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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Phil's 'Osophy

Oh what a night!!

Our joint meeting last week with Bayswater to celebrate our exchange students could only be described as a resounding success.

We filled KT with 35 members and guests from both clubs for a most enjoyable evening, with Rhiannon introducing herself as our outgoing student, and Barbara addressing the clubs about her native Brasil and telling us something about her home and family. Barbara is settling into the life of student exchange and we look forward to seeing more of her.

I would also like to see a few more joint meetings with Bayswater.

Another high-point for the night was the presentation of a sapphire to his PHF for Bob Prosser, which was presented by Bayswater president, Tim Bray.

Overall, a most enjoyable evening and a clear example of the difference a large attendance makes.

Elsewhere in this bulletin you will find some information about the impending Rotary promotion. Please give this a big push - be seen in your Rotary regalia (T Shirt!!) and speak and show your Rotary association proudly.

The cluster is working on some shopping centre promotions which will involve all of the cluster clubs. We will be expected to do our bit and man or woman the promotions at some stage.

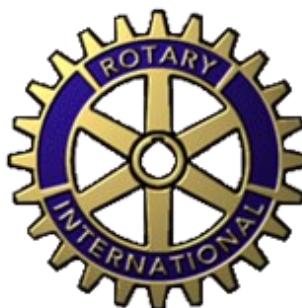
Paul Wilson has taken on the job to manage our promotion budget this year and will have more to say soon, I'm sure!

Phil Walters
President

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 23rd Sept [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 30th Sept [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 7th Oct [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 14th Oct [6:30 for 7:00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	Life Skills - the map is not the territory	Swags for the Homeless	Committee Meeting	AGM / RYLA Experience
Speaker:	Megan Jaworski	Lisa Clark	N/A	Jo Wilson
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	TBA	N/A
Chairman:	Graeme A	Paul McA	Virginia R	Paul W
Cashiers:	Rob D & Graham F	Bob H & Greg D	Rob D & Greg D	Graham F & Rahul M
Grace & Toast:	Enid H	Fran M	TBA	John F
Rotary Knowledge	Rahul M Polio Plus			
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M
Scribe:	Bob H	Rahul M	Graham F	Graeme A

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	Julie & Mark Goodchild
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	Rahul Mediratta



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 16th September 2013

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m. with President Phil welcoming everyone and commenting this was a joint meeting with RC Bayswater. He introduced their President—Tim Bray.

President Phil announced:

- With presentations expected from Youth Exchange Students Barbara and Rhiannon, together with that from Mayor Karin Orpen, there was a full schedule to get through.

Chairman - **Paul McAloney**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Acting Secretary - **Graeme Aspinall**

Read and distributed the mail.

Apologies: Rob Dawson, Mike Spark, Graham Faulkner, Rahul Mediratta, John Flemming, Virginia Rutledge and Greg Downs.

Make-Ups - Paul Wilson, Paul McAloney, Virginia Rutledge, Fran Mandergeddes (Woolworths S/S)

International Paul McAloney

- Made mention of last week's speaker (Grayden Pilcher) who wanted to help the community—excellent presentation.

Other - **Bob Prosser**

- Spoke on the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, relating a story about a girl living in isolation in northern Australia who met up with inbound exchange students who passed through the tiny township where she was living. The students were on Safari. She subsequently has been accepted for exchange next year with various clubs sponsoring her financially. This is the time of thing that motivates Rotarians across the world. It's what the Rotary Youth Exchange Program is all about.

Sergeant-at-Arms - **Fran Mandergeddes**

- Fran extracted money from various football supporters, upsetting the Collingwood supporters. She then moved on to Logie questions (where the correct answer was no defence.) Moving on to general knowledge—there was much jocularity.

Youth Exchange Students -

Rhiannon Ives, Outbound Student

- Introduced herself (in German) and then, reverting to English, told us a little about herself and her family, why she wanted to be an exchange student and that she would be departing for Austria in January 2014.

Barbara Guadencio, Inbound Student

- Told us she was from Bel Horizonte, Brasil. She gave a Powerpoint presentation giving various statistics on Brasil and later, photographs of her family.

- Barbara told us how she came to apply for youth exchange. At a Rotary meeting she heard past exchange student Isabella Zatti describing her time in Australia with RC FTG and was inspired with the enthusiasm to request Australia as her destination country.

