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DAVID TOLSTRUP & Alison
Rotary Club of Box Hill

President,

PAUL McALONEY & Kay

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

IVAN GIGOVIC,

Vale: August 2003

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN



HARVEY LANE—INTERPLAST

Harvey gave members a thorough run-down on the activities of Interplast. He certainly was inspiring with Pres. Paul promising to approach the Board with a view to contributing to one of DG David's special emphasis projects.

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 28th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 5th October [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 12th October [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 19th October [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 26th Oct [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	CFA	Committee Meeting	TBA	AGM / RYLA Presentation	TBA
Speaker:	Graham Crichton	N/A	TBA	Scott Newstead	TBA
Committee Subject	N/A	TBA	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chair:	Sean C	Paul McA	Graeme A	John R	Paul W
Cashier:	Paul W	Enid H	Mike S	Graeme A	John R
Rotary Toast	Enid H	Sean C	Paul W	Christine A	Graeme A
Rotary Knowledge	N/A	Graeme A The Joy of Retirement		N/A	Sean C 4-way test schools speech con-
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Graham F	Graham F	Graham F	Rob D	Rob D
Scribe:	Bob H	Christine A	Rob D	Paul W	Graham F

<i>Birthdays:</i>	30th—Marj Dawson
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



PAUL'S PONDERINGS

What a great meeting we had last week. Due to quite a lot of people being absent in October we decided to have our hat night. Everyone turned up with a hat except for a couple of people who forgot all about it. It was a fun night and everyone was most generous in donating money too Rotary Health. Stuart Vize won the prize for the best hat, not so much the hat, but the fact his hat was a St Kilda hat, and the judge was impressed by the fact that he has barracked for St Kilda for seventy years. You have to be keen, in all that time they have only won one premiership and that one they pinched off Collingwood.

Our guest speaker was Harvey Lane from Interplast and he gave a very interesting talk. DG David wants every club in the District to donate a \$1000.00 to Interplast and our club should participate especially after Harvey pointed out that we haven't contributed anything for the past six years.

A couple of dates to remember in October:

- 9 October is the District Community Seminar.
- 23 October is the District International Seminar and also World Polio Day.

Until Monday
Yours in Rotary
Paul



Paul McAleoney
President 2015-16

"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 21st September 2015

The meeting opened at 7pm with President Paul welcoming all members and guests (Harvey Lane & Peter Malden).

President Paul

- Discussed the recent membership drive at the Knox shopping Centre indicating that the location could have been better although we did obtain a few positive responses.
- As it was our yearly "Hats" meeting with partners present Paul indicated that we would have a collection with proceeds going to charity and winners presented with prizes judged and distributed by Harvey Lane.
- Prior to passing on the meeting to the chairman time was given to Peter Malden to discuss what his rotary club is currently doing (details in "Other section").
- The meeting was then passed to the Chairman (Rob Hurst) for his report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Secretary—Christine Anderson

- Three letters were received with one from "Medic Alert" asking for funds, one from the "Rotary Health Magazine" requesting funds, and one from "Victoria Peace (Blue Ribbon Day) again requesting a contribution.

Apologies: John Fleming, Rob Dawson & Paul Wilson

Treasurer : Enid Hughes

No report

Vocational : Paul McAloney

No report

Community: Graeme Aspinall

No report

Membership & Marketing: Sean Campbell

- Basically a reiteration of Pres. Paul's comments but with an indication of possibly two interested parties.

International: Virginia Rutledge

None

Youth: Paul Wilson

Absent—no report

Club Service: Paul McAloney

No report

Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes

- Indicated two possible activities (both of which appear to be made to increase the need for Sean's service?). The first was rock climbing (heaven forbid) and the second trapeze work (only to be tried when inebriated!).

Rotary Knowledge: Enid Hughes

- **WASRAG:** "Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group". Enid gave a short presentation on the activities of WASRAG and tabled a pamphlet for members' perusal.

Other



A presentation was given by Peter Malden on what the Rotary Club of Boronia are currently working on in Fiji.

The project encompasses the refurbishing of an school block on Tavenui Island (plaque to be dedicated when in Fiji on the 28th of October) and the provision of two specialist "eye" hospital carriages" to aid the reduction in such things as glaucoma problems. They have also provided over 260 pairs of sunglasses to assist post-surgery convalescence (plus another 50+ pairs from our club).

