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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, November 08, 2017

Central Blue Mountains Rotary Centenary Garden



Established in 2005 as a special project to recognise the 100th anniversary of the foundation of Rotary, the Central Blue Mountains Rotary Centenary Garden is at Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital, Katoomba, providing continuous pleasure for patients in the palliative care and rehabilitation wards.

The fountain, a work of art in stainless steel, was designed by local sculptor Terrance Plowright.

A Presidents Walk, constructed with pavers, contains names and dates relating to presidents since 1976.

Still on the job, members of Central Blue Rotary have been clipping, cleaning, doing maintenance on the fountain, and generally attending to whatever is necessary to create a pleasant and relaxing environment for the hospital patients and staff.

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WhatsOn....

November

- Wednesday 08** - Dennis van Someren
- Friday 10** - NSW Police Officer of the Year awards
- Sunday 12** - Grand View Market
- Wednesday 15** - Guest speaker to be advised
- Saturday 18** - Drive through gifts drop off
Grand View Hotel
- Monday 20** - Rotary Foundation Dinner
- Wednesday 22** - Club Assembly
- Sunday 26** - Special Olympics Dream Ride event
- Wednesday 29** - Guest speaker to be advised

December

- Wed 06** - CBM Rotary annual general meeting
- Sunday 10** - Grand View Market 8.00am-2.00pm
Carols in the Park 4.00pm-6.00pm
- Wednesday 13** - CBM Christmas function
- Friday 15** - Late night shopping Leura Mall
- Sun-Sat 17-23** - Christmas Raffle ticket sales

Our Guest Speaker November 08

Dennis van Someren has been volunteering at Shine for Kids for 8 years. He is also Kenthurst Rotary club's community service director.



SHINE
for Kids®

Shine for Kids is a not for profit organisation that nurtures and cares for children with a parent in prison.

SHINE for Kids was created as the Children of Prisoners' Support Group (COPSG) following the release of The Children of Imprisoned Parents Report, commissioned by the Family and Children's Services Agency, in March 1982.

In December 2004 the name was changed to SHINE for Kids. SHINE stands for five elements of what the organisation does.

Dennis van Someren says: "We support children, facilitate hope; inspire kids to reach their potential; nurture their growth; empower them to succeed."

The organisation receives ongoing funding from the Corrective Services NSW, the Department of Community Services and others.

"SHINE for Kids has a firm belief in the power of early intervention and a focus on collaboration to reduce the negative effects of parental imprisonment on children and young people," Dennis said.



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Soar and Roar Festival

More than 100 participants will be served breakfast by Central Blue Mountains Rotary, Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise, and the Rotary e-club of Greater Sydney, on Sunday November 26, before "Team Mustang" (about 30 cars) depart Lilianfels Park, Katoomba, heading to Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek.

Soar and Roar 2017 is an exciting event for motoring enthusiasts to come together to have fun and raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Australia.



Special Olympics Australia is proud to launch the SOAR & ROAR Festival, giving people with an intellectual disability the opportunity to experience the thrill of a "Dream Ride". The festival at Sydney Motorsport Park on November 26 will feature luxury car dream rides, motorbike dream rides and fun activities for people of all ages and abilities.

Money raised support Special Olympics Australia to provide sports opportunities for people with an intellectual disability in communities right across Australia.

While some Special Olympics athletes strive to win medals, others enjoy the chance to get active, have fun, make friends and be part of a family. Whatever their motivation, we cater for them by providing meaningful sports programs delivered within a supportive environment where people with an intellectual disability are accepted and can feel proud.



Sydney Districts 9675 & 9685

An Invitation to the Rotary Foundation Dinner

Blacktown Workers Club

55 Campbell St

Blacktown, 2148

20 November, 2017

6:30PM

Keynote speaker at the Foundation Dinner is Canadian Rotarian Jennifer Jones



Jennifer is the President and CEO of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning television production company in Windsor, Ontario. She is proud member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland and is a Past District Governor of District 6400.

For further details and booking arrangements please contact:
ian@scottadr.com - 0402 217 915

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Central Blue Mountains Rotary Annual General Meeting 2017

The Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains Inc. will be held at 7:45 pm, Wednesday 6th of December 2017 at the Grand View Hotel, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls.

Nominations for Club Officers in the 2018-2019 Rotary Year are now called for.

Completed nomination forms are required to be returned to the Secretary by end of the normal Club meeting on the 29th of November 2017.

Expressions of interest for other club positions are also being called for, although they do not need to be submitted for, or ratified by, the AGM. These should be submitted to the Secretary for new Board consideration.

Other business includes the election of office bearers, appointment of Public Officer and Auditor, and delivery of financial reports for the 2016-2017 Rotary Year.

Early Bird Conference Registration ends Nov. 30



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CONFERENCE,
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www.conference2018.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

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.



