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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

IVAN GIGOVIC,

Vale: August 2003

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN



BUSY FEET

Lin Hughes and Lyndon Joss gave members a comprehensive insight as to how to set up a Busy Feet program. It definitely sounds like a project that RC Fern Tree Gully could undertake. We do like getting involved with the local youth and this program seems to fit the bill perfectly!

Thank you for your time Lin and Lyndon!

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 27th June [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 4th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 11th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 18th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 25th July [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling
Program:	Presidents' Changeover	TBA	Knoxbrooke 50th Anniversary	District Governor's Visit	Committee Meeting
Speaker:	N/A	TBA	Kristian Dauncey	DG Carol Lawton	N/A
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Group A
Chair:	Rob H	Graeme A	Mike S	Paul McA	Ray H
Rotary Toast	Ray H	Fran M	Gary B	Martin B	Enid H
Cashier:	Paul W	Paul McA	Fran M	Ray H	Paul W
Scribe:	Gary B	Martin B	Graeme A	Gary B	John F
Rotary Knowledge	N/A			N/A	N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms:	N/A	Sean C	Sean C	Sean C	Martin B

<i>Birthdays:</i>	7th—Kay McAloney (wife of Paul)
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	2nd—Bob Hurst—'81



PAUL'S PONDERINGS

It seems only like yesterday, that I started my year as President, boy has that year gone by quickly. I think the club has achieved a lot this year and I would like to thank everyone in the club for their support and help during the year. I wish Christine and her board all the success for the coming year. I will catch you at our changeover meeting on Monday.

For the last time.

Yours in Rotary
Paul

Paul McAloney
President 2015-16



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 20th June, 2016

The meeting opened at 7.00pm with President Paul McAloney welcoming members plus Lin Hughes and Lyndon Joss from Busy Feet/ RC Chadstone-East Malvern and also Bruce Crago from Probus.

President's Announcements.

Paul thanked our speakers for attending our meeting and also thanked member Rob Dawson for providing 2 bottles of wine. Paul also advised that Stewart Godman had passed away.

Chairman: Graeme Aspinall.

Graeme introduced Lin Hughes and Lyndon Joss from Busy Feet and asked them to tell us about their program. Busy Feet is a movement and dance program for handicapped children and is supported by volunteers offering one on one support and is run once a week for 45mins. Our club is considering starting a program in the local area.

Reports.

Secretary: Christine Anderson.

No report as such but **President Elect Christine** did invite us to be prepared for an interesting changeover on the 27th June.

Apologies.

Graham Faulkner, Mike Spark, John Reid, Sean Campbell.

Youth: Paul Wilson.

Not a lot to report this week but did mention that Fair Hills Primary School not very proactive in the Rotary Junior Community Award program.

Community: Graeme Aspinall.

Sales of raffle tickets still progressing steadily, recent sausage sizzle at Bunnings raised \$320.00 on a day when the weather was rather inclement. Next sausage sizzle on July 15th.

Guest Speaker: Bruce Crago.

Bruce is a member of the Probus club of Studfield-Wantirna. He gave us a very informative speech on the activities and focus of Probus clubs in general. It would appear from the information provided by Bruce that the main focus of Probus is Fellowship, Friendship and Fun.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Rob Dawson.

Rob advised that he will not be continuing his membership as he wishes to pursue other interests.

In closing the meeting **President Paul** thanked all members for their help and support over the last year and urged everyone to get behind incoming **President Christine**. At this point **PP Graeme Aspinall** thanked Paul on behalf of all members for the job he had done over the past year. Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Scribe: Ray Hollis.

One of our ABCD sponsored students, Ropate Rabukawaqa (aged 6yrs 8 months), has severe problems with his legs. He walks unsteadily, and when he gets tired has to be carried. He has been diagnosed with the condition of **Short left Femur due to Osteomyelitis**. There's no treatment for it in Fiji BUT he has an opportunity to go to the US and be treated there by Shriners Hospital Honolulu who have examined him and accepted him as suitable for treatment.

Shriners are a fantastic organization: they offer medical treatment to children irrespective of their ability to pay. They cover the surgery, medications, physio and accommodation. **HOWEVER, the family still needs to raise around \$6,000FJ** (that's \$15US per day x 30days = approx \$1,000FJ a month) for their food and personal needs - phone, toiletries, personal shopping.

Ropate's mother has her interview for a visa at the US Embassy on August 9 and needs to have raised the money a week before that as a condition of being granted the visa.

