

HORIZONS

Central Blue Mountains Rotary

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

Purple Pinkies for Polio



WhatsOn....

October

Wednesday 31: Meeting transferred to movie night 01/11

November

Thursday 01: Movie night - Mt. Vic Flicks

Friday 02: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

Friday 02: Pudding sales - Faulconbridge School

Sunday 04: Grandparents/Elders Day - W. Falls Lake

Wednesday 07: Guest speaker - Rowan Price

Thursday 08: Board meeting

Friday 09: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

Sunday 11: Remembrance Day ceremony, Leura

Wednesday 14: Members vocation night

Friday 16: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

Saturday 17: Barbecue - Mitre 10, Katoomba

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



Celebrating World Polio Day, October 24, Past District Governor Jennifer Scott was visiting students at Baden Powell College, Melbourne, and raising money for polio eradication.

Raising funds to eradicate polio by challenging students to make a donation in exchange for a painted pinkie almost promotes itself.

With just a little Rotarian involvement, students become excited and ready to help. An added benefit is to encourage them to raise the money by doing a service for others, thereby promoting the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self.



Members of Rotary clubs often hear about the activities of Rotaract and Interact, but what do we know about the less publicised... "Earlyact".

Well...it's a school-wide service club for students from ages 5 to 13 sponsored by a local Rotary club in an area where the school is located.



The mission and operation of Earlyact are closely linked to the ideals of Rotary and provide the foundation and natural succession into Interact.

Earlyact provides young students the opportunity for gaining an increased awareness and knowledge of their community and the world.

It also engages students in character-building activities and prepares them for leadership roles to identify and carry out projects which benefit their school, local and global communities.

An example: The Earlyact club at Baden Powell College, Melbourne, is currently collecting bottle tops which will be given to an organisation called Envision, a small community focused enterprise that works in Victoria and Tasmania.

Envision turns bottle tops into prosthetic hands that are donated to people in developing countries.

Envision is engaging disadvantaged job seekers in projects that get them motivated and ready for work. The use of 3D printers with the right plastic enables all this to happen.... It's a WIN WIN situation assisted by Earlyact.



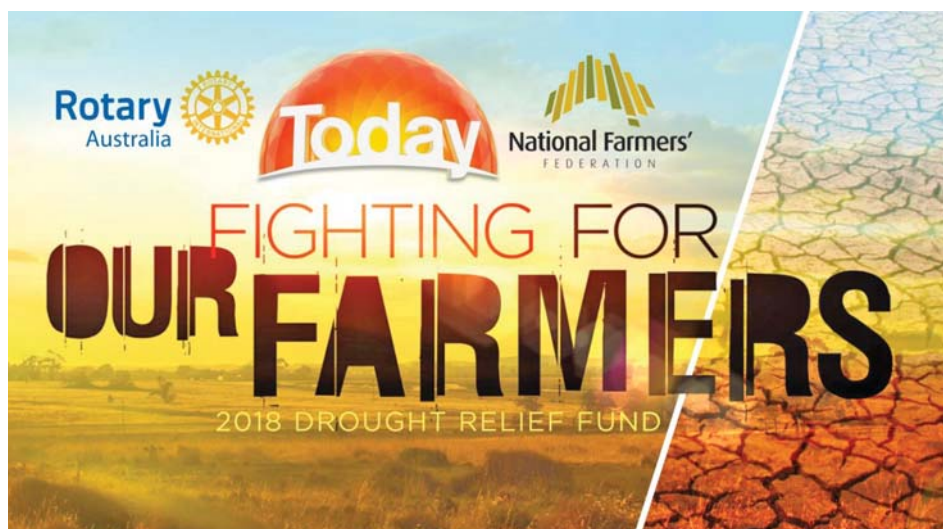
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Recent generous donations to the drought appeal

At its September meeting, the Board/ Grand Lodge of Manchester Unity in NSW decided to donate \$10,000 to the Rotary Australia National Farmers Federation Channel Nine drought appeal. Acting Grand Master and Grand Lodge Treasurer Kevin Schreiber said Manchester Unity requested that the funds be used to support struggling farmers in western and northern NSW.

Kevin Schreiber is also a Blue Mountains City Councillor and a member of Central Blue Mountains Rotary.

