

# HORIZONS

## Central Blue Mountains Rotary

*Effective - Energetic - Enterprising - Empowered*

Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, February 06, 2019

## You too can be a Rotarian

We're having a  
"Friendraiser"

Wednesday,  
February 20  
Grand View Hotel  
Wentworth Falls  
6.15pm for 6.45pm

Our goal is to meet new  
friends, people who may be  
willing to join us in tackling  
big things locally  
and overseas.

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- Join Leaders
- Exchange Ideas
- Take Action

Central Blue Mountains  
Rotary



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# WhatsOn....

## Central Blue Mountains Rotary



### February

- Wednesday 06:** Guest speaker: Joanne Sim  
"Caught in the Antarctic Ice"
- Thursday 07:** Board meeting
- Friday 08:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club
- Wednesday 13:** "The Power of One" - a long term plan  
for Rotary Districts
- Friday 15:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club
- Wednesday 20:** "Friendraiser - You can make a  
difference in our local community."
- Friday 22:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club
- Saturday 23:** Sausage Sizzle - Woolworths Katoomba
- Wednesday 27:** Social night - Barefoot bowls and dinner  
Wentworth Falls Bowling Club

### March

- Saturday 02:** Trivia Night, Leura Golf Club
- Sunday 03:** Clean Up Australia Day
- Saturday 16:** President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)
- Friday-Sunday 29-31:** District Conference, Newcastle.

### Other important dates

- Sunday April 14:** District Assembly
- Saturday June 29:** District Changeover

And...just in case you want to make a note of this exciting information: Melbourne is the host city for the 2023 Rotary International Convention. It's thirty years since Melbourne hosted the same international event. So.....Save the dates: 27-31 May 2023.

### Calling all Centurions

Are your little "Centurion Banks" full yet?  
Top them up and bring them in to join the ranks of Centurions in Central Blue Rotary - those who give at least \$100 AUD to the Rotary Foundation.

## Guest speaker February 06



### Joanne Sim

Want to know how the 'Spirit of Mawson' expedition turned into more like the 'Shades of Shackleton'? Join us on Wednesday when science teacher Joanne Sim is our guest speaker.

Along with a group of international scientists, Joanne joined a cruise to Antarctica in December 2013 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Mawson's expedition to Antarctica.

Together, they intended to retrace Mawson's voyage and experiments. But while the journey to Antarctica was incident free, once the ship arrived, events did not go to plan.

On Christmas morning, 2013, the Captain alerted the world that the ship was stuck and so started an international rescue mission that lasted 10 days.

Joanne will tell us the inside story.

### CBM Rotary

- Any Where
- Any Time
- Any Device



# Australia Day Happy Snaps

Our Happy Snapper was Yung Kim: [yung.kim@hotmail.com](mailto:yung.kim@hotmail.com)



*Lora Stopic - Central Blue*



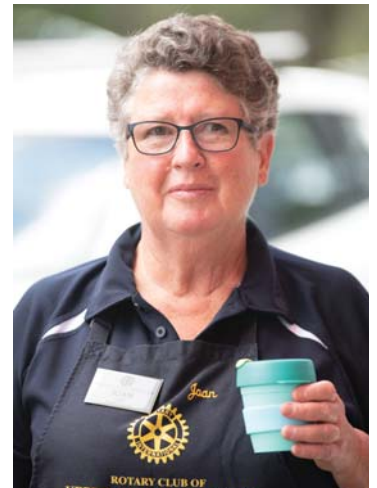
*Lucian Keegel and Oscar - E-club of Greater Sydney*



*Ric Tasker - Central Blue*



*Mina and Larry Howard - Blackheath*



*Joan Hart- Upper BM Sunrise*



*Ava Emdin - Central Blue*



*Justine Murphy - Central Blue*



*Eric Cantor - Central Blue*

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# PASSPORT CLUBS

## an innovative concept

## Rotary clubs for busy people

Rotary clubs with a difference are being launched across Australia in a bid to better balance work and family life. They will change your perception of Rotary, Rotary clubs and Rotarians in general.

These clubs are designed for people who are time poor but want to develop leadership skills and be involved in community causes.

First to launch is Greater Launceston Rotary Passport Club on February 12.

Members will meet weekly for a coffee and a chat, and formally just four times each year. Similar clubs are being formed in Hobart and North Queensland.

Information on the club's website says:

"Greater Launceston Rotary Passport Club is a new type of Rotary club designed to be flexible, affordable and accessible.

"We serve the community with by supporting our members causes, create friendships, and make business connections.

"Unlike traditional Rotary clubs that meet weekly, the Rotary Passport Club has only four "in-person" meetings per year along with many social and informative visits in and around the greater Launceston area.

"Despite what you may have heard, you don't have to make a commitment to weekly meetings. We're happy for you to participate when you can.

"For some people that's occasionally turning up at one of our social events or visits, while for others it might mean planning a major projects or travelling overseas to participate in humanitarian aid programs."

Full membership - \$21 per month

Corporate membership - \$35 per month

Associate membership - \$5 per month

(Four month trial period)

Check the website: see how innovative this concept is.



