



# HORIZONS



## Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, July 05, 2017

### New Rotary Year....New President



*Dr Roza Sage, a Paul Harris Fellow and former Member for Blue Mountains, was inducted as President of Central Blue Mountains Rotary Wednesday 28 June by District Governor Bruce Lakin and now Past President Raymond Wiles OAM*

*Roza was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow in January, 2015 for her work throughout the Blue Mountains as a Member of the New South Wales Parliament and as a dedicated Rotarian.*

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## Local music teacher is a Paul Harris Fellow



Wentworth Falls resident Julie Cooney is our newest Paul Harris Fellow, recognised Wednesday June 28 by Central Blue Mountains Rotary for her dedicated contribution to youth education. (photographed with District Governor Bruce Lakin and CBM President Ray Wiles.)

Julie teaches pre-kindergarten to year 12 music and conducts the junior and senior school orchestras at Blue Mountains Grammar School, Wentworth Falls. She plays cello in the Penrith Symphony Orchestra and at St Hilda's Church, Katoomba.

## Guest Speaker Wednesday, July 05



Our guest speaker Wednesday July 05 is Phillip Isaacs, a resident of Leura and member of Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise Rotary.

**His subject is SPRATS, remote area weed management.**

Phill joined Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise Rotary in 2012 after leaving the Rotary Club of North Ryde, which he joined in 1979. He served as president of that club for four terms.

He also was a member of Tokyo South Rotary for three years 1987-1990.

Past Chair ROMAC 9680 for four years and Past Chair RAM 9680 for three years.

Currently International and Foundation Chairman Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise.

Three projects with RAWCS – current project involves TAFE and the installation of Solar Power and computers in remote Schools in Vanuatu – eight schools installed and trained.

### 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.

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# Rotary rededicates Parkes, NSW as a peace community



*Photo: Parkes Rotary Facebook*

The NSW town of Parkes, with a population of around 15,000, was rededicated June 28 by Mayor Ken Keith as a Rotary Peace Community on behalf of Parkes Rotary Club.

The ceremony took place at the Rotary Arboretum on the corner of Bushman and East streets.

Parkes was declared as one of Rotary's International Peace Communities in 2012.

The concept of Rotary Peace Communities originated in Wagga in 1993 and since then 58 Peace Communities have been proclaimed in 17 countries.

Parkes Rotary Club constructed the new Peace Precinct. The columns have been carved by local artists in traditional Wiradjuri designs and the club hopes that this area becomes a focal point for all of the community.

The theme is a dry river bed meandering along the tree line and is designed to engender a feeling of peace and contemplation.

The five pillars stand for Peace, Respect and Value Diversity, Acknowledge the Past, Strong Families Strong Community, and Yindymarra Winhanganha - a Wiradjuri phrase meaning 'the wisdom of respectfully knowing how to live well in a world worth living in'.

They should remind us that respect, rejection of violence, resolution, reconciliation and freedom contribute to a state of peace. The pillars are carved with Wiradjuri iconography to acknowledge the First Peoples and our local history.

Council staff joined members of the Rotary Club of Parkes to carry out some landscaping and planting around the pillars.



*In August 1873, Henry Parkes (later Sir Henry) visited the area and in December 1873 the town was officially renamed Parkes in his honour. Sir Henry Parkes is recognised as having played an instrumental role in Australia becoming a unified and federated country. In March 1885, Parkes was proclaimed a town.*





# Sustainable Cambodia Who We Are!



***Sustainable Cambodia works with the families of rural Cambodian villages to help them achieve sustainability and self-sufficiency through wells, irrigation systems, schools, training and empowerment.***

Cambodian village families have been slowly rebuilding their lives after the Khmer Rouge genocide, but Cambodia remains one of the poorest countries in the world.

Rural areas of Cambodia still face severe poverty, lack of health care, and low levels of education, economic opportunity, and resources.