President Phil then invited **President Tim** to take the floor. President Tim took great pleasure in presenting Deputy Chairman of the District YEP Committee, Bob Prosser, with a Sapphire to add to his PHF. This was awarded for his efforts and contribution to Youth Exchange over many years. A very well deserved award. Well done Bob!!

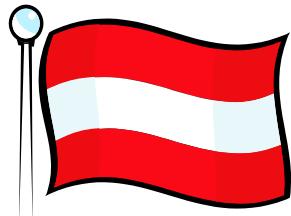
PROGRAM: KNOX MATTERS - **Karin Orpen, Mayor of Knox**

- Karin told us of her history of standing up for, and fighting for, right and justice. Currently the fight on her hands is to stop high rise development in FTG village.
- Talked of long ago issues surrounding the local CFA tin rattle which was to be stopped due to regulations. This was when she approached Rotary to help.
- Told how Knox Council was once a part of the shire of Fern Tree Gully. One of only two councils to become a city. 2013 is the City of Knox's 50th Anniversary and has produced a new logo to commemorate it.
- With a budget of \$140 million and 150,000 budgeting is a big job.
- Knox has one of the highest rates of domestic violence in the whole of Melbourne. Working with Yarra Ranges a government grant has been given to help address the problem.
- There is a campaign (25th November) - *White Ribbon Day*. To promote the elimination of violence against women.

There being no further business Pres Phil thanked Karin Orpen, congratulated Bob Prosser, thanked Pres Tim and other Bayswater members, and all other guests for attending. He then read out the housekeeping duties for next week and made mention of the upcoming fellowship morning on 22nd encouraging all to attend in their Rotary uniform.

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Scribe: Paul Wilson



How?

Simply by turning conversations into actions. Once a week groups of people like you get together and help others in the community. It's life changing. It's exciting. It's knowing you are really making a difference.

And we're probably around the corner from your place.

Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self is channelled through five Avenues of Service, which form the foundation of club activity.

Community Service focuses on change starting with our local community. Activities that our clubs undertake to improve life in their community include Bevacuna, Secondlife, Air Rescue, Emergency Medical Information Bots, and rebuilding flood and/or fire affected communities. Community Service also includes Australian Rotary Health, a registered charitable organisation that supports health research projects and research scholarships in Australia.



Youth Service recognises the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding. Programs include Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPE), Rotary Youth Exchange, the National Youth Science Forum, the Science and Engineering Challenge, Model United Nations Assembly, and youth driver awareness.



Rotary... where people help people and achieve extraordinary things.

For over one hundred years, motivated people around the world have come together as Rotarians to unite the power of one with the power of many to bring about exceptional change in the world. Made up of men and women across all vocations and cultures, Rotary is a non-political, non-religious global organisation focused on improving the wellbeing of local and international communities and bringing about world peace and understanding.

To be a Rotarian is simply to have a desire to do something to help others. To be a Rotarian is to develop your skills, broaden your networks, grow your understanding and knowledge, enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded people and build life-long friendships. With 34,000 Rotarians in 1164 clubs in Australia and 1,210,047 Rotarians in 32,774 clubs overall around the world, that's a powerful lot of people making a difference.

Diversity and Women in Rotary

Rotary International recognises the value of diversity and encourages club membership to reflect individual communities with regard to professional and business classification, gender, age, religion, and ethnicity as the key to the future. Rotary is also dedicated to achieving equality for women around the world by helping local and global communities to improve health and education standards, achieve economic independence, and provide better education for all.

