



# HORIZONS



## Central Blue Mountains Rotary

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

*Invite your friends and associates to our outstanding meetings*

ShelterBox may have a special role helping farmers to stay on damaged farms and vineyards in Italy's earthquake zone

The Italy earthquake zone now marred with broken buildings and damaged roads is, in happier times, one of the world's richest agricultural areas. But this rural economy is now in shock, and farmers need to stay on their farms even where homes are damaged. ShelterBox is in talks offering help.

While the focus has been on damage and casualties in towns and villages, there is widespread concern that farmers may have to leave their fields, vineyards and livestock unattended because they have nowhere to shelter since the quake.

ShelterBox has been in talks with the Confederazione Italiana del Agricoltura about a solution. Once the Confederazione has examined the need across hundreds of smallholdings and farms, the door is open for ShelterBox to return to help farmers recover and rebuild.



*Early morning with frost still on the ground, local volunteers from Assergi, a small mountain village North of Rome, erect Shelterbox tents.*

*The villagers are too scared of further quakes to sleep in their homes and many spend cold nights in their cars.*

ShelterBoxes – easily portable and ideal for delivery to inaccessible locations – may provide the ideal temporary solution. Each has a hardy tent for properties left without shelter in the forthcoming autumn and winter, solar lighting where power is down, and water filtration where pipes and sources have been damaged and drinking water has been compromised.

ShelterBox Operations Co-ordinator Jon Berg says, 'At the moment we have found an over-provision of tented shelter in the quake zone, and much aid stock may well be sent back. ShelterBox does not yet have any inbound aid, but this conversation today with the Confederazione raises the possibility that ShelterBoxes may meet a

very specific longer term need, helping Italian farmers and the rural economy to recover.'

The network of agricultural workers is mostly in remote settlements and on individual homesteads which have less access to assistance than village and town dwellers.

At the moment it is reported that much of the displaced population are staying with friends, family, or in their cars parked in front of their homes – not only because of personal attachment, but to guard against looting of their possessions.

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# What's On....



## September

**Sunday 4** - Catering van at Leura School market

**Wednesday 7** - Guest speaker: DGN Susan Wakefield

**Thursday 8** - International Literacy Day

**Saturday 10** - Polio postcards selling at Leura School

**Wednesday 14** - Guest speaker: PDG Ian Scott

**Sat-Sun 17-18** - Garage Sale - 48 Craighend St. Leura

**Monday 19** - Board meeting - Greystanes

**Wednesday 21** - Club Assembly

**Sat 24-Oct 1** - Transplant Games - Penrith, Blacktown

**Saturday 24** - Soft toy sales in Leura Mall

**Wednesday 28** - Guest speaker: Philip Smith - ROMAC

## October

**Saturday 1** - Soft toys sales - Leura Mall

**Sat-Mon 1-3** - Greystanes Open Garden

**Sunday 2** - Catering van at Leura School market

**Wednesday 5** - Information night

**Sat-Sun 8-9** - Leura Village Fair

**Wednesday 12** - Guest speaker - to be advised

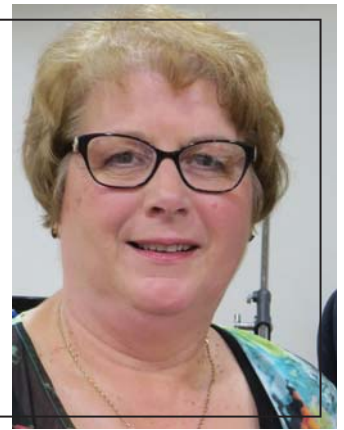
**Friday 14** - Hat Night - Aust'n Rotary Health

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*Susan Wakefield OAM of the Rotary Club of the Lower Blue Mountains - District Governor Nominee 9685 for the year 2018-2019*



Central Blue Mountains Rotary  
pop-up shop will be in Leura Mall  
September 24



*Our Rotary friends from District 9630, Past District Governor Phillip Charles and Marlene were in the Blue Mountains Monday 29 August, overnight at The Carrington Hotel. Seen here with Tom Colless, they attended a meeting of Katoomba Rotary.*

## CBM Rotary

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### YOUR ATTENDANCE

Ray Wiles - 0409 845 415 - [raymar40@bigpond.com.au](mailto: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.

