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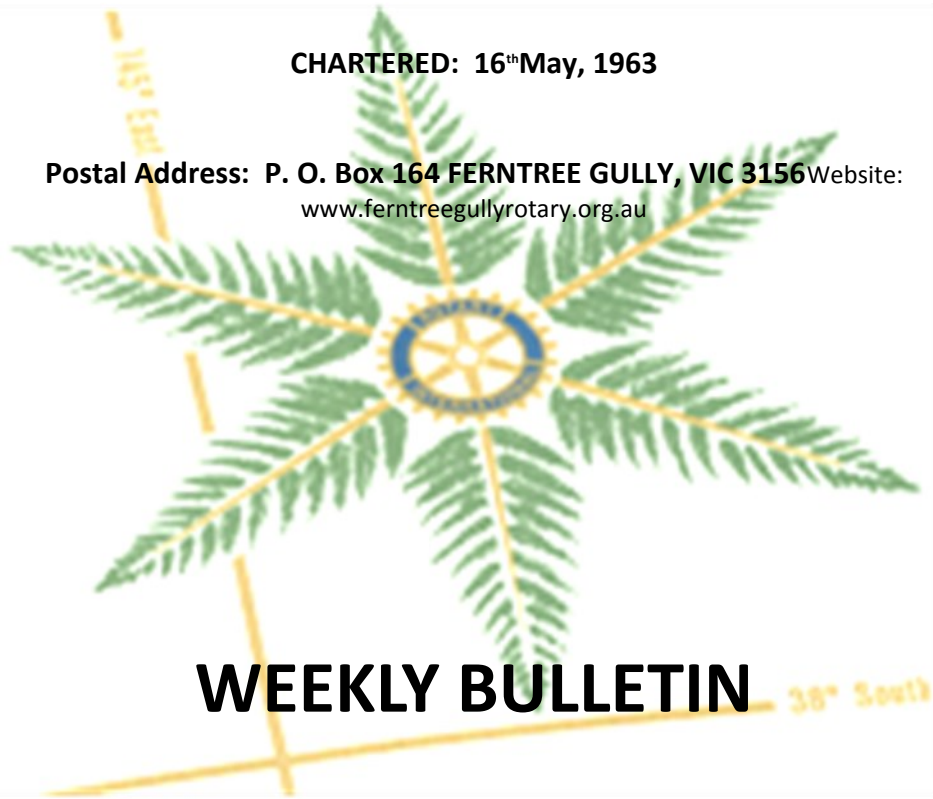
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ROTARY JUNIOR COMMUNITY AWARD

From left to right, Toby Webster, Riley Kent, Stacie Creswell, Coleman Shook, and teacher Bianca Davies. Four of the students of Ferntree Gully North Primary School who have completed this year's Junior Community Award. The four students pictured attended last week's Rotary Club meeting and showed remarkable skills as they displayed/explained the projects they have undertaken during the school year. (See pages 5 for more information/piccies)

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

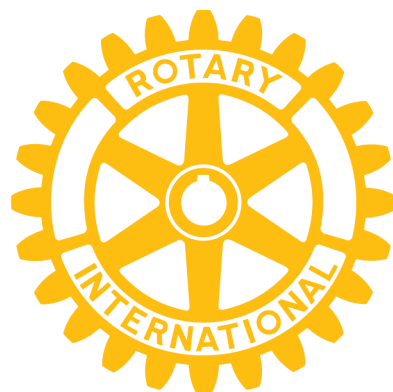
Date & Time:	Monday 18 Nov. [6:30 for 7.00]	Monday 25 Nov. [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 2 Dec. [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 9 Dec. [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 16 Dec. [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	ROMAC	Lifeline - A Volunteer's Experience	Committee Meeting	TBA	Christmas break-up
Speaker:	Graeme Chester	Tony Bell	N/A	TBA	N/A
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	TBA	N/A	N/A
Chair:	Virginia R	Greg D	Mike S	Paul W	Bob H
Cashiers:	Rob D & Greg D.	Mike S & Paul McA	Paul W & Virginia R	Mike S & Graeme A	Paul W & Virginia R
Grace & Toast:	Enid H	Virginia R	Paul Mc	John F	Stuart V
Rotary Knowledge		TBA	TBA	TBA	N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M
Scribe:	Paul W	Graeme A	Graham F	Bob H	N/A

NOTE FROM YOUR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS :

IF YOU ARE UNABE TO FULFILL YOUR ROSTERED DUTY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE! IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, YOU RISK BEING "NAMED AND SHAMED" AND - PERHAPS - OTHER TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES !

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

Rotary



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

MONDAY 11th November 2013

Meeting opened at 7.00 p.m. with President Phil welcoming all members.

President Phil announced:

- Welcomed FTG North Primary & Fairhills Primary School students and teachers.
- Asked that money be thrown at him
- Handed over to Bianca from FTG North PS and students Toby, Riley, Stacey and Coleman.