"Manchester Unity is delighted to be able to assist farmers affected by the difficult conditions that exist west of the Great Dividing Range, Mr Schreiber said.



"The donation, sent to Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) for distribution, will be spent locally and thereby assist the economy."

The Manchester Unity donation was followed last week by a \$50,000 donation from Sydney Markets.

The Land newspaper October 25 quoted the Sydney Markets CEO, Brad Latham, saying the funds would provide welcome relief to those who are doing it tough as a result of the devastating drought conditions.

Central Blue Mountains Rotary has also been able to contribute more than \$7,000 to the drought appeal, \$3,000 from its charity account and the balance from local fund raising activities.



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)



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

**Come join us
at Blackheath Golf Club
15th December 2018**

7.00pm

**for a 3 course dinner and great music
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\$50.00 pp

**RSVP 1st December to Barry Taylor
0448 812 359; barry_taylor@optusnet.com.au**



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Guest Speaker November 07

Rowan Price is an experienced enterprise risk management professional with over 20 years of experience in the financial services industry in Australia and Switzerland.

His areas of expertise include IT security, information risk, project assurance, and IT fraud investigations.

He has worked with highly skilled people from some of the largest financial institutions in the world and experts in cyber security in Australia.

Having started his career as an EDP auditor, he moved onto a number of roles in IT security including having responsibility for forensic investigations of computing systems. He has worked for the Commonwealth Bank, Colonial Bank, Legal & General, Zurich Insurance, Westpac and now MunichRe

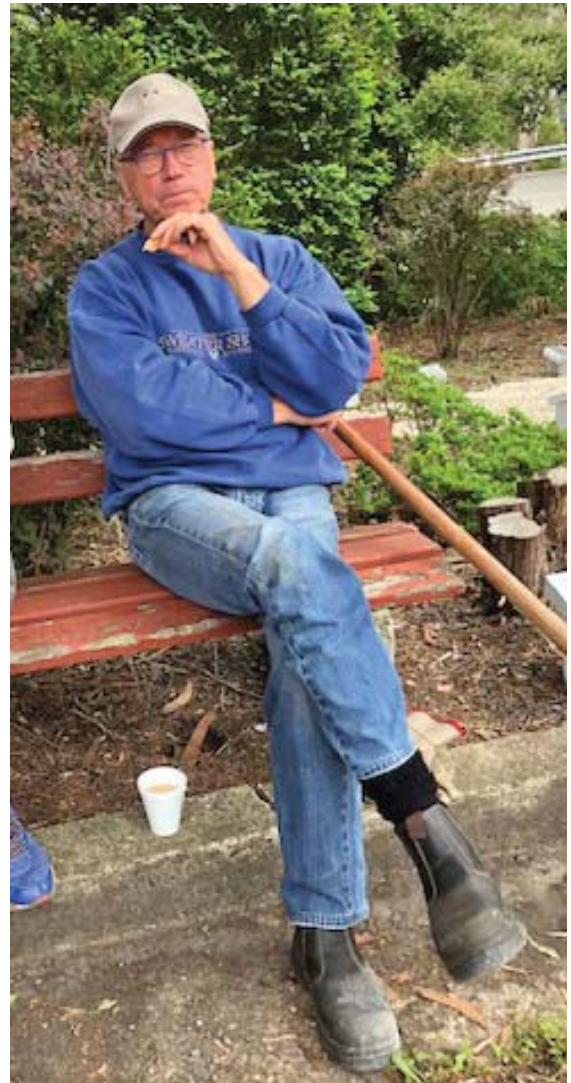


Rowan Price with personal bodyguard



Central Blue Mountains Rotary members assisted Katoomba RSL Sub branch last week during a working bee at the RSL's Memorial Garden, Katoomba Hospital.

Tom Hickey (above) and Eric Cantor did the cooking while the RSL members attended to raking, weeding and clipping. Right: Brian Turner, Rotarian and Katoomba RSL sub-branch president, said the Rotary tucker was absolutely delicious.



Mountain Ghost

The Ghost remembers seeing large colonies of Koalas on Kangaroo Island (perhaps it should be renamed Koala Island). koalas closest relatives are wombats. There are probably no koalas in the Sydney basin, the last colony at Avalon has not been seen for 10 years.



