

LILYDALE

Rotary jumps in ring to help club

Sam Bidey

ROTARIANS did a knock-out job – renovating the Lilydale Community Youth Club gymnasium recently.

The most recent project by the Rotary Club of Lilydale, which is celebrating its 50th year of service to the community, will directly benefit more than 200 youth club members.

The gymnasium is used to train children in fitness, self-defence and various forms of boxing and martial arts.

Rotary club member Ian Darvell said they identified the youth club gymnasium upgrade as a very worthwhile project.

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nearly 400 hours of labour to the works over 11 days, including weekends.

The project included a thorough clean-out, patching of walls, repairs to doors, repainting of the roof trusses, walls, and windows.

“We were well supported by Paint Right, in Cavehill Rd, Lilydale and... the Yarra Ranges Council also assisted with requests for roof repairs,” Mr Darvell said.

Lilydale Community Youth Club member Morgan, 15, has a practice round with Lilydale Rotarian Ian Darvell in the renovated gym.

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