



# HORIZONS



## Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

*Effective - Energetic - Enterprising - Empowered*

Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, December 06, 2017



Delivering the goods: Chris Van der Kley and Steve Gillett

### CBM Rotary: Making a Difference

*Pallet loads of packaged food moving from Woolworth's Supermarket, Katoomba, Thursday last week, to family support services in the Blue Mountains.*

*This is a twice yearly event, winter and Christmas, when Central Blue Mountains Rotary donates food to local charities for distribution to their clients.*

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Rotary

Central Blue Mountains



**WhatsOn....**

## December

**Sunday 03 - 23** - Christmas Giving Tree  
Woolworth's supermarket -Leura

**Wed 06** - CBM Rotary annual general meeting

**Friday 08** - Lawson Public School breakfast

**Sunday 10** - Grand View Market 8.00am-2.00pm  
Carols in the Park 4.00pm-6.00pm

**Wednesday 13** - CBM Rotary Christmas function

**Friday 15** - Late night shopping event Leura Mall

**Sun-Sat 17-23** - Christmas Raffle ticket sales

**Monday 18** - Board meeting

**Monday 20** - Club Assembly



## \$1.1-million raised for The Rotary Foundation

More than \$1-million was raised recently for The Rotary Foundation at a dinner held in Port Macquarie.

Held in recognition of the 100 year centenary of the Rotary Foundation, the dinner was attended by Rotarians and friends of District 9650 and 9670.

The million dollar goal was exceeded by raising \$1,102,000 towards the foundation's humanitarian objectives.

Twenty-four Rotarians (about 40 people including partners) donated or made a bequest of \$10,000 or more.

Almost half the money was raised by Rotarians from the Manning Valley in the lead-up to the dinner.

Rotary District 9650 extends from Coffs Harbour to Forster, west to Coonamble and north to lightning Ridge. District 9670 includes Newcastle and Maitland.

**Late Night  
Christmas  
Shopping  
Leura Mall  
Friday Dec 15  
until 9.00pm**

*in association with Leura  
Village Association and  
CBM Rotary*

Bands - Buskers

Rotary Christmas sausage sizzle

Wonderful shopping

Great Christmas decorations

Mouth-watering food and coffee

Christmas lantern parade

View Club Christmas wrapping  
service

Have your photograph  
taken with Santa

Fun for all

Bring your family and friends



# Rotary backs epic Melbourne-Canberra Walk raising \$130,000



Rotary clubs from Melbourne to Canberra backed the 703km walk by the Salvation Army's Major Brendan Nottle recently.

His epic 40-day walk to Canberra via the Snowy Mountains, which began on September 8, raised national political and community awareness about the homeless. It culminated in a meeting with Prime Minister Turnbull and Melbourne's Lord Mayor Robert Doyle AC, who describes Brendan as 'an urban saint'.

Brendan spelt out the need for a bi-partisan national strategy on homelessness, as he did with community leaders at all towns he visited along the route.

On his last lap from the old to new Parliament House, he was accompanied by Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, Minister for Human Services Alan Tudge and Adam Bandt (Greens MHR).

His arrival got heavy media coverage including evening news on three TV channels. The walk also raised \$130,000, easily beating the \$100,000 target.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne coordinated Rotary clubs along the route and in Canberra. The Appin Park Club at Wangaratta hosted Brendan to an evening barbecue in a log cabin. He became guest speaker for the Batlow Club's weekly meeting, also attended by the Tumut Club President and District 9710 leaders. Then in Canberra Brendan was guest at the weekly meetings of the Canberra East and Weston Creek clubs.

During the walk he slept in an accompanying campervan. Tobin Brothers provided a car and driver travelling ahead to warn oncoming motorists. Many other groups, from unions to commercial businesses and sports clubs, backed his walk.

Brendan says, "When you scratch beneath the surface you see people who've experienced absolute hell in their life. I get inspired by their incredible resilience in the face of huge issues - serious mental health issues, horrific abuse and trauma that's been evident in their life for years - and yet they keep going. That's the remarkable thing. Their stories put my challenges into perspective."

Brendan leads the Salvo's Project 614 in Melbourne, a team that works with the homeless, those with mental and addiction issues, and others suffering from social poverty. They interact daily with people from 9 to 93.



