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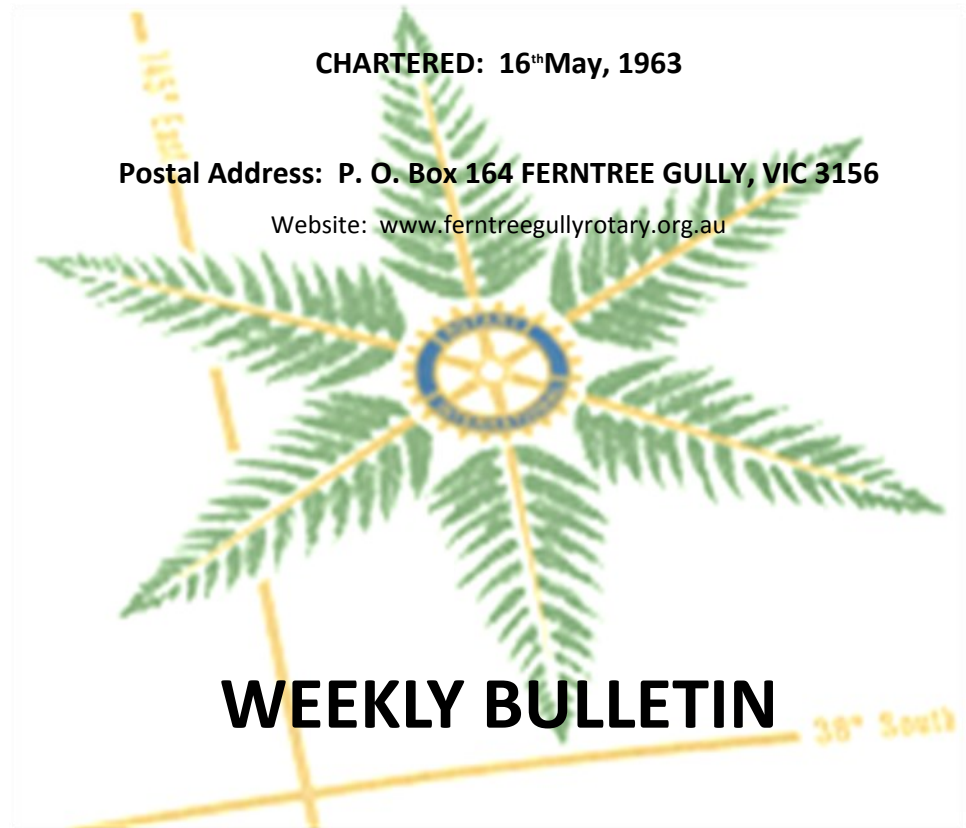
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ROTARY JUNIOR COMMUNITY AWARD

This week it was the turn of Fairhills Primary School Students. Their first year of completing the program. They were wonderful! Lead by teacher Ebony Waldron (she blazed the trail for a fantastic first year for the school). Rotarians were thrilled to hear that Fairhills are intending to participate again next year. (See page 4 for more photos)

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 16 Dec. [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 23rd Dec & 30th Dec	Monday 6th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 13th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 20th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Saturday 25th Jan
Venue:	Knox Tavern				Knox Tavern	
Program:	Christmas break-up	CHRISTMAS	Fireside	Fireside	TBA	Sausage
Speaker:	N/A	BREAK	Meeting	Meeting		Sizzle
Committee Subject	N/A				N/A	
Chair:	Bob H	NO	Graham & Lindy F's home	Virginia R's home	Virginia R	Masters
Cashiers:	Paul W & Virginia R	MEETINGS	4 Arawatta Street	24A Westley Street	Rob D & Greg D	Scoresby
Grace & Toast:	Stuart V		Vermont South	Ferntree Gully	Graham F	
Rotary Knowledge	N/A					
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Fran M				Fran M	
Scribe:	N/A				Paul W	

NOTE FROM YOUR SARGEANT : 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 !

