will be there). Then there is the Scottish Country Dancing and Scottish Highland Dancing. There is a difference evidently if you are Scottish.

One of the many highlights is the traditional Scottish Games including Caber tossing (Scottish version of a telegraph pole) and lifting the Bundanoon Stones of Manhood, about the size of a small car.

The Ghost has just been looking at some of the competitors online and they are truly massive. One competitor is 200cm tall and weighs 160kg – a big boy!

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A little history. This is the 41st Annual gathering at Bundanoon and is by far the biggest festival of Scottish Culture in Australia.

Last year an estimated 15,000 attended the Games. If you can find accommodation in the area there is a lot to see around Bundanoon. There is Morton National Park, Fitzroy Falls, the Highland vineyards, Glow Worm Glen. Bundanoon is a lovely little town.





Entrance to the Games is \$20 a head. In a previous article the Ghost mentioned that ukulele music is not music. However compared to listening to a week of bagpipes the ukulele sounds like a tuned violin. (A matter of taste)

The Ghost highly recommends you get to Bundanoon for a great atmosphere and lots of entertainment.

Brigadoon at Bundanoon is not to be confused with Brigadoon, the Musical. This was a Lerner and Loewe musical and later a film in 1954. Brigadoon is a mythical Scottish village that appears every 100 years. The Ghost thinks it is caused by the Johnnie Walker syndrome.

Might see you down there folks.....



The Greystanes Foundation and the Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains have partnered to raise money for Greystanes Disability Services. Greystanes Disability Services is a local not for profit organisation that has specialised in support for people with multiple disabilities and complex health needs since 1958.

Money raised is spent on items for which government funding is unavailable. Your sponsorship directly helps a person Greystanes supports and their family.

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http://www.greystanes.org.au/greystanes-golf-day.htm



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Lower Blue Rotary Charity Movie Night -Sun. April 15

It is the acclaimed Australian movie 'The Barbecue' – starring Magda Szubanski and Shane Jacobson – which should draw a capacity crowd and be a fun night.

Make sure to invite your friends and family and book early to avoid missing out on a seat.

The plan is to have a different catering approach, given the theme of the movie.

The Lower Blue barbecue team will provide a barbecue station outside the Glenbrook Cinema Hall. They will serve guests with a bread roll and sausage/beef patty as they enter – and tea, coffee, cake, champagne, water, juice and beer will be served inside the hall.

Refreshments will be served in the hall adjacent to the theatre from 5.15pm and the movie will commence at 6.00pm.

Tickets are \$20 each. For bookings call: 0430 433 717

JOIN US ON A VIVID CRUISE!



Join us for Sydney's multi awardwinning Vivid Light festival as it transforms the city into a creative canvas for people of all ages to enjoy.

The Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney has secured an exclusive fundraising cruise for the 2018 Vivid Festival on Sydney Harbour.

All proceeds benefit the club's service projects.



For info: Ross Johnson rossgo@hotmail.com

When:	Friday, 8 June 2018
Time:	7.15 pm for 7.30 till 9.00 pm
Vessel:	Magic Cruises

Boarding location: Jetty 6, King Street Wharf, Darling Harbour (Sydney) with disability access.

Cost: \$60 per person which includes 1 complimentary drink (beer/wine/soft drink) on arrival, hot food, tea/coffee. A cash bar is also available.

Please book by 31st May:

https://www.trybooking.com/UKUK

Plenty of undercover and open air seating on board!

Photo: Destination NSW