



# HORIZONS



## Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

*Effective - Energetic - Enterprising - Empowered*

Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, October 04, 2017

# Leura Village Fair

October 7 and 8





# Rotary clubs seek community radio licence.



Justine Doherty, senior journalist with the Hawkesbury Gazette, reports that Hawkesbury's three Rotary Clubs will be applying for a temporary operating licence when Hawkesbury Radio's licence lapses.

Assistant governor of the Hawkesbury clubs, Rod Rose, said the radio station was a crucial service for our community which was why the Windsor, Richmond and Kurrajong-North Richmond Rotary Clubs wanted to ensure it continued.

"Like your newspaper, it provides information about fires and floods, and has been going for 35 years," he said. "It also provides essential advertising for our clubs.

"All we'd be doing is providing the vehicle so it could continue. Our bid is purely to keep it in the community's hands. We would like to think it will be available to everyone.

"It could be that the board and chairman come from Rotary initially but it would be totally open to the community."

The Rotary application will be backed up by solid experience – and equipment. Mr Rose was the original chairman of Hawkesbury Radio in the early 80s when it was still broadcasting from Richmond School of Arts.

He was involved with the station for five years before the RAAF posted him back to Melbourne.

"We were a co-op but we never had a problem and we never refused anyone membership," he said.

He also has access to the hardware required to transmit. While the current licence holders told the Gazette that all the studio hardware and transmitting equipment belongs to their co-op, Mr Rose said that was no problem as his son runs radio stations all over Australia.

"We could have a service up in two days," he said. "We could operate from anywhere in the line of sight of the Kurrajong Heights tower but we'd really like to keep it in central Windsor or Richmond."

While the three clubs have only met once so far about their application, they invite any community members currently broadcasting from the station, and anyone else who would like to put their voice out there, to contact him so they can start compiling a format.

"Any broadcaster who came to us would have full access," he said. "We don't have an agenda."

He said the current intention of Hawkesbury Radio to continue broadcasting past the end of its licence by going online wasn't enough for the community, as not everyone had access to a computer.

When asked what the Rotary station might be called, he said the current name was the best.

"We're hoping that whoever gains a temporary licence will, all collectively, be able to use the name 'Hawkesbury Radio'.

He said he was aware of two other groups who would be applying for a temporary licence.

If you are interested in broadcasting on the Rotary station if its application is successful, contact Rod on 4578 2968 or [rod@myisp.net.au](mailto:rod@myisp.net.au).

*Story: Hawkesbury Gazette*



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# Swimming lessons for 20 refugees funded by Rotary Club of Albury



story by Ellen Ebsary  
The Border Mail

Twenty newly-arrived Border residents are learning the basics of swimming thanks to a partnership between the Murray Valley Refugee Sanctuary Group and the Rotary Club of Albury.

MVRSG have not run swimming classes for refugees and newly-arrived residents for a number of years, and treasurer Tony Smit said the program's return was welcomed.

"This is an eleven-week course for 20 people that the grant from Rotary has paid for," he said.

"All our learning swimmers happen to be new Australians and never learned to swim in their home country, because it's just not done ... there's crocodiles in Africa.

"If we can teach some, that's much better than teaching none."

LEARNING: Teachers Gina Horner and Hugh Cullen with Beatrice Nyandamira, Beatrice Nyamajana, Aimerance Ndayisaba and Anita Uwingabire.



**Rotary**  
Districts and Clubs  
of New South Wales



**Rotary Inspirational  
Women's Awards 2017**



## What are the Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards?

*The Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards (RIWA) have been established to recognise women and young women who best exemplify Rotary's motto of **Service Above Self** (i.e. the community service the individual performs above and beyond their normal role.*

**The Awards are an initiative of the Rotary Districts and Clubs of NSW.**

Award Presentation Lunch  
Club York  
99 York Street, Sydney  
Sunday, October 15, 2017

Further details:  
<http://www.rotarydistrict9675.org>  
T: 0412 120 314



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## WhatsOn....

