

Guest Speaker May 27th—Jimmy Mussiime

At the start of his presentation, Jimmy made a presentation to President Jon and the Club with a gift sent to us from Rotary club of Kabale, Uganda.

Jimmy then commenced his address, stating that his mission in life was transforming lives and landscapes in Uganda.

Uganda is 236,404 square kilometres in the East of Africa. The population is approx 35 million people, and the capital city is Kampala, approx 400km North East from Kabale.

He is one of 8 children, is married and has 4 children of his own. He also has his father still alive, who is 80 years old.



Jimmy started his working life as a school teacher in a Library, then worked his way through college, to work with small teams in a farmers advisory group.

He is a practising farmer and sits on a voluntary advisory committee and a school board, helping in the development of plantation and forestry. He is involved in number of different activities in Uganda and is here to learn as much as possible about:

- Agro forestry
- land care
- energy saving
- micro projects for food security
- income and capacity building
- partnership and networking
- institutional development
- land care problems and community land care
- land care in landslide prone area
- junior land care in schools
- community micro projects for women

He believes that his visit here will provide him with exposure to knowledge and skills, help him learn how net-working operates and strengthen partnerships.

Pictured right: Jimmy planting a Banksia menziesii – spectacular flowering native plant from Western Australia



Master Tree Growers Course and experiences



Pictured top left: Master TreeGrower course: Demonstration of portable sawing of logs grown in agroforestry
Top right: Kate Dowler, The Weekly Times taking photographs for the story on Jimmy.
Above: Allan Bruno with Graham Thomson, Past President, Geelong East Rotary club, cooking lunch.
Above right: Allan Bruno with Jimmy Musiime on the Stewart farm at Deans Marsh
Right: Allan Bruno 'bush tucker' – damper cooked in a camp oven



Jimmy Musiime with Andrew Stewart, Otway AgroForestry Network.