PRESENTATION:

- **Riley**—a Powerpoint presentation
 - A 10-week period with the Salvation Army Op Shop at FTG. Did various jobs.
 - Phys. Ed—Tennis. He could focus on what he needed to improve.
 - In the community area he visited a number of interesting places.
- **Coleman** learned how to use 3 whips (but focused on the stock whip). Did not research much of the cat 'o' nine tails. Did ten weeks practice (wore safety goggles). Did 6 types of cracks. He knew the different parts of the whip and the reason for the crack (breaks the sound barrier).
Coleman also went with a group to the ANZSAC ceremony at the 1000 steps. They covered approximately 14 kms. That day.
Went to Glen Golan and was nervous but learned much.
- **Toby**—Cultural Exchange—Went to a festival, saw drummers, tried different foods; saw different dances from many countries. He learned much about the various societies.
Community Services—helped a stroke patient for some weeks.
- **Stacey** Went to a Hindu temple at The Basin and found that they have many Gods whom they pray to for different reasons.
Cultural Exchange—Learned a lot—sugar cane is the major export but they also sell Fiji water and many other things.

The students then told the Fairhills' representatives what they got out of doing the program. Some of the community work was hard but it surprised and delighted them.

Chairman: Mike Spark

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Secretary: John Flemming

- Read the mail
- Spoke of Stuart Vize's health
- Bunnings BBQ

Apologies: Rahul M, Rob D, Rob H, Greg D, Stuart V, Julie G

Make-Ups John Flemming

Treasurer: Enid Hughes

No report but advised the budget is under control but we need to fundraise. Wishing Well is not going well. We may need to think about relocating it.

Community: Graeme Aspinall

- Still nothing doing on FTG Railway Station Beautification

Vocational: Phil Walters

No report

International: Paul McAloney

- RDU, An article in September—13 year old in Cambodia—Wheelchairs for kids—a great story

New Generations: Virginia Rutledge

- GSE applications are being sought—suggested Bianca Davies might be a good candidate. Applications close 22/11/13. Club members agreed that Jill Wilson should make initial contact followed by a letter if Bianca is interested. Graeme A & Paul W will help her with the application.

Club Service: Mike Spark

- First weekend in December—Fellowship weekend away in Bright. Bookings have been finalized.

Fellowship: Fran Mandergheddes

- Reminded everyone that *Are You Being Served* was this coming Friday. 8.15 pm start.
- Macclesfield Trout Farm—Sunday 17th meet at 11.30 a.m.
- MickBench is doing a fundraiser for Motor Neurone Disease—Team Cass.
- Christmas Breakup: Monday 16th December. Is a combined meeting with Bayswater.
- "Impact for Women" seeking donations of toiletries and cosmetics.
- Foothills Community—Mens Gifts before 19th Dec.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Fran

Ripped us off again!

Skill: Graeme A picked 9 of clubs Hooray!

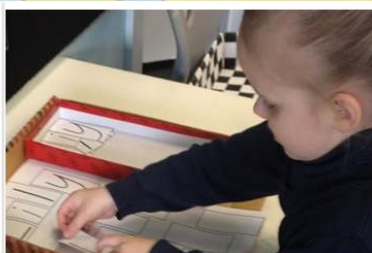
President's Closing Remarks:

- 23/11—10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. membership standing at Bayswater. Brochures required for that day.
- Raffle—\$500 Hamper—each club to donate \$100
- 7/12—Wellington Village—10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Membership stand.
- 30/11—FTG Discovery Day Festival
- 13/11—Cluster meeting; Eastern Ranges School. All welcome.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Scribe: John Flemming

KNOX CLUSTER AND EASTERN RANGES SCHOOL



On Wednesday, 13th November members of the five Rotary Clubs in Knox – Bayswater, Boronia, Ferntree Gully, Knox and Rowville-Lysterfield – gathered at the Eastern Ranges School. We had what Rotary term a “Cluster” meeting. The purpose was to learn what developments this very special school has undertaken.

After plying us with loads of yummy finger food Tim Bray opened the proceedings by welcoming all present.

Eastern Ranges School, Dorset Road, FTG. This is the place that is recognized as “World’s Best Practice” in its field.

Four points:

1. Purpose – introduction of the great place and wonderful people that make up the community here. Some students and parents have also attended. Nice to see. School Captain Lachlan and his assistant Thomas were also there.
2. Membership – There are plans in place to attract more members to the cluster.
3. We need to work more closely together as a cluster. Membership events that are going to be run are being done as a cluster rather than just individual clubs
4. A past member of Bayswater recently passed away. He

suffered from bowel cancer. Something the club wants to do as a memorial for him is to create an award that will be part of Eastern Ranges School. The reason for this is that Peter was very inventive and innovative and stood for what one needed to do to enable people to be successful in life. This school is considered to be the best of its kind. It is also a centre for professional development. This means that they teach other teachers how to teach children with special needs.



What an evening! Gail Preston (Principal), Dr Anna Bortoli (Assistant Principal, Junior School) and John Glare (Assistant Principal, Middle School) gave us one of the most interesting evenings we have spent in a long time. Their achievements are outstanding!

Gail gave us a potted history of how plans for the school had developed. 2006 was when it all started. As the Ferntree Gully College had originally occupied this site it was decreed that they could not build any new buildings but could gut the inside and redevelop it. Children with autism have special needs and the internal architectural design was done with these children in mind. There were many difficulties with this but eventually they were overcome.