Sustainable Cambodia works with YOU to make a huge difference in the lives of these deserving families.

We are not an “aid” organization... We are an empowerment organization. We “teach a person to fish”, but we go one step further: Each village uses a “pass-it-on” element of community service, so the village families not only help themselves, but help neighboring villages.

The result is sustainability within the villages, and replication of the model as village families volunteer to help surrounding villages. The work is comprehensive: We empower the village families to create a sustainable quality of life, helping them acquire fresh water, irrigation, schools, agriculture, skills and income generation.

We employ ONLY native Cambodians as paid staff. ALL international officers, directors and consultants are volunteers who are unpaid. This allows us to keep our overhead and fundraising expenses under 3%, and funding from the founders pays more than this modest amount. So literally 100% of your funding goes into helping the rural village families.

Since 2004, Sustainable Cambodia’s unique empowerment model has helped tens of thousands of Cambodian men, women and children to rebuild their shattered lives. YOU can make a huge difference. Any way you choose to help, 100% of your contribution will go directly to on-the-ground projects in rural Cambodia. Please join us and see what a difference you can make in a child’s life!



Earlier this year, Central Blue Mountains Rotarians Ian and Jennifer Scott and Steve Cookson joined other Rotarians from various clubs around the world to participate with Sustainable Cambodia and take a journey into the heart of Cambodia.

The incidence of poverty is considerably higher in rural areas with 40% living on less than 35 cents a day.

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# Mountain Ghost

The NSW town of Berry: The Ghost was disappointed as he was hoping the town was named after strawberries or blackberries. The Ghost recommends that you visit Berry in the future...It's a great day out..... The television program 'Village Vets Australia' is filmed at Berry.

## BERRY – NSW

Some months ago the Mountain Ghost was invited to a 60th birthday party at Berry on the South Coast of NSW.

Do people still celebrate 60th birthdays he thought, but he was told 60 is the new 80 so he felt better. Anyway what a lovely little town is Berry. Mrs Ghost said it was berry good so she does have a sense of humour after all.

The Ghost has been to Berry many times before but not recently and he was surprised at how it has grown and still kept the charm. A lot of the traffic now bypasses the town which is good.

The birthday party was at Silos Estate, a winery just out of Berry and naturally enough the wines were fantastic as was the food. Beautiful views of the mountains and from the top of the hill you can see the ocean.

Berry is about 3 hours south of Katoomba, about 30 minutes north of Nowra just off the Princes Highway. If you want a lovely drive go there via Kangaroo Valley. The scenery is spectacular.

Berry has a population of about 2,000 but is a very popular spot with tourists because of its beautiful buildings, craft and unusual homeware shops and restaurants.

At the local pub the Ghost had a drink or three but he also had an alpaca burger for lunch. He hates to admit it but it was delicious.

Berry is named after the Berry brothers, Alexander and David, who were pastoralists in the area from 1836 to 1889. The Ghost was disappointed as he was hoping the town was named after strawberries or blackberries. For those people who have Foxtel the program 'Village Vets Australia' is filmed at Berry.

Apart from the shopping what is there to see in Berry. There are at least six wineries around Berry. The Ghost can vouch for two of them. There is also the Penwood Miniature Railway which is a working steam railway of miniature trains. There is the restored convict built village at Coolangatta Estate. There are plenty of restaurants and cafes for all tastes.

For your diaries there is the Winter Orchid Show from 15/7/2017 to 17/7/2017. Later on in October there is the Berry Garden Festival 12/10/2017 to 15/10/2017. As always there is the famous Berry Product Market held twice a month at the Berry Showground. Not forgetting the beautiful beaches of Gerringong and Gerroa just 20 minute's drive away.





# ***Blackheath Growers Market***

***Sunday Markets***  
CBM Rotary will be at both  
venues next Sunday

# ***Grand View Market Wentworth Falls***

Photos: Blackheath Growers Market  
and Grand View Hotel Market Facebook

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