



# HORIZONS



## Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

# Spring...



Well...not quite yet. Spring does not officially begin until Friday...we just wanted to show you what to expect in the Blue Mountains this year....lots of flowers and beautiful trees, and of course, the Leura Gardens Festival, September 30 to October 08...This stunning photograph taken at Everglades House and Gardens, Leura, is by courtesy of Leura Gardens Festival.

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# Bullaburra Family Fun Day

Not a lot of people live at lovely Bullaburra, a small mountain village you drive through on the Great Western Highway, while on your way to Katoomba, Lithgow and Bathurst.

Bullaburra, population of about 1,500, is between the larger villages of Lawson and Wentworth Falls...easy to miss.

It doesn't matter that the population is small and there is not a supermarket in sight, the residents have a great area in which to live and they celebrate it with a Family Fun Day.

The Rural Fire Service turns out to run a sausage sizzle, the kids get to sit on a fire truck, there is always a face painter, a local wildlife group displayed a couple of snakes and a lizard.... and this year Central Blue Mountains Rotary arrived with a fairy floss machine, just to give everyone a sticky face.

Our top photograph shows Rotary people at work: Roza and Ted Sage, Raymond Wiles. and Justine Murphy, with a perfect sticky stick of fairy floss, they had just spun.



## Rotary Clubs of the Central Coast Dinner The Future of Rotary: Unlimited or On Borrowed Time?

Thursday 5th October 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Breakers Country Club, 64 Dover Rd Wamberal

Tickets \$30 at: <https://www.trybooking.com/293153>

RSVP: 2nd October 2017

Guest Speaker: Rotary International Director Noel Trevaskis







## What's On....

### August

**Wednesday 30** - Guest speaker - Ray Wiles

### September

**Wednesday 06** - Guest speaker: Lynton Phillips  
Adventure

**Saturday 09** - Greystanes Foundation dinner

**Sunday 10** - Catering van - Grand View Market

**Wednesday 13** - Guest speaker: Louise Statz  
Creating Links, Blue Mountains

**Sunday 17** - Waterways event - W. Falls Lake

**Wednesday 20** - District Governor official visit

**Wednesday 27** - Guest speaker: Julie Ankers  
Fiesty, Fabulous and Fifty

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## Advisory Board Training

Jeremy Carter, president Norwest Sunrise Rotary has offered his company's training course for Board Members - Free to Rotarians and \$50 for non Rotarians.

Saturday, 9 September, 2017 - 8.00am-11.30am

8.00am Coffee & Registration

8.30am - 11.30am Training incl. Morning Tea

Please register by Tuesday, 5 September, 2017.

### **Advisory Boards – Unlocking success in your organisation**

Having a great board of advisors is a powerful asset for your Rotary Club to get objective advice, identify unexplored opportunities, open new doors and increase profitability and sustainability.

This workshop covers what you need to know in order to establish an effective Advisory Board from inception to succession. Unlike corporate boards, advisory boards do not have fiduciary responsibility and their advice is non-binding.

#### **Topics include:**

- The importance of governance in organisations
- How to setup an effective advisory board
- Choosing the right people for the board
- Setting objectives, expectations and compensation
- Planning for Meetings
- Running effective board meetings
- Best practice communication strategies



*Pamela Williams, past president Central Blue Mountains Rotary (2005-2006), now living at Port Macquarie, has become an honorary member.*

*Visiting the Blue Mountains this week, Pamela (right) attended a meeting of Central Blue on Wednesday to receive her honorary membership from president Roza Sage.*

*Pamela Williams joined Central Blue Mountains Rotary in April, 1999, and along with her year as president has successfully filled most board positions...Pamela is a Paul Harris Fellow.*

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# Students in Canberra for National Model United Nations Assembly

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On weekend, August 18 to 20, about 70 students from across Australia gathered at Old Parliament House, Canberra for MUNA, Model United Nations Assembly.

The Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise organises the event on behalf of Rotary District 9710 which covers 47 clubs across the ACT and south-eastern NSW.

Established in 1996, the Model United Nations Assembly is something keenly embraced by the students, many of whom wear the national costume of the country they represent.



*Students participating in the Model United Nations Assembly held in Canberra August 18-20 by the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise. Photo: Supplied*

*Story extracts and photographs sourced from The Canberra Times and Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise, D9710 NationalMUNA facebook pages.*

A recent story in The Canberra Times reported long-time organiser and Rotary Club member, Garth Britton, saying the students took the debating very seriously.

"It's also shows that Rotary is not just about sausage sizzles and fundraising," Mr Britton said.

Over the last 21 years, about 1600 secondary school students have participated in the national debate to increase international understanding and goodwill.

"They represent a country and its attitude and not their own views, so it's important they do some research," Mr Britton said.

Club member Bruce Harvey, who has been there since the first MUNA in 1996,

said some of the students went on to study international relations and seek careers in diplomacy.

"Every year we are impressed by the standard of public speaking and the way they are across the issues. It's pretty remarkable. The kids are just amazing," he said.

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# Penrith Valley Rotary project



Penrith Valley Rotary is supporting a new project at Glenmore Park Public School Year 5.

Under the guidance of teacher Ryan Kirby the class is planting a vegetable garden.

A variety of berries, herbs and vegetables are being grown in raised beds. Harvested crops will go to the soup kitchen feeding the countless "sleeping rough" community citizens.

Bunnings also plays a supporting role. Rotarians Robyn Burton and Glenn McFall provide leadership in the club for this project.

The spin off as far as educational content and personal development for the students go, is enormous.

