



HORIZONS



Central Blue Mountains Rotary

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Invite your friends and associates to our outstanding meetings



Robert Ralston - graffiti eradicator

graffiti
REMOVAL AUSTRALIA

**VOLUNTEER
TODAY...**

Graffiti Hotline 4759 2592

Saturday-Sunday October 29-30

**What's
On....**



October

- Sat 1 - Sun 9 - Leura Gardens Festival
- Monday 3 - Board meeting - Grand View Hotel
- Wednesday 5 - Information night
- Sat-Sun 8-9 - Leura Village Fair
- Wednesday 12 - Guest speaker - WIRES
- Friday 14 - Hat Night - Aust'n Rotary Health
- Wednesday 19 - Club assembly
- Monday 24 - World Polio Day
- Wednesday 26 - RYPEN speaker
- Sat-Sun 29-30 - Graffiti removal weekend
- Sunday 30 - Trivia Night - Can Assist and CBM Katoomba RSL

November

- Wednesday 2 - Guest speaker TBA
- Friday 4 - Pudding sales - Faulconbridge
- Sunday 6 - Catering van at Leura School market
- Wednesday 9 - Guest speaker TBA
- Sunday 13 - Catering - Grand View Hotel market
Pudding sales - Grand View Hotel
Wine Tasting - BM Country Club
- Wednesday 16 - Guest speaker TBA
- Monday 21 - Board meeting - Greystanes
- Wednesday 23 - Twilight meeting BBQ - W. Falls Lake
- Sunday 27 - Book launch - Mountain Heritage
- Monday 28 - Million Dollar Dinner - Rotary Foundation
- Wednesday 30 - Guest speaker - TBA

December

- Sunday 4 - Catering van at Leura School market
- Wednesday 7 - CBM Rotary Annual General Meeting
- Sunday 11 - Carols in the Park? - TBA
- Wednesday 14 - TBA
- Wednesday 21 - TBA
- Wednesday 28 - No meeting

Meet the Rotary Club
Who are we?
What do we do?
Come along to the
CBM Rotary
information night
Grand View Hotel
Wentworth Falls
Wed. October 5

Contact Ray Wiles
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or Mobile 0409 845 415 by
Tuesday afternoon - October 4



Date: Monday 28 November 2016
Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm
Venue: The Epping Club, 45 Rawson Street, Epping
Keynote Speaker: Kalyan Banerjee, Past RI President
and Chairman of Trustees of the Rotary Foundation
Dress: Business Attire
Cost: Table of 10 - \$700 or \$75 per person
Bookings and payment: www.trybooking.com/mmrt
or by cheque to: Rotary Club of Epping, PO Box 77,
Epping NSW 1710 with attendees' names, club and
dietary requirements

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Complex heart surgery for Junitalia



August 11, 2016

Two-year-old Junitalia from Timor-Leste was a very sick little girl. She was diagnosed with a Tetralogy of Fallot (ToF) which meant her little heart had multiple problems and required urgent open heart surgery.



Philip Smith, a member of the Rotary Club of Crows Nest, was guest speaker at Central Blue Mountains, Wednesday 28/09.

Philip is District 9685 chairman of ROMAC, Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children - photographed with Roza Sage, CBM Rotary.

Junitalia was referred to ROMAC

In preparing logistics it was discovered that her mother had a shadow on her lungs (likely TB), so rather than risk delays with immigration it was decided her aunt Estelita should accompany Junitalia instead of her mother.

Arriving in Sydney, Junitalia presented very underweight, tired and with no energy. Many tests were required. They were home hosted by ROMAC District Chair Maria. In this family environment, they concentrated on strengthening her in preparation for surgery.

The 8th July was operation day for Junitalia. After nine hours of surgery led by Dr Peter Grant, at the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick, she was transferred to PICU (Paediatric Intensive Care Unit) and soon after placed into an induced coma. It must be remembered that 2y.o. Junitalia weighed less than 8kg and so the coma provided the environment to reduce many pressures on her little system whilst also providing the ideal environment to build her organ-strength with appropriate sustenance.

After 12-days in PICU, Junitalia had recovered well from surgery, but now needed to regain her physical strength. Going to physiotherapy at the hospital, as well as walking behind her doll stroller, daily sitting and standing exercises, plus going to the park and climbing were many of this two-year-old's 'body building' activities after she left hospital.

Home host Maria, thanked Dr Grant, Dr Forsey, Catherine and all the staff at the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick, the Timor-Leste Consulate, chef Celine and all Rotarians who helped make this miracle possible.

"Estelita was a wonderful 'mother' for Junitalia", said Maria. "Auntie was very grateful for ROMAC's help and she wants to talk to families in Timor-Leste, on what to expect when they come to Australia and not to be afraid" Maria added "it reinforces the huge value of ROMAC's voluntary work and the very positive effect it has on providing Life-Giving surgery for a child".

This positive message is taken back home to a small village environment and provides hope for other families who children may have similar life-threatening conditions.

They returned home to Timor-Leste and a follow-up full medical check confirmed, "Junitalia is progressing brilliantly".

