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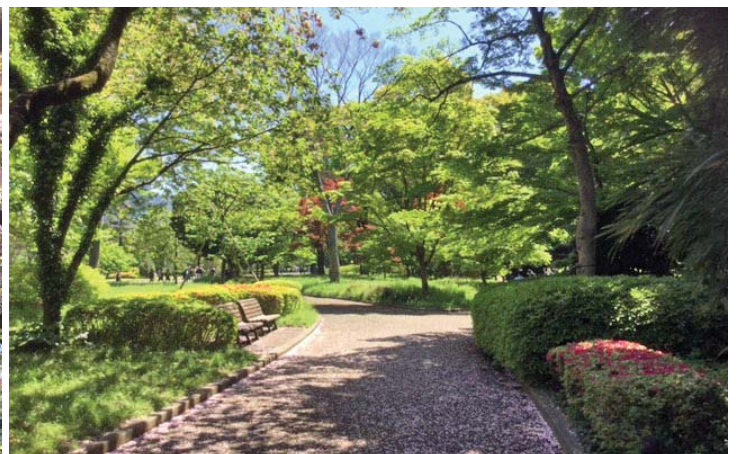
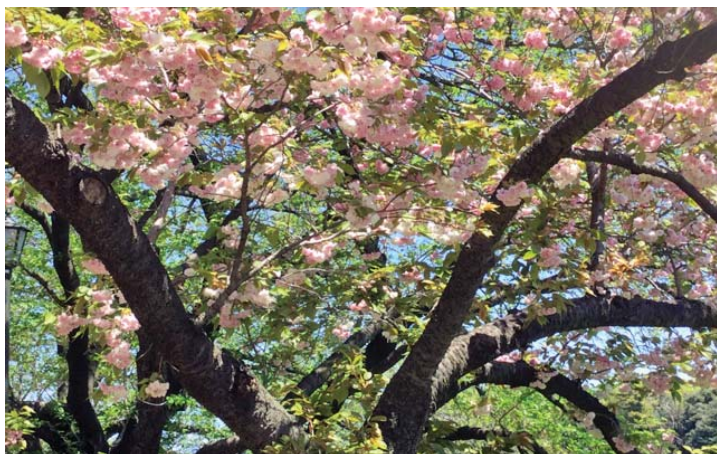


## Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

*Effective - Energetic - Enterprising - Empowered*

Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, May 03, 2017



## *Tokyo in Spring*

*Last week we featured a photograph of the Blue Mountains in Autumn....within a few minutes of uploading the newsletter, these photographs came back from Karen Sullivan, QANTAS Flight Attendant, who had been out and about enjoying the gardens of Tokyo.*

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## May

- Wednesday 03** - Paul Innes - BM historian
- Friday 05** - BM Grammar - catering van
- Sunday 07** - Scenic World Sculpture last day
- Sunday 07** - Leura Harvest Festival
- Wednesday 10** - Guest speaker TBA
- Sunday 14** - Food van - Grand View Market
- Monday 15** - Board meeting - Grand View Hotel
- Wednesday 17** - Guest speaker TBA
- Sunday 21** - Million Paws Walk - Dog Day
- Tuesday 23** - Pride of Workmanship
- Wednesday 24** - Food van - BMGS Athletic Day
- Sat-Sun 27-28** - Red Shield Appeal
- Sunday 28** - Rotary - MUNA

### **Our Mission**

Central Blue Mountains Rotary has a very simple mission; to provide service to others within our local community and overseas, to promote integrity, and to advance goodwill through fellowship.

We have a long and successful history of supporting our local community and assisting overseas. Since being established in 1976 we have achieved, quite simply, nothing less than outstanding results every year. We are proud of our contribution to helping others.

## **CBM Rotary**

- on your PC
- on your Tablet
- on your Phone

# Guest speaker Wed. May 03

Paul Innes

## Blue Mountains History Tours

Blue Mountains History Tours has been operating since 1996 and was founded by Paul Innes.

