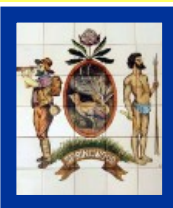


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This Week's Meeting

Social Meeting

Introductions

Thanks

Report from our President

Margaret Bell
2018—2019



Welcome to another week in Rotary.

Last week we had guest speaker, Fran Cane, entertain us with her presentation of 'Hard Skills/Soft Skills' where we learned a little more about each other and ourselves, thank you Fran!

August is 'Membership' Month in Rotary and a time to think about who we know who may benefit from joining our Organisation and enjoy the fellowship that goes with that! Please see Bronwyn with any potential new members and she will be only too happy to follow it up. We could perhaps invite them to a social event, then a service event before attending meetings so that they can get a feel for what we do with no pressure to join...I leave this thought with you!

This has been a week where we have had our thinking caps on about how we can best assist the drought affected in our State. Last Thursday, **Channel 9 'Today Show' and the National Farmer's Federation announced a partnership with Rotary** to launch a major tax deductible appeal to assist those affected. It made me feel proud to be a Rotarian watching the coverage. I encourage you to get behind this program and share on Social Media to get the word out to the General Community. As a club we have also come up with a few ideas such as the 'Buy-a-Bale' Donation Barrels, extra fundraising at Bunnings BBQ and 'Care Packages' especially targeted at 'Women on the Land' – all very worthwhile ideas to help our neighbours doing it tough!

On a lighter note, it has been a delight to welcome **'Sofia Sjoberg'** from Switzerland to our Club and wish her a happy stay with us *downunder*! She is settling in to her first Host Family, Norm & Cheryl Kitto, as well as Winmalee High School, so a busy time for her. I look forward to hearing about her home & family and what she hopes to achieve whilst here in Australia on exchange in the next few weeks, in the meantime we should all think up outings etc. to share with her!

This week is a 'Social Meeting' with a surprise speaker! On Tuesday evening a few of us are going down to The Emu Plains Sports Club for the Lower Blue Rotary Club's meeting featuring guest speaker Rebecca Fry on the topic of Rotaract and Rotary working together.

Final numbers need to be in by
Friday 3rd August!

Have a wonderful weekend, see you Monday!

Margaret Bell

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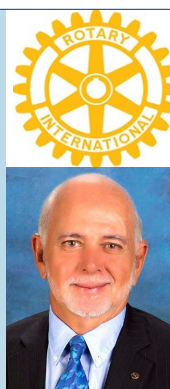
August



Warwick Harrison



Yvonne & Peter Meehan
Ken & Margaret Thrift



***** **Attention** ***** **Change to Apologies** *****

Peter Sparkes peege@bigpond.com **or phone** 0417 244 829 **by 5pm on Sunday.**

Leave your name with any message. **Remember** you will be required to pay for any meals not cancelled
Please adhere to this deadline because the Club has to pay for your meal if you cancel after 5pm on Sunday

THE LAST MEETING

At our last meeting we were introduced to Fran Crane who was from 360HR, Human Resource consultants. Fran spoke about the importance of **Hard Skills** and **Soft Skills** in the workforce today. Hard Skills are specific, teachable abilities that can be defined and measured, such as typing, writing, math, reading and the ability to use software programs. By contrast, Soft Skills are less tangible and harder to quantify, such as etiquette, getting along with others, listening and engaging in small talk. These are valuable skills in any organisation whether it be for paid employment or service clubs.

Why Soft Skills Are More Important Than Ever

In today's workforce, so-called 'soft skills' have become increasingly valued by most employers. While traditionally, workers were hired primarily for their technical skills, businesses are now placing greater emphasis on the less tangible qualities, such as good communication skills, cooperativeness, flexibility and a positive attitude.

1—Hard Skills are useless without Soft Skills

In most jobs technical skills alone are not enough to be truly effective. A salesperson with an unrivalled knowledge of their product and market will have little success if they don't have the interpersonal skills needed to close deals and retain clients. All careers require at least some soft skills to make the hard skills valuable.

2—Modern Workplace is interpersonal

Skills such as listening, collaborating with others, presenting ideas and communicating with team members are all highly valued in the modern workplace. Strong soft skills ensure a productive, collaborative and healthy work environment, all vital attributes for organisations in an increasingly competitive world.

3—Customers Demand Soft Skills

With unlimited number of choices consumers already have convenience and often low prices, so customer service is often what influences the choice to use a particular business. The ability to communicate efficiently and effectively with customers is therefore a vital factor in an organisation's success.

