



The Healesville Rotary Club's Weekly

# BULLETIN



District 9810

Week 30

January 23rd, 2020

## YOUTH EXCHANGE EXCELS



Nobody could disagree with a statement that Rotary Youth Exchange is a most popular and gratifying programme of the many that Rotary takes on.

We take great delight in the transformation from shy and sometimes timid youngsters that arrive from all parts of the world and a year later are seen to be confident and positive young adults ready to experience everything this world has to offer.

The same goes for the others we send overseas in the same vein. We see the returning young ambassadors with their parents, all pleased with the rapid development of confidence and maturity with a broader view of opportunities.

Alex, Maelle and Sylvie each presented by Michael Hardinge last Thursday for our view of Past, Present & Future Exchange.

# Rotary



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CONNECTS  
THE WORLD**

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Rotary Healesville, part of the Yarra Ranges-Cardinia cluster of Rotary Clubs in Dist. 9810.  
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Vice President .....	Ion Whykes
President Elect/Club Service .....	Michael Hardinge
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Director - Youth Service .....	Michael Hardinge
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Attendance Officer .....	Vinay Kumar
BBQ Trailer Management .....	Robert Chippindall
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Bulletin Print prep. advert & publications art .....	Don Fitzgerald
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Community Directory .....	Don Fitzgerald
D9810 ROMAC Committee .....	Graeme Chester
D9810 RYE Committee .....	Stuart McDonald
D9810 RYE Outgoing Student (Italy).....	Sylvie Dyson-Taylor
D9810 RYE Incoming Student (Switzerland) .....	Maelle Rentsch
D9810 Bike Ride for Medical Research .....	David Brown
Dinner Chairman .....	Ion Whykes
Dogs Day Out .....	John Robinson, Graeme Chester
Facebook Manager .....	Michael Hardinge
Foundation .....	Wilma Best
Marketing, Public Relations .....	Ian Vine, Del Brown
Meeting SetUp .....	Sam Halim, Robert Chippindall
Membership Committee .....	Terry Hill
On to Conference .....	Michael Hardinge
Programme Management .....	Stuart McDonald, Del Brown,
Race Gates Management .....	Gary McLay, Laurence Webb
Rotary Community Bus .....	Rae Church, Don Fitzgerald
Rotary equipment maintenance & storage .....	Robert Chippindall
Sgt at Arms .....	Terry Hill, Graeme Chester
Town Decor .....	Robert Chippindall
Website Management .....	Michael Hardinge

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## From the President's Desk . . .

Hi everyone

Last Thursday's meeting was really busy. Our guest speaker John Lambert spoke to us about Rotary District Conference 2020 in Echuca. Our outgoing exchange student Sylvie enlightened us with her preparations for her exchange trip to Italy. The club members wish her all the best for her trip and her Italian experience. Maelle spoke to us about her love of Australia, her new school and her travels. Laurence Webb excelled again with his poem on the Corryong and Australian bushfires.

Our club Australia Day brunch on 27 January is our way of celebrating this special day and connecting with our community. Please give your name to Don Fitzgerald as soon as possible. Members are invited to bring along their families, friends and neighbours at no extra cost, to celebrate the day.

A big thank you goes to Don and Chippy for removing and storing the Healesville Main Street Christmas decorations and keeping them safe for next year.

Race Gates is on again on Saturday 1 February. I urge our attending members to give their names to Don ASAP.

Any interested members, there is a fundraising gala lunch for Eastern Palliative Care's "Overnight Respite Services Project" to be held on 22 March. Anyone interested please follow the link in the email.

Till next Thursday, keep well and keep the Rotary wheel turning to make a difference in people's lives.  
God bless, Sam Halim



## Meetings Forward

<b>Week 30</b>	<b>January 23rd</b> TBA
<b>Week 31</b>	<b>January 30th</b> TBA
<b>Week 32</b>	<b>February 6th</b> TBA
<b>Week 33</b>	<b>February 13th</b> Bronwen Lamond - Uncle Bob's Club

### BIRTHDAYS

19th July	Ion Whykes
3rd August	Roswitha Wellner
4th August	Pam Richardson
11th August	Ian Tinney
18th August	Helen Halim
25th August	Stu McDonald
9th September	Terry Hill
13th September	Leah Hill
14th September	Faye Symons

