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Rotary - Central Blue Mountains

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, June 07, 2017



Blue Mountains Business Expo | 2017



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What's On....

June

Wednesday 07 - Guest speaker - David Arnott
Rotary Youth Exchange

Wednesday 07 - BM Business Expo - Springwood

Sunday 11 - Food van - Grand View Market

Wednesday 14 - Guest speaker Pam Seaborn
Chairperson Food and Wine Advisory
Council Blue Mountains-All about
food and wine of the Region

Fri 16 - Sun 18 - RYPEN camp, Springwood

Saturday 17 - Katoomba Rotary changeover
and 80th birthday

Wednesday 21 - Rotary Year 2017-2018

Thursday 22 - Combined board meeting

Wednesday 28 - CBM changeover function

July

Saturday 01 - District 9685 changeover - Hornsby RSL

Sunday 9 - Food van - Grand View Market

Our Mission

Central Blue Mountains Rotary has a very simple mission; to provide service to others within our local community and overseas, to promote integrity, and to advance goodwill through fellowship.

We have a long and successful history of supporting our local community and assisting overseas. Since being established in 1976 we have achieved, quite simply, nothing less than outstanding results every year. We are proud of our contribution to helping others.

ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS



Promoting Peace - Fighting Disease - Providing
Clean Water - Saving Mothers and Children
Supporting Education - Growing Local Economies

What is Rotary

Rotary is an international membership organisation made up of people who share a passion for and commitment to enhancing communities and improving lives across the world.

The difference we make starts with our members. They are the force that allows Rotary to carry out its many humanitarian efforts and achieve its mission. We roll up our sleeves, leverage our personal relationships with local partners and businesses, and apply our leadership skills so as to create innovative, sustainable solutions that address the needs and challenges affecting our communities.

Through community service and other means, Rotary club members help promote peace and understanding throughout the world.

Why Join Rotary?

Each Rotary club strives for a membership that is an up-to-date and progressive representation of its community's business, vocational, and professional interests. Membership in Rotary offers a number of benefits including:

- Effecting change within the community
- Developing leadership skills
- Gaining an understanding of — and having an impact on — international humanitarian issues
- Developing relationships with community and business leaders

Be a part of the Rotary difference. Bring your passion, your perspective, and your purpose to Rotary – and help change the world.

Learn about Rotary at a two-day course

District 9685 Rotary Leadership Institute wants to try a one-weekend, two day coarse for people who prefer two days of learning in one hit, rather than have it spread over three different days, as would normally happen.

So, they are saying that RLI 41 will run over the weekend of June 24-25.

If this better suits your availability then please register now at rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

This weekend course is held at the District Office, Thornleigh. Morning teas and lunches are provided.

Each day starts at 8:00 for 8:30am and finishes around 3.30 - 4.00 pm.....REGISTER NOW!



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Global Polio Eradication

Bill and Melinda Gates, co-chairs of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, released their Annual Letter in February, highlighting gains that have been made in improving children's health around the world.

The letter was addressed to Warren Buffett, who donated the bulk of his fortune to the foundation ten years ago. As Bill and Melinda say, the "magic number is zero" when thinking about many health challenges today, and polio is the closest to reaching this goal.

Bill and Melinda write:

We want to end our letter with the most magical number we know. It's zero. This is the number we're striving toward every day at the foundation. Zero malaria. Zero TB. Zero HIV. Zero malnutrition. Zero preventable deaths. Zero difference between the health of a poor kid and every other kid. Polio is closest to reaching this magic number. You and I have talked about polio a lot. When you were growing up, you saw things kids never see today: children with polio on crutches and leg braces, photos of kids in iron lungs.

By the late 1970s, with the help of vaccines, the United States eliminated polio, but it still raged around the world. In 1988, when the global campaign was launched to end polio, there were 350,000 new cases each year. Last year, there were 37.

It's thrilling to be nearing the day when no children will be crippled by polio. But we're often asked why we're making such a big effort on polio if our priority is to save lives. The answer is, ending polio will save lives—through the magic of zero.

When polio is eradicated, the world can dedicate polio funds to improving child health, and the lessons from polio will lead to better immunisation systems for other diseases.