Normally koalas do not like high altitude ridgelines and prefer valleys such as Megalong Valley. The Ghost blames global warming and the Royal visit.

Some interesting facts on Koalas. The name koala is originally aboriginal for "no drink". Koalas eat eucalyptus leaves and flowers and they get enough moisture from the leaves to survive. Koalas are found in Queensland, NSW, Victoria and parts of South Australia.

KOALAS IN THE MOUNTAINS

In the last two weeks the Mountain Ghost has read a few articles on koalas (his second favourite animal to the wombat) which have him confused, which is not hard.

The first was an article released by the World Wild Life Fund which said that "koalas could be extinct in NSW as early as 2050. NSW has lost 1 in 4 koalas in the last 20 years."

The article goes on to say the main reason is the excessive tree clearing.

Koalas live in eucalyptus trees in forests and woodlands. Destruction of this habitat means koalas are forced on to open ground in search of another place to call home. It's during this time that they face being hit by cars, attacked by dogs or falling sick due to diseases such as chlamydia.

The second article the Ghost read was in last week's Blue Mountains Gazette reporting the spotting of a koala at Govett's Leap at Blackheath. The article stated that this was one of only a handful of sightings in the Mountains in the last 70 years.

Dr Kellie Leigh from the not-for-profit organisation 'Science for Wildlife' said her research indicated there is a "growing population of koalas in the Mountains with koalas popping up this year where they have not been recorded in decades." Great news indeed. Many locals believed there were no longer any koalas in the Blue Mountains.

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Again, the Ghost is confused. We have the repeal of the Native Bush Clearing Act in 2017 which has supposedly led to a huge increase in land clearing in Moree and Coonabarabran which in turn has led to a reduction in koalas.

However two weeks ago the NSW Government announced it was spending \$20m to purchase private land to secure more protected habitat for koalas.

A koala can weigh up to 15kgs and live to age 18 in the wild. In the wild koalas have no natural enemies apart from bush fires. Koalas sleep 18 hours a day and feed on leaves, usually at night for the other six hours.

It is estimated that there are between 2,000 and 8,000 koalas living in the wild. In times gone by they were common. More than two million koalas were killed between 1908 and 1927 mainly for their fur. In fact there were many organised hunts in Megalong Valley.

That's it folks.....and when you are next going on a family bushwalk and see a koala in the wild please let the not-for-profit organisation "Science for Wild Life" know all about it.

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CBM Rotarians Invade Central West

Sixteen Central Blue Mountains Rotarians and partners descended on Forbes, Cowra, Gooloogong and Parkes from Friday 26 to Monday 29 October to spend money and show support for locals still suffering the effects of the drought.

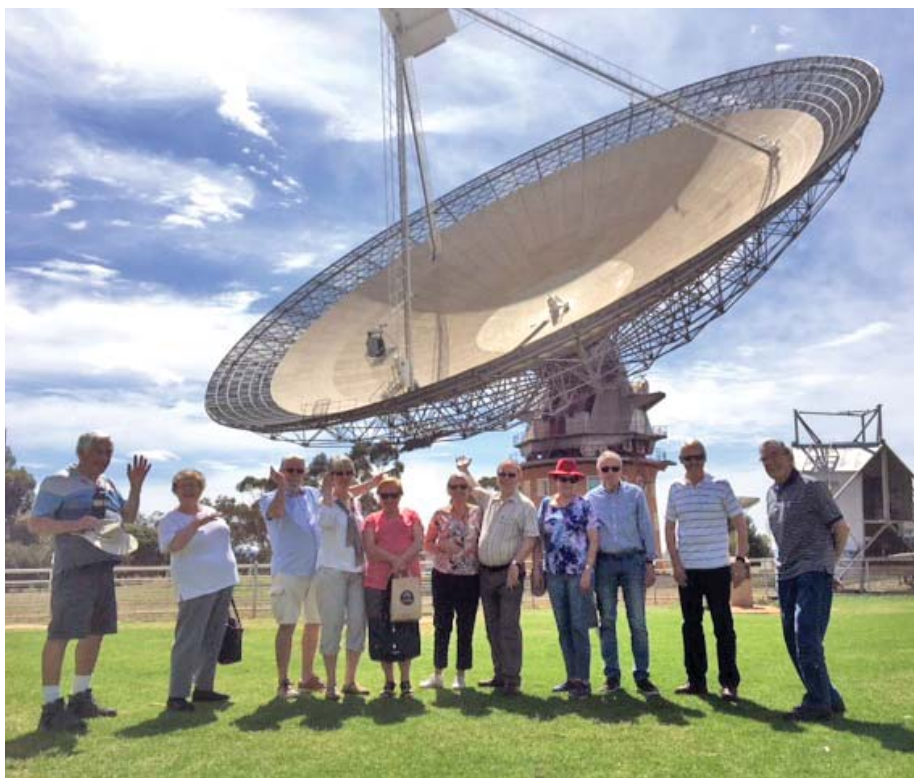
Organised by CBM's Eric Cantor, the tour began in Forbes, with its beautiful heritage buildings. Drinks and dinner with Rotarians from Forbes Rotary clubs followed and we celebrated Sue Cantor's birthday.

