

FROM THIS....



TO THIS....

**Rotary**  
Club of Penrith

District 9685  
From the mountains to the sea

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**FEBRUARY IS**  
PEACE-BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH  
Rotary

## Club Bulletin

ROTARY CLUB OF PENRITH INC  
ABN 29 831 033 625

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**NEXT METING:- Monday 20th February, 6:30 for 7:00 p.m. at the  
PENRITH BOWLING CLUB**

**The meeting will finish at 8:00 p.m. followed by a face to face Board Meeting**



Barry Cook and John Scott visit.....

One of **PENRITH ROTARY'S MANY PROJECTS** the conversion of the old power station into  
**MUSEUM OF FIRE**

Almost forgotten, out of the ashes, Penrith Rotary with the hard work and determination of its members, utilising their combined expertise .... architects, surveyors, engineers, Builders, tradesmen, accountants and other members transform an old building into a major tourist attraction and education facility in Penrith.





**FROM THIS ....**

An abandoned old building constructed in 1950, was a power generation plant for the developing western suburbs of Sydney. Empty, vandalised, home to hundreds of pigeons. It was a mess beyond belief!



**TO THIS ....**



The establishment of the Museum of Fire was the major project of President Charles Glanville in 1985/86 it involved the re-furnishment of the old Power House in Penrith. This project had a dual benefit to the community as it was a means of giving young unemployed people trade training. The cost of the project, estimated at the time was \$680,000. It was carried out as a joint effort supported by the State and Federal Governments, the Board of Fire Commissioners, the trustees of the Museum of Fire and the Rotary Club of Penrith as the manager and sponsor group.

### Rebuilding the building:

The building, as you see it now, is the result of a complex restoration program with a value in excess of \$1,000,000 (1986 value).

A small group of dedicated Museum volunteers gave thousands of man-hours of their time to plan and supervise the clean up and restoration.

Over 6000 hours of voluntary labour was provided by local trades-people – electricians, plumbers, painters, plasterers, designers, engineers, etc.

Many local businesses supported the project by donating materials and specialised services.

They worked in conjunction with a Commonwealth funded Community Employment Program project which was sponsored by the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Rotary Club of Penrith. Dozens of local unemployed people received valuable work place training under this scheme.

The Club was informed by Government officers that it was the largest project that State and Federal Governments had undertaken in association with a community group.

The efficient execution of the work was largely contributed by Charles Glanville, Peter Hendriks, Robin McKay, Albert Blatch, Charles Oxenham, Doug Judd, Warren Pinfold, Bert Taylor, Tom Marsden, Jack Plummer, Trevor Hall, John Leven, Geoff Wood, Garry Rumble and members of the Penrith Rotary Club.

**The MUSEUM OF FIRE would not exist if not for PENRITH ROTARY, SADLY THIS IS THE ONLY RECOGNITION of our involvement,** a A4 laminated sheet of paper displayed on the wall inside the museum.



## POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Arrangements for this year's event are well advanced with the official launch taking place at the St. Marys Police Station on the 23rd March and the Awards Night has been set down for the 7th June.

It was intended to hold the event at the Penrith R.S.L. Club, however seating was restricted to 140 people, arrangements are now being made to hold it now at the St. Marys Band Club.

Inspector Natalie Gilbody from the Nepean Police Area Command has been assigned to liaise with us.

Troy Dodds, Editor of the Western Weekender will be the M.C.

A poster to be displayed at the Police stations and Nominations forms are now available.

The next meeting of the committee is on the 6th March at the Penrith Bowling Club.

# WANTED

## NOMINATIONS

### NEPEAN POLICE AREA COMMAND

## POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2022



This is your opportunity to acknowledge outstanding acts of courtesy, kindness, understanding, compassion, courage or devotion to duty by any member (male, Female, uniform or plain clothes) of the N.S.W. Police operating in the Nepean Police Area Command

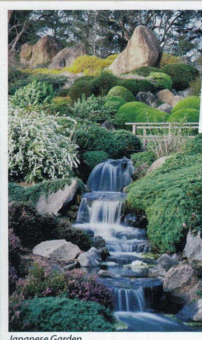


Rotary Community Recognition Program

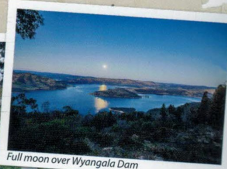
Nomination forms available  
from the Police Station

P.O. BOX 999 PENRITH 2751 by the 30th March 2023

## COWRA BREAKOUT



Japanese Garden



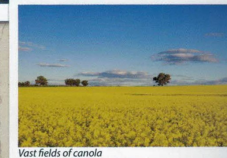
Full moon over Wyangala Dam



The region is renowned for its boutique wineries



Australian World Peace Bell



Vast fields of canola

**District 9685 Annual Conference**  
**17-19 March 2023**

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**Relax.  
Refresh.  
Refocus.**



## Donation to Grace's Place

The POOTY Committee has recommended to the clubs that a presentation of a donation of \$500 from each of the four Rotary Clubs be made to Grace's Place. All but one club has agreed.

Grace's Place is an establishment in Doonside created to provide different forms of assistance to the families of homicide victims within NSW. The premises are named after Anita Cobby's mother and were formally opened last week by the NSW Governor. The assistance provided includes short term accommodation, trauma counselling and other forms of support..

It should be noted that many organisations supported the creation of Grace's Place, these included the Homicide Victim's Support Group (HMSG). The HMSG was established in 1993 when the parents of Anita Cobby and Ebony Simpson, realising there was a need to provide support to victims families, formed the group. Many of those who assisted in the creation of Grace's Place were former police officers, a number of whom worked on the Cobby murder investigation. Blacktown Rotary Club also provided assistance in it's creation.



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