Greater Launceston  
**Rotary**  
Passport Club



[www.launcestonrotarypassport.org](http://www.launcestonrotarypassport.org)

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# Beyond the ROTARY BRAND

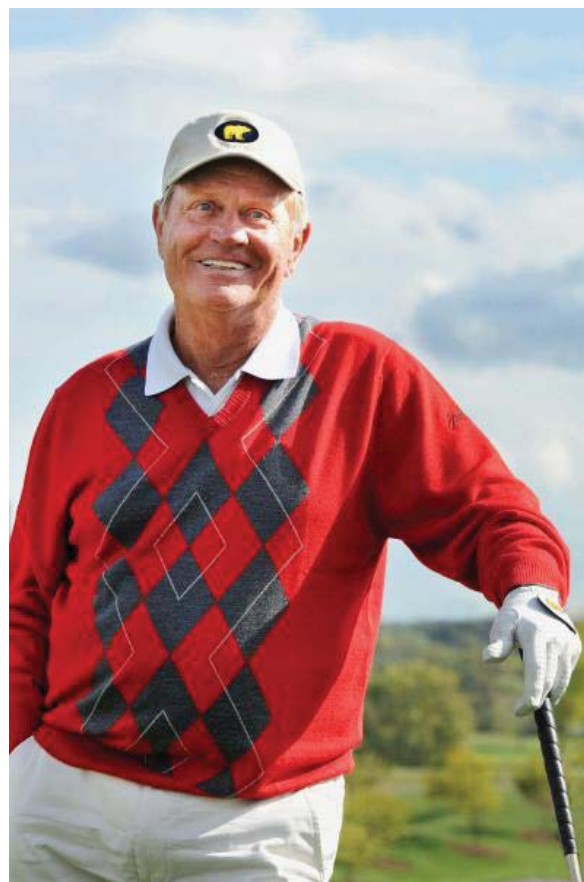
## Play golf with legend Jack Nicklaus

Twelve generous supporters of Rotary's polio eradication efforts will have the opportunity to play golf with legend Jack Nicklaus, a Rotary ambassador for polio eradication. Nicklaus plans to thank the next 12 individuals who make a new donation of \$250,000 or more to the PolioPlus Fund by inviting them to play golf with him at the Bear's Club in Jupiter, Florida, USA, on 12 March 2019.

Donor/golfers will be divided into three groups of four, and each group will play 18 holes of golf – six with Nicklaus. Donors who prefer not to golf may allow one friend or family member to golf in their place.

Space is limited to the first 12 donors, who need to complete a gift intent form and make the full donation by 23 February 2019.

If they wish, the donors will also be inducted into the Arch Klumph Society in recognition of their support for Rotary's polio eradication efforts.



Jack Nicklaus

## Rotary Foundation receives highest rating from Charity Navigator for 11th year

By Rotary International

For the 11th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The Foundation earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

"We are extremely honored to be recognized," says Foundation Trustee Chair Ron Burton.

"It represents the hard work and dedication of countless Rotarians throughout the world. They know their gifts will be used for the purpose for which they were given and that they will, indeed, make a real difference."

The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.



# Mountain Ghost

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## THE UKULELE FESTIVAL

The Mountain Ghost will soon be able to get an answer to one of the World's great questions. Are bagpipes or ukulele the worst form of music?

That question will be answered when the 10th Blue Mountains Ukulele Festival starts on the 8th – 10th February at Katoomba. The Blue Mountains is the home of the ukulele in Australia. It is a bagpipe free area.



The festival will be centred around the Carrington Hotel but it has proved so popular that it now extends to the Blue Mountain Cultural Centre for workshops and local cafes for open mic sessions.

The Ghost was astounded to find out how many people visit the Mountains for the Festival. Accommodation is booked a year ahead.

There are visitors from all over Australia and overseas too. Probably the best known group in the Mountains are the Blue Mugs. The Ghost has seen them on many occasions and they are good. They actually enjoy themselves as much as the audience do.

The Ghost was astounded to hear that the yearly festival is staffed entirely by volunteers from the Blue MUGS and their many ukulele community friends. The shopkeepers of Katoomba village also like to get involved and get into the spirit of the festival by decorating their shop windows and keeping the visitors well fed.

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As you know, the Ghost likes to provide a little bit of history. The ukulele is a four-stringed instrument originating in Hawaii in the 19th century. It is an adaption of the Portuguese machete, a small guitar. The name actually is Hawaiian for "jumping flea". The Ghost will let you work that one out.

Popularity of the ukulele spread from Hawaii to mainland US in the early 20th Century and from there to Europe, Japan and Canada. In the UK ,the George Formby Society, established in 1961, is now huge with annual conventions.

The Ghost must admit tho' that if he was going into battle the plink plonk of a ukulele would hardly stir him on and would be hard-pressed to beat the sound of the bagpipes going into battle.

The Ghost looks forward to seeing you at Katoomba next weekend.....



# 2019 is the Chinese Year of the Pig



*Could be a good year for our Central Blue Pink Polio Pig.*

# Burger BONANZA for Rotary Clubs



# Six Great Reasons to do RLI



The success of Rotary Leadership Institute is because it delivers skills and knowledge that Rotarians can apply straight away in their clubs.

1. It hones leadership skills
2. Builds Rotary knowledge
3. Gives a perspective about where Rotary has been and where it is now
4. Shares a vision of what Rotary can be
5. Networking with Rotarians from other clubs
6. Provides opportunities for partnering in service

The two part course is held on a weekend or separately on Saturdays or Sundays to meet demand.

Morning tea and lunch are provided.

Each day starts at 8:00am and finishes around 4.00pm.

Courses 50, 51 and 52 are open for registration:

- RLI 50 runs over the weekend 2-3 March at the District Office, Thornleigh.
- RLI 51 runs Saturday 4th and 18th of May at the District Office, Thornleigh.
- RLI 52 runs over the weekend of 1-2 June at a location to be decided in the Penrith/Lower Mountains area.

Register at [rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au](http://rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au)



Tobias Elliot-Orr, a young man with Arts/Law degree, was the Central Blue Mountains Rotary guest speaker Wednesday Jan. 30.

His current employment is at Scenic World, and he plays futsal and soccer in spare time. Tobias says he intends to take a year off and travel the world using his legal knowledge to work with and assist underprivileged people.

*...that's all folks*