



ROTARY CLUB OF Wendouree Breakfast



BREAKFAST BUGLE

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Club website - <http://www.wendoureebreakfast.org.au/>

Duty roster this Week

Chair: Jessie Harman
Hospitality: Jennifer Hudson
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Chook: Dayle Hutchinson
Pres. Table: Jan Ross
 Raymond Reeves



Duty roster next week.....

Chair: Jennifer Hudson
Hospitality: Leigh Johnson
 Ross Keating
Chook: Trevor Lea
Pres. Table: Gail Petrie
 Sue Ann Permezel

This week's guest speaker/activity:

Gerrie Mitra – General Manager, Ballarat Group Training (BGT)

Gerrie will present on the services provided by BGT, the opportunities for apprentices in our region and will also touch on Generation Y issues.

Birthdays and anniversaries...

Happy Birthday:

Club Anniversaries:



Important Membership Tip::

Engage your members and they will stay.

Rotarians, like most people, need to feel like they belong. That is the No. 1 tip from Mike McGovern, 2009-10 chair of the RI Membership Development and Retention Committee and past RI vice president, on how to expand membership. McGovern says many members leave their Rotary clubs because they don't see how they are contributing, or they feel disconnected from other members.

"We need to connect with members of our club within our meetings and at our projects, but also outside of Rotary," he says. "This involves having other members and their families over for dinner or going together to be a spectator at an event."

McGovern postulates that if more clubs used the [assessment tools](#) available on RI's Web site, they could prevent more than half the resignations that occur with the first five years of membership, effectively doubling their size and ability to serve over time.

Diary Dates:

Date	Event	Contact	Details
Sept 1 st and 3 rd	Mock Interviews with SMB students	Ross Keating	Sept 1 st – 10:00 to 12 noon Sept 3 rd – 1.00pm to 3.00pm
Sept 7 th	Board Meeting	Kath Venters	DSE - Gillies Street – 7.30
Dec 6 th	Fundraising – BBQ at Bunnings	Vicki Fawcus	TBA

Attendance apologies...

Please advise
Michael Scarlett
 at scarlett@ncable.net.au
 or TXT or ring Michael on
 0418518218 by 6.00 pm Tues.



Where can I make up?...

Monday 6:15 pm Wendouree at the Glass House, Belltower
Tuesday 6:15 pm Ballarat West at Park Hotel, Sturt Street
 6.15 pm Ballarat East at North Ballarat Sports Club
Wednesday 6.30 pm South East Rotaract, First Wednesday of month at North Star Hotel
Thursday 1:00 pm Ballarat at Mid City Motor Inn
 6:15 pm Ballarat South at Ballarat Golf Club, Sturt St (from 17/9/09)
 6.00 pm Young Ambition at Porticos
 7.00 pm Ballan at Flying Tea Pot Café (reservations preferred)
eclub <http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

NEW GENERATIONS MONTH - Message from RI President – John Kenny

My fellow Rotarians:

Lord Byron wrote, “The days of our youth are the days of our glory.” For me, that is the line that springs to mind whenever Rotary’s youth programs are mentioned. In Rotary, September is New Generations Month – a time to focus our attention on our programs for youth and the role they play in shaping the Rotarians of tomorrow.

Our youth programs – Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange – are some of the most important programs of Rotary. I say this because of the unparalleled potential they have to influence young minds and souls toward peace, goodwill, and harmony. That potential is the greatest in youth because the experiences of our early years never leave us; they shape who we later become. In the words often attributed to St. Francis Xavier, “Give me a boy until he is seven, and I will give you the man.” For myself, I would give it a bit longer than that – but there is no doubt that the experiences of our youth have a greater formative power, and a greater ability to shape character, than any we may have in our adulthood.

When a teenager from the United States has the chance to travel to India to participate in a National Immunization Day, or when a student from Brazil spends a year studying in Japan, that person will be forever changed. These young people will have formed connections and affections that will endure. They will never think about their own country, or the world, in the same way again. Their perspective, their priorities, and their values will have been permanently shaped by that experience in a way that no later experiences will have the power to do. Your hard work ensures that these experiences continue to be possible – that these programs continue to be available, to be well run, and to earn the trust of the participants and their families.

The impressions of youth are strong, and they are lasting. There is never a second chance at them. We may grow and change as we get older, and we are surely changed by all of our experiences. But there is never another chance to build who we are. That happens only once: in our youth. The days of our youth truly are the days of our glory – but through Rotary’s youth programs, those days become the glory of all of Rotary.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International

This Month's Featured Web Site

Wendouree Breakfast, check it out at
www.wendoureebreakfast.org.au



The Club’s website featured in the August 2009 edition of the District Governor’s newsletter.

Congratulations to those Club members led by Phillip Lee who have spent Monday nights learning about web design etc. Some statistics provided by Phillip are as follows:

Between 17/6/09 and 14/8/09 we had:

456 visitors to our website of which 55.7% were new visitors
2,654 page views
an average of 5.82 pages viewed per visit
average time on site – 4.33 minutes

Let your friends and family know that they can follow our clubs activities by simply accessing our page.

Club Bulletin:

The Breakfast Bugle is currently being prepared by the Club’s Public Relations Committee. It will include details of upcoming events; reviews of past activities; highlights of the Rotary world outside of our club and issues of importance facing the club and Rotary International. Items of interest from club committee chairs and other members should be sent to j.ruyg@cfa.vic.gov.au for inclusion.