### October

**Sunday 1** - Trifecta ticket sales - Leura Mall

**Wednesday 4** - Guest speaker: Mark Jarvis - Carrington Hotel history

**Saturday 7- Sunday 8** - Leura Village Fair

**Wednesday 11** - Hat Night - Aussie Barbecue

**Sunday 15** - Grand View Market

**Monday 16** - Board meeting

**Wednesday 18** - Club assembly

**Tuesday 24** - Polio donation collection  
World Polio Day

**Wednesday 25** - Guest speaker to be advised

**Saturday 28 - Sunday 29** - Graffiti Removal

### November

**Wednesday 01** - Guest speaker to be advised

**Friday 03** - Twilight Market - Faulcobridge

**Saturday 04** - Trifecta ticket sales - Leura Mall

**Wednesday 08** - Guest speaker to be advised

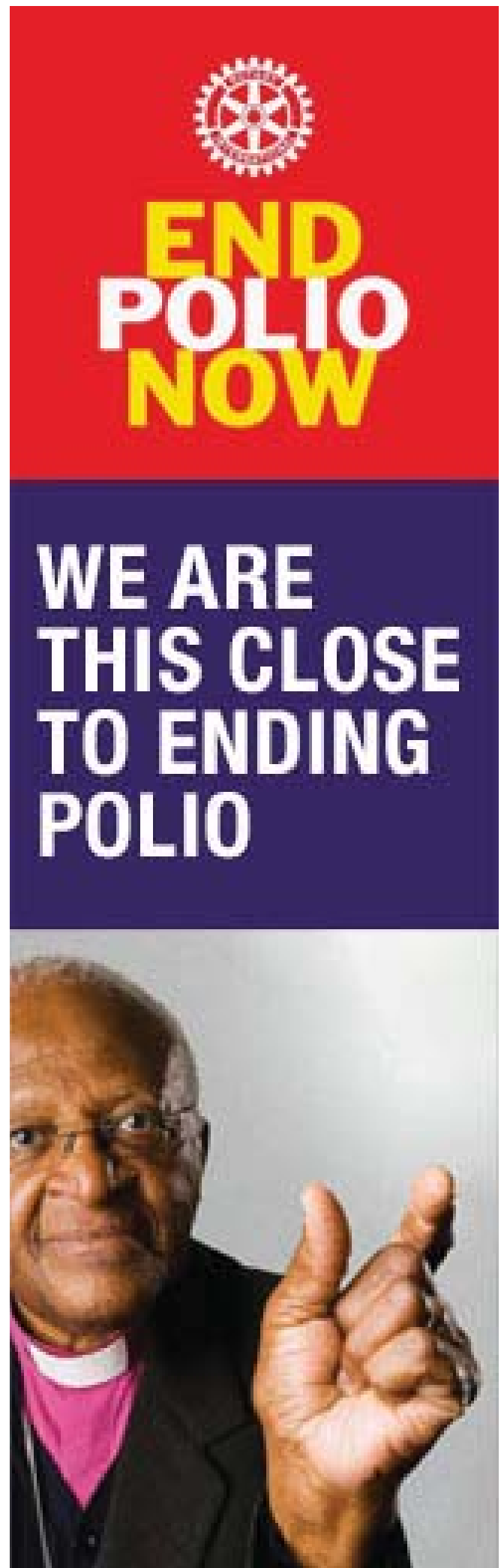
**Sunday 12** - Grand View Market

**Wednesday 15** - Guest speaker to be advised

**Wednesday 22** - Club Assembly



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# Central Blue Mountains Rotary

## AUSSIE HAT NIGHT



**LIFT the LID  
on mental illness**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

**Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls**

6.30pm for 7.00pm - \$30 per person

Barbecue buffet - Drinks at bar prices

Bookings please by October 4, 2017

Vanessa 0402 004 968 or Ray Wiles 0409 845 415





# graffiti

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# Mountain Ghost

“What is Varuna?” you are asking. Well, Varuna is a house in Cascade Street, Katoomba known as the National Writers House and the home for the Sydney Writers Festival, among other things.



## VARUNA - National Writers House

The Mountain Ghost was excited. He had been invited to the Open Day at Varuna, the National Writers House. Finally he had been recognised for his work with “Horizons” and other publications. He was on the way up.

However, a colleague let it slip that the reason for the invite was that the Ghost’s activities are so terrible that they are giving other writers in the Blue Mountains a bad name and it was hoped the visit would improve the Ghost’s standards..... Oh well.

“What is Varuna?” you are asking. Well, Varuna is a house in Cascade Street, Katoomba known as the National Writers House and the home for the Sydney Writers Festival amongst other things.

It has an interesting history (or else the Ghost would not be interested in it). It is the former home of writers Eleanor Dark and Dr. Eric Dark. In 1989 their son Mick gifted their home to the Australian public through the Eleanor Dark Foundation.

Since 1989 Varuna, the National Writers House. has inspired the creation of new Australian writing and has provided support for a thriving writing community.

The Ghost has viewed the list of writers and illustrators who have attended Varuna or been helped by the Eleanor Dark Foundation and it is a very impressive list indeed.

The house was constructed in 1939, replacing a single storey house built in 1923. Dr Eric Dark had a medical practice in Katoomba and was a leading community figure in the Blue Mountains. He founded the rock climbing club called the Blue Mountaineers.

Eleanor Dark published her first novel in 1932 ‘Slow Dawning’. Her most famous books were The Timeless Land (1941), Storm of Time (1948) and No Barrier (1953). A lot of her novels were set in the Blue Mountains.

The Darks were active members of the writing community in the Blue Mountains. Varuna is now a Heritage Listed Property.

I think the Ghost’s writing has improved some since his visit to Varuna.....

See you next time.

# R TARY

Central Blue Mountains



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DOG**

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or  
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....that's all folks