*Brendan gives a thumb up on reaching  
Parliament House*

Story: Tony Thomas  
Rotary Club of Central Melbourne  
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## Our Leura Mall Santa was spreading goodwill



*Working in conjunction with Leura Village Association, our immediate past president Ray Wiles dusted off his Santa suit and entertained locals and visitors in Leura Mall, Friday evening.*



## LEURA CHRISTMAS MARKETS 2017



**When:** 15 & 22 December  
**What:** Santa, sausage sizzle, lantern parade, band, choir, food and drinks. Shops open til 8pm  
**Where:** Leura Mall  
**Come and celebrate Christmas!**

# Mountain Ghost

Soar above the trees and experience breathtaking views of the city and Blue Mountains. Grand kids will love this place and so will grandparents. The oldest person using the giant flying fox was an 80 year old Rotarian.

## TREES ADVENTURES

(formerly Tree Top Safari)

Believe it or not The Mountain Ghost actually has children and grandchildren. He is faced with the dilemma what to do with them in the school holidays.

When the Ghost was a young boy a long time ago he loved Tarzan. Here is a solution for both problems. Trees Adventures of Yarramundi. This place is fantastic.

Soar above the trees and experience breathtaking views of the city and Blue Mountains. You can have a two hour guided tour featuring easy rope bridges and flying foxes culminating in the 360m flying fox ride, the second longest in Australia. They really cater for children of all ages and fitness.

There is plenty to do for everyone and what impressed The Ghost was the very helpful staff that made sure everyone enjoyed the beautiful location and equipment. The Ghost was also impressed by how safe everything was. There is no chance of falling from a 100m tree as The Ghost once did many years ago.

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**Where is it?** Treetops is on the Springwood Road, before the bridge (travelling from Winmalee/Springwood) at Yarramundi (between Richmond and Winmalee).

Approximately just under one hour from Katoomba to get there. By the way, in 2014 Trees Adventures won the best new tourist attraction for NSW. There are now five Tree Adventure Parks in Australia (Yarramundi, Nowra, Dandenongs, Perth and Tasmania.)

As always the Ghost likes to give his readers a bit of history. Yarramundi was the Chief and Doctor of the Richmond Tribe (known as The Buruberongal Tribe) of the Darug people. He and his father met Governor Phillip and established their family as the first aborigines to achieve significant milestones such as land grants, sanctioned mixed marriage and high levels of academic achievement.



### GOOD TO KNOW

**Must book, cannot turn up on spec**

**Ages:** 4-80

**Prices:** There are a lot of options I suggest you look at the website: [www.treesadventures.com.au](http://www.treesadventures.com.au)

The Ghost recommends the two hour Safari Adventure with all the courses for \$120 . You will feel a sense of achievement.

They do have facilities for wheelchair access on the rides.

**Getting there:** Car only

**The Ghost Rating:** 8/10 ( if weather is good)

# Rotary District 9685 Conference

March 10 and 11, 2018 - Fairmont Resort, Leura NSW

**Full Registration (incl. Saturday, Dinner and Sunday) – \$280** includes all Conference sessions (incl. Saturday morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea, Dinner and Sunday morning tea).

**Saturday (Day Only) – \$100**

Registration for the Plenary sessions includes the Conference plenary sessions on Saturday only (incl. morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea). Does NOT include any other sessions or events.

**Saturday (Day and Dinner) – \$200**

Registration for the Saturday Plenary sessions and Dinner includes the Conference plenary sessions on Saturday only (incl. morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea) and Saturday Dinner.

**Saturday (Dinner Only) – \$110**

Registration for the Saturday Dinner includes Saturday Dinner. ONLY Does NOT include any other sessions, catering or events.

**New Rotarians, joining Rotary on or after 11 March 2017 in District 9685. - Full Conference – \$190** Includes all Conference sessions (incl. Saturday morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea, Dinner and Sunday morning tea).



John Germ, R.I. President - 2016-2017 will be attending the D9685 conference as the Rotary International President's Special Representative

*Central Blue Rotary will be at Carols in the Park, Sunday December 10, Wilson Park, Wentworth Falls - 3.00pm to 6.00pm*



***Building strong community relationships for over 40 years***

*..that's all folks*