Today with approximately 125 students they have more than 55 on staff – 30 teachers and 25 Education Support Staff. There has been some Government funding and the staff needed (and still need) to travel overseas to do research and training in the TEACCH methodology. All have continued professional learning and have found that issues raised with children in the beginning no longer exist. Now the school is on the right track. They have created a wonderful environment for the children. Their reputation for “Best Practice” is out there now.



With autism (as with most disabilities), the diagnosis is higher with the male population. Current figures are 1 in 30 children will have a diagnosis of autism.

Approximately 80% of the Students travel to and from school by bus which is provided. Students travel from a 30 km radius, unlike other schools where it is normally only 3-4 kms.

Rotary members were treated to a tour of the school; what an immense change from the days it was the Ferntree Gully College.

As always, funds are important but this school don't just want money to build; rather they want to establish a world class facility. As far as Rotary is concerned, they are looking for assistance in fitting out classrooms with specially designed furniture. RC Bayswater have pledged the profits from their

annual art show which has furnished one of the classrooms and it is hoped that the other clubs will come on board too.

The school is currently Prep to year 7 and will eventually go to year 12. 40 years went into developing this method of teaching. It is believed to be the only school in the world that teaches this way.

There is a waiting list for children wanting to attend this school.





ROTARY JUNIOR COMMUNITY AWARD

The end of the year is approaching and once again members of RC Fern Tree Gully were treated to an exposition of the work/projects that the students of Ferntree Gully North Primary School have worked on all year. As always, their efforts were spectacular. All of them were amazingly self assured and confident in their presentations. Well done everyone!

Fairhills Primary School also have participated this year. It was great to see staff/student/parents there to see how it all happens. Hope they were as impressed as we were. The students presenting certainly proved to be excellent role models.

Thank you to all who attended. Rotary club members are looking forward to attending both schools to award certificates and off well earned congratulations to all students, supportive families and their teachers.

This is a tough certificate to earn. Students work very hard but all of them admit to how rewarding it is when it's finished.

Dear Angliss Hospital volunteers

We are looking for 1 or 2 friendly volunteers to spend time with patients to find out about their experience at Angliss Hospital. This involves surveying patients one day a month at various wards at the Angliss Hospital. Volunteers can choose the day of the month that best suits them.

When you visit patients you will take either a paper survey or a survey on a hand-held electronic device to ask patients 10 basic questions about their experience. Questions will be about things such as information, communication, food, involvement of family and friends etc. This feedback is very important as it helps us to know where we need to make improvements so we can provide a great patient experience. Training on how to conduct these surveys will be provided as well as ongoing support.

If you would like to register your interest for this position or if you have any further questions please contact Tanya Hendry, Manager Consumer Participation & Patient Experience on 8804 0483 or [0427 533 772](tel:0427533772) or email Tanya at tan-ya.hendry@easternhealth.org.au

Kind regards

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WHAT OUR MONEY WAS SPENT ON.....

Following the interesting, informative and moving presentation by Major Merv Lincoln in his role as Prison Chaplain at our last meeting, see below the bears (purchased with our donation) which will be the 'cherished children' in the program run by

Merv.



CFA Tin Rattle

Dawson Street /Burwood Hwy

Upper Ferntree Gully

23/24th November

IS YOUR NAME ON THE ROSTER???

If not, see Graeme Aspinall

	Saturday	Sunday
Graeme Aspinall	All day	All day
Rob Dawson		3.00 - 5.00 pm
Enid Hughes	1.00 - 3.00 pm	
Bob Hurst	11.00 - 3.00 pm	11.00 - 3.00 pm
Fran Mandergheddes	All day	All day
Paul McAloney		11.00 - 1.00 pm
Mike Spark	11.00 - 3.00 pm	11.00 - 3.00 pm
Phil Walters		9.00 - 11.00 am



24th November

Bayswater Festival

An opportunity for Rotary to get some local visibility

IS YOUR NAME ON THE ROSTER????

ROTARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

(CLUSTER PROJECT)

DATE CORRECTION

Phil's Osophy told us it was 7th November
(Thursday)

WRONG !

SHOULD HAVE BEEN

7th December (Saturday)

Wellington Road Shopping Centre

10.00 a.m.—4.00 p.m.

Apologies everyone—can you please amend the date in your diaries

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
20th Nov	Fran Mandergheddes
4th Dec	Virginia Rutledge
18th Dec	Enid Hughes

Dinner provided

Contact Graeme Aspinall for more information

0425 432 290



A Family Day of Activities, Education, Fun & Entertainment



FERN TREE GULLY VILLAGE

Discovery Day

Saturday November 30th 2013
from 9am to 2pm

in and around
Station Street, Ferntree Gully Village

Op-Shop Fashion Parade

Street Performances

Trash & Treasure

Village Trader Specials

Cemetery Tours

Art Exhibitions

Live Entertainment

Open Day Displays

Local Traders Open

Artisan
Market

Animal
Petting
Farm

Food
&
Drink

Street
Stalls

Local
Sports
Clubs

CFA
Displays

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