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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN



DISTRICT 9810 CONFERENCE

18-20th March 2016

Shepparton

PETER CUMMINGS (*pictured above*) gave us a thorough rundown of what we might expect from District 9810's Conference next year.

This year's theme, "Power of the Past – Force of the Future", acknowledges the great Rotary legacy but also focuses on what we can all undertake to ensure a powerful future in the humanitarian work that Rotary undertakes.

District conference organisers have lined up an impressive array of speakers and Peter urged all members of RC Fern Tree Gully to attend. Next year's conference promises to be one of the best yet!



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 21st Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 30th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 4th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 11th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 18th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	4 Cherrington Place		75 Bursaria Ave FTG	18 Frederick St	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Christmas	New	Fireside Meeting	Fireside Meeting	The Caribbean Gdns Story
Speaker:	Break-Up	Year's	BYO Everything	BYO Everything	Ilias Varas
Committee Subject	Party	Holiday			N/A
Chair:	(BBQ)				Graeme A
Cashier:		NO			Fran M
Rotary Toast					Sean C
Rotary Knowledge		MEETING			N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms:					John R
Scribe:					Mike S

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



PAUL'S PONDERINGS

We had some very good news this week in that Christine Anderson put her hand up to be President in 2016. Congratulations Christine, and you can be assured that we will give you as much assistance as possible not only in your Presidential year, but also in the next six months as President Elect. At our last board meeting Mike Spark made the offer, if no one put their hand up he was prepared to do another year as President. I would like to thank Mike for making that generous offer, in order to keep the club viable and operational. Our next step is to select a President nominee, [that is President for 2017]. As that person does not have to be nominated until June 2016 there is plenty of time for members to consider their future plans and responsibilities.

Our guest speaker last week was Peter Cummings who spoke about District Conference in March 2016. The conference sounds really exciting, and it is a wonderful opportunity for members, especially new members to learn what Rotary is all about. At the moment we have four members attending, so if anyone else is interested please let me know.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Xmas, and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the time with family and friends, for after all, they are the most valuable asset we have.

Catch you at our Xmas function at Fran's on Monday.

Yours in Rotary,
Paul

Paul McAloney
President 2015-16

"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 14th December 2015

Meeting Opened: at 7. pm **President Paul** welcoming all members, our guest speaker Peter Cummings from the Rotary Club of Box Hill, and the grade 6 students, teachers and parents from Fern Tree Gully North Primary School. President Paul's lovely wife Kay was in attendance to congratulate the grade 6 students as well. (The scribe suspects that some of those great sixers may have been her students at Bena Angliss kindergarten)

President's announcements:

President Paul gave the members some very welcome news that we now have a President for the coming 2016 – 17 Rotary year; "Congratulations Christine".

All we need now is a President-elect for the 2017- 18 Rotary year

Chairman : P.P. Graeme Aspinall

Secretary: Our incoming President Christine Anderson: handed to all the members a copy of the 'District 9810 News'. There was no mail of any significance.

Apologies: All present and correct so there were none

Treasurer: P.P. Enid, said there was nothing in particular to report but spoke at some length on the renewal for members' Paraplegia Insurance which the club has been involved in since 2002 through PBF Australia Insurance. Cost this year will be \$45 per member. (More detailed explanation in club bulletin)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Community Service: P.P. Graeme Aspinall attended the recent Fern Tree Gully "Discovery Day" post-mortem meeting at which quite a number issues were discussed. Particularly what can be improved on, the need for a new organizing body and a change of name for the day to be decided on.

Youth: Rtn Paul Wilson introduced 4 grade 6 students from Fern Tree Gully North Primary School who gave a report on 'The Rotary Junior Community Award Program' held this Rotary year. It was an excellent presentation given by 2 very confident young ladies, one confident young fellow and one slightly nervous young chap.

P.P. John Fleming: mentioned that the club members should continue involvement with the Bowel Scan program in 2016. Our involvement will be to supply/distribute to local pharmacies bowel scan kits and the collection of money therefrom.

Fellowship: P.P. Fran Mandergeddes: reminded members that our club Christmas Function is at her place next Monday commencing at 7 PM, it's BYO for pretty much everything including drinking glasses. She made a comment that parking may be difficult due to the popularity of the Neighbours' Christmas lighting in her

Cul-de-sac which is frequented by rubbernecks at this time of year.