Sergeant-At-Arms: Graeme Aspinall

Extracted our dollars with another quiz (60's trivia)

Skill: Enid H drew 2 of diamonds

PROGRAM: INTERPLAST—Harvey Lane

Harvey gave us an expert presentation on the current situation with "Interplast".

With both slides and conversation Harvey indicated that Interplast provides to people in the Asian-Pacific help with a number of issues such as burns and deformities. This help is in the form of time provided free of charge through the Royal college of Surgeons in Australia and funds from a number of Rotary clubs in Australia.

While Interplast has been going for over 30 years there is a growing need for more funds to both continue and enlarge what has already been provided. Harvey's request was that we review our commitment and possibly provide some funding (to be discussed at the next board meeting).

Hat winners decision (Harvey Lane)

Prior to the conclusion of Harvey's presentation the winners of the competition were known. The winners being Paul's wife Kay with a hat of "positive acceptance" and unfortunately a St. Kilda supporters Hat (Grumble. Grumble). Meeting closed at 8:35pm.

Scribe: John Reid

The Scribe



p.s. sorry if I missed something....

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

HAT DAY!

Hat Day is almost an annual event for the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully. This year we collected \$75.00 in fines. (Not bad for a club with only fifteen members). A great night with lots of fun!



Fran Mandergeddes and Mike Spark—Irish do you think?

Lindy and Graham Faulkner—
Graham still rides his bike!



Christine Anderson and Stuart Vize—so very elegant Christine!

Rob and Marg Hurst. No flies on Rob!





DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—IT MUST BE ADDRESSED!

Message from District Governor David Tolstrup.....

I am asking you to alert Clubs within your districts to the airing of this story on **60 Minutes**. Once again the public will be asked to donate under the simple banner of Rotary Australia with a link to the RABS account on the RAWCS website. Project 15 2015 Rachael Moore Family Trust, Logan, Brisbane, QLD (RABS Project) To assist Rachael Moore and her family of 5 children to recover from violence suffered at the hands of her husband and the children's father.

These stories tear at people's Heart strings and give evidence of Rotary's position as a significant organisation in the not for profit world. An agency that has the capacity to respond quickly and which supports social issues.

Rachel's story is one too familiar and resonates with this week's announcement by Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull of the financial support government will gift to address the issue of domestic violence.

This project is about Rachael Moore and her 5 children whose tragic family violence story goes to air on 60 Minutes this Sunday. This family has suffered enormously and below is their story.

Rachael's Story

In April last year, young Queensland mother Rachael Moore was violently attacked and shot by her ex-partner in front of her five young children.

Ms Moore and her kids had only just arrived home on a Friday night when she heard a car screech into their driveway. She immediately sensed something was wrong and huddled her children into a bedroom. Her ex-partner kicked down the door holding a shotgun. As her children screamed, he pulled the trigger, firing a shot which shattered Rachael's left arm. As she fell to the ground, her children leapt into action. In an amazing display of bravery, initiative and strength, Rachael's 12 year old son Cameron disarmed the gunman and ran outside to hide the gun under the veranda. Then as Rachael's former partner tried to gouge out her eyes and choke her, 14 year old Jayden came to the rescue by jumping on him and putting him in a choke hold. On Cameron's return to the bedroom, he again did all he could to help, striking the gunman in the temple. Her daughter Kaylee got Rachael out of danger by taking her outside, bandaging her arm and hiding her until emergency services arrived. Four year old Zane did all he could to keep his two year old sister Samantha safe by hiding her under the bed. That night they saved their mother's life. Rachael's former partner has pleaded guilty to a range of charges including attempted murder.

Rotary

District 9810



Dear President,

I'm writing to you because so far I have not been advised of your successor for the coming Rotary year. If your club does have a President Elect, please can you let me know?

If that appointment is yet to be made, please can I ask that you make that a priority so that the person selected can join in the preparations for the year ahead. The team of 2016-17 Presidents had an initial session together at the District Assembly in May and I will be sending more information out to them next month.

I am encouraging all Presidents Elect to complete the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), a Rotary learning opportunity over 4 weeks in either October 2015 or February 2016. The District will pay for them to attend.