Warren, when you announced your gift to our foundation, you told us to make big bets. The whole world is making



Warren Buffett, Melinda and Bill Gates

a big bet here. A lot of gains in global health don't get noticed. Polio is different. Everyone is watching. If things stay stable enough in the conflict areas, humanity could see its last case of polio sometime this year.

Polio will soon be history. In our lifetimes, malaria will end. No one will die from AIDS. Few people will get TB. Children everywhere will be well nourished. And the death of a child in the developing world will be just as rare as the death of a child in the rich world.

We can't put a date on these events, and we don't know the sequence, but we're confident of one thing: The future will surprise the pessimists.

Thank you for putting your trust in us, Warren. We won't let you down.

Bill & Melinda

"We're inspired by the infinite persistence of Rotary International. They were leading this fight long before we joined it, and they've just kept moving forward."

- Melinda Gates

ROTARY DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEOVER

**Saturday 1 July 2017
6.00pm for 6.30pm**

Hornsby RSL Club, 4 High St, Hornsby

\$55 per person incl. 2 course dinner

Register at changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

RSVP Friday June 23, 2017

Mountain Ghost

The Mountain Ghost is slowly coming to the conclusion that if you can't find it in the Blue Mountains (culturally) you don't need to go to the Big Smoke. Then he discovered Penrith



If you like outdoor activity Cables Water Park next to Panthers Leagues Club is a unique attraction. Basically it is water skiing and wake board without a boat. Also a great tourist attraction is the Nepean Belle River Boat for sight seeing trips along the Nepean.

The Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural Centre is worth a visit.

The Penrith Museum of Printing is a unique boutique museum about printing. You can visit the Go-Shu Australian Sake Brewery, one of only a few Sake Breweries outside of Japan. In fact this brewery actually exports its sake to Japan. Sake is rice wine often served hot.

There is also a world class Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre in the heart of Penrith. They have some great shows there, especially for

the kids in the school holidays.

I know Penrith is as cold as Katoomba in the winter and as hot as Lightning Ridge in the summer and the traffic is as bad as Wentworth Falls on a long weekend but there are some hidden gems.

Once again, that's it for this week Folks.

THE MOUNTAIN GHOST DISCOVERS PENRITH

The Mountain Ghost loves his Mountains and does not often leave his lair. But when he does it is usually to go to Sydney where he has family and where he grew up.

He is slowly coming to the conclusion that if you can't find it in the Blue Mountains (culturally) you don't need to go to the Big Smoke. Then he discovered Penrith on his doorstep, literally.

Twice in the last month the Ghost has been in Penrith (excluding visits to Bunnings and Westfield). The first time was with the golden grandchild to the Museum of Fire and the second time was last week with a visit to the Penrith Regional Gallery (Art Gallery) of Emu Plains to see the JFK photographic exhibition – it was really great.

Firstly, the visit to the Museum of Fire was extremely enjoyable. It has the best collection of vintage fire engines the Ghost has ever seen, but the colour scheme was boring – all were red. There was also a lot of history of the fire fighting in Australia. Kids would love it.

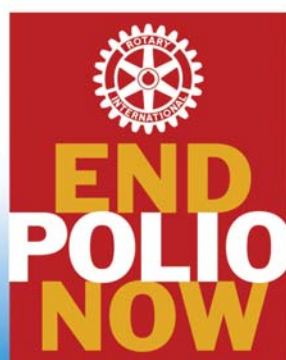
The second visit to the Penrith Regional Gallery and Lewers Bequest, to give it its full name was surprising because it was so good. This gallery has been open since 1981 and the Ghost had never heard of it. The exhibition on John F Kennedy was fascinating.

Some other things to do in Penrith which are impossible to do in the Mountains: visit the White Water Stadium at Cranebrook. This was built for the Sydney 2000 Olympics. On a sunny day it is a great way to keep cool watching other people nearly drowning in the rapids.



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A souvenir stamp sheet commemorating The Rotary Foundation's Centenary is available now. It can be used for general postage or presented as a gift.



Established in 1917 with a donation of \$26.50, The Rotary Foundation is dedicated to advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Through grants and other resources, Rotary members develop sustainable projects that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children and grow local economies.



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Providing clean water

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