Saturday brought a bus trip to a huge "Rotolactor" where cows are milked three times a day, then to Cowra's Japanese Gardens and the nearby WW2 POW camp where the Japanese breakout happened in August 1944.

Later, we enjoyed a few ales, giant serves of food and another birthday (Co-Pres Steve's) at the Gooloogong Hotel (misspelt on their wall) on the way back to Forbes.

A few had groggy heads as the bus left on Sunday for the short trip to Parkes and a visit to the enormous, stunning CSIRO telescope. There, we gathered for the mandatory group shot and watched in awe as "The Dish" swivelled twice on its axis.

A quick stop at a small winery outside Forbes - run by local Rotarians - resulted in bottles clanking as the bus headed for a motor museum the other side of "town" and lunch. Most then headed home, with a few staying on for Monday. We all had a most enjoyable fellowship weekend and managed to spread our dollars around the district in doing....*story Steve Cookson*





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CBM Rotary
will be selling
Christmas
puddings at the
Twilight Market
Faulconbridge
Public School,
Friday
November 2
6.00pm to 9.00pm

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Only a few more weeks of sign-up time for the 2019 Rotary Adventure in Cambodia!!!



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Rotarian Journey into Cambodia

10-Day Excursions – Rotarian Led

3 Trips in 2019 Jan 18-27 Feb 1-10 Mid-Summer TBA

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Join fellow Rotarians on a trip into ancient Cambodia...

Rotarians from various clubs around the world are joining together with Sustainable Cambodia on a journey into the heart of Cambodia.

Together, we will **explore the ancient temples** of Angkor Wat, and visit cultural sites and museums to gain an understanding of the challenges Cambodia has faced as it rebuilds from the tragedy of the Khmer Rouge genocide. We will travel to the schools and Rotary project sites of Sustainable Cambodia in central Cambodia, and while there each Rotarian can choose from various Rotary-supported projects, such as working with school children, visiting water filter construction sites, water well installations and community ponds. You will have the opportunity to meet first-hand the wonderful families and children in these rural villages, and for those who wish to do so, we can engage in hands-on projects with the families.



As we travel through the country, we will visit Battambang, the second largest city in the country, and Pursat in central Cambodia, the home of Sustainable Cambodia where you will meet the students, teachers and staff. Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Pursat will be your guides as you **meet the village families and the school children in the SC school projects**. You will have the opportunity to **visit and/or participate in various Rotary projects**.



The trip will include an excursion to Angkor Wat. Angkor is a temple complex built by Suryavarman II and Jayavarman VII from the 11th to the 12th century and is one of the seven wonders of the world. In Angkor Wat, you will be **led by experienced tour guides** who will share the rich history of these temple ruins, and will have an unparalleled

opportunity to **explore Cambodia's incredible heritage**. The visit will include a tour of the markets of Siem Reap, near the temples of Angkor, a silk factory, a floating village.

Rotarians who have made the journey previously can customize any portion of the itinerary. We will enjoy a dinner at sunset together before leaving.

More information about this tour can be obtained from Jennifer Scott: jennifer@scottadr.com

...that's all folks