ROTARIANS



PEACE



www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org

The Rotarian Action Group for Peace is looking for new members. If you have an interest in adopting peace as an area of focus - contact Past District Governor Jennifer Scott and sign up as a member. email: jennifer@scottadr.com or T: 0414 367 631.





Graffiti removal success

Seventeen people volunteered to remove graffiti from the upper Blue Mountains, 28 - 29 October.

During two days and a combined effort of 129 hours, they removed 486sq metres of graffiti by painting-out, using chemicals and a high-pressure spray.

The villages of Bullburra, Wentworth Falls, Leura, Katoomba, Medlow Bath and Blackheath look greatly refreshed; with - perhaps - 95% of graffiti removed.

...Robert Ralston
Graffiti Eradicator

What's On at Penrith Observatory

Leaving our own Galaxy behind, we travel out into the Universe, looking for the biggest objects of all. Clusters, superclusters, walls of galaxies and voids full of nothing, all pushed and pulled around by mysterious dark matter and even-more-mysterious dark energy. As we travel outwards, we travel back in time towards the beginning of the universe, and ask, 'what happens now...?' It doesn't matter if you missed the first parts in this series.

Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

\$18.00 Adult

\$12.00 Child/Concession

\$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

Children under 3 years of age free.

Please Note: Parents/carers are responsible for and need to remain with their children at all times



Travel back in time towards the beginning of the universe, and ask, 'what happens now...?'

Date: 9 December 2017

Event name: You Are Here Part Three, The Universe

Event details:

Dr Nick Tothill

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Time: 8pm – 10pm

Venue Address: Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington

Contact website for public enquiries and bookings:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

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Sustainable Cambodia's latrine program ensures better health and hygiene



Families receive latrine in Cherrng Plerng and Andong Sambour Villages



Empowering families and children to effect lasting change....community by community www.sustainablecambodia.org

Sustainable Cambodia's Latrine Program works in conjunction with the Wells and BioSand Filters Programs to ensure clean water by reducing or 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 in a cooperative effort.

A majority of the costs and materials are provided by SC. Roofs, walls and doors however, are expected to be provided by the participating community.

This fosters a sense of ownership and accomplishment in the community members.

It also follows SC's tenant of empowering, instead of creating dependence, in the communities in which it is involved.

**Rotarian Journey
into Cambodia
January, 2018**

**Tour leader PDG
Jennifer Scott**

**Participate from only
USD \$825pp**



**Join fellow Rotarians from
around the world on a
journey into the heart of
Cambodia**

*contact Jennifer Scott
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0414 367 631*

World Toilet day - November 19

Such a basic human need - everyone visits the toilet several times a day. Yet, the impact of inadequate (or no) sanitation, especially on women, is devastating. One in three women worldwide risk shame, disease, harassment and even attack because they have nowhere safe to go to the toilet. Some 526 million women have no choice but to go to the toilet in the open. Women and girls living without any toilets spend approximately 97 billion hours each year "finding a place to go".

This has to be an irresistible challenge for Rotarians! The very first Rotary public service project instituted in Chicago in 1907 was the construction of public toilets (often coyly referred to as "comfort stations" in those days!).

***More people in the world have
a mobile phone than a toilet.
Of the world's seven billion
people, six billion have mobile
phones - only 4.5 billion have
access to toilets or latrines.***

***This means that 2.5 billion
people, mostly in rural areas,
do not have proper sanitation.***

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Mountain Ghost

You will need more than a day to see everything. It pays to plan your trip. There is an excellent web page that can keep you occupied for hours – well, it kept the Ghost occupied for hours....but he is a slow reader.



AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM - SYDNEY

The Mountain Ghost was reading the Sydney Morning Herald and he came across an article mentioning the 200 Treasures of the Australian Museum.

What is remarkable is that the Ghost still reads newspapers. His children have not bought a paper in five years and rely entirely on online news and Facebook..... well, back to the article.

The Museum has recently announced the opening of the Westpac Long Gallery. This gallery has been completely restored to its original glory and 200 Treasures from the Museum are on display. (100 objects and 100 people that have influenced the Museum and the country).

Some of the objects have come from other parts of the Museum, some were in storage (only 20% of the Museum's collection are ever on display).

Anyway, the Ghost was sufficiently interested to use his Opal Card and travel from Wentworth Falls (taking advantage of the lift) to Museum Station and the short walk to the Museum in College Street.

The last time the Ghost visited the Australian Museum must have been about 10 years ago. How things have improved. The entrance is no longer in College Street but in William Street. Everything is now light and airy and all the exhibits have been freshened up. There are plenty of interactive exhibits.

Back to the Long Gallery. It is very impressive and informative and will be a great international attraction. Some of the items on display are an ancient Egyptian Mummy 2,200 years old; The first Australian bank note issued in 1817 by the Bank of New South Wales; Captain Cook's feathered cape given to him in Hawaii in December 1778 and Eric the

Pliosaur, a marine dinosaur that lived 200 million years ago. The bones have now become opalised, quite remarkable. There is also a skeleton of the Irish Elk, the largest deer that ever lived at 3 metres high. The Museum has done a marvellous job on the restoration.