Formerly trading under the name 'Discover the Blue Mountains with B.M. Tours, the company name was changed in 2013.

Prior to that, Paul taught History, English and Drama for 17 years. He has also travelled throughout Asia and Europe on several occasions.

Paul Innes has been a Blue Mountains resident since 1986; and his deep interest in the history of the region is reflected in the day tours he conducts throughout this exceptional part of the world.

It should be added that Paul's historical day tours are always based on thorough research; as well as many stories collected and authenticated over the years.

As well as conducting the day tours, Paul is assisted by a number of local tour guides including Helen Johnston, as well as local, published historians, such as John Low.

Paul regularly contributes history articles to the Scenic World Tourist newspaper.

# Become a Volunteer



## RED SHIELD APPEAL

## May 27 and 28

*If you would like to volunteer as a doorknocker, driver, or street collector contact Tom Colless 4780 1100 and become part of the happy team helping the Salvos this year.*



*Zac Franklin, Leala Harris, Melissa Li, Ava Emdin, Laura Clyne, Alice Hill-Butler, John Manners.*

# The importance of Rotary engaging with youth

Story by Ava Emdin

***What concerns today's young people? Where do they go for information and what do they do with that information? What do they want from local Rotarians....The best way to find out is to ask them.***

Invite local high school students to a meeting and you will be impressed with what you hear, their passion and how articulate they are in sharing their views.

Last week, Central Blue hosted four students from Blue Mountains Grammar School, and Abottsville High student, Melissa Li to our meeting, where they shared their concerns about our world and country and their hopes for the future as well as going some way to express what they would like to see happen in their communities and in the community at large. They also told us how little they know about Rotary other than sausage sizzles!

Marginally disadvantaged and isolated youth, Indigenous rights, LGBTI issues, racial and religious tension and the treatment of refugees and asylum seekers are among the concerns of socially aware young people.

But, being aware is only the beginning; empathy and action are what they would like to encourage for any change to happen. All five students agreed that the only way to make a difference is for multi generations to work together.

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Guest speaker Melissa Li said: “It’s so incredibly important for Rotary to engage with my generation. Rotary does great things and has made huge changes through its service programs. It can be such a good platform for youth action.

“My generation is the generation with the biggest capacity, and arguably the most responsibility to effect social change in an increasingly turbulent world. It’s our future that we have to anticipate.

“We’re aware. We recognise that it is time for change. But we need ways to create change, and a potential way to do that is to open a larger youth sector of Rotary so that we can pair up with an already established organisation.

“Rotary can be such a powerful platform upon which to amplify the voices of my generation, because we need more avenues through which to vocalise our concerns and work towards solving them,” Melissa Li concluded.

Today’s millennials are extremely aware and have a great deal to offer but as young people, as students, they are limited in what they can do in any practical way.

Working together with people who are in a position to help move awareness to empathy and action, engaging with people of faiths other than their own, and not being afraid to talk openly about religion and politics are important to them.

Social media is the go to for their information. Newspapers, radio and television cannot compete with the currency of social media and this medium is how young people communicate with their peers and their community.

What did we as Rotarians take away from the meeting? Engage with the students in our schools in ways that are meaningful to them. Don’t limit that engagement only to Rotary International programs. Find these young people and together find the ways of helping them achieve their goals.

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# LEURA HARVEST FESTIVAL



LOCAL ARTISANS

PRODUCE & PLANT STALLS

WINE & CIDER TASTINGS

CHEF'S TABLE & FOOD STALLS

UPCYCLED FASHION

## COMPETITIONS

- BIRCHES OF LEURA  
Scarecrow Competition
- JOSOPHAN'S FINE  
CHOCOLATES  
Chocolate Cake Competition
- PET CHOOKS

7th MAY 2017 • LEURA MALL



Bratwurst is a type of German sausage made from veal, beef, or most commonly, pork.

Visit the Central Blue Rotary stall and enjoy delicious Bacon, egg and sausage roll or you can try a mouthwatering Bratwurst.