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<i>Birthdays:</i>	16th—Paul Wilson 16th—Lachlan Downes '97
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

MONDAY 9th December 2013

Meeting Opened: at 7pm; **President Phil** welcomed members and provided a brief comment on the Rotary Membership cluster stand held at Wellington Road Shopping Centre which he, PP Graeme Aspinall and PP Robert Dawson attended the previous Saturday.

President's announcements: Has some raffle tickets still available which will be drawn on the 19th Dec at the Knox Club

Chairman : Paul Wilson

Secretary: P.P. John Flemming gave details of the mail received, amongst which was a Christmas card from the Foothills Group thanking the club for our assistance throughout the year.

'Aztecs' display at the Melbourne Museum from 9 April to 20 April 2014,
John followed up with the District Governor about what was happening with the funds collected for the Philippines disaster. They are to be given direct to effected residents for food, water & medicine which are the most desperately needed items.

Apologies: received from Rotarian Rahul , and from PP Stuart Vize and PP Julie Goodchild who are both on leave

Make Ups: Rotarian Virginia at the community kitchen, Graham Aspinall and Bob Dawson at the cluster stand on Saturday, 7 December.

Treasurer: no report

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Community Service: PP Graham Aspinall needs names of volunteers to man the sausage sizzle at 'Masters Hardware' at Scoresby on Saturday 25 January.
PP Graham Faulkner wants the contributions for his participation in "Movember"

Vocational Service: members were reminded that the district conference was being held in Bendigo on the 21st - 23rd March 2014

International Service: no report

New Generations: Rotarian Paul Wilson gave a report on the Rotary Junior Community Awards at Fairfield primary school and thanked those members who

attended in support of the event.

Club Service no report

Fellowship: PP Fran Mandergheddes provided a run-down on the great time had by all those who attended the fellowship weekend at Bright with a special thank you to Mike Spark for organising the accommodation.

Advised members that 10 day cruise of the South Pacific had been organised by some of the club members, the ship is leaving from Sydney on 11 March 2014, any other members who wanted to join the group would be more than welcome.

Monday the 16th Christmas meeting has been organised, cost is \$25 for three course 'Christmassy' meal there will be a Kris Kringle with presents to be provided by members valued between \$10 and \$15 on the basis of blokes bring "blokey" presents, sheilas bring "shealery" presents or neutral presents such as chocolates or wine etc

Sergeant-At-Arms: PP Fran provided us with some deep and meaningful quotes from Nelson Mandela (instead of jokes) for which the members had to pay to hear.

Skills Attempt: won by Graham Faulkner who drew the jack of spades

PROGRAMME: The speaker was Mark Carthew who is an author of children's books with 125 books to his credit, Mark is a multifunctional person, in addition to being an author he is a primary school teacher with a Ph.D., a playwright a songwriter and a musician.

He gave us a most entertaining and animated talk on his passion for writing children's books, many of which he does in collaboration with illustrators (loves working with other artistic people) and enjoys playing with words.

Engaged the audience by having Paul McA and Virginia, and Fran and Mike entertain us by reading from some of his works. He wrote his first book at age 3, believes he acquired his passion for books by growing up in a family that loved books. However he made the point that despite his passion and enthusiasm for what he does it's a tough, tough industry to make a quid.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm or thereabouts.

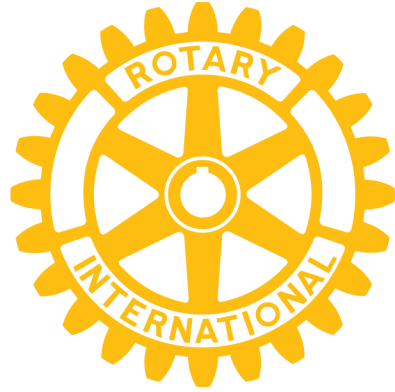
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ROTARY JUNIOR COMMUNITY AWARD

Once again, club members gathered with parents, teachers and students—this time at Fairhills Primary School. This was the first time we had the privilege of distributing the certificates awarded to those students who had successfully completed the program. The students all did well but special thanks must go to Ebony Waldron without whose efforts the program would not have gotten off the ground. Well done everyone!



