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This Week



Matthew McClelland Hunting in National Parks - The Case Against

Matthew McClelland is the creator and publisher of the web site 'Wild Walks' - a free online bushwalking and camping guidebook for New South Wales. Through his involvement with National Parks, Matthew has become a committed advocate of the case against allowing hunting in the parks.

Whether you believe that National Parks should be reserved for bushwalkers or that hunting is necessary to eliminate destructive introduced species, this is your opportunity to hear Matthew outline the issues and to put your own point of view.

Next Week

Avenues of Service committees

Next week's meeting will be devoted to planning by each of the club's 5 Avenue of Service committees: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service and New Generations (Youth) Service.

Each committee will sit at a separate table and will have the opportunity to review and develop its plan for the year, including its budget and implementation schedule.

Time permitting, before the end of the evening each committee will make a short presentation of its plan for the year.

This is an important meeting for all members, so please make sure you can attend and have your say in your committee's plans.

'Friends of Rotary' and other guests are also welcome to participate. The club values input from all sources.

Not sure which Avenue of Service committee you're in? Ask Acting President John Aitken!

Solar Power for Katuuso School

Last week Past President Greg Newling reported completion and commissioning of the solar power plant for Katuuso Primary and Vocational School in Uganda, set up by School for Life Foundation Australia.



Key benefits provided by the new plant are:

- Increased efficiency of operations, as computers, phones and printers can now be located at the school.

- Increased hours

of operation, due to night time lighting.

- Improved water quality due to electronic filtration.
- Improved nutrition of the school's feeding program due to refrigeration.
- Increased security of the school through lighting.



Our club and other Rotary clubs contributed funds towards the project, which was fully funded with the help of a 'matching grant' from the Rotary Foundation.

Full report: http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au/images/stories/koongga/public/katuuso_solar_power_report2013%20.pdf

Position Wanted

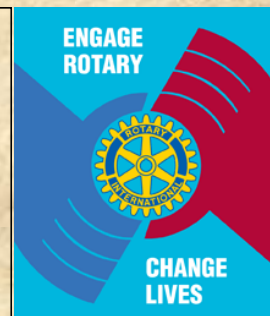
From Greg Newling:

We have a friend who lives in Wahroonga and needs help to find a suitable job.

He is 50+, Indian, with permanent residency. He worked for many years in administration and staff

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The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at West Pymble Bowling Club, 2 Prince of Wales Drive, West Pymble. Visitors welcome. www.kuringgairotary.org.au

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management at a large English language boarding school, so his English is very good.

The only work he has been able to find here is as a casual process worker in a chicken meat processing plant.

I have no doubt about his integrity or work ethic and would like to help him find a job which gives him back some dignity.

Please ask your contacts, and keep him in mind. He came to help a disabled relative and gave up a good job to do so. Can we find him something better?

Australian Rotary Health

Last week Past President Roger Desmarchelier spoke enthusiastically about the work of Australian Rotary Health, with particular reference to its support of PhD students researching in a variety of different fields. Roger is keen to renew the club's support of ARH. Expect to hear more about it at next week's meeting.

Don't know about ARH? Take a look at: <https://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/>

President Tony Likes Facebook

Ever the innovator, President Tony McClelland proposed creating a special form of membership to attract younger members, with the particular purpose of one of them setting up and managing a Facebook page for the club. Is that a challenge to our present membership or what? Come on, you Facebookers! Who do you know, young or old, who can meet the challenge?

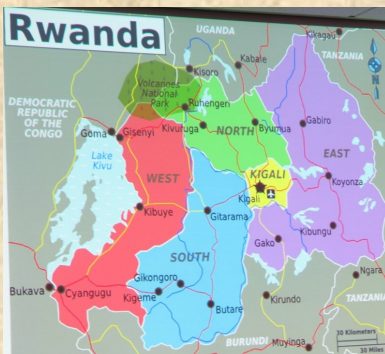
Last week



Adele Mitchell Viewing Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda

Adele gave us another of her fascinating travelogues, introducing us to

Rwanda, a country of 11 million people in an area of only 26,000 square kilometres. Known as the land of 1,000 hills (and many lakes) it comprises mostly subsistence farmers, as well as many tea plantations. Adele commented on how happy the people are, despite the appalling genocide only 20 years ago. It seems that the majority Hutu and minority Tutsi tribes have learned to live in harmony with each other.



The mountain gorillas that Adele went to view live in the Virunga Range in the north of Rwanda. They are guarded 24 hours a day, but the greatest danger they face are traps set by deer poachers. 1,000 traps are removed each year.

Adele visited 2 gorilla families, each led by a 200Kg 1.8m silverback - a vegetarian who can eat 100kg of wild celery, stinging nettles, thistles, blackwattle and

bamboo shoots each day.

The gorillas are unafraid of humans and Adele was delighted at how close she was able to come to them.



Also in the Virunga Range, Adele trekked to see golden monkeys (an even more endangered species which lives in family groups of up to 60) and chimpanzees.

Before leaving Rwanda, Adele visited an orphanage housing hundreds of children, and handed over a donation of clothes.

Calls for Volunteers

Clarke Road School is looking for volunteers to help with the following events.

On **Friday 2 August at 1.45pm** the school is holding a *Magical Maths Day* for Education Week. You are invited to go and play maths games with the students. They have:

- Bingo
- Matching numbers
- Robot directions
- Ten pin bowling
- ipad maths

Sounds like fun!

The school would also like some readers for Book Week on **Monday 19 August at 9.30am**. Past Presidents Bob Ivey and Caroline Jones enjoyed it and found it a very moving experience last year!

