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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Phil's 'Osophy

Elsewhere in this bulletin you will find the committees for this year. I apologise I have left this very late, but on the high side, it is done now.

First Committee meeting will be held after our normal meeting at 8:00 PM on 3 September.

Individual committees may 'trade' members if they wish...

Plan is to finish the meeting early, so guests can depart, then have the cttee meet prior to the Board meeting

Bunnings sausage sizzle was probably one of the best yet, with good participation from the club, and good trade. Takings will be announced by Enid.

Thanks to all for making this excellent fund raiser possible.

I am also happy to report that the winning ticket in the community raffle was sold by none other than PP Graeme Aspinall. A fitting reward for the effort he put in. Thanks Graeme. Proceeds of the raffle will be announced by Graeme.

Phil Walters
President

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 26th August [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 2nd Sept [6.30 for 7:00]	Monday 9th Septt [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 16th Sept [6:30 for 7:00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	Retirement Plan-ning	Committee Meet-ing	Timor Leste	Knox Matters
Speaker:	Andrea Jenkins	N/A	Grayden Pilcher-Woodcock,	Mayor Karin or-pen
Committee Sub-ject	N/A	TBA	N/A	N/A
Chairman:	Greg D	Graham F	Paul McA	Bob H
Cashiers:	Paul W & Virginia R	Graeme A & Stuart V	TBA	Graham F & Rahul M
Grace & Toast:	TBA	Paul W & Fran M	Virginia R	Paul McA
Rotary Knowledge		Virginia R Interplast		Rahul M Polio Plus
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M
Scribe:	TBA	Paul McA	TBA	Paul W

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



An update on last year's outgoing exchange student, Damien Croke – Damien applied for National Youth Science Forum recently via RC Beaumaris and he was thrilled to obtain a place in the January session in Canberra. For those who don't know, this is a two week live-in hand-on seminar for students interested in pursuing Science. Currently Damien is thinking of Engineering but as Mum, (Heather Winch) says, who knows NYSF may open his eyes to another possible career.

Also, Damien continues to do well at school. It was thought it may have been difficult for him to get back into the swing of study again after coming home from Germany and at a recent encounter with Counsellor Enid, Damien admitted that it hadn't been easy. Congratulations and Good Luck Damien. You're still very much in the thoughts of RC Fern Tree Gully. We're proud of you.

"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 19th August 2013

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m. with President Phil welcoming all members and visitors—Recently arrived incoming exchange student Barbara Guadencio and her host father Tony Harrison, Bob Prosser and Stuart McDonald

- Barbara introduced herself.
- Tony Harrison introduced himself and members he would be a speaker at the upcoming Membership Seminar

President Phil announced:

- Membership Seminar on 30th August

Chairman - **Phil Walters**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Secretary - **John Flemming**

Read and distributed the mail to the relevant chairs.

Apologies: Julie Goodchild (on leave), Bob Hurst, Rahul Mediratta, Mike Spark and Paul McAloney

Make-Ups - Enid Hughes & Graeme Aspinall

Treasurer - **Enid Hughes**

Advised Rahul has paid his fees.

Vocational - **Phil Walters**

No report

Community - **Graeme Aspinall**

- Advised the timetable for Bunnings Sausage Sizzle had been emailed to those concerned.

International Paul McAloney

No report (on leave)

New Generations **Virginia Rutledge**

- No report

Club Service **Phil Walters**

No report

Fellowship— Fran Mandergeddes

- Lilydale Theatre Co—*Are You Being Served*. Friday, 15th November. Still some tickets available but no price yet.
- Announced 22nd September is to be the first *Vitality* event. Details to be put in the bulletin when available.

Sergeant-at-Arms - **Fran**

Fran extracted our dollars with facts (?) on correct names for "groups" of animals & birds.

Skill: Paul W drew Ace of Hearts

There being no further business President Phil read out the housekeeping duties. There were no birthdays; Anniversary of Wendy & Mike Spark. Greg Downes was inducted in 2011 and Paul Wilson in 2005

Meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Scribe: John Flemming

Committees are as follows:

Fellowship

Fran Mandergeddes
Graeme Faulkener
Julie Goodchild
Mike Spark

International

Paul Macaloney
Rahul Mediratta
Stuart Vize

New Generations

Virginia Rutledge
Paul Wilson
John Fleming
Enid Hughes

Community

Graeme Aspinall
Rob Hurst
Robert Dawson
Greg Downes

Community Kitchen Roster

- 2013

Guide Hall

Underwood Rd

Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car park)
Rotary roster - every second Wednesday, 5.30pm

DATE	ROTARIAN
11th Sept	Paul Wilson
25th Sept	Graeme Aspinall
9th Oct	Enid Hughes
23rd Oct	Paul Wilson
6th Nov	John Flemming
20th Nov	Fran Mandergeddes
4th Dec	Virginia Rutledge
18th Dec	Enid Hughes

Dinner provided
Contact Graeme Aspinall for more information
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Rotary District 9810

Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Knox Cluster 2013-14

Club President's Meeting Minutes

Date	1 Aug 2013
Attendees:	Pres Tim Bray [Bayswater] Pres Phil Walters [Fern Tree Gully] Pres Lorel De Angelis [Knox] Pres Neil White [Rowville-Lysterfield]
Apologies:	Pres Phil Leck [Boronia]
Chair:	AG Russell Gurney

