



# HORIZONS



## Central Blue Mountains Rotary

*Effective - Energetic - Enterprising - Empowered*

Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

*Invite your friends and associates to our outstanding meetings*



***Leura Gardens Festival***

***October 1 to 9***

***9.30am to 4.30pm***



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## What's On....



### September

**Sat 24-Oct 1** - Transplant Games - Penrith, Blacktown

**Wednesday 28** - Guest speaker: Philip Smith - ROMAC

### October

**Sat 1 - Sun 9** - Leura Gardens Festival

**Sat-Mon 1-3** - Greystanes Open Garden

**Sunday 2** - Catering van at Leura School market

**Monday 3** - Board meeting - Grand View Hotel

**Wednesday 5** - Information night

**Sat-Sun 8-9** - Leura Village Fair

**Wednesday 12** - Guest speaker - to be advised

**Friday 14** - Hat Night - Aust'n Rotary Health

**Monday 17** - Board meeting - Greystanes

**Wednesday 19** - Club assembly

**Monday 24** - World Polio Day

**Wednesday 26** - RYPEN speaker

**Sat-Sun 29-30** - Graffiti removal weekend

### November

**Wednesday 2** - Guest speaker TBA

**Friday 4** - Pudding sales - Faulconbridge

**Sunday 6** - Catering van at Leura School market

**Wednesday 9** - Guest speaker TBA



Date: Monday 28 November 2016

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Venue: The Epping Club, 45 Rawson Street, Epping

Keynote Speaker: Kalyan Banerjee, Past RI President and Chairman of Trustees of the Rotary Foundation

Dress: Business Attire

Cost: Table of 10 - \$700 or \$75 per person

Bookings and payment: [www.trybooking.com/mmrt](http://www.trybooking.com/mmrt) or by cheque to: Rotary Club of Epping, PO Box 77, Epping NSW 1710 with attendees' names, club and dietary requirements

#### YOUR ATTENDANCE

Ray Wiles - 0409 845 415 - [raymar40@bigpond.com.au](mailto:raymar40@bigpond.com.au) is our attendance person. Please call before 12.30pm, Wednesday, if you are bringing a guest or you are not able to attend. Letting us know helps with setting up the dining room.

Also, you must order your meal by calling the Grand View Hotel 4757 1001 Wednesday afternoon.



Griffin Brown and Ava Emdin, CBM's youth program coordinator

Griffin Brown, guest speaker at CBM Rotary Wednesday 21/09, will be attending the National Youth Science Forum, in January.

Griffin is a Year 11 student at Blue Mountains Grammar School, studying maths, chemistry, physics, software design and development, drama and english.

He also volunteers at events for the Multicultural Disability Advocacy Assoc of NSW.

Griffin plays football, and is part of the Sydney Theatre Company's Young Wharfies Program where he is able to learn from professional actors, directors and writers.

He hopes the NYSF experience will help him extend his understanding of his science based school subjects and gain insights into possible opportunities for study in the future.

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# SchoolBoxes and SchoolBags help kids displaced by floods and war



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Following the earthquakes that shook Nepal last year, ShelterBox teamed up with the Rotary Club of Bhadgaon, based in the Kathmandu Valley, to distribute SchoolBoxes to several local orphanages damaged by the tremors. The club, which was started just last year, now helps support more than 200 orphanages in the area, a task that has become even more urgent since the earthquakes.

In a different region of Kathmandu, a ShelterBox response team helped source and deliver SchoolBoxes containing enough school materials for 450 children while the partnering Rotary club brought in psychiatrists to help children who had been traumatised by the earthquake and ongoing aftershocks.

ShelterBox response team member Jimmy Griffiths said: "It was great to see our SchoolBoxes in action and to peek in on how the children are enjoying a little bit of a distraction from their very difficult experiences."

At the height of West Africa's Ebola crisis, SchoolBoxes were flown by Royal Navy helicopter to an orphanage near Sierra Leone.

SchoolBoxes have also been deployed to Zimbabwe for children displaced by the country's worst flooding in forty years.



*ShelterBox schoolbags being used in Zimbabwe*



*Aleppo school children*

The head teacher of Nyuni Secondary School best captured the impact, saying "ShelterBox's tents provide comfort for the children at home, which allows them to come to school in the right mood to learn. ShelterBox's school supplies give them something to call their own, which motivates them to learn as we all get through this difficult time."

ShelterBox has also been distributing SchoolBoxes in Syria. In partnership with Hand in Hand for Syria, many children living in Syrian refugee and displacement camps near the Turkish border now have educational supplies.

Schoolbag sets were even delivered right into war-torn Aleppo city. By including SchoolBoxes, along with essential items such as hardwearing tents, winter clothing and blankets, ShelterBox is helping a generation of children continue their education and create a sense of normality.

