



# K O O N G G A

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## This Week

**Adele Mitchell**

### Viewing Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda

With only around 880 mountain gorillas left in the world, seeing them in the wild is something only a few people will ever have the chance to experience.



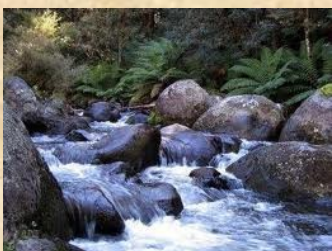
About 480 mountain gorillas inhabit an extinct volcanic region called the Virunga Range along the borders of Rwanda, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo in East Africa. The other 400 or so mountain gorillas inhabit a nearby area of Bwindi in Uganda, a thick rainforest.

Come and hear Adele share her incredible experience of visiting two gorilla families in Rwanda's Virunga Mountains.

## Next 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.

## New Member Induction

### Welcome Loïc Lacombe - the world's newest Rotarian!



Last week we celebrated Bastille Night and to make the night truly memorable, President Tony inducted Frenchman Loïc Lacombe as a member of the club.

In thanking the club, Loïc said that he had been a member of the French 'Round Table' (which is similar to Rotary) for many years and that he had found our club through its website and had been inspired to join it by reading Graham Timms' article 'You can make a difference!'.

Loïc is currently working for not for profit organisations while studying to become an actuary. He was unable to be accompanied by his wife, who is expecting their first child shortly.

Loïc's classification is 'Project Management' and he joins the Community Service Committee.

## Lifeline Book Fair



Leading by example, President Tony McClelland and a team comprising Gary Dawson, Nicky Dawson, Geoff Hungerford, Patsy Hungerford and David helped pack up the Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury Book Fair at Knox Grammar School when it ended at 5 pm on Sunday, 14 July. Well done all of you.

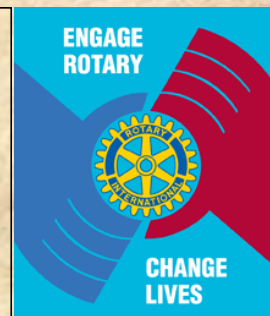
Tony reported that the book fair had raised \$120,000 for Lifeline.

## Horton House Helpers

President Tony reported that Dilys Geddes has become a volunteer at Horton House Aged Care Home in Gordon and that Malcolm Braid has also provided assistance there. Well done to both of them.

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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](http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au)

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## Hopping Family Appeal

Joy Newling spoke about a tragic house fire in Mt Colah where a young woman, Melissa Hopping, died and her mother Joanne and brother Andrew were transported to hospital suffering from minor burns and smoke inhalation. Understandably, husband and father Tony was deeply distressed. The house was destroyed and the family has lost everything.

Melissa was an ex student of Clarke Road School and Studio Artes and Andrew, aged 15, currently attends Clarke Road. The staff and school community are rallying round to support Andrew, Joanne and Tony, as is Studio Artes and other community groups.

An appeal has been set up and is being supported by The Rotary Club of Waitara on behalf of a number of community groups. If you would like to help make a real difference to this family, to help them grieve without financial pressures and to help rebuild their lives, by making a personal donation, please click on the link <http://www.trybooking.com/55896> To make a donation purchase ticket(s) at the amount you wish to donate.

If you would prefer not to donate online then please send your donation to Hopping Family Appeal c/- Studio ARTES, 3/67-71 Jersey Street, Hornsby, NSW 2077. Donations can also be made in person at Studio ARTES or at Gallery ARTES, corner George & Florence Streets, Hornsby.

President Tony has indicated that our club will make a donation.

## Bastille Night



The club celebrated Bastille Night with a French inspired meal; a quiz about the history of the Bastille and its significance in French history, presented

by Ross Egan; a prize for the best dressed 'French' people (Dilys Geddes and - largely on the basis of his name -



Roger Desmarchelier); members' reminiscences of visits to France (most notably Graham Timms selling his Fiat 650 outside L'Opera in Paris to pay for a fare home); and a presentation by Loïc Lacombe about the French overseas territories. Greg Newling

reported viewing the website of a French Rotary Club, on which the only item he could understand was an advertisement for the Rotary International Convention to be held in Sydney next year. Many thanks to Ross and Helen Egan for donating prizes for the evening.



## French Overseas Territories

Four of the French Territories (Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean, Martinique and Guadeloupe in the Caribbean Sea and French Guyana in South America) belong to the European union. The three first produce sugar

cane, rum and are tourism-based. French Guyana is the host of the French space centre, where the two first satellites for the NBN will be launched in 2015. Seven Australian satellites have already been launched from Kourou in French Guyana.

Mayotte, which is located in the Indian Ocean, has begun the process to join the European union. The territories mentioned above as well as St Pierre & Miquelon (close to Canada), all use the euro currency.

Three of the French territories are in the Pacific Ocean (New Caledonia, French Polynesia and Wallis & Futuna) and are between 16,000 and 20,000 km far from Metropolitan France. Their currency is the Pacific Franc and they benefit from a relative administrative and legal autonomy.

The last group of French Territories is composed of the French Southern and Antarctic Lands, the Eparses Islands (around Madagascar) and Clipperton (near Mexico), all of which host servicing meteorological and geophysical research stations.



## The Blackwattle

The Rotary Club of Waitara is pleased to announce that our annual event "The Blackwattle" will be held again this year. This year we have done away with the usual 'Dinner – Dance Ball' and have opted for a fun-filled Rock'n Roll night on September 7 at the Hornsby RSL.

The evening will be full of fun with entertainment by George 'Houndog' Galea and Andy and the Cruisers.

The main aim for 'The Blackwattle' is to raise funds for charities and organisations in our local Hornsby community. The fundraising focus for this year is Studio Artes, the Hornsby Hospital and the Hornsby Salvation Army. The local member for Hornsby, Matt Kean is the patron of 'The Blackwattle' 2013.

As a wonderful supporter of your local community we hope that you will be able to support this fantastic event. Attached letter gives details of the event and sponsoring options available. "The Blackwattle" also offers your members a great opportunity to 'let their hair down'.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to help us help our local community.

Kind regards,

Simon Bryan  
Community Director  
Rotary Club of Waitara