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## WEEKLY BULLETIN



### RYLA EXPERIENCE

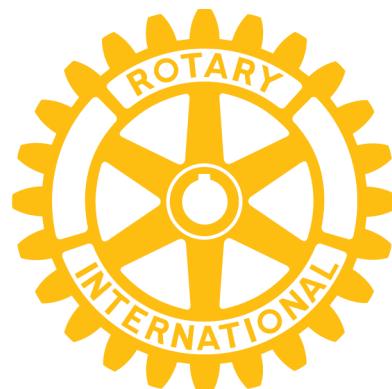
Jo Wilson and Mitchell O'Hara-Wild both gave an in depth view of their RYLA experience. It was a pleasure to listen to two young, articulate people talk about their week long experience in this truly fantastic Rotary Leadership course.

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 21st October [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 28th October 6.00 pm	Monday 4th November	Monday 11th November [6:30 for 7:00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	KNOX COUNCIL	NO MEETING	Knox Tavern
Program:	<b>A Chaplain's Work in the Prisons</b>	VOLUNTEER THANK YOU EVENING	CUP EVE	Committee Meeting
Speaker:	Merv Lincoln	N/A		N/A
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A		N/A
Chair:	Mike S	N/A		Rob D
Cashiers:	Paul W & Virginia R	N/A		TBA
Grace & Toast:	Rob D	N/A		Greg D
Rotary Knowledge		N/A		
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Fran M	N/A		Fran M
Scribe:	Bob H	N/A		Greg D

<i>Birthdays:</i>	24th—Ken Thomson—'24
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None

# Rotary



# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 14th October 2013

**MEETING OPENED:** 7 p.m. with President Phil welcoming all members, visitors and partners; two guest speakers and 2 exchange students.

It being "Hat Day" to support Mental Health awareness, President Phil commented on the efforts made by club members.

President Elect training will be attended by President Elect Mike Spark. Cluster Meeting on Thursday.

**AGM:** The AGM for the club was then conducted by John Flemming, without any objection from any members.

**CHAIRMAN :** Paul Wilson.

## REPORTS:

**SECRETARY:** Apologies: Julie Goodchild (L.O.A.) Stuart Vize and Rahul Mediratta.

**MAKE UPS:** Greg Downs at Rowville-Lysterfield breakfast meeting.

**TREASURER:** (ENID) NO REPORT.

**VOCATIONAL:** (PHIL) Apprentice Award night now in February 2014.

**COMMUNITY:** (GRAEME A) NO REPORT.

**INTERNATIONAL :** (PAUL MC) Board has approved sponsorship of Cambodian Children Trust Project for a further 5 years.

**NEW GEN:** (VIRGINIA) Sausage Sizzle Sunday 20 October at Woolworths, FTG - roster filled.

**CLUB SERVICE:** (MIKE S) NO REPORT.

**FELLOWSHIP:** (FRAN) Fellowship day Sunday 17 November, Macclesfield Trout farm. Meet at 11.30 a.m. Some club members will organise salads and accompaniments to bbq. Family and friends invited to attend.

Payment for Tickets to Lilydale Theatre on 15 November requested - \$25 p.p.

Weekend away fixed for 6 December - 5 couples attending. Rocky Horror 2014 - about 11 members would like to go.

**SERGEANT :** Fran entertained all present with facts and questions about the topic of the evening - hats.

**SKILL:** Paul Mc. drew the 6 of Hearts, much to the relief of others.

## PROGRAMME: RYLA EXPERIENCE

Guest Speakers Jo Wilson and Mitchell O'Hara-Wild respectively spoke about their experiences at the District RYLA camp.

RYLA is a 6 day intensive leadership course at which participants undergo challenges and activities that extend them both physically, mentally and emotionally, including guest speaking, discussions, team building, etc.

Participants came from various walks of life and mostly were strangers to one another at the start. Not staying within the safety net of the same group for all activities was encouraged

and was soon embraced by the youths attending.

**JO WILSON :** Did not know what to expect from the camp but soon became intensely involved and found herself stretched and tested on many levels. She also bonded easily with other participants she had never met before.

Also found herself going outside her comfort zone on several occasions.

The programme also aims to encourage self-development, as well as leadership skills.

Jo was amazed at the difference she felt in herself at the end of her RYLA week, and asked the club to not only encourage other people to participate, but to continue to support the programme financially, as a most worthy and life-changing project that some people may never otherwise have the chance to experience – and grow as a worthy member and leader of the community.

**MITCHELL:** Is a member of Monash Rotaract Club. Most members of that club have previously attended RYLA and Mitchell was encouraged to attend as a result of the advice from some of those members.

Mitchell told the club a particularly memorable task he was set was to organise an end of camp concert – a field he had never undertaken before in any way - and with only a very short notice period.

He took up the challenge, albeit nervously at first and feeling the pressure of having to organise the other Ryla participants to take part in the show.

He also decided to write a song about RYLA itself and the experiences of the week and, with the other members of the concert, performed the song to great acclaim.

When leaving the camp members are encouraged to record their opinions of the experience in a book. Those comments have helped Mitchell to improve his feelings at the times when he is dispirited.

Both Jo and Mitchell are now looking to improve their leadership skills, and to make a positive difference to the community in their individual ways.

They gladly responded to questions from the floor.

**HAT DAY**—The meeting was then presented with the winners of the "best hat" competition – Graham Faulkner being a worthy runner up with his very newsworthy, home-made effort, and Paul Mc. Was chosen as the winner with his "birthday party" hat.

