Sydney IT Excursion

Last week, 18th – 23rd May, I travelled to Sydney to participate in the annual Rotary IT Excursion. With a group of 8 students from places such as Forbes, West Wyalong, Bundarra and Macintyre High, we visited many large IT companies such as Optus, Oracle, Microsoft, Coles Distribution Centre, Your Tutor, CISCO, IBM, Macquarie University, The Weekly Times Newspaper, Google, the local TAFE and The Powerhouse Museum. We also visited Darling Harbour and went ice skating.

At these places we were shown how IT has changed, what products and services they provide and how we could get a position working in the IT industry. The trip taught me a lot about IT and I got to meet some amazing people. I’d like to thank the Rotary Club of North Ryde for sponsoring this trip and Mrs Ballam for organising for me to go. It was an amazing experience and I recommend it to anyone who has the opportunity to participate in the future.

Phoebe Burbury
### School Dates - Term 2

2nd - 6th June - Dubbo Residential  
3rd June - Emergency Lock Down  
5th June - Zone Athletics  
9th June - Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday  
11-12th June - Regional Central Schools’ netball carnival in Bowraville  
12th June - Under13 and Under 16 BABE Country Cup  
19th June - Yrs 7 & 8 musical Bingara

### Central Schools’ Netball

This year the central schools’ netball regional carnivals are to be held in Bowraville on the 11th and 12th June. This will require two teams to travel to Bowraville, stay 2 nights in accommodation and buy food whilst they are away. Therefore, it is going to cost each student quite a bit of money to participate in this event.

As a school, we do not wish to disadvantage any student from attending the carnival, so we will be fundraising money in order to reduce the costs for each student. The fundraising has already begun and the netball teams are running 100 clubs. Tickets (or boxes) in the 100 club are $2 each and the winner will receive $100 prize money. The winner will be drawn once all of the 100 numbers have been sold and will then be contacted by the school to inform them of their winnings and their name will be published in the school newsletter.

Please help these students to reduce the costs of this excursion by purchasing a numbered box in the 100 club. You can purchase them at the front office at the school.

First 100 Club winner: Michael Rollinson

### Central Schools Rugby League 7s

Last Wednesday out Under 16s team played in the CRL Small Schools’ 7s at the complex in Inverell. On Thursday our 14s and Open teams played. The results for the 16s: They played 8 games, won 1, drew 1 and lost 6.

The team was: Isaac Bultitude, Mitchell Drady, Victor Littlehales, Dylan Corbett, Dean Rollinson, Kyle White, Richard Boney and Jarred McClellan.

The Under 14s played 8 games and the results were: Won 2, drew 1 and lost 5.

The team was: Brad Drady, Jordan Graham, Patrick Irwin, Jye Lavender, Matthew Minos, Fred Gillon, Luke Howard, Jamie Kliendienst and Dale Smith.

The open team also played 8 games. Their results were: won 2, drew 2, lost 4.

The team was: Dillan Archer, Dylan Corbett, Adam Press, Jesse Rollinson, Ray Voss, Dylan Littlehales, Dylan Morley and Matt Milson (Bundarra).

Although in total we lost 15 of the 24 games we played, the boys could still stand tall. Many of the students were playing for the first time, so it was a great introduction to the game.

Schools that participated over the two days were:  
Holy Trinity  
Bowraville  
Bonalbo  
Woodenbong  
Tenterfield  
Bundarra  
Bingara  
Uralla  
Guyla  
Barraba  
Wee Waa  
Warialda  
Manilla and Walcha.
**PRIMARY SPORT**

**NETBALL**

Last Thursday, two teams made up of students from Years 5 & 6 travelled to Inverell to participate in the Netball NSW Cup. Both teams delivered some star players, but it was the boys who stole the show. Braydon Krauss and Rory Nenadic displayed some fine talent, being recommended to play basketball /mixed netball. Joe Luckett was great at goalkeeper, continually warding off goals and Toby Nenadic showed bursts of enthusiasm on the court. Carol Costigan was congratulated for being such a great motivator of her team during play and Dannica Charles as having talent as centre. All in all, the students played extremely well and displayed good sportsmanship. Each team played 7 games, with the Ashford Blue team winning 2 of their games. Thanks to Miss Jerrard for offering up so many of her lunch times to coach these teams.

**RUGBY LEAGUE/LEAGUE TAG**

On Friday, Years 5 & 6 girls as well as 3 girls from Years 3 & 4, played in the Girls League Tag competition at the Ashford Town Oval. The girls had a great day, the Ashford Blue team winning 2 out of their 4 games and the Ashford Gold team winning 2 out of their 3 games. Try scorers for the Ashford Blue team were Brittany Schneider, who displayed remarkable league tag skills, Nakya Schneider, Summer Lavender and Lana Howard. In the Ashford Gold team, Josie Thompson had a great game, at one stage diving through the air to tag her opponent. Try scorers for the Ashford Gold’s were Josie Thompson, Dannica Charles who also didn’t allow a single tag to go past her, Kali Lavender, Hannah Drady and Amber Kliendienst. Well done girls on your great effort.