(Story and photos: Penrith Valley Rotary Facebook)



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# Mountain Ghost

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*An aerial view of the original site of Wollemi pines showing mature trees up to 40 metres tall. Photo: Jaime Plaza/Botanic Gardens Trust*

## WOLLEMI PINE

The Mountain Ghost was doing some research about his favourite national park, the Wollemi National Park in the northern Blue Mountains when he got side tracked about the wonderful discovery of the Wollemi Pine.

The Ghost knows his readers would have heard the story many times but it is worth repeating again.

This ancient pine, believed to have existed for 200 million years was discovered in September 1994 by David Noble, a field officer at the Wollemi National Park, Blackheath.

David had extensive botanical knowledge but he had never seen a pine like this. Imagine the shock that when it was discovered this was a tree that was supposedly extinct two-million years ago.

The last fossil of a Wollemi Pine in Tasmania was dated to be two-million years old. Where did David find these trees? The Ghost has promised he will not reveal the location but he will say that it has been located in three remote valleys in the Wollemi National Park.

It is believed there are 100 trees in the bush with the average age of each tree ranging between 500 years and 1,000 years old. The pines grow to a height of 40 metres.

The Royal Botanic Gardens began a propagation program making specimens available to gardens in 2006 in Australia, and subsequently throughout the world.

In 2005, it was discovered that the native Wollemi were infected with a water mould (phytophthora) which could only have been brought in by a bushwalker.



Wollemi National Park is world heritage listed and the discovery of the pines had a big part in this listing. The park really starts here in the Mountains, goes north to the Hunter and is bounded by the Wolgan Valley and Capertee Valley. The nearest major town is Lithgow.

The Ghost recommends Dunns Swamp (Ganguddy Camping Ground and Newnes – a very interesting place to visit with its shale oil history). There is also the Colo Meroo campground on the beautiful Colo River. There are too many bushwalks to list.

Enjoy the Wollemi National Park and if by chance you come across a Wollemi Pine in your visit keep it to yourself.

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## Wentworth Falls WATERWAYS FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER  
10-2PM • FREE EVENT

- Get up close to a crayfish • Sausage sizzle
- Family walks and talks • Meet a turtle
- Go on a swamp safari • BYO picnic

Western side of Wentworth Falls Lake reserve, Sinclair Crescent, Wentworth Falls • Enquiries 4780 5788 or 4780 5521

Book now! [www.waterwaysfestival.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.waterwaysfestival.eventbrite.com.au)

Central Blue Mountains Rotary will be providing food and drinks during the festival



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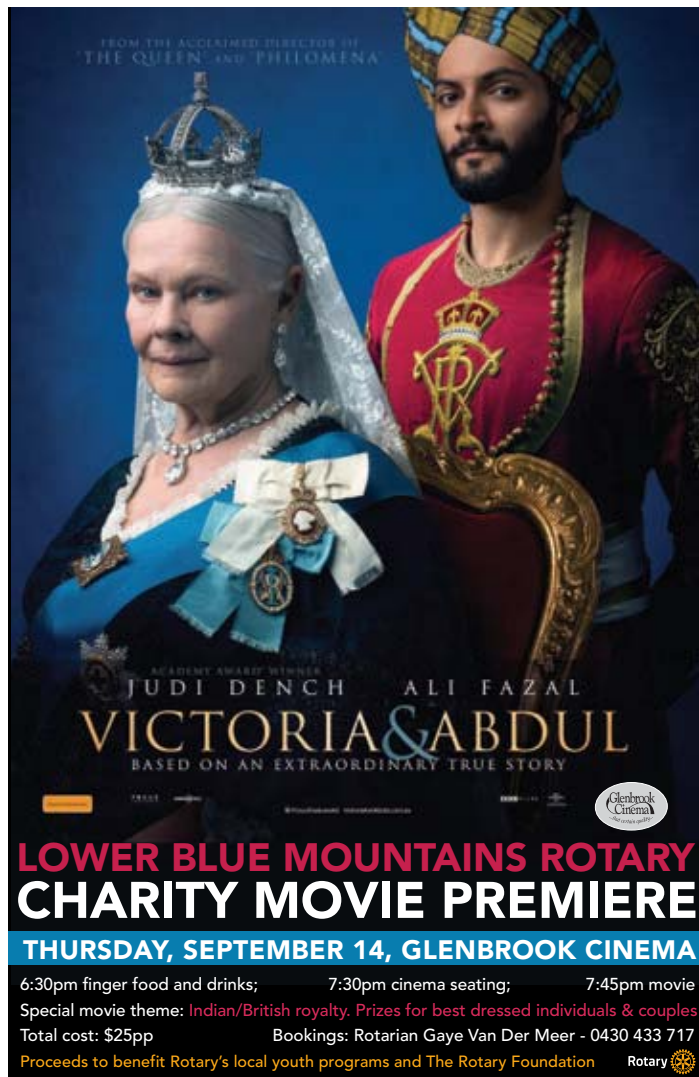
*Mid Mountains  
Garden Festival*

16-17 Sept & 23-24 Sept

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FROM THE ACCLAIMED DIRECTOR OF 'THE QUEEN' AND 'PHILOMENA'

JUDI DENCH ALI FAZAL

## VICTORIA & ABDUL

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**LOWER BLUE MOUNTAINS ROTARY CHARITY MOVIE PREMIERE**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, GLENBROOK CINEMA**

6:30pm finger food and drinks; 7:30pm cinema seating; 7:45pm movie

Special movie theme: **Indian/British royalty**. Prizes for best dressed individuals & couples

Total cost: \$25pp Bookings: Rotarian Gaye Van Der Meer - 0430 433 717

Proceeds to benefit Rotary's local youth programs and The Rotary Foundation 

....that's all folks