



The Healesville Rotary Club's Weekly

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Something to Smile About



Following her return from the National Youth Science Forum, our sponsored student, Jarah Schub addressed our club last week and enthusiastically described the experience. Many of us not from a science background became as immersed in the narration by Jarah as she seemed to be in the delivery. Her enthusiasm was appreciated immensely by the members as she showed the worth of sending a young person to join others who may shape the future for mankind. Pictured here, delivering the Vote of Thanks, we see Director of Youth Services, Terry Hill also caught up in this mood of enthused applause and appreciation of seeing the benefit of the NYSF as encouragement for young people to continue their study.



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From the President's Desk . . .

Hi everyone,

Last Thursday we had a dynamic young guest speaker Jarah Schub, who enlightened us with an informative talk about the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF).

Emma has moved in with her third host family, Michelle Shaffran. I am sure she is in very good hands. In the meantime, on behalf of the club, I passed our thanks and appreciation to Alison Gommers, the second host family, for a job well done.

Discussions and preparations are underway for possible youth exchange students, host families and counselors for next year. As usual, Stuart McDonald is our man for the job, ably assisted by Ray Jarvis and other members of the club.

Last Monday we had a busy board meeting. Michael Hardinge, Ray Jarvis and Rae Church attended and contributed to the meeting. I believe it is important for members of next year's board to attend as many board meetings this year as possible. This ensures a good continuation of club goals and allows incoming board members to familiarize themselves with their new board role.

The board has also decided to give our departing/retiring Rotarians Rod, Peter and Bruce a good farewell, in appreciation of their long contribution as members of our club. Farewell dates are to be advised soon. We wish the three members all the best for the future.

Till next Thursday, keep well and continue to make a difference as a Rotarian.

God bless,
Sam Halim



Meetings Forward

Meeting 32 15th February 2018

Meet & Greet Doug Symons
Chairperson TBA
Sgt at Arms Ion Whykes
Programme TBA
Vote of Thanks Ian Vine

Meeting 33 22nd February 2018

Meet & Greet Peter Henry
Chairperson TBA
Sgt at Arms Ion Whykes
Programme Peter Rowland - Backyard Beekeeping
Vote of Thanks Ray Jarvis

Meeting 31 1st March 2018

Meet & Greet Graeme Chester
Chairperson TBA
Sgt at Arms Ion Whykes
Programme Lynda Hancock - Proactive Policing
Vote of Thanks Tony Jones

Coming up: 15th March

Tony Smith MP - Speaker House of Reps
18th March Healesville Dog's Day Out
22nd March Farewell to Bruce Thomas
5th April Ron Goding Award Presentation

Birthdays:

15th February Ruth Davidson
17th February Nikola Sanders
20th February Merrie Steventon

Anniversaries:

22nd February Alex & Pam Richardson

Meeting - February 1st

President Sam Halim welcomed everyone, also our guests Carol & Jeff.

Treasurer - Don Fitzgerald: We earned \$ 292 from the BBQ held during the Women's Prologue Cycling Event. A further amount for food provided to the organiser's staff will be invoiced.

The Community Bus is getting it's signage, similar as shown on the front page of today's bulletin. The Rotary Wheel will be shown in full, the window glass will be printed in a way to enable looking out from the inside.

The planning for Dog's Day Out is further progressing, four stands with signage are complete.

International - Ray Jarvis: Right now we have our exchange student in Germany, Alex Gommers, on the phone. The phone was connected to our PA system so everybody could hear Alex speaking:

"It's quite a change to experience the winter here, at the moment we have 2 degrees, but later it will reach minus 5 degrees. It is only 3 weeks since I am here, my German language skills improve every day. Good social contacts are developing. At school, I get still bored, because I still can't follow what's going on - except for English where I support the teacher and the class. I am very happy with my host family and I am settling in very well. It is difficult to make friends, but once you overcome the strangeness it's great."

In representing everyone, Sam Halim thanked Alex for his report and wished him all the best. Alex expressed his thanks to our Club for making this exchange possible.

Community - Ian Tinney: Thanks to everyone who assisted last Tuesday as Course Marshal for the Women's Prologue Cycling Event. Also big thanks to Robert and Cheryl Chippendall for holding a BBQ, assist in Warburton for a 2 hour shift, which earned us \$ 70.

We received \$25.00 per volunteer per shift of 4 hours.

Youth - Terry Hill: I attended the committee meeting of the Junior Girls Football Club, everything is moving along fine. Our Club is mentioned on Facebook, Instagram and their website, they take us on board in the way we expected. They appreciate our support with the club rooms. Our connection to the Girls Football Club will be a good advertising platform for Rotary.

David Brown: Here are more details for the Bike Ride from Bendigo (past Conference) to Wangaratta. Karen and I are participating - we are leaving on the 4th March and arrive on the 9th March, we are not taking the direct route, but rather doing 100 km a day. We appreciate your sponsorship, all proceeds to Rotary Health.

Wilma Best: With the Bunnings sausage sizzle next Sunday I will be assisted through Ray Church, Merrie Steventon, Stuart McDonald and Peter Gebert, our prospective new member David Payne will also help.