The boys played in the con-competitive section of the NRL Legends of League and played 4 games against Tingha. Unfortunately, our boys lost all their games, but put on a brave effort and displayed good sportsmanship. Try scorers were Braydon Krauss and Rory Nenadic, who had some awesome runs, and Lukhye Vale who also made some great tackles. Thanks to Lukhye, Hayden Agnew and Cody McClellan who stepped in to help to make up this team.
Ashford Bushfire Brigade
Next meeting will be the AGM held on **Wednesday, 11th June, 2014, 7.30pm** at the fire station. All members are asked to attend.

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE**
Phone 67254372 or 0428147135

Ashford Roosters’ RLFC
**General Meeting**
The next meeting of the Ashford Roosters’ Rugby League Football Club will be held on **MONDAY, 7th July, 2014 at 7.00pm**. The meeting will be held at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club.

**ASHFORD GOLF CLUB**
8th June - Stroke
15th June - Stroke Bundarra 4BBB
22nd June - Stroke
27th/28th June - Sponsors’ Weekend
6th July - Stroke Delungra Open
13th July - 4somes Championships (note date change)
20th July - Stroke Tenterfield 4BBB
27th July - 1st round Matchplay
3rd August - Stroke Texas Open
10th August - Stroke Glen Innes 4BBB
Sat 16th August - State of Origin Ashford
17th August - Stroke
24th August - 2nd round Matchplay

Ashford Presbyterian Church
Pastor: Trevor Ewart
Sunday Service - 9.00am
Bible Study - 9.30am Wednesday at the Manse. All welcome. Stay for a cuppa and a chat.
Email: trevorewart@activ8.net.au
Phone 67258761
mobile 0448876161.

* All health care needs * Wound care
* Distance dispensing service
* Baby care & nutrition * Sunglasses
* Health & beauty products
ASHFORD MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB
FRIDAY, 6th June, 2014.
Lucky Member’s Draw $240 drawn 8:30pm
Progressive Members’ Draw starts 7.15pm @ $20. If not won increases by $10.00 every 15 minutes till 8.00pm.

Meat tray raffles starting at 6.30pm.
Saturday, 7th June, Euchre 2.00pm start

Social Bowls: Wednesday & Sunday, 2.00pm start
Happy Hour: Fridays 8.30 - 9.30pm

CATERING ON FRIDAY NIGHT
6.00–8.00pm • Bookings desirable.
This week’s special - Roast Beef $11.00
Phone 67254202
Catering available on alternative days for private functions. Minimum 20 people. Bookings essential.

THE LIONS’ CORNER
Our Lions’ meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Bowling Club 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Our next meeting is 1st July, 2014. Please don’t forget we are still collecting stamps and ring pulls. You can leave them at the RTC for collection.

LEOS
Our meeting will be held on Wednesday, 18th June, 2014 in the Science Room at lunch time. Please try to attend so we can work out our next fundraiser.

BINGO
Held at the Bowling Club, on the first Wednesday of the month. STARTING TIME: 1.00 pm. Our next day is the second Wednesday, 11th June, 2014 due to unforeseen circumstances. Come along and have FUN with us as we all had a ball with all the new games and prizes. Cost of the books is $5.00 each and jackpot tickets are $2.00 each. Our jackpot is up to $70.00. Starting time eyes down at 1.00 pm.

MINI - LOTTO
Winning numbers: 5, 9, 10, 11, 19, 20. Draw Date 16/5/2014. JACKPOT is more than $6,441.00. We are getting closer to our magic $10,000 so let us try to get there quicker by buying more tickets each week.

LIONS’ CHANGE OVER
The Lions’ Changeover is going to be held on the 26th July, 2014 at the Ashford Bowling Club. If you are interested in coming along for the night, please leave your name at the club for catering numbers. We will be awarding our Citizen of The Year. You can nominate a deserving person by sending a letter to: The Lions Club, PO BOX 79, Ashford by the 14th July so put your thinking caps on.

Driver Reviver
The Driver Reviver will be open on Monday, 9th June, 2014, ONLY for the long weekend as requested by the RTA.

That is all from The DEN
Yours in Lionism,
Lion Helen
The Ashford Roosters came within minutes of lowering the colours of the import stacked Inverell Hawks on Saturday, May 31st. With 17 minutes left to play, the roosters led 22-16 but a run of penalties to Inverell and the sin binning of Ashford’s best player, Buster Chard, meant the game slipped away. The final score was 32-22.

