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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, May 02, 2018



Santa's hair cutting charity event

Central Blue Rotary's very own Santa, Steve Gillett, is having his hair cut, raising money for the Astha Home for Girls, Nepal.

Steve says it has taken 12 years to grow his hair to the current length, but if he can raise a few charity dollars by snipping it off, then it will all have been worthwhile.

The ceremonial shearing will take place at the Rotary Pink Ball, Carrington Hotel, Katoomba, on 4 May.

Steve is asking for donations of at least \$10 a centimetre of hair.

As he has 100 centimetres, he hopes to raise as much as possible for the Astha Home for Girls. Your donation will really make a difference!

The Astha Home for Girls, in Kathmandu, is a government registered charity. Its purpose is to provide a home, protection and support for impoverished girls at risk of prostitution.

The home has been an international project of Central Blue Mountains Rotary for many years.

Tax deductible donations made in Australia or New Zealand can be paid to: RAWCS Website "Astha Home for Girls" Nepal <https://directory.rawcs.com.au/ProjectDisplay.aspx?ID=997> or go to RAWCS Website and follow prompts for Donations (Project No. 44/ 2016-17)



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Brian Turner



Kevin Schreiber

ANZAC Day Blue Mountains

Following a march of ex-servicemen from the Carrington Hotel along Katoomba Street, a ceremony of remembrance was held at Katoomba Public School, Merriwa Street.

Floral tributes were placed by Brian Turner, President of Katoomba RSL Sub-Branch and Clr. Kevin Schreiber, representing Blue Mountains City Council. Both Brian Turner and Kevin Schreiber are Central Blue Mountains Rotarians.

At Wentworth Falls, Central Blue Rotary president Roza Sage attended the local dawn service representing the club and then took part in the ANZAC Day march at Springwood, later in the day.



This young man was photographed during the ANZAC Day dusk service at Blackheath Rotary's annual golf day. He is a student at Blue Mountains Grammar School.





WhatsOn....

May

- Wednesday 02: Guest speaker - Brian Turner
- Friday 04: Science and Engineering Challenge
- Sunday 06: Leura Harvest Festival
- Tuesday 08: BM Grammar School catering van
- Wednesday 09: Guest speaker - Ann Montague
- Wednesday 16: No meeting
- Saturday 19: Barbecue - Home Hardware, Katoomba
- Sunday 20: RSPCA Million Paws Walk - Katoomba
- Wednesday 23: Club assembly
- Sat 26 & Sun 27: Great Train Weekend - Mount Victoria
- Wednesday 30: BM Rotary Pride of Workmanship

June

- Wednesday 06: Guest speaker Melanie Stopic
- Wednesday 13: CPR course
- Wednesday 23: Club assembly
- Saturday 16: Barbecue - Home Hardware, Katoomba
- Wednesday 27: CBM Rotary changeover
- Thursday 28: Blackheath Rotary changeover
- Thursday 28: Catering van BMGS Senior Sports Day



The 2018 Science and Engineering Challenge will be at Blue Mountains Grammar School Friday May 4.

The local schools have been invited and will include BMGS and Katoomba High.

The Challenge runs a range of programs but focuses on inspiring students in year 10 to consider a future career in science and engineering by choosing to study the enabling sciences and mathematics in years 11 and 12. Rotary volunteers are required.

Rotarians wanting to be involved and want to know more can talk to either David Hart (0408 026 832) or Joan Hart (0419 255 011).

To volunteer please contact David Ellyard at david@davidellyard.com.

Rotary Blue Mountains Blackheath, Central Blue Katoomba Upper Blue Mts Sunrise



*Wentworth Falls
Country Club
Wednesday, May 30, 2018
6.30pm for 7.00pm
Two course meal
\$40 per person*

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CBM Rotary team
at the 9685 District
Assembly, April 29.

*Lora Stopic, Eric Cantor,
Ava Emdin, Ian Scott,
Steve Cookson,
Rick Tasker, Ann Montague
and John Sim.*



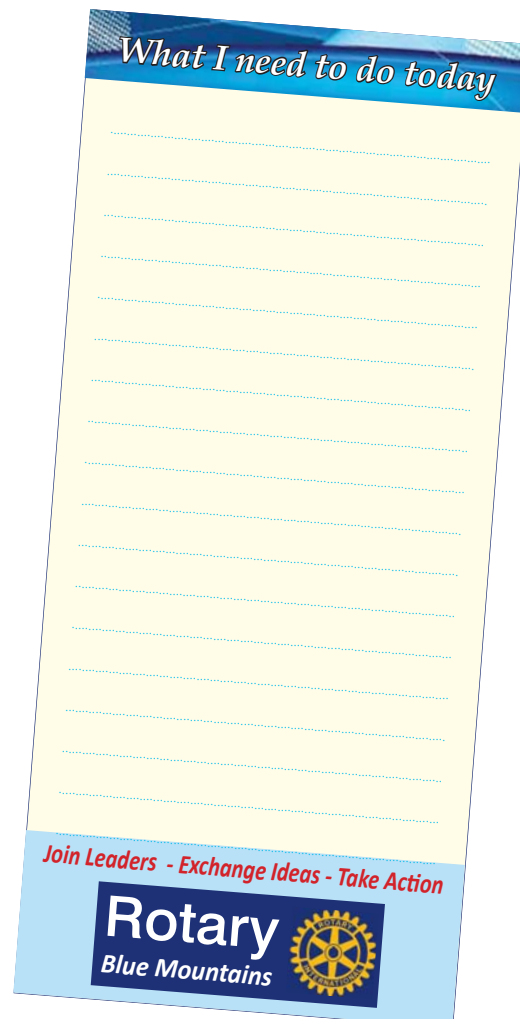
The Million Paws Walk is on again this year. May 20 in the Blue Mountains at Melrose Park, Katoomba. Canines and their handlers will arrive at the park around 0900 hours.

