



HORIZONS



Central Blue Mountains Rotary

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, September 05, 2018



Leura Gardens Festival

29, 30 Sept & 1 Oct - 5, 6 & 7 Oct.

Money raised is used to purchase medical equipment for
Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital, Katoomba

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September

Wednesday 05: Guest Speaker - Tony Edwards and his mind dog.

Friday 07: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

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Wednesday 19: District Governor visit

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Saturday 22: Barbecue to launch the new look Mitre 10 store, Katoomba. This is a community service activity. In addition we will be running a bucket collection for drought relief.

Sunday 23: BMCC Schools Waterways Festival at Peter Carroll Oval, Clarence Street, Katoomba.

Wednesday 26: "The Power in your Pocket". It's a meeting all about Happysnapography....don't miss it!

Friday 28: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

October

Wednesday 03: Guest Speaker - Steen Rees, Senior Trainer for the Red R Organisation. Provides training for NGO volunteers in dealing with hostage and terrorist situations in trouble spots around the world.

Wednesday 10: Guest Speaker - Susan Templeman MP. Five years on after the fires of 2013, and the effects on the mental health of those adversely affected.

Friday 12: Barbecue at the Aboriginal Cultural and Research Centre, Katoomba.

Saturday 13: Hazelbrook Family Fun Day.

Sunday 21: Graffiti Removal Day

Sunday 21: "Jazz at the View" and Lunch in support of the drought relief appeal.

Sat-Sun 26-28: Fellowship in Forbes

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Drought assistance fund now over \$4.2million

The drought relief for Australian farming families campaign continues to raise much needed dollars, surpassing \$4.2million, with the hope of reaching \$10million by the end of the month.

District Governor 9685 Susan Wakefield says the total was given a considerable boost by Channel 9 during a special telethon at 6:30am on August 20 as part of the Today Show, with a direct telecast from Dubbo. A number of corporates including Westpac, Optus and Carlton United Breweries made significant contributions.

The DG said Rotary continues to play a key role for the project with many clubs and districts making their own contributions both in dollars and hands on activities. A huge thank you to all who have embraced this very needy initiative.

"The 2018 Drought Relief for Australian Farming Families is not providing direct financial support to farm businesses. Instead, we are working with trusted partners to amplify their existing relief efforts on the ground.

"RAWCS, as the custodian of the funds, is working with the National Farmers Federation to direct funding to organisations and projects that meet strict criteria.

"These include: full transparency and accountability; strong and established governance structures; low (if not nil) administration costs; and proven networks within affected communities," Susan Wakefield said.



Alex Schwarz, Conditorei Patisserie Schwarz, Wentworth Falls, will bring his vocation to the Grand View Hotel on September 12. He will talk about his life in Europe, his journey to Australia and the business of pastry and bread making. Alex will also have treats to taste. Guests are very welcome.



Ailsa Seex, Alexandra Miekelsen, Leila Harris, Ava Emdin (CBM Rotary President), Luke Strathakis

Young people are the future of peace building

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Four local students (shown above) were hosted on August 29 by Central Blue Mountains Rotary as a follow up from their experience at the Presidential Peace Building Conference in March, and the recent winter Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN).

The three girls, Ailsa, Alexandra and Leila were from Blue Mountains Grammar. Luke Strathakis, from Winmalee High School, attended RYPEN.

Leila Harris, on behalf of Ailsa and Alexandra, presented the following summary of their experience at the Peace Building Conference:

“The biggest message I took away was that young people are the future of peace building.

The conference left us with a strong feeling of empowerment and inspiration to do what we could to apply what knowledge we had gained on the day to the world.

Many people perceive our generation as having an apathetic nature, however we strongly believe what we really need is empowerment to know that we can make change in order to inspire us to do it.

That is what the Rotary Peace Building Conference gave Alexandra, Ailsa and I.

We feel as though we now have the knowledge and tools to create a better and more peaceful world and inspire those around us to do the same.

Attending the conference has given us a platform on which to build a further passion and understanding for peace building.

As the future politicians, doctors, economists, teachers, lawyers, scientists and social workers, we need to provide our youth with the necessary tools to continue peace building.

The current leaders of these fields in our world have made an excellent starting point, however we have a long way to go. It is up to our generation and future generations to not only pick up and continue the work that has already been done, but also maintain a peaceful and sustainable world.

I believe that the first step that Alexandra, Ailsa and I will take in our peacebuilding endeavours is to pass on the sense of passion and purpose to our peers in the hopes that together we may build a better world as we are the future.”

Enjoy a weekend in Forbes, NSW, with CBM Rotary



It's another way that Rotary can help the town and its farming community by injecting extra cash into the local economy.

The trip over a weekend is the initiative of Central Blue Rotarian Eric Cantor who is contacting Rotary clubs in the vicinity with a view to arranging farm visits.

Eric says: "Really I would like people to give me an indication that they will go, Friday (26 Oct), Sat (27), Sun (28) and Mon (29), on one or more of these dates.

By road, from Katoomba, the trip is 3.5 to 4 hours.

The train option on Friday is Dubbo XPT from Katoomba (09:00) to Orange, bus from Orange to Parkes and Forbes (arrive about 14:00). The return journey is on Monday, depart by bus from Forbes at 13:50, to Parkes and Orange, to meet the XPT departing Orange 15:52 and arriving at Katoomba 19:02.

So far it is planned to have a coach tour on Saturday afternoon (13:00 to 18:00) and another on Sunday morning (09:00 to 13:00). This would allow those who are driving and only there for the weekend to do some coach touring.

