



HORIZONS



Central Blue Mountains Rotary

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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Raising money for drought relief



Central Blue Mountains Rotary team feeding hungry people at the Mitre 10 Hardware store, Katoomba, Saturday 22/09. Donations went to the Rotary Australia, National Farmers Federation, Channel Nine Drought Appeal. Our crew was pleased to welcome television personality Scott Cam, who was involved in the store celebrations.

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WhatsOn....

September

Wednesday 26: "The Power in your Pocket".

It's all about "Happysnapography"....don't miss it!

Friday 28: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

October

Wednesday 03: Guest Speaker - Steen Rees, Senior Trainer for the Red R Organisation. Provides training for NGO volunteers in dealing with hostage and terrorist situations in trouble spots around the world.

Wednesday 10: Guest Speaker - Susan Templeman MP. Five years on after the fires of 2013, and the effects on the mental health of those adversely affected.

Friday 12: Barbecue at the Aboriginal Cultural and Research Centre, Katoomba.

Saturday 13: Hazelbrook Family Fun Day.

Wednesday 17: Club business/planning meeting

Friday 19: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

Saturday 20: Barbecue - Mitre 10, Katoomba

Sunday 21: Graffiti Removal Day

Sunday 21: "Jazz at the View" and Lunch in support of the drought relief appeal.

Wednesday 24: Social night

Friday 26: Lawson Public School Breakfast Club

Fri-Sat-Sun 26-28: Fellowship in Forbes

Wednesday 31: No meeting

Rotary Leadership

The Rotary Leadership Institute course is now run over two days, powerpacked with information, learning and skills you can use in your Rotary life straight away.

Networking with other Rotarians and led by experienced facilitators, you are sure to enjoy what others are describing as the best Rotary training they have had. Register online now at rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au and supercharge your Rotary.

There is 1 course available for registration:

RLI 49 - Sundays, October 21 and November 4, 2018 at the District's Thornleigh office.

\$75 per person (clubs are encouraged to pay on behalf of Rotarians). Lunch, teas and course material is included.

Contact Ian Scott: ian@scottadr.com
0402 217 915

Happysnapography



It doesn't matter what model or make of phone you have, if it has a camera be sure not to leave it at home or in your car on Wednesday 26/09.

We'll be demonstrating how to take not just great, but superb happy snaps with your Iphone or tablet.



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)

HEY! Don't miss this

"Jazz ^{at} the View"

**Sunday, October 21
11.30am til 3.00pm**

**Presented by Central Blue Mountains Rotary
and the Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls**

**Proceeds donated to the Rotary Australia,
National Farmers Federation, Channel Nine Drought Appeal**

Katoomba Jazz Group



**Also featuring Country Folk Singer Pat Drummond
and Guitarist Martin Foote**

**Enjoy a delicious lunch - Select from the a'la carte menu or specials board
Table bookings advisable - 4757 1001**

**Come along - Have a great Grand View Hotel lunch
Enjoy the jazz - Please support this worthy cause**

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District Governor 9685 Briefs Central Blue



Assistant Governor Blue Mountains David Rayner (left), Central Blue Joint Presidents Ava Emdin and Steve Cookson, John and Susan Wakefield.

DG Susan Wakefield and her husband, PDG John informed Central Blue Rotarians about a range of developments in District 9685 during their presentation on Wednesday 19 September.

Susan reflected on the role and reach of Rotary, through her experiences immunising children against Polio in India, the generosity of District Rotarians' giving to the Rotary Foundation, and, most notably, the concerted effort and amazing success in working with the nine network for drought relief.

Applause followed Susan's announcement that the RAWCS-Channel 9 appeal had now raised a staggering \$10.5 million, some of which has already been distributed under stringent criteria. Examples: \$250,000 each to the CWA in NSW and Qld, \$500,000 to the "Need for Feed" project and \$250,000 to "Neighbours in Need", coordinated by Narrabri Rotary Club.

John Wakefield reminded us of the District Conference at Newcastle in March, with 230 people already paid and a current "early bird" cost of just \$250 for the full conference, including meals and the Rock'n'Roll dinner dance party on Saturday 30 March, plus a walk for PolioPlus.