There will be a walk around the oval, lots of stalls and entertainment and Central Blue Rotary will be providing bacon and egg rolls, sausages and onions and the profit after expenses will be donated to the RSPCA Katoomba branch.

A simple notepad 90mm x 200mm has been produced by Central Blue Mountains Rotary to promote six Rotary clubs in the Blue Mountains and the Rotary e-club of Greater Sydney.

The notepad with contact numbers and meeting information on the back of each page will be distributed May 2 at the Blue Mountains Business Expo, Springwood.

Notepad promotes Rotary Blue Mountains





You can't have a Rotary barbecue without sausages (see photograph, bottom left) but at the Aboriginal Cultural Resource Centre Katoomba Family Day, Friday 27/04, Central Blue Rotarians Tom Hickey, Steve Gillett, Ava Emdin and Ray Wiles also served up delicious portions of kangaroo, emu, crocodile and beef.

It was a fun day out for many local families at Melrose Park, Katoomba, on a not so warm Blue Mountains day. Residents were able to access information about child care, welfare and social issues.



Blackheath Rotary renovate a deck at Junction 142 Katoomba



Blackheath Rotary has completed a new deck at Junction 142 Katoomba. Lucian Keegel, Rotary e-club of Geater Sydney, was the foreman.

In partnership with the Uniting Church, the premises, at 142 Katoomba Street, deals with homelessness every day. Often it can be locals who just haven't been able to make the rent or mortgage payments.

Director Rosa Del Ponte says: "We deal with ordinary people who struggle to manage sky rocketing housing costs. It just takes a run of bad luck and anyone can end up homeless. We have even helped a family of five who were living in a tent in the bush".

The Soul Kitchen also helps homeless people who are riding the trains at night to stay safe and warm.

Rosa explains: "They hop off at Katoomba and come to us for a meal or to have a shower and launder their clothes".



Mountain Ghost

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AUTUMN

The Mountain Ghost was not always a Mountain Ghost. A long time ago he was a City Ghost but moved to the Mountains because he loved them.

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This time last year the Ghost was telling his thousands of readers (well hundreds anyway) of the best places to see the beautiful Autumn trees and colours.

Well the best places to see Autumn in the Mountains according to Scenic World who do know a little about the Mountains are :-

1. Mount Wilson – go to the Village and the streets are lined with elm trees, liquid ambers and pink cherries. Mount Wilson is also home to some of the best private cold climate gardens in Australia. Most charge a small entrance fee which usually goes to charity. Many owners encourage visitors to have a picnic amongst the trees.
2. Mount Tomah – (or Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens) to give it its full name is magnificent at this time of year. It covers 252 hectares of beautiful Autumn colours.
3. Blackheath – take any of the back streets in Blackheath and you will see rows and rows of spectacular trees. While there you can visit Blackheath Rotary's famous Rocket at Soldiers Memorial Park. All this is for free.
4. Everglades House and Garden – at Leura is a must. For many years this was the Ghost's favourite Autumn place. This National Trust property set on 12 acres of mature gardens also has spectacular views of the Jamison Valley.
5. Wentworth Falls – one of the most spectacular sights in the Blue Mountains is the tunnel of flaming trees (no, the Ghost is not swearing the trees are flaming good) on route to Wentworth Falls lake.

Not mentioned because it is a little way out of the Mountains is Mayfield Gardens at Mayfield near Oberon. The Ghost has written about Mayfield before. It is recognised as one of the best cool climate gardens in the Southern Hemisphere and it is getting better each year. If you have not visited Mayfield in Autumn then you are missing a magnificent sight. Do it soon.

The Ghost has been a little slow in mentioning the now famous Sculptures at Scenic World in Katoomba, now held at this time of year. The exhibition features sculptures from Australian and International artists dotted along a boardwalk in a beautiful rainforest setting.

The Ghost thinks this is the 7th annual exhibition but his memory is not as good as it used to be. The Ghost hopes you have enjoyed this article but please do not sue him if Autumn does not make an appearance.....



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Beer - Produce**

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For booking, more information and extra details
contact: normkitto@bigpond.com - 0416 046 693



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