Soft skills are more challenging to develop, since they have little to do with knowledge or expertise, but are closely linked with a person's character. It takes conscious effort, ongoing practice, and commitment to self-development and to improve your soft skills.

Fran then got our members to think and write down their best soft skills. Members then read them out and it proved to be an interesting task.

For more information please contact their web site. www.360hr.com.au



Want to know more about Rotary?

How to Access and Use My Rotary

Signing in to My Rotary gives you a customized experience and easier access to tools and information that are relevant and important to you as a Rotarian. Any Rotary club member can create an account and sign in. Existing Member Access users can re-register with their current user ID.

How to Set Up a My Rotary Account

To find out what Rotary International knows about you including your history of giving to The Rotary Foundation, you need to see your online Rotary profile. That information is stored in the MY ROTARY section of the Rotary International website. Once you have your MY ROTARY account established, you can review your personal profile and make corrections or updates, see information about your club's performance and goals, and review your participation history in The Rotary Foundation, discussion groups, etc. In addition, it is IMPORTANT for you complete the sections that outline your skills and experiences and to unlock that data so that other Rotarians can get to know you. Once you have established a MY ROTARY log-in account, you won't have to do it again. You should visit it frequently and participate in its discussion groups. Make sure that you click on the box **REMEMBER ME**.

Setting Up Your Account

Follow the instructions below and you should be up and running in just a matter of minutes.

Go to <https://my.rotary.org/en>

ROTARY.ORG > MY ROTARY | Sign in/Register

Click the menu link MY ROTARY: Sign-in/Register

This takes you to a pop-up window which you can use to [sign in](#), or [create an account](#).

SIGN IN

SIGN-IN EMAIL *

Forgot email? [?](#)

PASSWORD *

Forgot password? [?](#)

☐ REMEMBER ME [?](#)

SIGN IN

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CREATE ACCOUNT

ACCOUNT REGISTRATION

*Required

FIRST NAME *

LAST NAME *

SIGN-IN EMAIL *

ARE YOU 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER? *

☐ YES

☐ NO

CONTINUE

You now can register a new account by inputting your first and last name and your email address, and follow the continuing instructions. (Note: The email address is usually the address you have on file with your club secretary, however, it could be a previous email you have used. If at first you don't succeed try, try again). Once you are logged in, take the time to look at your personal profile. Scanning down the left side of the web page you will see general information about you (under My Profile) and our club. These menu items will link you to more information including the opportunity to review your participation in The Rotary Foundation.

Having Trouble Logging In?

There is a YouTube instruction video that is helpful if you have any problems logging in or setting up your account <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptD-o0r9KdY> (if you don't mind the computer generated voice!!)

RYEP Student Sofia from Switzerland



Sofia and Bronwyn



Sofia & Sue Rice (RYEP committee member) Cheryl



Margaret, Bronwyn and Sofia with her first sausage sandwich



Sofia at our most iconic Three Sisters



Sofia at her first meeting enjoying fellowship with Jenifer



Sofia & our guest speaker Fran who went to Switzerland for her student exchange



Afternoon tea with other Rotarians and soon to be host families

A quick word from Sofia

I arrived here in Australia on Friday early in the morning. My first 4 Days I stayed at Bronwyn's house. We visited The 3 Sisters and ate delicious Australian food such as: Tim Tams, Ginger Kisses, Pavlova, a Sausage Sandwich and much more.

I had a great time!

Since Monday I'm living at Cheryl and Norm's house and I'm really enjoying it.

I had my first school day on 1 of August at Winmalee High School, which is the *National Day of Switzerland*.

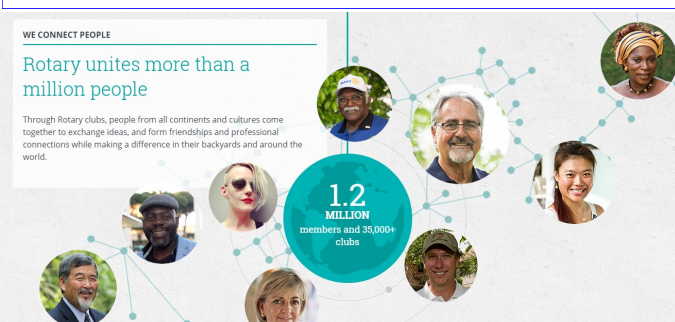
I really enjoy going to school.

