

# HORIZONS

## Central Blue Mountains Rotary

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

## Saga of the SAUSAGE SANDWICH

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Photo: Facebook

## November

**Wednesday 21:** Club business/planning meeting

**Friday 23:** Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

**Saturday 24:** Barbecue - Mitre 10, Katoomba

**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



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: [Click Here](#)** (Instructions for Table bookings display after you enter your name on page 1 – submit attendees using spreadsheet provided)

## Congratulations Lower Blue Mountains Rotary

The club celebrated its 50th anniversary at Penrith Regatta Centre November 6 where 120 Rotarians, partners and friends – past and present – came together to reminisce and inspect an impressive line-up of memorabilia.

Rotarian Bob Aitken AM was master of ceremonies and current president Michelle Fisher welcomed all to the glittering celebration.

Rotary International Immediate Past Director Noel Trevaskis OAM from the NSW South Coast was special guest – along with District Governor Susan Wakefield OAM and a host of other senior past officers.

Noel Trevaskis proposed a toast to Rotary International and Lower Blue Mountains Rotary, praising the club and members for an outstanding record of service crammed into 50 years.

He highlighted the club's outstanding leadership pointing to no less than nine past, present and future district governors and lavished praise on members for the amazing value they have added to the local community and quality of life.

Recognition of the club's 50 years by Rotary International President Barry Rassin of the Bahamas and a special presentation from Rotary International to the club's sole remaining charter member Bill Peard.

## 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.



*In what could be the most Australian moment of 2018, the outraged, it seemed, were becoming outraged at the outraged, on social media, in a fierce debate over Bunnings sausage snags.*

*"If this is all it takes for you to get upset, medication may be required," quipped one person on Facebook.*



Photo: Facebook

## Should onions be on top of the sausage or underneath?

This story, reported last week by News.com.au, sent social media into a frenzy.

### ***Should onions be put on top of the sausage or underneath?***

The question even involved the prime minister in Singapore. One intrepid journalist posed the question to Scott Morrison while he was dealing with matters international. Listening carefully to the perplexing question, the PM quickly gauged the gravity of the situation and offered a calm, statesman like response.

"Whether onions are on top or underneath, I'll always be buying sausages on bread whether it's at the football, whether it's at Bunnings, or anywhere I can assist to those great charitable causes," he said.

"And, can I particularly say to those who are cooking them, who are out there supporting their local sporting teams, charities and all the rest of them, how good are you.

People of all ages do this. It's part of our Australian life that we support local community organisations.

It's part of what we do and I'm not going to give them any recipe hints."

The question arose when Bunnings stores recently suggested that onions should be placed under the snag instead of on top because pieces of fried onion that might fall from the sandwich could become a "slipping hazard" for shoppers.

This fascinating story reported by News.com.au continued:

"For those mocking Bunnings for this decision, you do realise that it could have been some lazy customer who dropped onion on the floor and didn't pick it up, therefore causing another customer to slip and carry on / complain about it," wrote one commenter.

"Thank your own fellow customers for this change not just Bunnings," said another.

Bunnings chief operating officer Debbie Poole explained why they were taking such a bold step on the issue.

"Safety is always our number one priority and we recently introduced a suggestion that onion be placed underneath sausages

to help prevent the onion from falling out and creating a slipping hazard," she said.

"Regardless of how you like your onion and snag, we are confident this new serving suggestion will not impact the delicious taste or great feeling you get when supporting your local community group," Ms Poole said.

Bunnings doesn't believe the change will have much of an impact.

Bunnings appears to have upset not just Australians but New Zealanders too.

Meeting the Australian prime minister for the first time, the New Zealand prime minister Ms Ardern joked there were no greater international issues facing world leaders.

"I don't know about you but I've had a few phone calls," she told Mr Morrison during a meeting in Singapore, Wednesday.

"I think we should make a commitment, a joint commitment, that on our watches the Bunnings sausage sizzle should continue."

Mr Morrison wholeheartedly agreed.

"Onions on top or underneath, however you like it," he said.



# It's all about Knickers

Central Blue Rotary members Ava Emdin and Rhonda Steed have now achieved diploma status in the art of folding knickers.

Seen here (right), they were attending a sewing Sunday at the Emu Plains Days for Girls workshop.



DAYS FOR  
GIRLS

It was a busy day, Sunday, when our team Eric Cantor, Ava Emdin and Rhonda Steed arrived at the Emu Plains Days for Girls sewing workshop.