I had a conversation with Fr Jason in Kenia, he said: "I am homesick" - but you are home - "I am homesick to Healesville".

Graeme Chester: This month we are getting 2 patients through ROMAC, Joanna is coming for a heart operation at the RCH and Cecilia is having radiation treatment for a tumor in her neck. Due to delays it was challenging to arrange the host families.

Tonight's Program: Our guest speaker Lynda Hancock was sick and not here, therefore we asked members to entertain us with short stories and updates. Terry Hill, David Brown, Graeme Chester, Ray Jarvis. Stuart McDonald and Bruce Thomas contributed to this activity - thank you very much.

Attendance:	21 members, 2 guests
Heads & Tails:	\$ 43.40
Raffle:	\$ 103.25
Winners:	Wilma Best
	Doug Symons

Last week's Meeting - 8th February:

President Sam Halim welcomed everyone, especially our guest-speaker Jarah Schub and our exchange student Emma de la Morinerie.

Treasurer - Don Fitzgerald gave exact figures for each of our accounts. This gives us a good basis to accomplish our service commitments. There is currently work for the HDDO signage underway with big signs being put in position on the major roads leading into Healesville.

We are struggling to provide the correct number of meals for our meetings to the management of the Sanctuary House Motel - mainly because members don't advise me whether they are coming or not.

Please arrange by phone call or email that I get informed.

Youth - Terry Hill: A Driver Education Program, provided by the Rotary Club of Wandin, is offered to the Healesville High School.

Some sanitary work for the change rooms of the Junior Girls Football Club has been approved by the Shire, the plumbers can start now.

Vocational - John Robinson: The Ron Goding Award Presentation is coming up on the 5th April, please think of people whom you can nominate.

On 2 days, last Monday and Wednesday, our vocational visit to the new site of Cherry Hill Orchards took place. They erected a huge 4300 square meter shed, surrounded by an area large enough for many trucks with semi-trailers, at Maroondah Hwy opposite of Maddens Lane.

Approx 3 years ago we visited Cherry Hill Orchards in Wandin and were amazed at the technology employed in processing cherries.

Essentially the new plant is twice the size and has even more advanced technology. They are capable of processing 100 crates (a semi trailer load) per hour. The sorting grade machinery is most impressive. Cherries are sorted and graded by blemish, size and colour. Each individual cherry is photographed by 32 cameras and sorted at the rate of 34 cherries per second.

Those that attended enjoyed the visit and were presented with a bag of cherries as we left.

Preparations for the HDDO on the 18th March are progressing well, we are defining tasks for the team leaders now and we need everyone on deck during the Day.

Rae Church: We had Race Gates last weekend, Tony Jones was away, but the usual team knew what to do and all went well. Thanks to everyone who helped.

David Brown: The Bike Ride from Bendigo (past Conference) to Wangaratta is happening soon. Karen and I are participating - we are leaving on the 4th March and plan to arrive on the 9th March, we are not taking the direct route, but rather doing 100 km a day. We appreciate your sponsorship, all proceeds go to Rotary Health.

Wilma Best: The Bunnings sausage sizzle last Sunday was great fun, successful and brought \$ 1000. I got assistance from Ray Church, Merrie Steventon, Stuart McDonald, Peter Gebert, my neighbor and our prospective new member David Payne.

Graeme Chester: The treatment of our 2 ROMAC

patients has been delayed, because the hospital had no appointments available. Joanna is coming for a heart operation at the RCH and Cecilia is having radiation treatment for a tumor in her neck. Due to the delays they are still in PNG and arriving mid March.

Guest Speaker Jarah Schub -

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

Rotary is the Founding Partner of NYSF and the 21 Rotary districts across Australia continue to conduct selections for the NYSF Year 12 Program on behalf of the NYSF. The NYSF is a not-for-profit organisation that runs programs to encourage young people in their passion for science. The programs show the wide variety of study and career options available in science, technology and engineering fields.

Jarah Schub had been sponsored by our Club to attend the NYSF in January over a period of 2 weeks on a Campus in Brisbane. There were 180 participants and she felt honored having been selected to be one of them.

There were many interesting lectures and she was part of Interest Groups in the areas of Animal Farming, Sustainability and Climate Change.

Jarah supported her talk with interesting slides of projects they were observing, such as growing algae, generating fish- and cattle-food.

During a full day outing they surveyed projects dealing with Coastal Ecology and assessed measurements of wind, currents and temperatures, mangroves and density of the soil.

Jarah's talk was proof that she really got "on fire" with the scientific background of these environmental projects and there is no doubt, that this will form part of her future professional life.

Jarah appreciated to meet people working in these fields of science and thanked the Rotary Club of Healesville for the opportunity, and especially Terry Hill for all the assistance and support to her participation in this program.

Vote of Thanks - Terry Hill: Jarah, thanks for sharing your experiences with us. Your passion and enthusiasm for science is obvious and we appreciated your wonderful presentation. You demonstrated that you will become a successful scientist and we wish you all the best for your future.

Attendance:	18 members, 2 guests
Fines:	\$ 43.15
Raffle:	\$ 85.00
Winners:	Doug Symons Don Fitzgerald

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