



What's On....

May

Wednesday 31 - Robyn Yates - Cancer Wellness

June

Wednesday 07 - Guest speaker - to be advised

Wednesday 07 - BM Business Expo - Springwood

Sunday 11 - Food van - Grand View Market

Wednesday 14 - Guest speaker to be advised

Fri 16 - Sun 18 - RYPEN camp, Springwood

Saturday 19 - Katoomba Rotary changeover and 80th birthday

Wednesday 21 - Club assembly - plan 2017-2018

Thursday 22 - Combined board meeting

Wednesday 28 - CBM changeover function

July

Saturday 01 - District 9685 changeover - Hornsby RSL

Learn about Rotary at a two-day course

District 9685 Rotary Leadership Institute wants to try a one-weekend, two day coarse for people who prefer two days of learning in one hit, rather than have it spread over three different days, as would normally happen.

So, they are saying that RLI 41 will run over the weekend of June 24-25.

If this better suits your availability then please register now at *rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au*

This weekend course is held at the District Office, Thornleigh. Morning teas and lunches are provided.

Each day starts at 8:00 for 8:30am and finishes around 3.30 - 4.00 pm.....REGISTER NOW!

Helping the Salvos Red Shield Appeal this weekend

Bob Reid, Upper BM Sunrise Rotary, Lucian Keegel, Greater Sydney Rotary E-club, and Tom Colless, Central Blue Mountains.



Pride of Workmanship Upper Blue Mountains Rotary combined The Carrington Hotel, Katoomba - May 23, 2017

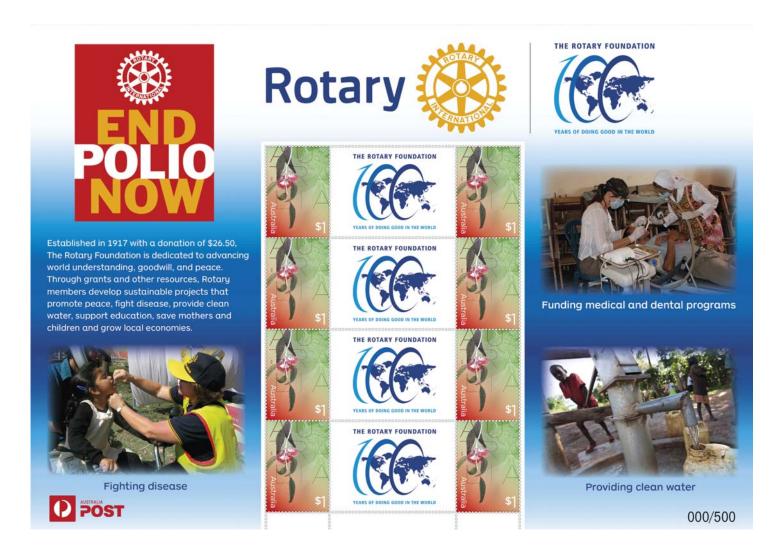


CBM Rotary President, Ray Wiles, NRMA Roadside Assist, Anthony Muller and Rotary District 9685 Governor, Bruce Lakin.



Katoomba RSL awardees, Nick Darias CEO and Sherrie Roberts, Administration Manager, with CBM Rotary President, Ray Wiles, Rotary District 9685 Governor, Bruce Lakin, and Owen Wood, Katoomba RSL Senior Vice-President

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Mountain Ghost

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EVERGLADES

Historic House and Gardens

For those many readers (more than 5 less than 10) of the Ghost's articles will know he likes his Gardens even though he is not a gardener himself. The best known garden in the Blue Mountains is without a doubt Everglades at Leura. The first time the Ghost visited Everglades he was surprised by an alligator but no problems this visit.

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For the readers who have not been to Everglades it is a garden set in 13 acres with a mixture of European style gardens and native bushland.

There are stunning views, terraced lawns, winding pathways, stone walls, pools, glades and a 1930's house in the art deco style. Plus the famous Everglades Tea Rooms. The Ghost's favourite time to visit Everglades is spring with the best display of azaleas to be seen in the Mountains. The dogwoods and camellias are also excellent.

As always the Ghost likes to give his readers some history. Everglades was purchased in 1932 by Henri Van de

Velde who made his money from Feltex Carpets. The Ghost remembers Feltex Carpets. He must be getting old.

In 1933, Van de Velde commissioned the Danish born landscaper, Paul Sorensen to create a garden for his proposed weekender. Depression labour was on hand to move thousands of tons of earth and rock and build miles of curvaceous stone walls and paths that are a Sorensen signature.

The house was built in 1935-1936. Sorensen worked on Everglades until Van de Velde's death in 1947. The property was then sold privately. In 1962 the National Trust purchased the property and Sorensen was commissioned to supervise restorations. He remained involved until 1970. The Trust leased Everglades out until 1996 when they took on the management of the Gardens.





So who was Paul Sorensen? Readers have driven under the Paul Sorensen bridge for ever. The Ghost is currently researching his life and will let you know in a future article.

Good To Know:

Address: Everglades Avenue Leura NSW 2780

Open: Every day 10.00 am to 5.00pm (4.00 pm in winter) – not open Christmas Day or Good Friday.

Entry Fee: \$13.00, Conc: \$8.00

www.nationaltrustorg.au/places/everglades

These Gardens are not suitable for wheelchairs or very young children. TRUST





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