Following the meeting everyone had to draw 2 names from a hat (actually an old ice cream container) to see who they would be buying presents for under 'Kris Kringle' rules to put under the Christmas tree at Fran's place next Monday.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Rtn. Sean Campbell: gave us a hilarious running commentary on Santa's movements around the world this time of year, quoting statistics that can only lead to one conclusion "Poor old Santa must be dead"

Skills Attempt: the winning raffle ticket being C56 was held by PP Stuart Vize who accidentally drew 2 cards; neither one being the Joker. "Would you believe that's 3 weeks in a row that the scribe has missed out by one number"

PROGRAMME: P.P. Peter Cummins from Box Hill Rotary Club spoke at some length about the upcoming Rotary District Conference to be held in Shepparton on the 18th- 20th March next year (2016).

The theme of the conference will be "Power of the Past – Force of the Future".

The speakers programme has not yet been finalised but some of those that have confirmed are:-

- Kate Cornell, former Chief Commissioner of the ACT
- PDG Terry Grant on the subject of 'Australian Rotary Health'
- Major Brendan Nottle from the Salvation Army
- Carolyn Overington
- Paul Sheehan
- Professor Gordon Wallace (subject 3-D printing)

On the Saturday night there will be a gala dinner with the theme being "Your Favourite Television Star".

Cost of the total event is \$325 per person.

There are extra functions that can be attended at no extra cost, these being a light lunch before the conference commences or a barbecue afterwards on the Sunday.

There are exposition stands available for those clubs who may wish to display their wares.

There will be a million-dollar Rotary ride arriving at the commencement of the conference.

The conference website is now live

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm or thereabouts

Scribe:

Robert Hurst





Dear Rotary Club Of Fern Tree Gully,

On behalf of the Leukaemia Foundation Board of Directors, I am writing to express our sincere thanks to you for being an important part of the Leukaemia Foundation family.

Whether you have given donations during the year or worked hard to raise money through a fundraising event, I hope you realise that your support helped to make the foundation's work possible in 2015.

The money raised throughout this year will mean the Leukaemia Foundation can continue helping Australian families affected by blood cancer.

Thanks to you, we can give them the free emotional and practical support they need, and drive important research to find the cures of tomorrow.

My sincere thanks and best wishes for the holiday season,

Robert Yeo
Chairman of the Board

Members may recall we donated to the Leukaemia Foundation through our sponsorship of Phil Walters





The Rotary Club of Dingley Village

22nd Annual Charity Golf Day

Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club Thursday 25th February 2016

A unique opportunity to play one of Melbourne's Leading
sand-belt golf courses (Kingswood site) Registrations
commence at 11.30 a.m.

Shot gun start at 12.30 p.m.

Golf only: \$60. Golf and 2 course dinner \$100.

Individual men's and women's competition prizes.

Bookings open for what is a very popular event

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Great news

The Rotary Foundation is ranked in the Top 10 charities in the world. The scores — ranked on a scale of 1 to 100 — are based on financial health, accountability and the transparency of reporting. TRF is ranked at Number 5 in the world. Please click on the link below. Please use this information when seeking contributions and take great pride in what it says.

<http://www.cnbc.com/2015/12/01/the-top-10-charities-changing-the-world-in-2015.html?slide=7>

Top 10:

1. Direct Relief (California based)
2. MAP International
3. Catholic Medical Mission Board
4. United Nations Foundation
5. Rotary Foundation
6. Samaritan's Purse
7. Institute of International Education
8. Compassion International
9. US Fund for Unicef
10. Natural Resources Defence Council



The Rotary Foundation

This not-for-profit organization works to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace. Using [Rotary Foundation](#) grants, Rotary's 34,000 clubs across the globe develop and carry out sustainable humanitarian projects and provide scholarships and professional training opportunities.

One of its biggest initiatives aims at eradicating polio through its PolioPlus program, launched in 1985. Since then, Rotary and its partners, including the World Health Organization and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, have immunized more than 2.5 billion children, reducing the incidence of polio by 99 percent and eradicating it from all but three coun-