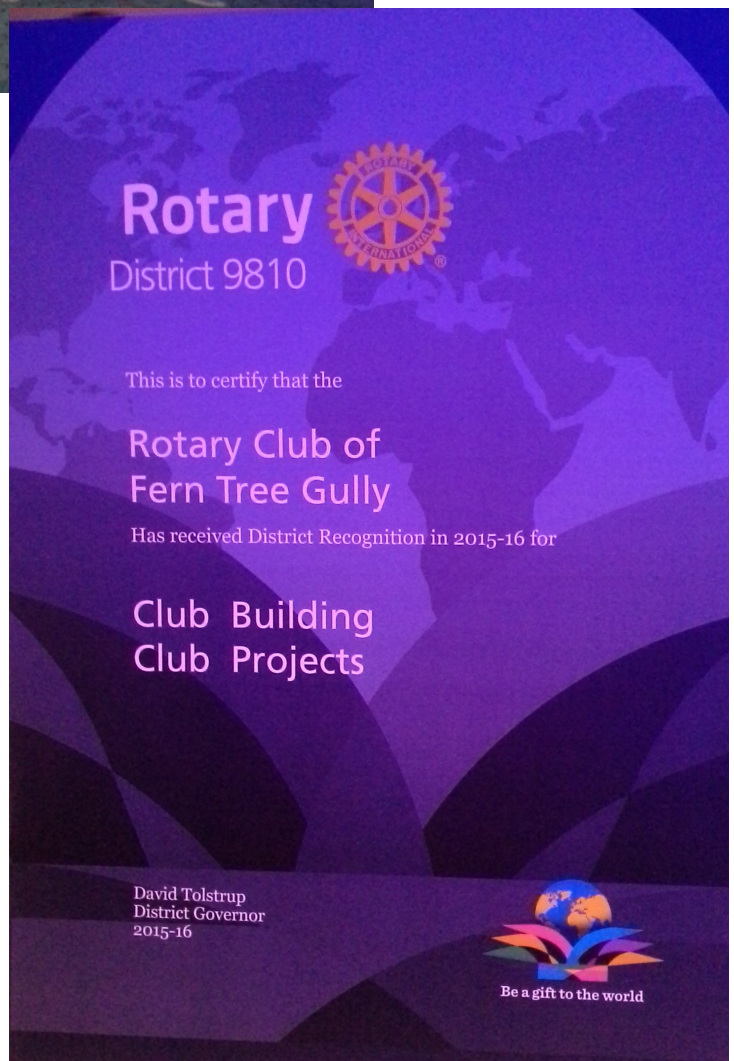


Board Members of RC FTG met and agreed that the funds from Ivan Gigovic's bequest could be used to assist Ropate and his mother. Details will be announced in next week's issue of the bulletin.

KNOX CLUSTER TAKES THE HONOURS!

2016-17 District Changeover Awards

Of the eight clubs to win District Awards, the Knox cluster took out four—
Bayswater, Boronia, Fern Tree Gully and Rowville-Lysterfield.



IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2016	Program.	Speaker
July	Goodbye Paul, WELCOME CHRISTINE	
July	is the start of new Rotary officers' year of service	
4-Jul		
11-Jul	Knoxbrooke 50th anniversary	Kristian Dauncey CEO
15-Jul	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
18-Jul	District Governor's Visit	DG Carol Lawton
25-Jul	Committees' Meeting	Group A
August	is Membership & New Club Development month	
1-Aug		
8-Aug	Tin Legs and Toasting Forks	Jim McPhee, RC of Monbulk
15-Aug	Committees' Meeting	Group B
19-Aug	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
22-Aug		
29-Aug		
Sept	is Basic Education and Literacy Month	
5-Sep		
12-Sep		
19-Sep	Committees' Meeting	Group A
26-Sep		
30-Sep	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
October	is Economic and Community Development month	
3-Oct		
10-Oct		
17-Oct	Committees' Meeting	Group B
24-Oct		
31-Oct	Cup Eve - No Meeting	
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
7-Nov		
14-Nov		
21-Nov	Committees' Meeting	Group A
28-Nov		
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
5-Dec		
12-Dec		
19-Dec	Christmas Break-Up Party	
26-Dec	Boxing Day - No Meeting	

UNICEF NEEDS YOUR FOREIGN COINS

More and more of us are heading overseas and we always seem to return with useless foreign coins that end up in the bottom of a drawer somewhere.

Ron Brooks, RC of Forest Hill, coordinates this successful D9810 project. He says *"have a coffee jar at your registration desk each week to collect them"*. DG David said *"This is a great initiative, involving little effort that could become a great source of publicity. Ron will coordinate at District level but needs help from all clubs"* In the last 18 months 120kgs of coins and notes sent to UNICEF were valued by them at **\$4,700.64**

Eammon Bryant, UNICEF Partnerships Manager emailed *"We see Rotary and UNICEF as a perfect match. Our history working with, and converting foreign coin to help children in need matched with your unparalleled reach across Australian communities, we think, makes it a dream fit"*. UNICEF works in over 190 countries to support children's health needs, clean water and sanitation, quality basic education, and protection from violence, exploitation, and HIV.

So, far more than 15 clubs in the district have joined enthusiastically into this initiative. We are 12.1kgs into the next collection.



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\$2 will provide a severely malnourished child enough therapeutic super food for one day

\$6 will provide 20 doses of potentially life-saving measles vaccine

So, get out that coffee jar and let's recycle our waste coins and into something valuable for kids.

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Memories.....2015-16