24th September	Don Fitzgerald
11th October	Wilma Whykes
1st November	Barbara Dickson
30th November	Cheryl Chippindall

### ANNIVERSARIES

16th Jan	Rae & Jean Church
22nd Feb	Alex & Pam Richardson
13th Apr.	Doug & Faye Symons
6th Jun	Graeme & Heaher Chester
13th Jun	Robert & Cheryl Chippindall
5th July	Ian & Ruth Tinney
16th Aug	David Lau & Gail Landry
30th Sep	Sam & Helen Halim
17th Nov.	Bruce & Wilma Best
1st Dec.	John & Glenda Robinson
4th Dec.	David & Karen Brown

### EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Jan 27th	Australia Day at Queens Park
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## Last Meeting: January 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

**President Sam Halim** invited Don Fitzgerald to welcome visitors, John Lambert, (District Conference), Tony Jones, Sylvie, Di, Bambi, Alex and Maelle, and a prospective new member, Ben Taylor.

Sam iterated the welcome of all visitors and highlighted the presence of three exchange students- past Alex, present Maelle, and future, Sylvie, all of whom were to give a brief account of their current situation.

He reported that the Board Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January, had concentrated on our contribution options for the current bushfire recovery. Stu will be consulted with the roles we should undertake. Laurence Webb was thanked for enabling the delivery of hay to the farmers of Corryong whose pastures have been destroyed and are in need of feed for surviving farm animals.

Sam congratulated Rae and Jean Church on their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Don Fitzgerald** spoke of Healesville Rotary celebrating Australia Day on 27<sup>th</sup> January (the day gazetted as the public holiday). He suggested a BBQ with a gathering of Healesville Rotarians and their nearest and dearest and friends, to gather informally. He would welcome any suggestions and ideas that would make this an enjoyable day in celebration of inclusion that Australia offers all today.

The Christmas decorations are soon to be removed by Council employees. The decorations will then be stored.

The Community Bus loss was due to advertising costs, and therefore the Board decided to keep the bus for the time-being, and review the profitability during the coming year. Other community buses provide the town with the services that Rotary had once facilitated.

Following a fall, Don's wife Gillian broke her hip and has been hospitalised. Don thanked Rotary for the flowers delivered to her. Gillian could be home by the next weekend.

**Sally Piper** mentioned that Ion Whyke's wife, Wilma had also been hospitalised following a fall that resulted in a broken ankle. Wilma is home now but will need a check up with regard to wound management next week.

Sally made mention of the Rotary 'Welcome Kit' and asked if Stu could provide a list of the names of past Youth Exchange Students.

**Youth: Michael Hardinge** reported that Ian Tinney and Terry Hill had attended the Somers Camps.

**John Robinson: Dogs' Day Out** is progressing well with advertising arrangements completed. Peter Hitchener has agreed to attend the event as a special guest.

John mentioned that he was in search of 4 Rotarians to make up a bowls team of a Wednesday night from about 6:00/6:30pm, and that an email would be sent out regarding making up a team.

We were saddened to hear that John's wife Glenda was to face surgery to have a colectomy following the 'Rotary Bowel Scan' test. Glenda will be out of action for about 6 months in order to recover. John, we wish her the best outcome, and a speedy recovery.

**Community: Ian Vine** noted that because of a project cancellation, money that had been allocated could perhaps be allocated for bushfire recovery, and called for any ideas in that regard.

**International: Stuart McDonald** mentioned that Wilma Best's Cow & Goat Project was quiet at the moment. ROMAC had contributed to "Wheel Chairs for Kids".

He mentioned that Bushfire Relief would be ongoing, and suggested that we wait a while to consider future needs.

**Laurence Webb** with the current bushfire situation in mind, pointed out that many social problems emanate from the stress of trauma, which can lead to family breakdown, divorce, dysfunction and guilt, amongst other situations, which become evident about 6 months after a catastrophe. He related that 'Men's Shed' had donated tools to Eildon 'Men's Shed', and that John Lambert had mentioned \$2500 had been raised by a sausage sizzle where it was noted that people gave generously -\$50 was mentioned- to buy a sausage.

Laurence completed the composition of a poem only a couple of hours before the meeting which he read with much feeling to an appreciative audience. He was inspired by an experience from the bushfires in Corryong which related the resilience of an 80 year-old farmer and his female family's desperate battle to save the house with very little water on New Year's Eve.