It was an entertaining and informative visit.
...Steve Cookson

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Mountain Ghost

A hidden gem is the Daffodil Festival at Rydal held from September 8 to 16. Rydal is a tiny village 15 minutes from Lithgow and 45 minutes east of Bathurst, an easy drive from the Ghost's lair.



DAFFODIL FESTIVAL, RYDAL

Ah Spring is here. The Ghost can emerge from his Mountain Cave and enjoy his favourite season of the year (apart from the hay fever but better than gout I suppose!) Spring means flowers and gardens, the Ghost is spoilt for things to do.

Here is a quick summary of what he has to look forward to in the next two months:

- The Leura Garden Festival
- Floriade in Canberra
- Mt. Wilson Gardens
- Tulips in Bowral
- Mayfield in Oberon

There are many smaller open gardens in the Mountains and Southern Highlands too numerous to list. I have not forgotten the Rhododendron Festival in Blackheath. The Ghost is grateful for spellcheck on his computer as he notices the Festival is now called the Rhodo Festival, not quite the same.

However a hidden gem is the Daffodil Festival at Rydal from 8th – 16th September. Rydal is a tiny village 15 minutes from Lithgow and 45 minutes east of Bathurst, an easy drive from the Ghost's lair.

Rydal is 1100m high, surrounded by magnificent countryside. The population of Rydal is about 80 except for the Festival when it grows to 1,000! It is now a heritage site.



Apart from daffodils what else is at Rydal? There are no shops just a pub, historic Railway station, two churches but plenty of bed and breakfast places. There is the annual Rydal show held in the showground.

There are many open gardens during the Daffodil Festival (daffodils are everywhere). There are a lot of craft and food stalls throughout the village.

It is well worth visiting Chapel House, 1km out of Rydal. It has beautiful gardens and buildings. The famous artist John Olsen lived there for some years.

A bit of useless information: How did Rydal get its name? The English poet William Wordsworth wrote his most famous poem The Daffodils. He came from the village of Rydal in England.

Until next time

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Enjoy a weekend in Forbes, NSW, with CBM Rotary



It's another way that Rotary can help the town and its farming community by injecting extra cash into the local economy.

The trip over a weekend is the initiative of Central Blue Rotarian Eric Cantor who is contacting Rotary clubs in the vicinity with a view to arranging farm visits.

Eric says: "Really I would like people to give me an indication that they will go, Friday (26 Oct), Sat (27), Sun (28) and Mon (29), on one or more of these dates.

By road, from Katoomba, the trip is 3.5 to 4 hours.

The train option on Friday is Dubbo XPT from Katoomba (09:00) to Orange, bus from Orange to Parkes and Forbes

(arrive about 14:00). The return journey is on Monday, depart by bus from Forbes at 13:50, to Parkes and Orange, to meet the XPT departing Orange 15:52 and arriving at Katoomba 19:02.

So far it is planned to have a coach tour on Saturday afternoon (13:00 to 18:00) and another on Sunday morning (09:00 to 13:00). This would allow those who are driving and only there for the weekend to do some coach touring.

I'm sure we'll organise a dinner for Saturday night.

As the numbers grow, and more touring is required, that can be arranged.

If you would like to participate in this getaway weekend. The simplest is a quick email to Eric saying "yes" interested in driving (or training) will arrive on, day/date and depart on, day/date."

Contact Eric: 4757 1790 - 0414 271 857 - cantors@bigpond.com.



Lake Forbes

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REMOVAL DAY

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21 Oct 2018

THE ROTARY CLUBS OF NSW
POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2018

FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2018
HYATT REGENCY SYDNEY 6:30pm to 11:30pm

The awards provide statewide community recognition to sworn and unsworn officers for excellence in police service.

2GB's Ben Fordham will host the evening of entertainment and a wide range of food and beverages will also be served.

Visit www.sydneypolice.com for tickets
Cost: \$100 per person or \$2000 per Corporate Table

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NSW GOVERNMENT
NSW Police Force

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



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

Rotarian Journey into Cambodia

10-Day Excursions – Rotarian Led

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

Participate from only USD \$925/pp

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