Enid was the very worthy (and obvious recipient) of the best ladies' hat, sporting a very nifty number that shone like 24 carat silver foil, and somewhat resembled a flattened tarantula with extremely long legs ! Very fetching and worthy of a ticket to the Melbourne Cup!

Following expressions of thanks to our speakers, and to our visitors and guests, President Phil closed the meeting .

Meeting was closed at 9.10 pm.

Scribe: Graeme Aspinall

## HAT DAY—club fundraiser for Australian Rotary Health



From a levy imposed, Club members and guests raised \$105.00. It is hoped that the Club Board will agree to add to this amount.

### **Highlights of the 2014 Rotary District 9810 Conference, Bendigo**

**Where:**

All Seasons Resort  
171 – 183 McIvor Road  
Strathdale (five minutes' drive east of Bendigo)

**When:**

Golf / Bowls Day – Thursday, 20 March, 2014  
Conference – Friday, 21 March to Sunday, 23 March, 2014

**What:**

Thursday, 20 March	Golf Day from 12:00 noon Bowls Day from 12:00 noon BBQ dinner and presentation following Golf and Bowls Competitions at Bendigo Golf Club from 6:00pm.
Friday, 21 March	Registration desk opens from 12.00 noon Opening Ceremony at 7.00pm for 7.30pm Opportunity for fellowship and supper provided after conclusion with drinks available at bar prices during supper.
Saturday, 22 March	Plenary sessions begin at 9.00am Morning tea and lunch provided One Golden Night Gala Dinner from 7.30pm at All Seasons Resort
Sunday, 23 March	Plenary sessions begin at 9.00am Morning Tea provided Conference closes at 1.00pm with a boxed lunch to follow

See 'on-to-Conference' organizer

**GREG DOWNES**

To arrange registration / accommodation

## CFA Tin Rattle

Dawson Street /Burwood Hwy  
Upper Ferntree Gully

23/24th November

IS YOUR NAME ON THE ROSTER???

If not, see Graeme Aspinall

### **ARE YOU BEING SERVED????**

*Friday, 15 November, 2013  
Lilydale Theatre  
see the stage version of this  
old British favourite  
Contact Sgt. Fran for tickets.*



## Community Kitchen Roster - 2013

### Guide Hall

Underwood Rd

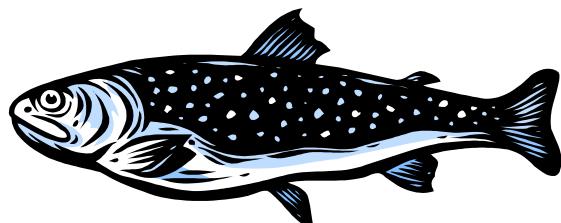
Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car park)  
Rotary roster - every second Wednesday, 5.30pm

DATE	ROTARIAN
23rd Oct	Paul Wilson
6th Nov	John Flemming
20th Nov	Fran Mandergeddes
4th Dec	Virginia Rutledge
18th Dec	Enid Hughes

Dinner provided

Contact Graeme Aspinall for more information  
0425 432 290

## 17th November Vitality/Fellowship Day



### MACCLESFIELD TROUT FARM

Meet there at 11.00 a.m.

\$12.50 per entry (includes plate sized trout)

Contact Sergeant Fran for further details

## CLUB NOTICE

There will be

**NO MEETING**

Held at the Knox Tavern

on

**28th October 2013**

Instead club members have agreed to attend the  
**“Volunteers’ Thank You” evening**

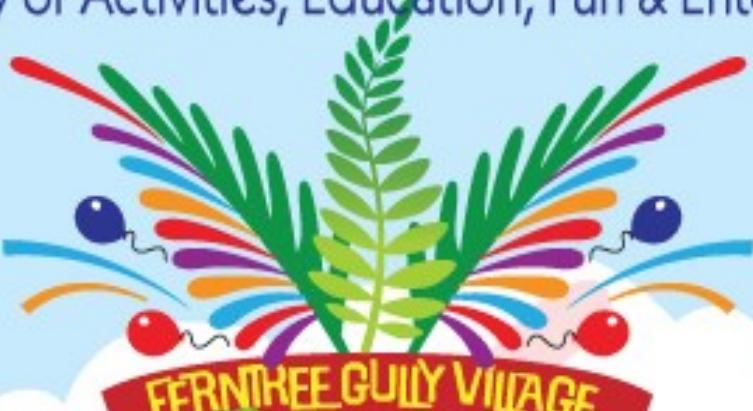
to be held at

Knox Council Offices  
Burwood Highway  
Wantirna

6.00 p.m.

Drinks and nibbles

A Family Day of Activities, Education, Fun & Entertainment



# FERNTREE GULLY VILLAGE

# Discovery Day

**Saturday November 30th 2013  
from 9am to 2pm**

in and around

Station Street, Ferntree Gully Village

Artisan Market

Animal Petting Farm

Food & Drink

Local Sports Clubs

Street Stalls

CFA Displays

Op-Shop Fashion Parade

Street Performances

Trash & Treasure

Village Trader Specials

Cemetery Tours

Art Exhibitions

Live Entertainment

Open Day Displays

Local Traders Open

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# BARBARA'S 18TH BIRTHDAY



## Surprise, Surprise!

At the club meeting of RC Bayswater on Wednesday, Barbara was treated to a surprise birthday cake and a number of gifts. Her actual birthday is on Friday when she plans to spend the day celebrating with friends.

Congratulations Barbara

We hope you had a wonderful day



Rotary Clubs of Bayswater  
and Fern Tree Gully