



### November

Wednesday 14: Members vocation night

Friday 16: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

Saturday 17: Barbecue - Mitre 10, Katoomba

Saturday 17: Garage Sale - Grand View Hotel, W. Falls

Wednesday 21: Club business/planning meeting Friday 23: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

Saturday 24: Community Chest raffle ticket sales

Monday 26: Rotary Foundation Dinner

Wednesday 28: Social meeting/vocational visit Friday 30: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

#### December

Wednesday 05: CBM Annual General Meeting

Thursday 06: Board meeting

Friday 07: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

Sunday 09: Mustangs Roar & Soar - Lilianfels Park, Kat.

Wednesday 12: Club business/planning meeting Friday 14: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club Saturday 15: Barbecue - Mitre 10, Katoomba Sat. 15-Sun, 23 Christmas raffle ticket sales

Sunday 16: Carols in the Park - Wilson Park, W. Falls

Wednesday 19: CBM Christmas function

Wednesday 26: No meeting

## Become a Rotary **Foundation Centurion**

All it takes is a commitment to donate \$100 to the Foundation each year. You know, that's less than a cup of coffee a week!

To make it easy to be a Centurion, the District makes available Centurion money collectors at no cost; each

> collector will hold exactly \$100 in \$2 coins.

If you add a coin each week you go to Rotary, you will be a Centurion in 50 weeks. If you add the odd extra coin, the time will be even shorter.

Take the completed collector to your Club treasurer ... it's that simple! Then you can start a new collector.

For more information, see your club's Foundation Director, Ian Scott: ian@scottadr.com

### Central Blue Mountains Rotary **Annual General Meeting 2018**

The Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains Inc. will be held at 7:45 pm, Wednesday 5th of December 2018 at the Grand View Hotel, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls.

Nominations for Club Officers in the 2019-2020 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 28th of November 2018.

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 2017-2018 Rotary Year.



Sydney Districts 9675 & 9685

## An Invitation to the **Rotary Foundation Dinner**

Waterview

Bicentennial Drive, Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park

26 November, 2018 at 6:30PM





#### Program

6.30 - 7.00pm Fellowship and pre-dinner drinks

7.00pm Introductions

8.00pm Keynote Speaker - Ian Riseley IPRIP

9.00pm Close

Cost: \$75 per person or \$700 for a table of 10

For bookings: <u>Click Here</u> (Instructions for Table bookings display after you enter your name on page 1 – submit attendees using spreadsheet provided)



Lone Pine
War Memorial
and Peace Park
Leura, NSW
Remembrance
Day 2018

Central Blue Mountains Rotarians:

Left: John Sim, Treasurer, Cr. Kevin Schreiber, BM City Council, Ray Wiles OAM, Air Commodore Ian Scott AM, Tom Colless OAM, Steve Cookson, Co-President, Jennifer Scott, Past District Governor



Plaque unveiled in memory of 14 men from Leura who enlisted in Warld War 1 and did not return.



Australian Air Force Cadets attended the dedication of the Red Cross Rose Garden and the unveiling of a plaque to commemmorate the service of 27 women from the Blue Mountains who served in WW1 and three who did not return.



A magnificent bush setting for the Remembrance Ceremony



The newly dedicated Red Cross Rose Garden





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# Mountain Ghost

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Tom Colless OAM, Central Blue Mountains Rotary, with Sue Roden and Patricia Carr from Red Cross Springwood branch in front of the original pine tree grown from a seed from Lone Pine Hill, Gallipoli.

#### Lone Pine Peace Park

Last week, the Mountain Ghost visited the Lone Pine Peace Park at Leura, ahead of the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW I at 11.00am on 11.11.2018 or Remembrance Day.

The Park is quite wonderful and the Ghost is surprised how many people in the Mountains do not know of its existence. Here is a clue. It is in Lone Pine Avenue.