Rotary



Highlights of the 2014 Rotary District 9810 Conference, Bendigo

Where:	All Seasons Resort 171 – 183 McIvor Road Strathdale (five minutes' drive east of Bendigo)
When:	Golf / Bowls Day – Thursday, 20 March, 2014 Conference – Friday, 21 March to Sunday, 23 March, 2014
What:	
Thursday, 20 March	Golf Day from 12:00 noon Bowls Day from 12:00 noon BBQ dinner and presentation following Golf and Bowls Competitions at Bendigo Golf Club from 6:00pm.
Friday, 21 March	Registration desk opens from 12.00 noon Opening Ceremony at 7.00pm for 7.30pm Opportunity for fellowship and supper provided after conclusion with drinks available at bar prices during supper.
Saturday, 22 March	Plenary sessions begin at 9.00am Morning tea and lunch provided One Golden Night Gala Dinner from 7.30pm at All Seasons Resort
Sunday, 23 March	Plenary sessions begin at 9.00am Morning Tea provided Conference closes at 1.00pm with a boxed lunch to follow



FELLOWSHIP—WEEKEND IN BRIGHT

The weekend of 6-9 December saw 11 of us travel to beautiful Bright, for a few days of fun, fellowship, food and frothy drinks.

There was: Mike S, John & Anne F, Paul & Jill W, Paul & Kay Mc, Rob & Marg H and Brian M and I.

Mike had very kindly arranged accommodation for us all at the Bright Resort, where we had 3 very comfortable 2-bedroom villas in a kind of a triangle, with a barbecue and seating area in the middle.

Friday night saw us all enjoying a barbecue dinner of snags, burgers and salads, all washed down with loads of plonk, and accompanied by much hilarity, corny jokes and friendly insults - as you always have with people you love !!!



Saturday morning came, the sky was blue and the sun was shining. A bit chilly, but very nice. This time we sat down to a bbq breakfast Canadian style, consisting of eggs, bacon, hash browns, pancakes and maple syrup, with coffee and tea flowing freely.

Some of us ventured to Mount Beauty, where we were promised “25 exciting market stalls of diverse items.” Well, someone couldn’t count – unless they included the 12 tables containing plants being sold by the same vendor – as there were certainly less than 25, to say the least! Still, a few of us capitulated and bought stuff we probably didn’t need, just for the sake of it.

We then adjourned to a bakery/café where we tried very hard to enjoy our coffee and tea, but were driven away by the incessant hordes of flies that

kept surrounding us.

These same intrepid travellers then visited Bogong village and marvelled at the gorgeous trees, the rushing water and the general beauty of the place.

Saturday night we ventured into town for a counter meal, which was good value indeed, followed by more fellowship in a villa until Bob H decided to produce the usb that now houses his one million country and western songs. A rather heated argument followed, disputing some opinions as to who is the best singer of Me and Bobby Magee (Janis Joplin, of course !!!) so, to bed we went.

Sunday found a much warmer morning, the cicadas going mad rubbing their bits together (argument that morning over which bits!). Another bbq breakfast but this time without the pancakes.

A few went off to explore Beechworth, Kay and Paul visited some “outlaws” who live in the area, and in the afternoon, the rest of us went to the brewery (of course) where there was a band playing. There the others met up with us and we all had a jolly good time !

Unfortunately Bri and I had to leave Sunday afternoon; the others stayed on for another night and returned on Monday so as to be in attendance at the Fairhills Primary RJC awards.



All in all, it was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend, with great company, lovely weather and much needed R & R. I know I for one came home feeling the benefits such a short break can bring.

So, look out for the next one, which we hope will be over the Australia Day weekend in January 2014, at Phillip Island. We are also planning it to be the President’s picnic for Phil.

Some can be accommodated at my holiday house and I am going to see if Mick Bench would allow the use of his house there if it is not taken at that time. Alternatively, there is other accommodation, but for those contemplating a motel, etc., I would suggest you get in early with your booking.

I realise it is the Masters sausage sizzle that Saturday, but that shouldn’t stop us from getting together at the Island after that, and enjoying a couple of days there.

Fran M.