



# HORIZONS



## Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, February 07, 2018



*Govetts Leap waterfall - Blackheath*

# Rotary

Central Blue Mountains



## WhatsOn....

### February

- Sat 3-Mon 5:** RYPEN Summer Camp
- Wednesday 7:** Guest Speaker - Chris Compton
- Wednesday 14:** Guest Speaker-TBA
- Friday 16:** Chinese New Year
- Monday 19:** Board Meeting
- Wednesday 21:** Club Assembly - Pre-visioning
- Friday 23:** Paint your Pinkie - BM Grammar School
- Friday 23:** Presidents Cluster Meeting
- Saturday 24:** Rotary's 113rd Birthday  
Carrington Hotel lawn area 10am-1.00pm  
organised by E Club and Upper BM Rotary
- Sunday 25:** Summer Wine Tasting-W.F. Country Club
- Wednesday 28:** Youth Night Speakers

### Rotary Leadership in 2018

The Rotary Leadership Institute course is now run over two days, powerpacked with information, learning and skills you can use in your Rotary life straight away.

Networking with other Rotarians and led by experienced facilitators, you are sure to enjoy what others are describing as the best Rotary training they have had. Register online now at [rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au](http://rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au) and supercharge your Rotary.

There are two courses available for registration:

RLI 45 - Sunday 18 February and Sunday 18 March 2018

RLI 47 - Saturday 5 and 19 May 2018

Contact PDG Ian Scott 0402 217 915 - [ian@scottadr.com](mailto:ian@scottadr.com) for information and booking.



*Guest speaker - February 07  
Chris Compton will be speaking about  
Rotaract and bushfires in Canada.  
He is a Rotaract Ambassador.*

## \$53.5-million in grants to fight polio

Rotary is giving \$53.5-million in grants to support immunization and surveillance activities led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

More than half of the funds will support efforts to end polio in two of the three countries where polio remains endemic:

Afghanistan: \$12.03-million

Pakistan: \$19.31-million

Further funding will help keep 10 vulnerable countries polio-free:

Cameroon: \$1.61-million

Central African Republic: \$428,000

Chad: \$2.33-million

The Democratic Republic of Congo: \$6.48-million

Ethiopia: \$1.82-million

Iraq: \$2-million

Niger: \$1.71-million

Somalia: \$3.29-million

South Sudan: \$835,300

Syria: \$428,000

An additional \$731,338 will fund research to be conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO), and another \$518,000 will go toward technical assistance in West and Central Africa.



*Photo: Khaula Jamil*

# Latrine and Sanitation Support Project



***Forty-eight latrines have been constructed at 48 households, servicing a total of 229 people including 106 women in Cheung Pleung village, Snam Preak commune, Bakan district Pursat province in Cambodia with the support of the Big Village Basket of Australia (BVB#6 & 7).***

Training is intended to improve hygiene through the utilization of toilets and hand washing with soap.

The utilization of toilets protects the water sources from fecal contamination, and thus ensuring sustainable, clean water sources.

The Latrine Project works in conjunction with the Wells, Bio-Sand Filter Programs to ensure clean water by reducing and eliminating the contamination of human fecal matter in local water supplies.

While the latrines are built for individual households, it is often the community that works together to build each latrine as a cooperative effort.

The majority of the costs and materials for the latrines are provided by Sustainable Cambodia. Roofs, walls and doors are installed by the participating households.

This fosters a sense of ownership and accomplishment of the latrine, making families more likely to utilize and upkeep the facility. This practice also follows Sustainable Cambodia's founding principle of empowering individuals, as opposed to creating dependence.



*In Australia, we are supported by Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Project 39 and 39C donations to these two RAWCS projects are tax deductible to individuals and organisations resident in Australia.*

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# Mountain Ghost

Lennox Bridge is a spectacular sandstone bridge with some walks around it. By the way it is the oldest surviving stone arch bridge on the Australian mainland.

## BLUE MOUNTAINS BRIDGES

The Mountain Ghost is back for 2018 and full steam ahead.

One of the joys in living in the Mountains is that you need bridges.

For many years the Ghost has been driving the BM and has seen signs for the Lennox Bridge and Knapsack Bridge. During the Christmas break he decided to see what each bridge was about.

**Lennox Bridge** – is a stone arch bridge at Glenbrook (GPS says it is Blaxland) built in 1833 by David Lennox. The Ghost thought the Lennox Bridge was at Parramatta but it turns out both were built by the same person who was the first “Colonial Superintendent of Bridges”.

It seems he was like Governor Macquarie and wanted his name on everything. Anyway it is a fairly spectacular sandstone bridge with some walks around it. By the way it is the oldest surviving stone arch bridge on the Australian mainland. It was the main route over the Blue Mountains (known as Mitchell Pass) until 1926 when the Great Western Highway (GWH) was re-routed via Knapsack Viaduct. It is heritage listed.

