



HORIZONS



Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, November 29, 2017



Cars leaving Katoomba at 07.30
November 26 for the trip to
Sydney Motorsport Park
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Soar and Roar Festival - 2017

Special Olympics Australia is proud to launch the SOAR & ROAR Festival, giving people with an intellectual disability the opportunity to experience the thrill of a "Dream Ride".

The festival at Sydney Motorsport Park on November 26 featured luxury car dream rides, motorbike dream rides and fun activities for people of all ages and abilities.

Money raised support Special Olympics Australia to provide sports opportunities for people with an intellectual disability in communities right across Australia.

While some Special Olympics athletes strive to win medals, others enjoy the chance to get active, have fun, make friends and be part of a family. Whatever their motivation, Special Olympics Australia provides meaningful sports programs within a supportive environment where people with an intellectual disability are accepted and can feel proud.



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Olympics
Australia**

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Soar and Roar Festival - 2017



Mustang Mania @ Katoomba

1. Magnificent Mustang on display
2. Malcolm Nicholson - wrong Mustang
3. Drivers and athletes waiting to go
4. CBM's Neil Brown and his 5L V8 beast
5. Rotarians from Central Blue, Upper BM Sunrise, and Greater Sydney e-club
6. Cars departing Lilianfels Park.
7. Just some of the incredible Mustangs waiting for passengers.





November

Wednesday 29 - Bob Montgomery - cyclist for charity

December

Friday 01 - Leura Mall decorations

Sunday 03 - 23 - Christmas Giving Tree
Woolworth's supermarket -Leura

Wed 06 - CBM Rotary annual general meeting

Friday 08 - Lawson Public School breakfast

Sunday 10 - Grand View Market 8.00am-2.00pm
Carols in the Park 4.00pm-6.00pm

Wednesday 13 - CBM Rotary Christmas function

Friday 15 - Late night shopping event Leura Mall

Sun-Sat 17-23 - Christmas Raffle ticket sales

Monday 18 - Board meeting

Monday 20 - Club Assembly



Guest Speaker 29/11 Bob Montgomery



Bob Montgomery cycling 4,000km from Darwin to Perth to raise money for Motor Neurone Disease and Huntington's Disease. Picture: Bill Pixton

Central Blue Mountains Rotary Annual General Meeting 2017

The Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains Inc. will be held at 7:45 pm, Wednesday 6th of December 2017 at the Grand View Hotel, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls.

Nominations for Club Officers in the 2018-2019 Rotary Year are now called for.

Completed nomination forms are required to be returned to the Secretary by end of the normal Club meeting on the 29th of November 2017.

Other business includes the election of office bearers, appointment of Public Officer and Auditor, and delivery of financial reports for the 2016-2017 Rotary Year.



Central Blue received a certificate of appreciation at a recent presidents meeting for financial support to End Polio in 2016/17.

Promoting Rotary across the Blue Mountains and the Greater Sydney Region It's our first anniversary!



This week is the first anniversary of our large moving billboard, on the road promoting Rotary. Comments have been received from people who have seen it and appreciated the message it conveys. The Colless Foods truck travels the Great Western Highway four days a week from Katoomba to western Sydney.



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R.I. Pres says: “See You in Sydney March 17”

Rotary International president Ian Riseley says: “I am pleased to invite you to Sydney on 17 March to explore the important topic of economic and community development and related local, national, and international peacebuilding opportunities.



“Hosted by Rotary District 9675, the organizers have planned an outstanding program featuring inspirational speakers, breakout sessions and networking opportunities to recommit our efforts addressing economic and community development challenges.

“We’ll discuss the causes of economic instability, the intersection of sound community development and reconciliation, and opportunities to create peace and mitigate conflict through collaborative approaches to service projects.

“You will leave the conference motivated to expand existing efforts or initiate new ones locally and abroad.

“I look forward to joining you in Sydney for the fourth of six peacebuilding events we are holding around the world, as we come together to Make a Difference by discussing challenges and identifying opportunities to address some of the most pressing concerns of modern times.

BlazeAid volunteers don’t just rebuild fences; they help rebuild lives.



BlazeAid is a volunteer based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods.

Working alongside rural families volunteers help to rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed.