Rotary Youth Exchange Program (RYEP) is an International Exchange Program which enables current Year 9 and Year 10 students to spend the following year in another country while attending secondary school and living with Rotary arranged Host families.

The Rotary Club of Springwood Inc. has a long and successful history of both sponsoring and hosting students selected for this program. Many of our past and present members have joined Rotary after their children have been selected for and participated in this wonderful program.

We are happy to introduce our latest student Sofia from Switzerland who has a very good command of English. Sofia landed in Sydney on Friday 27th July at 6.30am and after a bit of a tour of The Blue Mountains she came to the Rotary BBQ for the Faulconbridge Primary School Carnival day. Here she sampled her first Sausage Sandwich and visit one of our most iconic land marks, The Three Sisters. On her first weekend here members were able to have a meet and greet with Sofia at a afternoon tea. Also present were Tomas Ahern (in Germany at the moment) Mother and sister Isabel brother Liam. We also had another host family who Sofia will be staying with, Paul, Kristy, Rose, Owen and Sophie (Sophie will be going to Denmark). Sofia then attended her first Rotary meeting on Monday night. After introductions to our guest speaker Fran informed Sofia that she also did a student exchange and Fran was placed in Switzerland. We look forward to getting to know Sofia in the coming months.

If any Rotarian would like to include Sofia in any of their day trips, dinners, coffee mornings or just to chat please contact Sofia directly on 0467 854 605.





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SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST

12 - 4pm

WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE BBQ

WHERE:

BELLA VISTA FARM
TURN OFF NORTHWEST BOULEVARD
ONTO ELIZABETH MACARTHUR DRIVE

WHO IS INVITED:

EXCHANGE STUDENTS
INBOUND & OUTBOUND,
ROTARIANS, HOST FAMILIES
& CLUB COUNSELLORS

COST:

\$10 per person

WHAT'S ON:

12:30 ENTERTAINMENT & GAMES
13:30 SAUSAGE SIZZLE
2pm DIDGERIDOO & AUSSIE SONGS
3pm SPEECHES & INTRODUCTION
OF EXCHANGE STUDENTS

RSVP ESSENTIAL : JAN DUFFY

janduffy641@gmail.com / 0416 160 248

BY 11TH AUGUST

IN CASE OF WET WEATHER, ALTERNATIVE LOCATION DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED

Drought Relief

A message from DG Susan Wakefield

I'm delighted to advise that a partnership has been formed between Rotary Australia, Channel 9 and the National Farmers' Federation to help our drought-stricken farmers.

A fundraising appeal will be launched on
Channel 9's Today show - Thursday 2 August.



In Australia, farmers are the lifeblood of our country and they are in crisis. Record breaking heat and lack of rain means farmers are struggling to feed sheep and cattle and keep crops alive.

Families on the land are suffering and they need our help.

Channel 9 and Rotary Australia have partnered with the National Farmers' Federation launching an appeal to big business and everyday Australians so we can provide some emergency relief.

100% of donations go to the farmers and are tax deductible via Rotary and RAWCS.

Every dollar counts

The link for the donation page for the project is:

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/17-2018-19>

Faulconbridge Public Schools Carnival BBQ lunch

Another event was held last Friday at Tom Hunter Park Faulconbridge. Canteen manager Sarah from the Faulconbridge Public School asked us to cook the BBQ lunches for children, parents and carers. The Rotary Club of Springwood Inc. supplied the manpower with all the sales for the BBQ through the canteen. A job well done with no fuss or confusion. All aspects of the day were covered with no hesitation and just flowed freely and produced a successful event. The weather on the day turned out to be unexpectedly beautiful for a winters day.

A nice surprise for the team was a quick visit from Sofia hot off the plane from Switzerland.

Thank you to all who helped out on the day.



Colin, Sherril, Frank, Helga, Norm, Marilyn, Paul, Margaret, Warwick



.....perfect weather made the day very enjoyable from cooking to serving



.....with the canteen staff from Faulconbridge Public Schools



Members of the Board 2018—2019

Dates for Your Diary

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August is Membership Month				
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06 Aug	Meeting	Social Meeting		
07 Aug	Lower Blue Rotary— Rebecca Fry talks on Rotaract			
13 Aug	Meeting	Youth Evening	John Fuller	Greg Josey
18 Aug	BBQ	BUNNINGS		
19 Aug	Youth Exchange	BBQ—Bella Vista Farm		
20 Aug	Meeting	Social Meeting		
24 Aug	Walkathon	Ellison Public School BBQ		
27 Aug	TBA			