I would appreciate your support in attending to this matter at your earliest convenience.

Best wishes,

Carol

Carol Lawton (Frank)

Governor 2016-2017

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Joint Family Day between Rotary and Monash Children's Hospital

On November 22nd 2015 a joint family fun day will be held between Rotary and the Monash Children's. It is hoped that this will be an annual events.

The event will be held at Jells Park Glen Waverley between 10AM and 4PM.

To be a success we would like your help please.

The day will have children's races plus stalls. What we need from you is:

- Man power to help marshal and other duties
- Clubs to provide stalls for either food or activities i.e. face painting etc (clubs can use this as a fundraiser in itself as the agreement is half of the net profit to Rotary and half to Monash Children's)
- And sponsorship of the differing events i.e. cover the cost of the participant ribbons / certificates.

This promises to be a big day and hopefully a signature event for our district. From the publicity and presence there is the prospect of new members.

If you are able to support this wonderful event, please contact Claire Button on
claireb@bigpond.net.au

Hi Paul,

My thanks for Robert and your hospitality last night and the opportunity to address the Club with respect to Interplast.

The Club is small in numbers but seems to have great fellowship and the opportunity for some humour at meetings, which brings the members back.

As stated in my presentation, I appreciate that Presidents and their Clubs cannot assist with all Rotary projects and must choose carefully the best ones to back. I hope last night, I somewhat convinced you and members of the merits and sustainability of the Interplast program and that it is worth supporting.

The DG, David Tolstrup has a strong commitment to Interplast in his year and has set an optimistic objective of \$45000 to for the District to achieve.

You indicated that you may consider contributing this year after being absent from the this program, for a while. I appreciate you carrying this to your Board for a final decision.

We will greatly appreciate if Ferntree Gully can come assist with a donation this year and help achieve the DG's objective.

I have attached a donation form to aid with the methodology for submission to Interplast directly and if you could advise me by return email, I can complete our records for the District Committee.

If any members would like to make a personal donation, no matter how small, they can use the same form and they will receive the necessary receipt for tax purposes.

Again, my thanks to Robert and yourself for the meal and I hope to see you again at one of the District functions. It was nice to meet Kay and I await her advice re her father in Euroa Rotary.

My best wishes for the completion of your Presidential year. As discussed, It goes fast.

My regards

Harvey Lane
District Interplast Committee
Rotary Nuawading



Community Kitchen Roster - 2015

Guide Hall

Underwood Rd

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

DATE	ROTARIAN
7th October	Christine Anderson
21st October	Paul Wilson
4th November	Enid Hughes
18th November	John Flemming
2nd December	Graeme Aspinall
16th December	Christine Anderson

Dinner provided
Contact Graeme Aspinall for more information
0425 432 290



Hi all

Just before going away on my 5 WEEK HOLIDAY IN EUROPE, I would like to bring to your attention that Christmas will be drawing very near by the time I get back from MY 5 WEEK HOLIDAY IN EUROPE.

So, could you all start thinking about your contribution to the Church Christmas lunch and the gifts for men and teenage boys that we donate every year.



I know that the church relies upon us to provide what we can. and it would be a great shame if we were to overlook this unfortunate section of our society.

So, please give generously.

Your friend



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INTERPLAST HAS BEEN PERFORMING LIFE-CHANGING SURGERY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND BUILDING LOCAL CAPACITY FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS. WITH YOUR HELP, WE HAVE REBUILT MANY LIVES, BUT THERE ARE MANY MORE WHO NEED OUR ASSISTANCE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND DONATION.

I/we would like to donate \$ _____ to Interplast Australia & New Zealand
(all donations over \$2 are tax deductible)

PAYMENT OPTIONS (please circle):

Cash

Credit Card

Cheque

Please make cheques payable to Interplast Australia & New Zealand

CREDIT CARD DETAILS (please circle):

Visa

Mastercard

Name on Card: _____ Card Number: _____
Expiry Date: _____ Signature: _____

ROTARY CLUB:

Please credit Rotary Club: _____ District: _____

JOIN THE REBUILDING LIVES FELLOWSHIP:

I would like to join the Rebuilding Lives Fellowship and make monthly donations from my credit card.

Please deduct \$ _____ on the 15th of every month from my credit card.

MY DETAILS:

Title: _____ Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____