BlazeAid volunteers also importantly help to lift the spirits of people who are often facing their second or third natural disaster after years of drought or devastating losses through flood or fire.

BlazeAid volunteers work in disaster affected areas for many months, not only helping individuals and families but also help to rebuild local communities.

To find out more about BlazeAid and the work they do go to <http://blazeaid.com.au/>



Economic and Community Development, and Peace
17 March 2018 — Sydney, Australia

Early Bird Deadline: 13 December 2017
Conference Date: 17 March 2018

For all the latest information like Rotary Presidential
Peacebuilding Conference – Sydney 2018 Facebook Page

Mountain Ghost

Now the weather has warmed up the Ghost decided to do the walk again. He packed his esky (including his water and a beer), his vegemite sandwich, his swimmers and set off.

SPIT BRIDGE TO MANLY BEACH WALK

For years the Mountain Ghost has been recommending the many special walks in the Blue Mountains. Occasionally he has visitors from overseas who ask him what are the best walks to go on in Sydney.

The Ghost has no hesitation in recommending the Spit Bridge to Manly Walk along the harbour foreshore. It is the premier walk in Sydney although a lot of people argue that the Bondi to Bronte cliff walk is equally as good.

Now that the weather has warmed up the Ghost decided to do the walk again. He packed his esky (including his water and a beer), his vegemite sandwich, his swimmers and set off.

The walk is 10 kms (one way) and can be started from either end. The walk is fairly easy and takes a little over three hours. It took the Mountain Ghost four hours as there are many detours on the way such as the Old Grotto Point Lighthouse and the view from Dobroyd Point is sensational.

The Ghost actually saw a whale in the harbour which is pretty special. For the civilized walker there are toilets, freshwater, BBQs and cafes along the way. You can also have a swim if you want.

This is a must do walk if you live in Sydney (or the Mountains) and it is not hard. You can start at either end but the Ghost recommends starting at the Spit. That way you can finish with a beer at The Steyne Hotel in Manly.

There are many ways you can do the walk. For starters you can catch a bus from the City to the Spit, do the walk and then take the ferry from Manly back to the City. You can also park at the Spit, do the walk and then get a bus back to the Spit and your car. The best way is for two families to start at opposite ends and swap car keys in the middle. It makes for an interesting day.

Good to Know:

Walk is free. \$2.50 for bus, train, ferry for seniors

No wheelchair access

Definitely take a camera

Not a hard walk. Take your time and enjoy. You can join the walk at many spots if you prefer a shorter walk.

Attractions along the way



A view of North Head



Grotto Point Lighthouse



Collins Flat Beach

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Late Night Christmas Shopping Leura Mall Friday Dec 15 until 9.00pm

*in association with Leura
Village Association and
CBM Rotary*

Bands - Buskers

Rotary Christmas sausage sizzle

Wonderful shopping

Great Christmas decorations

Mouth-watering food and coffee

Christmas lantern parade

View Club Christmas wrapping
service

Have your photograph
taken with Santa

Fun for all

Bring your family and friends



Rotary assisting FunFlight

The Rotary Club of Bendigo-Strathdale District 9800. supported Bendigo Aero Pilots recently when 100 children and their families were taken on a flight around Bendigo as part of an event on November 12, National FunFlight day.



FunFlight, a national organisation, is purely volunteer-run and established to provide children touched by adversity, with joy and inspiration through the exhilaration of flight. The vision at FunFlight is that every child can fly.

FunFlight, in its tenth year, chooses children who have been affected by some kind of adversity in their lives. They were taken on a 15-minute flight.

This year, around 1500 children and their carers or family members flew in many light aircraft, as well as being treated to lunch and a range of different activities and entertainment at airfields across the country.

FunFlight reached its 10,000th passenger up in the air this year.

FunFlight founder Michel Verheem said: "Ten years and an enormous amount of work from many volunteers around the country."

"We are enormously proud of what all these people have created, of what difference we have made in the lives of the kids and their families."

District 9685 conference March 10 - 11



**EARLY BIRD
REGISTRATION**

**Early Bird
Discount
Registration
closes Nov. 30**

www.conference2018.rotarydistrict9685.org.au



John Germ
R.I. President
2016-2017
attending the D9685
conference as the Rotary
International President's
Special Representative

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