**Knapsack Bridge** (or Viaduct – This is located between Glenbrook and Lapstone completed in 1867 and was designed to carry rail traffic across Jamison Creek and into the ‘zig zag railway’ at Glenbrook. This could be another Ghost article! It comprises seven sandstone arches 40 metres high and 118 metre long.

The bridge was in use until 1913 when the rail was deviated at Glenbrook Gorge. In 1926 a section of the GWH used the viaduct until 1993 when the M4 was extended up Lapstone Hill. Today it is a popular bush walk and cycling track.

**Mitchells Bridge** – Built in 1823 it is the oldest bridge on the Mountains and is still in use. It is part of the road (GWH) at Victoria Pass and was convict built. If you walk along Berghoffer’s Pass you can get good views of Mitchells Bridge.

The Ghost hopes you have enjoyed the Bridges of the Mountains. As you know, he is a conservationist but he would gladly dynamite the bridge from GWH into Katoomba!

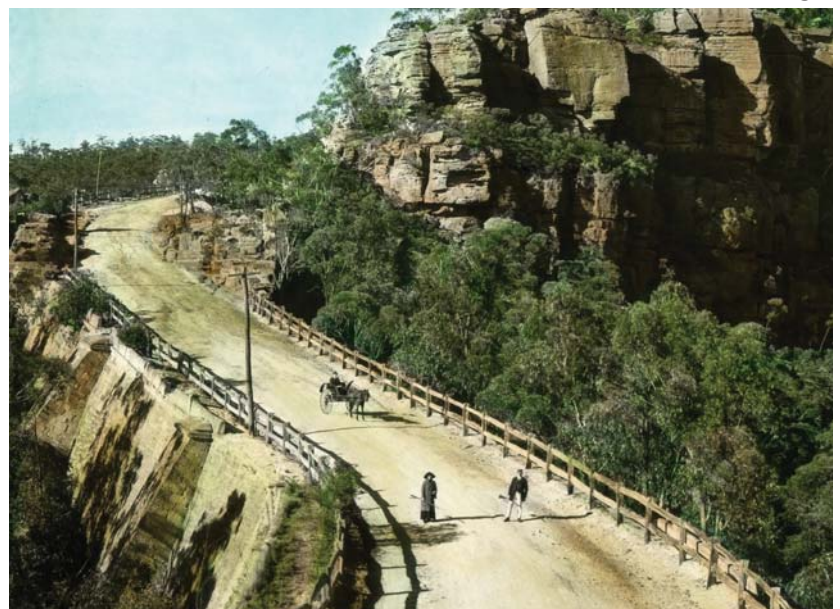
That’s it folks and look forward to another Ghost story next week.....



*Knapsack Bridge*



*Lennox Bridge*



*Mitchells Bridge*

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**Rotary**  
*Blue Mountains*



*You are invited to celebrate  
Rotary's  
113 years of Community Service  
Saturday, February 24, 2018  
10.00am - 3.00pm  
Carrington Gardens, Katoomba  
(Front of the Carrington Hotel)*

Official Opening - 11.00am  
 Cake Cutting - Community Awards  
 Food Stalls - Sausage Sizzle - Pancakes  
 Games for the kids - Face Painting  
 Katoomba RSL Blue Mountains City Band  
 Gilberto Nova - will entertain  
 Our Town Crier will keep us moving  
 A chance to reminisce and celebrate  
 the great work of Rotary

**This is a FREE community event**

For more details contact: Lucian Keegel 0415 232 901 or [lskeegel@bigpond.com](mailto:lskeegel@bigpond.com)

*Promoted by Rotary clubs of the Blue Mountains  
hosted by  
Rotary e-Club of Greater Sydney*

# Come and see Rotary Making a Difference

**Gosford North Rotary Benefactors and Beneficiaries Night**



**Guest speaker  
Nick Farr Jones**

**198 lives  
saved  
this year**



**Over 2000 persons  
trained in Suicide  
Prevention**

**Over \$300,000  
raised for the SOKS  
program**



**Presentations  
from our inspired  
young People**



**\$40 PP**

**26th Feb  
5.30 for 6pm**

RSVP by 5th Feb via email to [warren.mills@bigpond.com](mailto:warren.mills@bigpond.com) with names of people attending and payment to: Rotary club of Gosford North SOKS Acc.  
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***Economic and Community Development, and Peace***  
*17 March 2018 — Sydney, Australia*

Early Bird Deadline: 13 December 2017  
Conference Date: 17 March 2018

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..that's all folks