## Guest Speaker: John Lambert "District 9810 Conference at Echuca/Moama"

The conference is to be held on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at the Dungala Event Centre, Moama NSW.

Cost: Rotarians: \$370, Rotaractors: \$227

There will be a range of topics presented by speakers of various walks of life, including Mr Jeremy Richards, plastic surgeon, who is an 'Interplast Volunteer' who reconstructs abnormal facial structures. Lillie Gieng was a Vietnamese Refugee who will speak of reducing food waste. Other topics will include "\$100

000 of Hay", "Youth Suicide", "Driverless Cars", "Polio- nearly gone", "Books in Homes"- the District Governor, Shia Smart's project, Indigenous School Transition- closing the gap", "Share the Dignity -Women's Hygiene packages" "Eye Surgery" and "Mexican Drug Cartels- money laundering".

The Saturday afternoon will feature a paddle steamer tour and gala dinner (cost \$166). On Saturday evening a "Masquerade Ball" will be held, featuring the "Retrospective Band" who will perform music of the 60's and 70's.

The suggestion is to make a club booking. There is plenty of available accommodation in the area. A journey through the "Silo Trail" would add interest to travelling to the event.

For further information- Website -www.9810rotary-conference.com.au



John Lambert outlines the District Conference program

**Michael Hardinge** introduced the 'Present, Past and Future' Rotary Exchange students and invited each to give a brief account of their current situation.

**Alex - 'Past'** On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, Alex will experience his first day in the Australian Army and is

looking forward to his military career. This finalises the process since his application in March 2019. He mentioned the disappointment he faced when not at first accepted, but expressed his relief and excitement that now his dream has been realised. He wished Sylvie all the best with her exchange in Italy, and thanked all Rotarians for the opportunities given through Youth Exchange in his farewell.

**Maelle- 'Present'** from Switzerland related that she just loved her first Christmas in Australia- because in Australia, you get more presents. She had shared a wonderful holiday in Canberra and climbed Mt Kosciuszko. Time was spent on Karen and David Brown's houseboat where she transferred her snow skiing skills to water skiing. Visits to the beach enabled her to surf on uncrowded beaches. When asked about her favourite Australian tourist place, she name 'Uluru'. It was reported in the Bulletin that Maelle had hoped to travel to Antarctica, but in fact it was not Antarctica, but Cairns that she hoped to visit.

**Sylvie- 'Future'** has been using technology to speak with members of her host family in Cremona, Italy. She will share company with a host brother and sister, with another host sister on exchange in Finland. She has also communicated with other exchange students who will spend their time in Italy. She expressed concern about leaving her friends 'back home'. She will try to get a position in a boys' soccer team while away, as no girls' soccer team is available, and soccer is her passion. She hopes her Italian language skills will improve once immersed in the Italian culture. Sylvie was presented with 4 Rotary banners to use as promotion.

Michel thanked each student and invited any member who would like to farewell Sylvie at the airport, to contact Terry Hill.

Sam wished the students well and Stu expressed that Alex was a fine example of what Youth Exchange was about. Stu quipped that Maelle wants a ticket to Antarctica, but would need a ticket to return.

Raffle: Vinay Kumar

Raffle: \$83.00

Fines: \$34.20

Attendance: Members 13 Guests: 8

**Apologies etc. to Vinay: 0413 970 179**

**Calling for a volunteer to write the Bulletin for January 23rd, January 30<sup>th</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Please see Don.



**We have origins from the world over - we bring beliefs and cultures from all corners of the globe . . . and we show many features brought to this country from those distant shores.**

**Together, we face a future with many threats and possibilities . . . we have chosen the arrival of European settlement as a significant anniversary to celebrate and appreciate this land.**

**Rotary Healesville embraces this opportunity to celebrate the fact we are all proudly Australians.**

**Join us in celebration of this land Australia on January 27th**

**To date, we are talking about a sausage sizzle at Queens Park as an afternoon gathering. There'll be a few bottles of cold chardonay and some bbq sausages, so if you've a taste for something else than snags and chards, bring it along . . . I'll make room on the barbie!**

**PROGRESSIVE ROSTERING TABLE**

**2020**

<b>Feb 1st</b>	HARC Race Gates	Crew of 8
<b>Mar 28th</b>	HARC Race Gates	Crew of 8

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