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Mountain Ghost

Catalina Park, Katoomba - The history is fascinating. It is a beautiful area of the Mountains known as The Gully.

CATALINA PARK RACEWAY

In his youth the Ghost was a bit of a petrol head. He regularly went to Bathurst, Warwick Farm, Amaroo Park even the Speedway at the Showground. But he never went to Catalina Park at Katoomba until this week.

He did see it on television many times and marvelled at how dangerous it must have been for full on racing and touring cars on such a hilly and narrow strip of track.

I am sure some of the Ghost's millions of readers will remember Lockheed Straight, Dunlop Corner and Craven A Corner (for readers under age 40 Craven A was the leading cigarette company at the time. It is true tobacco companies sponsored sport.)

The history is fascinating. It is a beautiful area of the Mountains known as The Gully. In 1957, the traditional owners of the land were forcibly removed from the Gully to make way for a racetrack organised by 83 businessmen and supported by the local council. It was a controversial decision still being felt today.

A 2.1 km racetrack opened in 1961 (lap record is 54 seconds held by Frank Matick). It was regularly used as a racetrack until 1969 due to falling attendances.

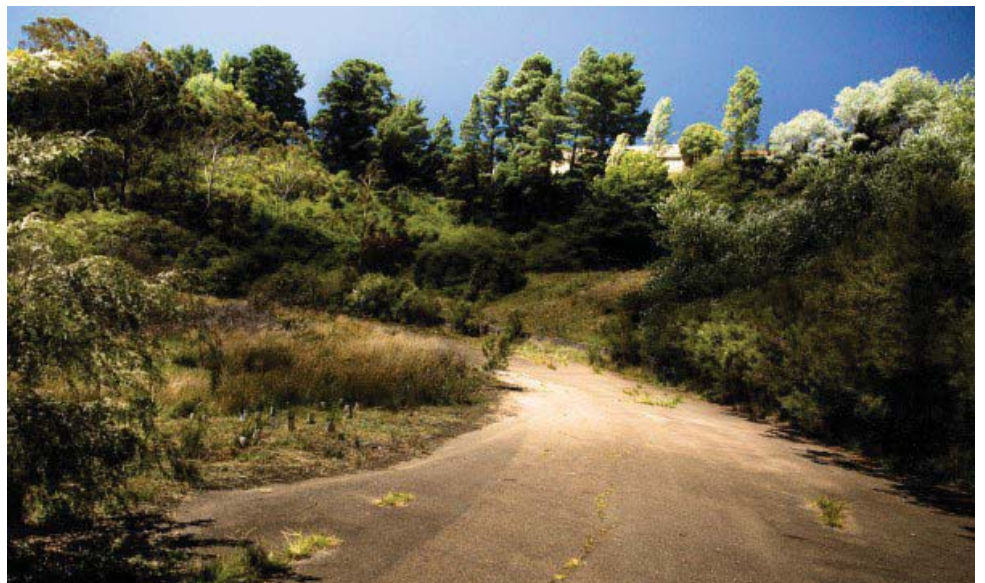
The Racing Drivers Association moved to Amaroo Park in Sydney and Oran Park at a later date. Fog was always a problem. The track carried on in the 70s as rallycross and in the 80s as a time trial venue.

The Ghost was curious about how it got the name Catalina Park.....In 1946 the area was developed as a tourist park. The Katoomba Falls were dammed (they were also damned – a Ghost joke) forming an artificial lake. The shell of a Catalina Flying Boat was installed in the middle of the lake as a tourist attraction.

People would pay to visit the Catalina and speed boat rides were carried out on the lake. There was a Ferris Wheel, Tearooms, Swimming Pool and Cinema. The Government bought the amusement park in 1952 and had the Catalina



Catalina Park Raceway in the sixties



What you might expect to see today

removed and sold as scrap.

In 2002, the Gully was declared an Aboriginal Place. The Gully in Katoomba became the largest Aboriginal place in NSW. The declaration was warmly welcomed by the Gundungurra and Darug traditional owners.

The Ghost and his friends were able to walk the Catalina Raceway. It is a very beautiful area and nature is slowly taking over the track. Every now and then you see something to remind you of what it was like in the past.

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Head to the Central Blue HAT NIGHT PARTY

*Hat parade, fundraising games, chocolate wheel,
lucky door prizes, great auction items*

Please join us and help Australian Rotary Health, fundraise for mental health research in Australia. 100% of the money raised during this year's Hat Day campaign goes directly to research helping the one in five Australians affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and many other illnesses.

6:30pm to 9:00pm

Friday, 14th of October 2016

The Lodge at Leura Fairways

19 - 21 Fitzroy Street, Leura

\$35 per person includes canapes and drinks

Don't forget to bring three hats

RSVP before the 7th of October 2016

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Selling at the TWILIGHT MARKET



PUDDINGS

from

Central Blue Mountains Rotary

Faulconbridge Public School - 6:00pm to 8:30pm - Friday Nov. 4, 2016

....that's all folks