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# Mountain Ghost

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The Mountain Ghost occasionally leaves the Mountains and ventures to the Big Smoke. No, he doesn't mean Springwood, he is talking about Sydney.

He ventured to Barangaroo on Sydney Harbour (slightly bigger than Wentworth Falls Lake) on a lovely spring day with the Harbour sparkling and lots of boats.

Barangaroo is spectacular. It is huge (22 hectares in the heart of the City). It is located next to Darling Harbour heading towards Circular Quay and comprises three areas each with its own development planned.

There is Barangaroo Point, Central Barangaroo and Barangaroo South. Fifty percent of the area is parkland and open spaces and it is possible to walk along the waterfront promenade all the way from Darling Harbour to almost the Harbour Bridge.

The Ghost loved the views. All the area has been replanted with Australian natives (plants that is) to replicate the shoreline of 1836.

There are large office buildings and residential high-rises as well as the almost complete new casino. It is estimated that 24,000 people will be working at Barangaroo, 3,500 people will permanently live there and 33,000 people will visit daily. These are big numbers.

As always, the Ghost likes to give a bit of history. Where do we get the name Barangaroo I hear you ask? Barangaroo was the wife of Bennelong (of Bennelong Point fame) and the area was occupied by the Cadigal people.



The early history of Barangaroo can be summarised as windmills and wharves. It progressed to wharves servicing the Parramatta River and the steam mills. The area became quite industrialised. The Australian Gas Light Co (AGL) was formed in 1836 near Hickson Road. In recent times Barangaroo has languished before the current rebirth.

Last week, a new undercover walkway was opened from Wynyard Station to Barangaroo. It is only 5-10 minutes walk to Barangaroo. The Ghost wishes he had waited a few weeks. It took him 20 minutes. Well, that's progress.

Do yourself a favour. Visit Barangaroo and I think you will agree it has revitalised Sydney and confirms the city as one of the great places to visit in the world.

## Good to Know:

Getting there - cannot beat train to Wynyard \$2.50 return for Seniors or ferry from Circular Quay

Wheelchair access - excellent

No need to spend money - take a picnic

**Ghost Rating: 8/10**



*The CBM Rotary pop-up shop was busy all-day Saturday in Leura Mall - tourists and local shoppers generously donated to our community service projects. Kevin Schreiber and Di and Paul Pixton helped to make the sales.*

## Foundation Facts

What are District Grants and what are the criteria?

District Grants must be for educational and humanitarian activities consistent with the mission statement "To do Good in the World"; they can range from playgrounds and shelters in local parks to water projects in Timor Leste or educational projects in India.

- For smaller activities and projects
- Local or international
- Applications and approvals are managed by District
- Grants can be up to \$6,000 for International Projects and \$3,000 within Australia
- Clubs must match the grant \$ : \$
- Must be completed in the Rotary Year.

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# Head to the Central Blue HAT NIGHT PARTY

*Hat parade, fundraising games, chocolate wheel,  
lucky door prizes, great auction items*

Please join us and help Australian Rotary Health, fundraise for mental health research in Australia. 100% of the money raised during this year's Hat Day campaign goes directly to research helping the one in five Australians affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and many other illnesses.

6:30pm to 9:00pm

**Friday, 14th of October 2016**

The Lodge at Leura Fairways

19 - 21 Fitzroy Street, Leura

\$35 per person includes canapes and drinks

**Don't forget to bring three hats**

**RSVP before the 7th of October 2016**

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Empowering families and children to effect lasting change..... community by community [www.sustainablecambodia.org](http://www.sustainablecambodia.org)

## Rotarian Journey into Cambodia

February 2017

Participate from only USD \$775/pp



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

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

Together, we will **explore the ancient temples** of Angkor Wat, and visit cultural sites and museums to gain an understanding of the challenges Cambodia has faced as it rebuilds from the tragedy of the Khmer Rouge genocide. We will travel to the schools and Rotary project sites of Sustainable Cambodia in central Cambodia, and while there each Rotarian can choose from various Rotary-supported projects, such as working with school children, visiting water filter construction sites, water well installations and community ponds. You will have the opportunity to meet first-hand the wonderful families and children in these rural villages, and for those who wish to do so, we can engage in hands-on projects with the families.



For more information about the 2017 Rotarian Journey into Cambodia, download the attached five-page brochure

*The Transplant Games were off to a good start Saturday 24/09, and they will continue throughout the week.*

*Tom Colless, CBM Rotary, Marilyn Mercer and Lucian Keegel, Rotary E-club of Greater Sydney, were there at the start.*



.....that's all folks