Volunteers were beavering away at sewing machines and cutting tables preparing garments to be shipped away to young women whose need for underwear, hygiene solutions and health education is essential.

Central Blue Mountains Rotary supports Days for Girls in a practical and financial way.

Our “Pink Pig” is the financial method where members contribute a dollar or two each week and we also attend sewing days to assist in the production of goods.

## CBM ROTARY KNICKER DRIVE

Ava Emdin and Rhonda Steed are on a “Knicker Drive” in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

They are challenging Central Blue members and anyone else who would like to participate, to donate a pack or two of girlie knickers before the year ends.

Contact Rhonda on 0404 335 535 if you need some advice on what to buy and where to send.

And a note to the blokes who might feel embarrassed about walking into a BIG W or Target store and buying girlie undies, why not donate \$20 to the cause and let Ava or Rhonda buy them for you - Ten to One you would select the wrong type anyway.



*Photos: Eric Cantor and Ava Emdin*

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# Mountain Ghost

The ferry and mail run starts at Brooklyn Wharf, not far from where the Sydney/Newcastle train runs. It goes up and down the river delivering mail to isolated communities along the river whose only access is by water.



When the Ghost and Mrs Ghost went on the cruise there were eight stops including a couple of islands. The Ghost enjoyed Milsons Island which is now a Sport and Recreation Centre for kids but was once used as a Testing Centre for Myxomatosis before it was released across Australia to keep the rabbit population under control. The skipper of the ferry gives a fantastic running commentary on the history of the area. He pointed out the remains of the wreck of HMAS Parramatta, Australia's first ever warship.

The Ghost liked the story of a reclusive fisherman who lives in the mangroves and doesn't care for human company. He has put a hook on a pole in the middle of the river. If he has mail, they can just leave the bag on the hook.

## The Postman's Run

Recently the Mountain Ghost was invited to the Postman's Run. It was a birthday present (yes the Ghost still has birthdays) from his kids. The Ghost was anticipating a walk or a run or even a ride on a postie bike. But it was much better than that.

The Postman's Run (or the River Postman as it is sometimes called) is the ferry that delivers the mail along the Hawkesbury River starting at Brooklyn. It has been described as the world's best postal route.

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The Postman's Cruise goes for three hours and you get their famous Anzac biscuits for morning tea. Lunch is provided too. It is a pleasure cruise that just happens to deliver mail. The Captain's commentary really makes the trip. For us seniors the cost is \$45.00pp which is very reasonable.

There was talk of replacing the Postman's Run with drones in the future. The drones will not give you morning tea, lunch and a commentary so the Ghost thinks this will not happen.

The Ghost's track record is not good on this as he once predicted carrier pigeons would become the new Cobb & Co. By the way the first Postman's Riverboat Run started in 1910.



## The Riverboat Postman

...About a hundred years behind the times!

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Monster Central Blue Mountains Rotary garage sale at the Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls, Saturday, brought in residents from Hazelbrook to Leura to look at the goodies being offered. Part of the sale displayed glassware and memorabilia from the Grand View Hotel, which was recently sold. Our photo shows Steve Cookson, co-president, and Justine Murphy, president nominee, moving sale items into the pub's former bottle shop.

**MHERV** - *The Men's Health Education Rural Van* (image below) started as a Rotary project aimed at getting more men checked by a doctor as a way to prevent serious health problems and has been really well received by all the communities it visits.

The van will be visiting Bunnings Valley Heights on  
Sunday 2nd December  
Monday 3rd December



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**Mountains Outreach Community Service**  
supporting families & building community in the Blue Mountains

Web: [www.mocs.org.au](http://www.mocs.org.au)

Facebook: Mountains Outreach Community Service



## **ABORIGINAL CULTURAL FAMILY BUSHWALK**

**Transit of Venus, Woodford**

**Saturday 24th November, 3-5pm**



**Join local Darug man Chris  
Tobin to learn about  
Aboriginal Culture & enjoy  
a short easy walk FREE**

**MUST BOOK**

**Call MOCS on 4758 6811**

**Please wear sturdy shoes,  
hat and sunscreen. Bring  
water and a snack.**

**Cancelled if raining call  
0422 733 224 on day**

**Made possible by Funding  
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Council**



**We acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people as the Traditional Custodians  
of the land on which we live and work. MOCS is committed to reconciliation.**



*...that's all folks*