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Rotary District 9685 - Australia

Wednesday, August 16, 2017



Common Wombat



Rotary Down Under published a wildlife feature this month and we could not let the opportunity go by without mentioning the section about Wombats. See page 34, RDU August "Rocklily Wombats".

Rocklily, near Wombeyan Caves, NSW, is operated by passionate conservationists Dianna and Warwick Bisset.

RDU reports that the 2014-2015 Australian district governors adopted the name "The Wombats" for their governorship year, and Central Blue

Mountains Rotary, home to Wombat Ian Scott, is leading the charge, currently liaising with other clubs to provide hands-on assistance and financial support to help in the rescue of real-life wombats.

"Wombats, like many other native species, are in decline. There are only an estimated 230 northern hairy-nosed wombats left on the planet. Southern hairy-nosed wombats only remain in a few small pockets - and the common wombat is no longer common," RDU said.

Visit www.rocklilywombats.com to find out more and contact Ian on wombats@scottadr.com if you would like to assist.



Northern Hairy-Nosed Wombat

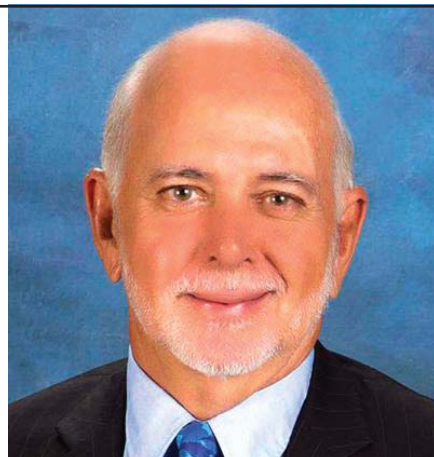
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Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, has been selected to be 2018-19 Rotary president.

Rassin's nomination follows Sam F. Owori's death in July, just two weeks into his term as Rotary International president-elect.

Barry Rassin will be declared the president-elect on 1 September if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran.



What's On....

August

Wednesday 16 - Youth night

Monday 21 - Board meeting

Wednesday 23 - Club assembly

Sunday 27 - Bullaburra RSL Community Fun Day

Wednesday 30 - Guest speaker - TBA

September

Wednesday 06 - Guest speaker: Lynton Phillips
Adventure

Saturday 09 - Greystanes Foundation dinner

Sunday 10 - Catering van - Grand View Market

Wednesday 13 - Guest speaker: Louise Statz
Creating Links, Blue Mountains

Wednesday 20 - District Governor official visit

Wednesday 27 - Guest speaker: Julie Ankers
Fiesty, Fabulous and Fifty



Daffodils are popping up everywhere in the upper regions of the BM at the moment...must be getting close to spring. These little beauties were proudly showing their faces at Leura

Dear Editor.

It was exciting to receive an email from our newsletter reader at Lower Blue Mountains Rotary.

Peter Agar, a past president, said: "Just letting you know I enjoyed the Transit of Venus bushwalk advertised in last week's Horizons.

The next walk organised by the Mid Mountains Community Centre is on Saturday October 14 & will be "The Majestic South Lawson Park waterfalls loop".

.....Cheers


We appreciate feedback...and we'll do our best to keep people informed about future events in the BM.

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.



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Fairy Floss is as popular today as it was 100 years ago

Central Blue Mountains Rotary will be setting up a Fairy Floss stall at the Bullaburra Community Day Sunday, August 27, 2017 - 10.00am - 2.00pm Village Green, Noble Street, Bullaburra

BRING YOUR FAMILY

Meet Bullaburra Rural Fire Service
Face painting
Scavenger hunts
Guessing competitions
Barbecue and much more...
enjoy some fairy floss



Unique glimpse of colonial life

Woodford Academy is the oldest complex of colonial buildings in the Blue Mountains and is of state heritage significance.

Built originally in the 1830s as an inn, the property has had a multi-layered history, also operating over the years as a gentleman's residence, guest house, and boarding house, and from 1907-1936 under the ownership of John McManamey as an exclusive school – Woodford Academy.

Bequested to the National Trust in 1979 by John McManamey's sole surviving daughter Gertrude, the Woodford Academy is today a museum.

It offers not only a unique glimpse of colonial life in the Blue Mountains, but also an insight into the current Blue Mountains community through an innovative program of site-specific art events, performances and talks for the monthly open days.

Woodford Academy is open 10am-4pm on the third Saturday of each month (excluding December) or by appointment for groups of 10 or more.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/places/woodford-academy/>



NATIONAL TRUST

Woodford Academy,
90-92 Great Western Highway,
Woodford NSW 2778
02 4758 8743

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Sunday 29 Oct 2017

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Promote the Day

For more information call 1300 665 310 or visit graffitiremovalday.org.au

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Prostate Cancer: A disease every man should know about



David Wilkinson

Prostate Cancer, an insidious disease that most men either fear or don't want to know about.

But it is real. It is out there. It can sneak up on you without symptoms. Maybe you need to get out of bed more than twice a night and go to the toilet. If that's the case, and you are over the age of 45 years, seek medical advice.

