



HORIZONS



Welcome to
Central Blue Mountains Rotary
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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Invite your friends and associates to our outstanding meetings



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What's On....



July

Wednesday 6 - Planning and presentation meeting

Sunday 10 - RFS cheque presentations

Wednesday 13 - Guest speaker: Bill Avery

Tuesday 19 - Board meeting - Greystanes

Wednesday 20 - Club assembly

Wednesday 27 - Guest speaker: Julie Bargenquast

August

Wednesday 3 - Guest speaker: TBA

Sunday 7 - Catering van at Leura School Market



Amanda Barnes - formerly president Southern Cross Rotary e-club presented with a second sapphire for her Paul Harris Fellow

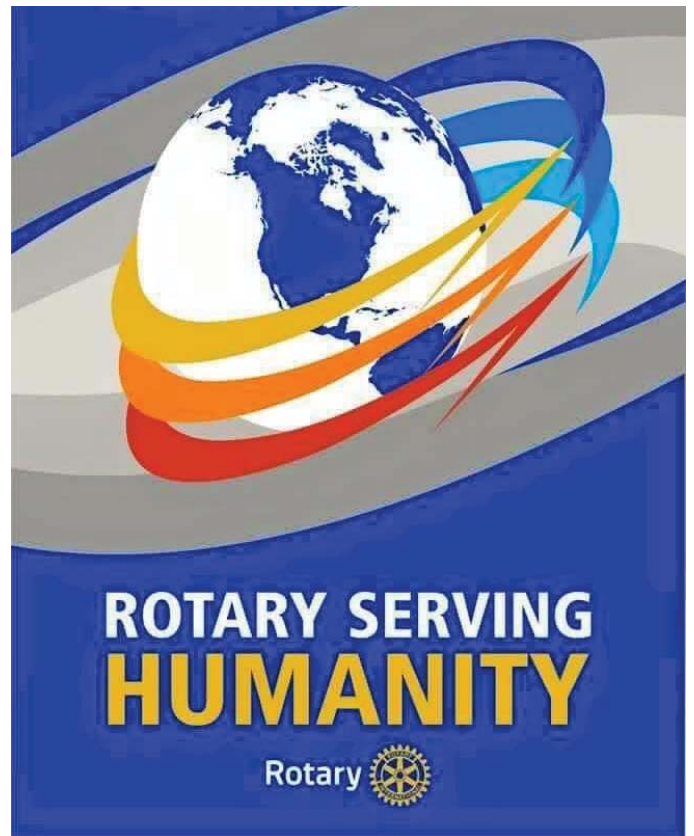
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Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker on July 13 is Bill Avery who lives at Leura. Bill be talking on his experiences of mapping all the Major walking tracks in Australia all on foot.

Bill and June Avery have opened their wonderful garden for the Leura Gardens Festival over many years.

YOUR ATTENDANCE

Ray Wiles - **0409 845 415 - raymar40@bigpond.com.au** is our attendance person. Please call before 12.30pm, Wednesday, if you are bringing a guest or you are not able to attend. Letting us know helps with setting up the dining room.

Also, you must order your meal by calling the Grand View Hotel 4757 1001 Wednesday afternoon.

*Visitors are always welcome
at CBM Rotary*



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Clean Water - Saving Mothers and Children
Supporting Education - Growing Local Economies*



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The Australian Transplant Games is the country's most inspirational sporting event. They unite all those touched by transplantation and showcase their renewed health through an exciting week of sports and promotional activities.

For transplant recipients the Games are a way to say thanks for their second chance at life, and for donor families, a way to honour their loved one's gift.

Most recipients never know who their donor is and likewise, donor families don't know the recipients of their loved one's organs. The Games bring everyone together.

The Games highlight the benefits of organ and tissue donation to the Australian public. Media coverage gets Australian households talking about their donation decisions, which is crucial to increasing organ donation rates. There are currently more than 1,600 people on the waiting list.

Every Games participant has their own individual story, all with the common message of gratitude to their donors and donor families. Athletes at the Games are 'living -proof' of the amazing gift of life that organ and tissue donation gives.

Rotary District 9685 is a firm supporter of the Australian Transplant Games to be held at Penrith and Blacktown from September 24 to October 1.

Please consider helping in some way – time or donations. We would appreciate your help in many areas: administration, signage, transport, healthcare, meals (BBQ items), sports, special events, media and communication.

To register and find out more please go to: <http://www.australiantransplantgames.com/volunteer>

or contact Marilyn Mercer PDG,
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Australian Transplant Games Local
Organising Committee
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WESTERN SYDNEY 2016

September 24 – October 1

Mountain Ghost

The Ghost talks about the history of the Hydro Majestic and recommends a visit, including a High Tea.

The ghost was inundated with complaints (comments) about his article on the Carrington Hotel. Which hotel deserves the title “The Grand Old Lady of the Mountains”. Both have extremely interesting histories both had fallen on hard times and both have had successful relaunches

I think it is safe to say that if the Carrington was known as the honeymoon destination in the mid 1930 and 1940s then the Hydro was known as the place of choice for a ‘dirty weekend’ out of Sydney.

The Hydro Majestic was the brainchild of Mark Foy, a prominent retail store baron, sportsman and well known socialite. The Ghost shows his age as he remembers Mark Foy’s stores in Sydney. Mark Foy was also the founder of the 18 Foot Sailing Club on Sydney Harbour. He didn’t do things by half. In 1903 he had the little township between Blackheath and Katoomba renamed “Medlow Bath’ to sound a bit more upmarket and spa related.

The resort he built on the site had working electricity four days before the city of Sydney. It had its own water supply, steam laundry, freezing works, sewerage treatment and telephone system connected to the Sydney Exchange.

It was designed as a health spa on the lines of the German health spas which were very popular at the time. The Hydro opened in 1904 and was an immediate success. In 1922 fire destroyed the Belgrave wing and the Art Gallery and it took 14 years to rebuild.

During the Second World War, the Hydro was taken over by the US military and turned into a hospital for casualties from the Battle of the Coral Sea.

The Hydro was reopened in 1946 with further extensions. Mark Foy died in 1950 aged 85. He was a true pioneer of the Australian hospitality industry.

The Hydro received heritage listing in 1984. After decades of decline and neglect the Hydro underwent a series of refurbishments during the 1990s. The Accor Hotel group owned the hotel from 2002 when it was sold to the current owners, a Malaysian hotel group. It was reported they bought the Hydro for \$11m and spent \$30m on renovations.

The Ghost is sure his readers are familiar with the new Hydro Majestic with its stunning views of the Megalong Valley. The Pavilion is a great addition with its own coffee shop and interesting gifts. They have kept the memorabilia from the original Hydro which is very interesting to see.



The old Ballroom with the domed ceiling has now been refurbished into the beautiful foyer entrance of the new restaurant where they serve all meals including the famous High Teas. Further renovations are planned including a four-storey glass atrium overlooking the Valley. The Hydro now has great entertainment in the Belgravia Wing.

The Ghost recommends the Hydro for showing your overseas visitors the joys of the Mountains with a bit of class. If your visitors feel up to driving a bit further to Blackheath and take the Megalong Valley turnoff they will come across the well-known Megalong Valley Tea Rooms. From the Megalong Valley you can look back up to the Hydro nestling on the cliff face.

GOOD TO KNOW –

Further info at www.hydroramajestic.com.au

Great souvenirs

You can eat at a variety of locations from cheap to expensive Experience one of the best views of the Mountains

Ghost rating – 8/10