Business	
1. Minutes of previous meeting / actions carried forward 1) Nil	
2. Upcoming DG Visits: 1) DG agenda issued; timings as agenda / District directory; Actions: (1) AG will prepare a one page summary from the Club annual report and Club Plans and send to Club Pres one week prior for comment. (2) AG needs to attend a Club Board meeting before the DG visit, if possible. Boronia TBC; Bayswater 13/8 (clash); Knox 2/10. (3) Club Pres review DG visit agenda to confirm attendees and timing of DG meeting (normally 90 minutes before Club meeting) and who will be entertaining Kay Ericson. (4) Club Pres to prepare the best they can around the agenda topics. RC of FTG feedback encouraged seriously looking at RI Presidential Citation criteria. (5) Club Pres encouraged to use this opportunity with the DG to seek any District support. 2) DG visit timings confirmed as: (1) 13 Aug – Boronia (2) 27 Aug – Rowville-Lysterfield (3) 25 Sep – Bayswater (4) 6 Nov – Knox	RG RG, TB, PL, LDA TB, PL, LDA, NW ALL TB, PL, LDA, NW
3. Working together - Membership: 1) All Club's facing membership challenges to varying degrees with Knox and FTG without a President Elect as this time. Given time constraints, this was the meeting focus. 2) Discussed the opportunities of working together, and leveraging opportunities and resources as mentioned at the District Assembly. 3) Rowville-Lysterfield has their annual Business Breakfast planned for October 2. A good Rotary PR opportunity for all of Knox ++. Flyer to be circulated when available.	NW

<p>4) LDA put forward the idea on a cluster Knox City Rotary Promotion in November with flyers and banners [RG briefly shared Doncaster's experience]. A special meeting to discuss this further will be held on 5 Sep 7:30am at Baton Rouge. LDA to chair.</p>	ALL
<p>4. Working together - Fellowship:</p> <p>1) To facilitate Knox Cluster working together at multiple levels, TB suggested a joint meeting at the Eastern Ranges School to replace a normal meeting across the cluster.</p> <p>2) Timing needs to be assessed for this as soon as possible to gauge Club and member feedback. TB to email Club Pres.</p>	TB / ALL
<p>5. Working together – Youth</p> <p>1) Knox cluster has an excellent relationship with many schools throughout the municipality.</p> <p>2) A list of which schools our Clubs are working with will be pulled together and circulated before the next meeting.</p> <p>3) Another Rotaract Club was raised by PW as an opportunity. To be carried forward to the next Pres Mtg.</p>	RG RG / PW
<p>6. District - review of key diary dates. Clubs asked to support the best they can:</p> <p>(1) 15 Aug – Northern Cluster Foundation Seminar</p> <p>(2) 16 Aug – Presidents and AG's Mtg</p> <p>(3) 30 Aug – District Membership Seminar</p> <p>(4) 6 Sep – District Social Media Seminar</p> <p>(5) 11 Oct – ARH Hat Day</p> <p>On social media, RG stated happy to help Clubs without a presence through the District resource. Feel free to email any content at any time and it will be linked back to your website.</p>	ALL RG / ALL
<p>7. Next Meeting: <i>Knox City Membership Drive Mtg 5 Sep (same place and time)</i></p>	All

Good afternoon folks



Last week Angela and I visited the Nasavusavu School for Special Education to see how things were going - and I'm delighted to report that your sponsored children are all doing very well indeed! Lots of good news to report - and I have attached a few low res pictures as well. Let me know if you would like me to visit the club at any time to add some more detail.

Term 3 starts on 3 September and the theme they have chosen for humanities is 'Australia' - so if you know of any Australian teaching and learning materials suitable for early primary school just let me know - maybe we could put a parcel together?

Semiti - the young man with sight problems... Tania has arranged for him to attend the annual eye clinic at the Beeves Foundation Eye Clinic on the 29th of August.

The clinic is being held at Natuvu Mission Hospital (Buca Bay), and Tania will arrange with the bus company to charge us for his and his care givers fare to attend the clinic - around FJ\$32. If that clinic is unable to help we will get Semiti over to Taveuni Island to attend their clinic in October if the assessment suggests that would be appropriate. The fare is covered and the clinic is free! I'll let you know how he goes.

The school are hoping to get one of the other sponsored children Jonati over to Australia at some stage for surgery on club feet - that's not on the ABCD project list and will be sponsored by another organisation. But it does demonstrate some of the special needs faced by children at the Spec Ed School.

All the other sponsored children are doing really well. Head teacher Maria is absolutely thrilled to bits with the support you are giving the children to be able to attend the school - and needless to say the families are very, very grateful for your help. I can promise you it really is making a massive difference to these young lives!

We're also searching for a special school in Melbourne that might be interested in setting up a partnership with Nasavusavu Spec Ed. - exchanging info. teaching ideas, cultures etc etc. We also thought it might be possible to set up an exchange with a Vocational training grant coming into play - I'll explore with Graham Richardson. Let me know if you have any contacts into special schools in your area.

Enjoy the pictures - lots of happy faces!

Cheers

Ken