David Wilkinson, president, Nepean/Blue Mountains Prostate Support Group, brought this message home to us at Central Blue Mountains Rotary, Wednesday 06/08, when he was guest speaker.

David is a prostate cancer survivor and he travels around as a member of the support group speaking to men and their partners about the need for men to have regular medical checks after the age of 45 years.

Prostate cancer is generally a slow growing disease and the majority of men with low grade prostate cancer live for many years without symptoms and without it spreading and becoming life-threatening. However, high-grade prostate cancer can spread quickly and can be lethal. Appropriate management is necessary.

David Wilkinson says his association is there to help. It supports those who have prostate cancer, or suspect that they may have prostate cancer and their carer's, to ensure that such people know they are, Not Alone.

"We have been operating for some years now and became an incorporated Association in March 2007, we are an approved DGR recipient with Australian tax office, which means that donations made to our association are tax deductible," David said.

Further information is available on the association's website: just ask Google to search for nepean blue mountains prostate cancer support group or contact David Wilkinson on 1300 13 38 78.

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Hazelbrook
WOODFORD
Linden

Mid Mountains
Garden Festival

16-17 Sept & 23-24 Sept

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Mountain Ghost

Luna Park: It has to be the most valuable piece of real estate in Sydney with those magnificent views over a sparkling harbour, (it is a nice contrast to the snowfields of Blackheath)



Luna Park

It was the Golden Grandchild's birthday. What better place to go with her friends than Luna Park in Sydney.

Even getting there was an adventure, train to Circular Quay, ferry to Milson Point. For the Ghost this was quite a nostalgic trip. Last time he was at Luna Park it was pre decimal currency whenever that was.

I am sure the Ghost's readers know where Luna Park is, located next to the Harbour Bridge and North Sydney Olympic Pool with the entrance through the famous smiling clown face (see image).

It has to be the most valuable piece of real estate in Sydney with those magnificent views over a sparkling harbour, (it is a nice contrast to the snowfields of Blackheath)

The Ghost's initial thoughts were that it was too clean to be Luna Park and it seemed smaller than he remembered. Anyhow back to Luna Park 2017. The children loved it.

There are rides for people of all ages and some of the "old" rides have been restored such as the famous Ferris Wheel with great views from the top. Other favourites are the Wild Mouse which is the Roller Coaster actually going out over the Harbour. Also there is the Hair Raiser, and the name says it all, and the Rotor which is virtually unchanged since the 1950s. It made the Ghost sick in 1960 and it also made the Ghost sick in 2017. Life doesn't change, and don't forget the Tango Train and the Dodgems. There are plenty of docile rides for the littlies.

Also, there are plenty of sideshows, places to eat, and Coney Island is back with all of its nostalgia, even the slides and mirror. The Ghost's older readers will remember this.

The new Luna Park caters for many corporate functions, has conferences, weddings and balls (the high society kind) and there is a large theatre. There is also an upmarket restaurant with great views over the harbour.

As always, the Mountain Ghost likes to give you some history. The original park was opened in 1935 to immediate success. It only opened in summer and closed for the winter. It continued to grow with new rides being added right up until WWII.

The Park struggled competing with TV in the 1970s and from 1972 it was opened year round. In June 1979 the Ghost Train caught fire and destroyed a lot of the Park. Unfortunately six children and one adult perished in the fire. The Park was immediately closed down. There were many "Save Luna Park" protest marches. One of the results was part of the Park being given heritage status.

The Park reopened in 1982 only to be shut down again in 1988. After a lot of changes the Park reopened in 1995 only to be closed again in 1996 mainly due to noise complaints by local residents. It reopened in 2004 and has been successful ever since. It is only the second amusement park in the world with heritage status, the other being the Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen, Denmark.

All in all, the new LunaPark is excellent for people of all ages, well perhaps not the Ghost's age. I suggest a visit would be very enjoyable

Ghost Rating : 8/10

Good to Know:

Price: Go Wild Unlimited Rides - various prices - plus other options (best to check website lunaparksydney.com)

Address: 1 Olympic Drive, Milsons Point.

Telephone: 9922 6644

Open: 11am to 10pm (best to check on day via website)

Parking: Has own car park – \$10.00 to \$39 (4 hrs +)





John Emdin watering the new front garden at Coronation Park.

**Working Bee at
Coronation Park
Station Street
Wentworth Falls
August 13, 2017**

Members of Wentworth Falls Chamber of Commerce and volunteers participated in brilliant sunshine.



Maureen, Florence and David cutting down the Golden Diosma ready for replacement.

Replanting Exercise

Older plants have been replaced with new plants of the same variety and will be full and lush in no time.



The new front garden at Coronation Park, Wentworth Falls - old Hebe and Diosma removed and replaced with same.

“The exercise was made possible by a Central Blue Mountains Rotary donation, as thanks for the enjoyment their members get from our park. It is so gratefully received. As you walk past, you will see the difference.”
.... *President, Wentworth Falls Chamber of Commerce and Community Inc., Lew Hird.*

....that's all folks