The Inverell Hawks have imported six New Zealanders and a number of other paid players into their team and they are now a formidable team. The Ashford team, who are totally amateur players and are playing solely for the fun of playing, played with great enthusiasm and commitment and nearly caused a great upset.

Steven Akhurst scored two tries for the Roosters and, if not for two controversial decisions from the referee, would have scored four tries. Steven is travelling from Newcastle each weekend to play and he was again one of the best on the ground.

Buster Chard also scored a try and his aggressive defence against the huge Kiwis was an inspiration to the Ashford players.

Brock Hobday had an outstanding game at fullback, scoring a try and continually returning kicks with great courage. Others to stand out for Ashford were Corey Baker, Shannon Duroux, Kerrod Sampson, Mark Lewis and Mat Lewis. In truth it was an outstanding effort by the whole team. If that effort is maintained in future weeks, a victory is not far away.

The Ashford Reserve Grade team had “a hard day at the office”, going down 52-10. They played a very good team. With Inverell signing six New Zealanders and several other paid players, many of the regular first graders are now playing reserve grade for Inverell. Best for Ashford were: Todd Cleal, Peter Beveridge and Peter Lauder. Some good news for Ashford is that Hayden Slade-Pierce who played first grade in 2013 successfully came back from serious injury and looks good for future games.

The Ashford League Tag girls were the success story for the club on Saturday. The girls played strongly to record a 18-10 victory. The girls have now moved into fourth place on the table and on current form look likely to make the semi-finals.

Best for the girls were Ashleigh Falconer, Rahni Kelly and Sasha Harrington. The most pleasing thing from the club’s point of view is the way the younger Ashford girls are growing in confidence and are all contributing to the team performance.

Ashford’s next game will be at Ashford on June 14, where they take on the competition leaders, the Moree Boomerangs. They defeated Glen Innes 36-0 at Glen Innes on Saturday so they will be very hard to beat. The way the Ashford boys are playing at the moment it should be a great spectacle. Come along and support your local team, the Ashford Roosters.
Lions’ Citizen Of The Year

Ashford Lions are calling for nominations for Citizen of the Year to be presented at the Annual Changeover dinner. Ashford has some very good citizens who do a lot for this community so let’s recognise them. Nominations to be in writing and posted to PO Box 79 or given to a Lions’ member. Nominations close on Saturday, 12th July, 2014.

Community Meeting to Discuss Changes to New England Mutual Operations

As of Monday, 21st July, 2014 the Ashford branch of New England Mutual will cease trading in its current mode.

Most of the Ashford community are aware of this decision but may not be aware of the new mode of delivery that will apply at Ashford.

The Ashford Business Council and Inverell Shire Council, who both contribute to the labour costs at the Rural Transaction Centre and own the building, will continue to operate the business including the Post Office, Rural Transaction Centre and the modified Community Mutual services. We believe the business is sustainable if the community continues to support its operation and maintains accounts with New England Mutual.

The Ashford Business Council has called a public meeting to be held at the Ashford Bowling Club at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 4th June. Everyone is invited to attend and hear about the new plan to supply services to the community and perhaps make suggestions about the future of the business. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the New England Mutual decision, get accurate facts about the decision and perhaps protest the decision. Hope to see you there.

BONSHAW CWA

The June monthly meeting of the Bonshaw CWA will be held on Wednesday, 11th June, 2014 at the Bonshaw Memorial Hall starting at 10.00am. All welcome

Position Vacant

Casual catering position at the Ashford Bowling Club
Enquiries phone 67254202

Ashford Memorial Bowling Club

Winter Trading Hours

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Opening and closing times are flexible, depending on functions and number of customers.
Severn River Gala Golf Weekend
AT ASHFORDS CHALLENGING 18 HOLE SANDGREEN COURSE

SATURDAY 28th JUNE 2014 10.30am:
- RELAXED 2 PERSON AMBROSE
- $25 EACH INCLUDES SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- PRIZES TO THE VALUE OF $1500
- MAX INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP -27

SUNDAY 29th JUNE 2014 9am:
- THE BIG ONE!
- 4BBB MEDLEY- A & B DIVISIONS (DETERMINED ON THE DAY)
- GOLF LINK HANDICAPS REQUIRED
- $30 PER PERSON INCLUDES HOT LUNCH & DESSERT
- PRIZES TO THE VALUE OF $3500
Markets in the Park
The Texas Lions Club
Is proudly holding a

SUNDAY 13TH JULY 2014
Sunday, 21st September
Sunday, 7th December

AT
APEX PARK

CONTACT:
Trevor Ellis 07-46530483 6pm-8pm
(leave message)
Or see Lion Les at the Texas News
For Bookings 07-46531384

Everyone is invited to book a site. As is the saying, one man’s trash is another’s treasure. So please join the Texas Lions to