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# World Polio Day ... Oct. 24

Increasing public awareness of the imminent demise of the dreaded Polio virus – and raising vital dollars to fund the end of Rotary's 40 year PolioPlus campaign– must be the common goal of ALL Rotary Clubs and Districts on World Polio Day ... October 24!

Effective fund raising is always a priority, BUT projects that build public awareness and image ensure that we really connect with our respective communities!

In Great Britain, Rotarians are gearing up to sell 50.000 colourful Crocus plants and bulbs to highlight their 'go purple' for a day promotion, ie: purple clothes, decorations, hair, offices, purple cake stalls, etc on Polio Day.

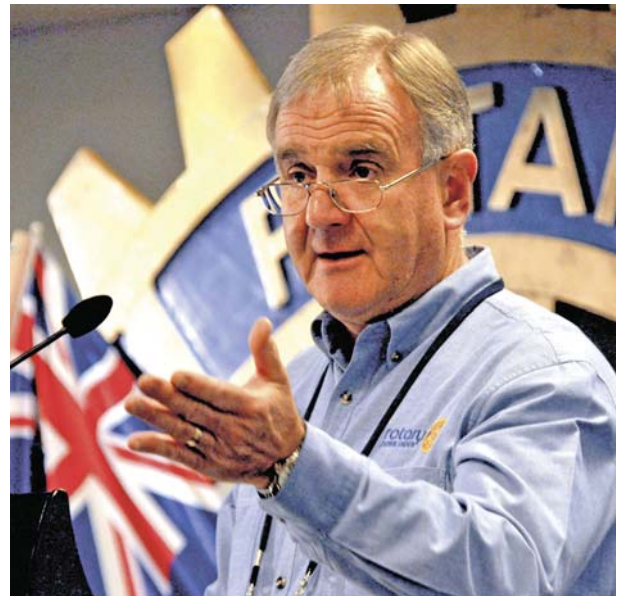
In Germany, plans are in place to print one million END POLIO NOW stickers for general distribution – along with special athletic events for children.

Around New Zealand and Australia, many excellent ideas are emerging ... main street END POLIO NOW barbecues, bush dances, Battle of the Bands for schools, walkathons, family cycle days, movie nights, \$100 Centurion collection poles and jumble sales to name a few.

Clubs are being urged to link with high profile personalities, local politicians and sports men and women to help achieve media coverage.

All events must be high profile, ie: Rotarians wearing the red END POLIO NOW t-shirts and copious numbers of posters and Polio pull-up banners delivering effective messages are important.

No idea is too big or too small, but start planning NOW!



*Words by PDG Bob Aitken, Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains, the RI END POLIO NOW Coordinator, Zones 7B and part 8, 2016-17*

Central Blue Mountains Rotary will be seeking donations and selling PolioPostcards at Leura School on Local Government Election Day, September 10.



# Help end polio worldwide.

Rotary. Humanity in motion.

[rotary.org/endpolio](http://rotary.org/endpolio)



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# Rotary helping to teach children to read from an early age

Rotary's service partnership with The Dollywood Foundation's Dolly Parton Imagination Library provides opportunities to collaborate in support of basic education by fostering a lifelong love of reading and learning from an early age.

Through this partnership, children receive access to age-appropriate reading materials to help establish a strong educational foundation early in life.

Launched by country music star Dolly Parton and The Dollywood Foundation, the Imagination Library provides pre-school aged children with a free hardcover book every month from birth to the age of five.

Over 675,000 children under the age of five receive books from the Imagination Library each month. Over 40 million books have been donated to children since the program began in 1996.

Currently, the Imagination Library has programs in over 1,700 communities across Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