Also coming up is the Unofficial Opening Celebration Party on Sunday 18 August from 12-3pm. Our club will run the BBQ, so volunteers are needed please. More details soon.

Please let Joy Newling know if you can help at any of those events. Tel: 9487 2338.

What is 'Koongga'?

The emblem of the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai is the "Koongga", which is a message stick used by the Australian Aboriginals. The pattern of markings burnt into the surface of a "Koongga" is not a form of writing. The bearer delivers the message orally and the "Koongga" is a guarantee that he is telling the truth.

Bearers of message sticks sometimes travelled long distances, often through the territories of hostile tribes. The messages they delivered were to arrange a corroboree, a trade meeting, exchange of information and other tribal matters.

The colours and symbols on a "Koongga" vary with each tribe. The ones chosen by the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai and incorporated into our banner are representative of the tribes that lived in the Ku-ring-gai area many years ago. Additionally, our banner bids to all who receive it, a friendly "Karlbandi", a friendly welcome.

See examples of our "Koongga" and our banner on our website: www.kuringgairotary.org.au

Calendar of Events

July	29	Matthew McClelland: Hunting in National Parks - the Case Against
August	5	Avenue of Service committee discussions
	12	3 x '10 on me' - Gary Dawson, Caroline Jones and Lou Coenen
	19	TBA
	23	(Friday) 6 am: Daffodil Day: sale of daffodils to support Cancer Council of NSW
	26	Jan-Maree Ball - founder and coordinator of Aussie Hero Quilts
September		TBA
October	14	Hat Day in support of Mental Health - Australian Rotary Health
May 28 - June 4		Rotary International Convention, Olympic Park, Homebush

Anniversaries - July

Birthdays

06-Jul	Margaret Tang
19-Jul	Susan White
25-Jul	Peter Kipps
26-Jul	Graham Timms
27-Jul	Gwen Ivey

Wedding Anniversaries

08-Jul	Peter and Christine Kipps
23-Jul	Peter and Margaret Tang

Meeting Guests & Apologies

Members are booked in to attend every regular meeting of the Club, if you cannot attend a meeting or wish to book in a guest / partner please access the web at <http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au> before **2.55 pm** on the day of the meeting. An apology for future meetings may also be entered. **If you do not apologise for non-attendance the Club must pay for your meal and you will be asked to reimburse the Club.**

Door Teams - 3 months

July	August	September
Graham Maslen	Ross Egan	Michael Midlam
Joy Newling	Lou Coenen	Graham Timms

The door team is responsible for welcoming visitors and guests, recording payments and issuing copies of the record to the President, Secretary and Bulletin Editor. **Please arrange your own replacement if you are unavailable.**

Last Week's Guests

Nicola McFarlane John Pickhaver Eunice Price

Gordon Market Roster

MARKET ROSTER	11-Aug	08-Sep	13-Oct	10-Nov	08-Dec
BANNERS	White, Frank	White, Frank	White, Frank	White, Frank	White, Frank
SIGNS	Timms, Graham	Timms, Graham	Timms, Graham Hungerford, G	Timms, Graham Hungerford, G	Timms, Graham Hungerford, G
MORNING SET UP	White, Frank	White, Frank	White, Frank	White, Frank	White, Frank
PUBLIC RELATIONS					
1ST SHIFT 8.00 to 10.30	Jones, Caroline	Aitken, John	Evans, Emyr	Jackson, Tom	Jones, Caroline
2ND SHIFT 10.30 to 1.00	Dawson, Gary Egan, Ross	Hoch, Chris Maslen, Graham	Newling, Greg Newling, Joy	Desmarchelier, R Kenyon Nick	Dawson, Gary Ivey, Bob
3RD SHIFT 1.00 to 3.30	Lambert, Ross Midlam, Michael	Lam-Rohlfs, Linda Tang, Peter	Egan, Ross Forsythe, David	Braid, Malcolm Kipps, Peter	Lambert, Ross Tang, Peter

Second shift collects payment from stallholders. Third shift returns signs and bins to St George Bank storage. **Please arrange your own swap and notify Geoff Hungerford if you will be unavailable.**

Club Officers and Committee Chairmen 2013-14

Board of directors

President	Tony McClelland
Vice President	John Aitken
President Elect	(Vacant)
Secretary	Geoff Hungerford
Treasurer	Graham Maslen
Director - Membership	Roger Desmarchelier
Director - Public Relations	Michael Midlam
Director - Club Administration	(Vacant)
Director - Service Projects	John Aitken
Director - Rotary Foundation	Graham Timms

Service committee chairmen

Club Service	(Vacant)
Vocational Service	Michael Midlam
Community Service	Ross Lambert
International Service	Greg Newling
Youth Service	Joy Newling
Bobbin Head Cycle Classic	Peter Kipps
Sergeant-at-Arms	Greg Newling

Positions Vacant

President Elect

Board position in preparation for the role of President of the club 2014-15. Significant experience in Rotary preferred but not essential. Comprehensive training for the position of President will be provided. Suit a candidate with vision, energy and a desire to serve the community. Immediate start. Apply to President Tony.

Club Service Chairman

One of the most important positions in the club, the Club Service Chairman heads the committee responsible for organizing and running club meetings and other internal operations of the club. Suit a candidate with organizational skills and initiative. A stepping stone to a club leadership position. Immediate start. Apply to President Tony.

Club Bank Details

Rotary Club of Ku ring gai **General** account
BSB: 032 089 Account no.: 253341

Rotary Club of Ku ring gai **Project** account
BSB: 032 089 Account no.: 253333

Please include your name in the details of all deposits to the club accounts

Expense reimbursement claims must be presented with a completed remittance advice which you can download from the club website. Please include your BSB and account number.