The Rotary Foundation

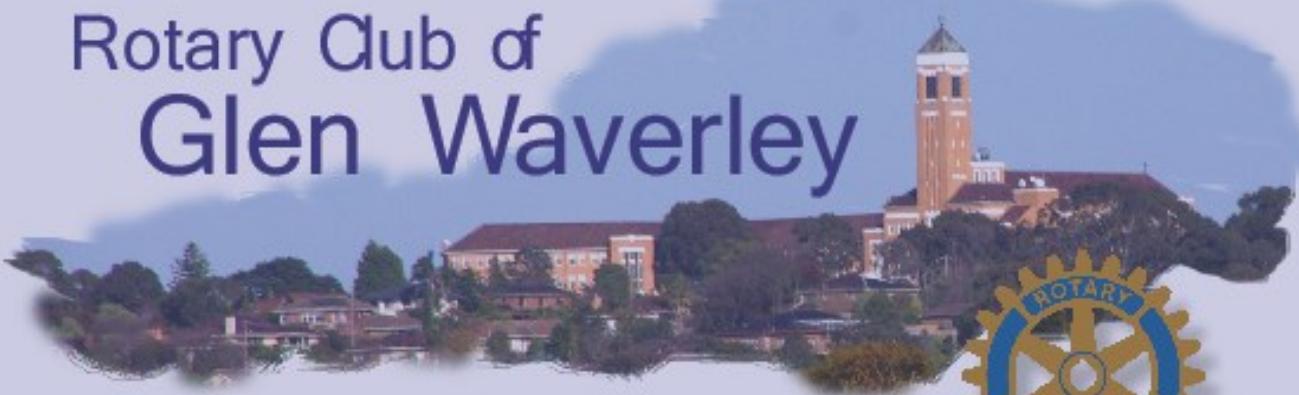
The Rotary Foundation's mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. It is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world by funding its humanitarian programs in 215 countries. Programs include Polio Plus, and vocational and cultural exchanges through Group Study Exchange, Peace Fellowships and Ambassadorial Scholarships.

International Service expands Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and promotes world understanding and peace. Rotary clubs can sponsor projects in another country, seek international partners to support projects in their own communities, or Rotarians can personally volunteer at an international project site. Projects include polio eradication, water and sanitation programs, reconstructive surgery programs (Handicap and ROMAC), friendship exchanges and disaster relief.



Rotary. Humanity in motion.

Rotary Club of Glen Waverley



Jeff Kennett

'Mental Health - My View'



\$35 per
head

Includes two
course meal

Open forum

October 14th 6:00 for 6:30

Village Green Hotel, (Cabaret Room)
Cnr Springvale Rd & Ferntree Gully Rd, Mulgrave

Please send advice of attendance and cheque to:-

PP Jack Wilson, RC Glen Waverley, PO Box 218, Glen Waverley, 3150

or EFT to Bendigo Bank BSB 633 108 a/c 128508488 RC Glen Waverley **stating from whom & reason for payment**. Cut-off is Thurs, October 9th.

WOOLWORTHS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

(Cnr Brenock Park Rd/Burwood Highway
Ferntree Gully)

Sunday

20th OCTOBER, 2013

9.00 a.m.

To

3.00 p.m.

Helpers required

Contact Paul Wilson

0414 315 611



If you can't help—at least come and buy a sausage!

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
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

0425 432 290

CLUB NOTICE

ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY

Will hold its

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on

14th October 2013

Knox Tavern

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"Celebrating Women in Rotary"

Copied by PDG Ross Skinner from a club bulletin

- Prior to 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of RI stated that Rotary club membership was for males only.
- In 1978, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, invited three women to become members.
- The RI Board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI constitution.
- The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law that prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations.
- The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations.
- This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes.
- In October of 1987, the Rotary Club of Angels-Murphys D5220 inducted three women and in spite of threats to quit Rotary by some of the older male members - none did.
- Two of these three women went on to lead the A-M Rotary Club as president and one those completed over two years as charter president of the Angels Camp Centennial Rotary Club (a club which is very proud of its 50% female membership). That President has completed 19 years of perfect attendance.
- The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary.
- Since that time, women have become members and leaders of clubs and districts throughout the world.



I congratulate you and your colleagues in Women in Rotary on the contribution you make, on the work you do to enhance opportunities for women in your great international organisation that signifies proud traditions of community service.

Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

A WEEK TO REMEMBER....

Karin Orpen, Mayor of Knox expounded at length on her history with the City of Knox and also with our club. Knox shares their 50th anniversary with RC Fern Tree Gully both having come into being in 1963 . We're slightly older—May for us, August for the City of Knox.



Above L-R: Karin Orpen, Mayor of Knox with Presidents Phil Walters and Tim Bray.

Left: Rotary Exchange Student Barbara Guadencio. Barbara gave us an excellent presentation and a clear snapshot of Brasil. For a girl who has only been in Australia a matter of weeks her presentation, in English, was excellent!

Below: President Tim Bray presented a well earned Sapphire to Bob Prosser's Paul Harris Fellowship. Bob has been involved with Rotary Youth Exchange for many years and well deserves this honour.



Below left: Rhiannon Ives told us a little about herself and why she wants so much to be a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. Rhiannon departs for Austria in January 2014.

Below Right: Some of those attending the joint meeting of RC FTG and RC Bayswater. An excellent night—we should do it more often!