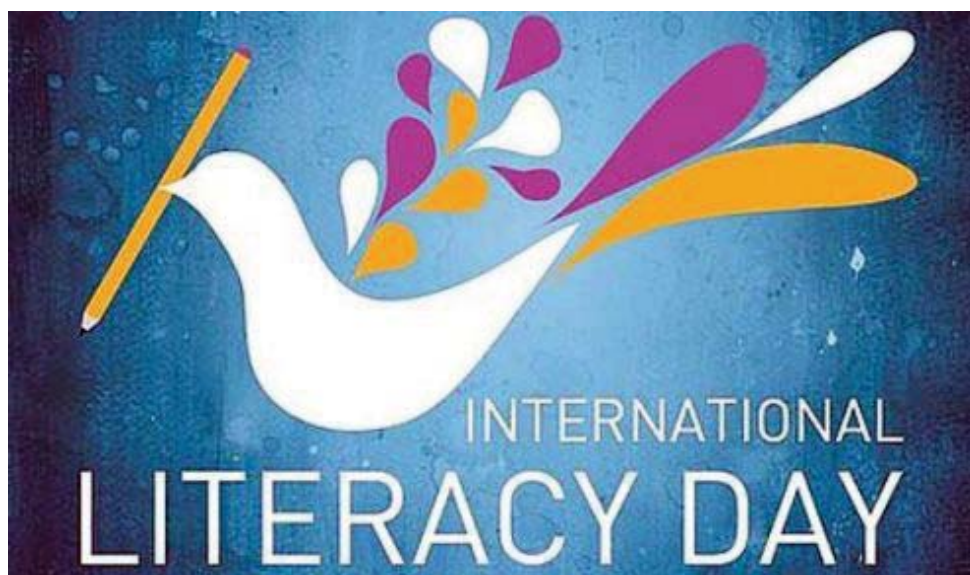
Rotary Clubs in Australia working with United Way Australia can now bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to their local communities.

The Rotary club will be the local champion and organiser, raising funds in their local community and managing registrations.

United Way Australia has been granted a licence to operate the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Australia as part of their READLEARNSUCCEED program.

READLEARNSUCCEED is aimed at improving school readiness in under-5s. It includes delivering books to homes through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, providing the resources for parents to be their child's 'first educator'. It supports local groups to deliver community awareness activities such as annual reading days.

Contact: United Way Australia  
230 Clarence St, Sydney NSW 2000  
Phone: (02) 9321 0300



September is Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month  
September 8, 2016, is International Literacy Day



## CBM Rotary Hat Day

Our function will be a cocktail party at Fairways, Leura, on Friday, October 14, 2016.

Proceeds will be donated to Australian Rotary Health

# Mountain Ghost

During WW2 the Cunard liners, Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth were converted to troop ships at Cockatoo island.

The Ghost was asked where should you take visitors to Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Somewhere they could have a unique experience for a couple of days and not break the bank.

The Ghost remembers that last January he stayed overnight at Cockatoo Island in Sydney Harbour and it was amazing. Where is Cockatoo Island I hear you ask. It is just off Balmain and only access is by ferry. There are no vehicles on the island. The area is 18 hectares of prime real estate.

The history of the place is fascinating. From 1839 to 1869 Cockatoo Island operated as a convict penal settlement. You can still visit all the original convict sandstone buildings.

The Ghost found it quite amusing that the convicts had their little cells but had million dollar views over Sydney Harbour.

From 1857 to 1991, Cockatoo Island was the site of Australia's biggest shipyard. There are two dry docks on the island, the first built by the convicts. All visitors to the island can visit the docks. At its peak, 30,000 people were working at the shipyard. During WW2 the Cunard liners, Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth were converted to troop ships at the island.

Many naval vessels were built here, including HMAS Success in 1979, the largest naval vessel built in Australia. The Tasman ferry Empress of Australia was built here too. After the shipyards closed the island lay dormant until it re-opened in 2005 as a cultural and tourist centre.

The Ghost stayed overnight in one of the luxury tents (glamping evidently is the term). There is a restaurant/café on the island but you have to bring all of your own food and cook it yourself. The kitchen and shower facilities are very good. Alcohol can be purchased on the island.

There are three levels of accommodation on the island – small two person tents, luxury tents or complete houses sleeping up to 10 people. You don't have to stay. Most people come across on the ferry for the day.

UNESCO has recognised Cockatoo Island as a World Heritage Site.

The Ghost strongly recommends Cockatoo Island as one of the most interesting places to see in or around Sydney.



## Good to Know:

- Access by Ferry - \$2.50 for seniors
- Details can be found on [www.cockatooisland.gov.au](http://www.cockatooisland.gov.au)
- History – visit [Wikipedia.org](http://Wikipedia.org)
- Wheelchair access – limited
- Café/Restaurant on the island
- Views sensational

The Ghost advises care in the seagull mating season – they can be vicious!

**Ghost Rating – 9/10**