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For the Ghost's younger readers, well everyone is younger than the Ghost, the history of Lone Pine is as follows.

The Battle of Lone Pine was fought between Australian and Turkish troops during the Gallipoli Campaign between the 6th to the 10th August 1915.

The Australians captured the trench lines after fierce fighting then fought off the Turks for the next 3 days until the Turks withdrew.

The Australians held this position until the end of the Gallipoli campaign in December 1915 when Allied Troops were evacuated from the Peninsula.

The Lone Pine Battlefield was named for a solitary Turkish pine that stood at the start of the fighting. The tree was also known by the Anzac soldiers as the "Lonesome Pine".

The battle was one of the fiercest of the Gallipoli Campaign with huge casualties on both sides. Turkish casualties were estimated at between 5,000 to 6,000 with 1,500 killed. The Australian casualties were estimated at,between 2,277 killed or wounded out of 4,600 men involved in the fighting. War is terrible. Seven Australians were awarded The Victoria Cross during the fighting at Lone Pine.

Some years ago the Ghost and Mrs. Ghost visited Gallipoli and the cemetery at Lone Pine. It is a special place to visit and reflect on war. The Ghost admits he shed a tear or two.

There have been some great speeches over the years ranging from Obama, Mandelo, Churchill etc but for the Ghost the greatest is the one by Mustapha Kemal Ataturk commemorated on a memorial at Gallipoli.

"Those heroes that shed their blood

And lost their lives

You are now living in the soil of a friendly country Therefore rest in peace

There is no difference between the Johnnies And the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side Here in this country of ours

You the mothers

Who sent their sons from far away countries

Wipe away your tears

Your sons are now lying in our bosom

And are in peace

After having lost their lives on this land they have Become our sons as well"

The Ghost needs a drink and a tissue.....



Lone Pine Memorial sandstone entrance gates built in 1920 at the end of Malvern Road, Leura.

# Central Blue Mountains Rotary discovers Food Bank

Instead of buying from local supermarkets twice a year to provide tinned and packaged food for welfare agencies in the Blue Mountains, we now go to Food Bank.

The organisation's massive warehouse at Glendenning, has hundreds of items for sale at a very reasonable price.

Foodbank is by far, the largest hunger relief organisation in Australia, last year providing food for over 67 million meals.

Foodbank is a non-denominational, non-profit organisation which acts as a pantry to the charities and community groups who feed the hungry.

It was first established in 1992 in NSW and now has a presence in every state and the Northern Territory with distribution centres in all state capitals as well as a number of regional centres. There is a staff of approximately 100 employees and over 3,000 volunteers.

Foodbank is a conduit between the food industry's surplus food and the welfare sector's need.





Central Blue Mountains Rotarians Tom Hickey and Eric Cantor made their first collection from Food Bank last week and then distributed a range of items to Thrive Katoomba, and to Katoomba and Lawson Neighbourhood Centres. The new system means we're delivering much more food than previously, for the same (potentially less) total cost.



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Charity Art
Exhibition
and Cocktail
Reception
of Tanya Loviz
Paintings
November 16

6.00-9.00pm \$40.00 Escarpments Estate, 33-39 Acacia St, Katoomba. Please RSVP by November 12 to Ken: 0428 988 844



The reception will offer a uniquely designed 'Blue Mountains cocktail,' as well as finger food, alcoholic beverages. The artist will be painting throughout the exhibition and guests are welcome to chat with her.

The function has been organised by Upper Blue Mountain Sunrise Rotary to support the Soul Kitchen/Junction 142, Katoomba.



The Rotary Club of Blackheath is Celebrating 75 years of 'Service Above Self'

> Come join us at Blackheath Golf Club 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 7.00pm

for a 3 course dinner and great music featuring

## Kate Woolfes Big Bad Swing Band!

\$50.00 pp RSVP 1" December to Barry Taylor 0448 812 359; <u>barry\_taylor@optusnet.com.au</u>