I'm sure we'll organise a dinner for Saturday night.

As the numbers grow, and more touring is required, that can be arranged.

If you would like to participate in this getaway weekend. The simplest is a quick email to Eric saying "yes" interested in driving (or training) will arrive on, day/date and depart on, day/date."

Contact Eric: 4757 1790 - 0414 271 857 - cantors@bigpond.com.



Lake Forbes

The following letter by Reg Pierce, President Wauchope Rotary and Chairman of RAWCS, Rotary District 9650 was published in the Wauchope Gazette on August 17

On Wednesday August 15, I received a phone call from a lady 'out west' who was very distressed and nervous. From my time at Lifeline as a suicide counsellor, I believe she was very distressed, and probably suicidal. If not suicidal, she was in a very bad way.

She very timidly asked if we, Rotary, could give her one bale of hay. She told me her husband asked her not to ring us, but she felt she had no other choice. I assured her we could, and would, help her. I decided to make a 'Captain's call.'

I purchased the last two bales of hay in town, then rang a fellow Rotarian and asked if he could deliver them for me. This required a round trip of around seven hours.

It was no problem, my friend said. Without a second thought, my friend donated a large round bale of hay, some cattle pellets, and a few other things and set out.

As he was nearing the town, he rang the lady and said he was nearly there, and to put the kettle on for a cup of coffee. The woman replied: "If you want coffee, you'd better bring some. We haven't had any for three weeks."

My friend rang me later to say that the woman and her husband were absolutely thrilled, yet still embarrassed. In a matter of two days, they had gone from abject depression, to ecstatic joy, and all because of a few bales of hay, and the realisation that others really care.

With the money this Rotary District has raised, I am about to release to the various Rotary clubs in the drought area much-needed funds, which I know will duplicate this story many fold.

I am so very proud of my club members, my RAWCS team, and the fact that I am a Rotarian.

Reg Pierce

Mountain Ghost

Norman Lindsay wrote the classic children's book "The Magic Pudding" in 1918. His book "Redheap" was banned due to censorship laws in 1930. His most famous novel was "Age of Consent" in 1938. Surprise surprise this book was also banned for a while. It was made into a film starring a teenage Helen Mirren and James Mason.



NORMAN LINDSAY

The Ghost was having an amicable discussion with a bottle of red and a few friends. The topic arose "Who was the most famous resident of the Blue Mountains?" After another bottle of wine it was agreed that it probably was Norman Lindsay. The Ghost thought he might do some research for his readers.

Norman Alfred William Lindsay was born in 1879 in Victoria and died in Sydney 1969. For starters he was an artist, etcher, sculptor, writer, editorial cartoonist, scale modeller and an accomplished amateur boxer.

Lindsay moved to Sydney in 1901 and joined the staff at the Bulletin. He had an association with the Bulletin for 50 years as a writer, artist and cartoonist.

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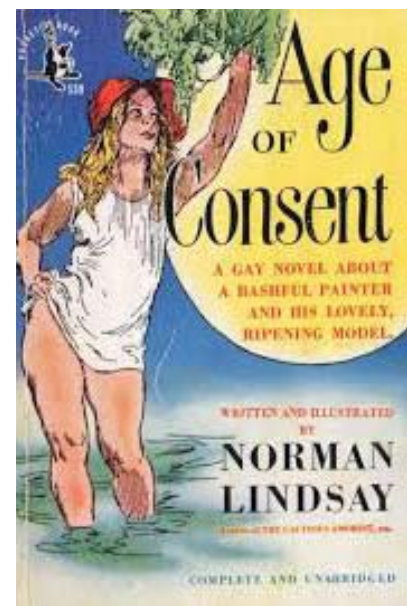
The Ghost's readers may remember the film "Sirens" made in 1994 based on the life of Lindsay. It was actually filmed at Lindsay's Faulconbridge home and starred Sam Neill, a young Hugh Grant and Elle McPherson.

Lindsay was a workaholic. It is said that in the 1920s Lindsay would get up at dawn, produce a watercolour before breakfast, mid-morning he would be in his etching studio where he would work until late afternoon and at night work another chapter on whatever novel he was working on at that time.

But it is his paintings and sculptures that Lindsay is famous (or infamous) for. While Lindsay is famous for his erotic nude paintings he was an excellent portrait and landscape painter. The Ghost loves his sculptures as well.

Lindsay spent most of his adult life living on a large property (42 acres) at Faulconbridge. Over the years he transformed the property into a magic place adding fountains, colonnades, sculptures etc. He lived at the property until he passed away in 1969 aged 91. He is buried at Springwood Cemetery.

The property was purchased by the National Trust in 1970 and all of Norman Lindsay's fans can visit the Norman Lindsay Gallery and Museum at Faulconbridge, although it was almost destroyed by bushfires a few years ago.



The Ghost has been to the Gallery many times. It is open every day. There is also the award winning Lindsay Café with lovely bush views and best of all it is licensed.

Look forward to seeing you there one afternoon.

The Festival of Children's Literature returns to the Norman Lindsay Gallery in Faulconbridge this September 15 and 16. It will also mark the 100th anniversary of The Magic Pudding, by Norman Lindsay.

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St Ives Rotary Food & Wine Festival 10am – 4pm

St Ives Village Green
(behind St Ives shopping Village)

Sunday 9 September 2018

30 Delicious Food Stalls
20 Quality Wine Stalls
25 Creative Craft Stalls



Kids activities – Music
Pony rides – Farm animals
Face-painting – Climbing wall

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