As always a little history on the Australian Museum. It is Australia's oldest museum established in 1827 with the aim of providing "many rare and curious specimens of National History". It was originally housed in the Post Office at Macquarie Place, Sydney and was known as the Sydney Museum or Colonial Museum. It was renamed the Australian Museum in 1836.

A dedicated building was constructed at the current site of William Street in 1846. Construction completed in 1857 with just one exhibition gallery. It has continuously expanded since then. In 2008 a new wing was added and this was the first time the Ghost had seen it. Today there are over 18 million cultural and scientific object held in the Museum.

It has a dual role of research and education and is a world leader in both fields.

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There is an excellent Museum store and coffee shop. Once you pay the general admission price of \$15 (or \$8 Concession) all other exhibits are free.

Go on, visit the Museum for nostalgia sake, you will thank the Ghost.....

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What Rotary clubs are doing

Drive Through Gift Project

Central Blue Mountains Rotary is asking people to drive into the car park of the Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls, on Saturday November 18 and drop off a gift that could provide happiness to someone in our community who is doing it tough.

Gifts will be donated to:

- The Salvation Army, Katoomba • Katoomba Family Support
- Mid-Mountains Neighbourhood Centre
- West Connect Domestic Violence Centre

Gifts should be suitable for children, teenagers and adults. ALSO: There is a Monster DVD sale at the pub - 2000 titles to choose from.

90 years of Rotary in the Illawarra

Rotarians are celebrating in the Illawarra this month as the nine clubs in the region mark 90 years of service to the community.

When the Rotary Club of Wollongong was formed in 1927 it was the start of 90 years of service above self to the Illawarra community.

Among the first five Rotary clubs in Australia it was formed out of the Sydney Rotary Club and emerged shortly after the Hoskins family signed an agreement to build a steelworks at Port Kembla.

Business leaders and politicians celebrated the 90th anniversary of Rotary's service above self in the region at City Beach Function Centre on Saturday.

Since 1927 hundreds of Rotarians have been involved in countless projects that include building the road up to Summit Park at Mount Keira in the late 1950s and helping to establish and maintain the lookouts.

The creation of the Greenhouse Park and Rotary NSW Emergency Services Community Awards are among the dozens of other projects Wollongong and other clubs have been involved with regionally, nationally and internationally.
story: Illawarra Mercury

Grace's Place Guest Speaker

Guest speaker at the Rotary Club of the Lower Blue Mountains, November 14, 2017 is Martha Jabour, CEO, Homicide Victims Support Group.

Martha will bring us up to date of the progress of 'Graces Place', a residential trauma recovery centre to cater for children after Homicide.

Lower BM Rotary, Leonay Sport and Recreation Club at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.

Bookings: Amanda Roots on aroots@bigpond.net.au

Cost: \$25.00 - a cash bar will be operating.

Rotary "In the Bag" Project

A team from The Rotary Club of Balgowlah is collecting second hand handbags and filling them with essential contents for women in crisis.

The initiative is part of a campaign by charity "Share The Dignity", which helps women who are homeless or victims of domestic violence.

The charity's "It's In The Bag" initiative aims to encourage people to donate their used handbags and fill them with essentials a homeless woman might need, including soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and sanitary products.

The club asked its members, supporters and friends to donate bags, which are filled, ready to be distributed by Share The Dignity to women in need.

They are also encouraged to add extra items such as a lipstick, lotion or nail polish....story: Manly Daily

Big Walk for End Polio Now

Rotarians, partners, children – even family pets – gathered at Tench Reserve on the Nepean River, Penrith, recently to take part in a special observance to mark World Polio Day.

A spectacular parade of almost 100 people with the words END POLIO NOW emblazoned on their bright red t-shirts enjoyed a three kilometre stroll in brilliant morning sunshine – much to the interest of early morning joggers.

Rotary clubs of Penrith, Penrith Valley, Nepean, Lower Blue Mountains and Springwood were represented in the walk, broken half way by a pause to plant a tree on the river bank to mark the Global Polio Eradication Initiative involving Rotary International, World Health Organisation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and several other major partners.

E-club - E-cards this Christmas

Following the many years of traditional Rotary Christmas cards, Ryde Rotary e-club has launched modern, efficient, environmentally-friendly – CHRISTMAS E-CARDS!!

Proceeds from the sale of e-cards support Interplast in rebuilding bodies and rebuilding lives in the Asia-Pacific region.

Recipients of the e-cards will see our Rotary and Interplast logos when they open their cards.

Rotarians and/or friends can take advantage of this service by visiting <http://ryderotary.org.au/e-club-ecards> and following the instructions there.

Rob Mitchell, Projects Director, Ryde Rotary e-Club says: "We hope you will join us in this initiative to support a really good cause, and to further demonstrate that e-clubs really can do just about anything conventional clubs can do."

...that's all folks