

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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**IVAN GIGOVIC,**  
Vale: August 2003  
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



**DEBRA ROBERT**  
KNOX COUNCIL GRANTS PROGRAM

Debra is one of the team members responsible for the operation of the Knox Council Grants Program. One might have expected a slightly "dry" presentation on this subject—but Deb kept us interested—her local knowledge is extension.

Thanks Deb. A really great presentation

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 5th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 12th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 19th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 26th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 3rd October [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Interplast	Impact for Women	Committee Meeting	Concern Australia	TBA
Speaker:	TBA	Kathy Kaplan	N/A	Michelle Crawford, CEO	
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	Group A	N/A	N/A
Chair:	Bob H	Gary B	Ray H	Paul W	Fran M
Rotary Toast	Gary B	Bob H	John F	Fran M	Graeme A
Cashier:	Graeme A	Sean C	Fran M	Graeme A	Ray H
Scribe:	Gary B	Mike S	Paul W	Martin B	Sean C
Rotary Knowledge	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Ray H	Graeme A	Graeme A	Mike S	Mike S
Partners' Night	No	Yes	No	No	No

<i>Birthdays:</i>	8th—Anne Flemming (wife of John) 10th—John Flemming
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



## CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

Monday night's Guest Speaker, Deb Robert from the City of Knox Grants Program, enlightened us all as to the varied and diversified activities that her department looks after. I am sure we will all have learnt a great deal, when it comes to our local community, and the wonderful support that our council offers. It's no wonder that Melbourne wins (6 years in a row) the most liveable city in the world, when we hear of the encouraging support that is available for our community. This was strengthened, when John Flemming, Paul McAloney and myself attended the Dobson Ward reception for volunteers on Wednesday night. Councillor Karen Orpen, told us that Ferntree Gully has the most volunteers in the City of Knox. Other municipalities wish they could bottle it and give to their communities what we have in the Gully, aren't we lucky to be part of a wonderful caring and giving community?

Thank you Fran for arranging our Theatre night. Laughter is a good medicine and I am sure there will be plenty more of that.

Until Monday enjoy your week

Enjoy your week

Yours in Rotary  
Christine Anderson  
President 2016-2017



# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 29th August, 2016

*The meeting opened at 7 PM with a toast to Rotary followed by **President Christine** welcoming all members and our guest speaker **Debra Robert** from the Knox Council Grants Program.*

**President Christine announced:** That she and PP John Fleming attended the drawing of the community raffle which raised \$190,000 for the Knox community. The two cars which were the first prize in the raffle were won respectively by parents from the Basin Preschool and Lysterfield Primary School.

President Christine together with PP Paul MacAloney (and someone else who the scribe failed to write down but they'll know who they were!) attended the Knox Cluster meeting which had a very positive outcome. Namely:

VIC rail has given permission for members of the Knox Rotary Clubs (who are in the cluster) to attend 4 local railway stations between 6 AM to 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM to 7 PM promoting Rotary membership and donations to Rotary programs by rattling tins and handing out material promoting the benefits of Rotary Membership.

There is also to be held at the Knox Club on 8 November an evening with a high-profile speaker who will once again be promoting membership in Rotary.

President Christine then dropped a bombshell!!! Our social memberships are due for renewal At the Ferntree Gully Bowls Club however the cost of the renewal has risen from \$45 per annum to \$75 for the ensuing year. (*Shock horror*) once everyone recovered from the news a lengthy discussion took place as to whether or not we should seek alternative accommodation.

The Knox club has a room available on a Monday night with a meal cost of \$19.90. Everyone gets the same meal, there is membership available at the Knox club for \$18 per year for seniors.

The Knox Tavern was also canvassed but it was decided that the room there is too small. The board is to make a decision at its next meeting as to what we will be doing in regards to our future meeting venue.

**Chairman: PP John Fleming** Called for chairman's reports

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

**Secretary: (PP Paul McAloney):**

- Not much mail this week, what has been received has been distributed, Paul passed around an invitation from 'Boronia Inner Wheel' which is hosting an evening entitled "Join Us for a Night at the Museum" presented by the 'Australian Jazz Museum'. The event to be held on Thursday, 15 September at 15 Mountain Highway Wantirna. Cost \$25 for a lively performance and light refreshments.

**Apologies:** Received from Graeme Aspinall who was away on holidays and Sean Campbell

**Treasurer: (PP Enid Hughes):**

- Treasurer's input formed part of the discussion surrounding our potential change of venue and cost et cetera

**Community: (Ray Hollis)** informed members no response

had yet been received from Bunnings in relation to an application to supply soil and other material for our open garden project.

Presented to members some Rotary promotional material (banners) he had obtained from Officeworks.

**Youth: (Paul Wilson):** ROTARACT need help with their Fathers Day Fed Square sausage sizzle to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> September they are short on numbers to man/woman/person the barbecue.

RYDA do not need our help with their project.

We have received 4 applications for the RYPEN activity to be held from 9<sup>th</sup> September to 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**Fellowship: (PP Fran Mandergheddes):** Reminded members of the theatre night at Lilydale this coming Friday night the 2<sup>nd</sup> September she reconfirmed bookings and the members attending who had paid. Show starts at 8:15 PM

There is a new show to be held at the STAGEWORX theatre from September 16<sup>th</sup> until October 1<sup>st</sup>,

the name of the show is "*Killjoy*" a recipe for murder. The theatre is located at unit 3/21 Stud Road Bayswater (near cnr Mountain Highway) cost is \$25 per head, bookings 9729 8368.

**Membership (John Flemming):** See details in the president report

**Sergeant-At-Arms: Ray Hollis** regaled us with some 'quotable quotes' whilst removing our coinage

**Skill:** Graham Faulkner got the right raffle ticket but drew the wrong card (Scribe can't recall what the card was)

## PROGRAM:

Our guest speaker for the evening was Debra Robert, she is one of the team members responsible for the operation of the Knox Council Grants Program, the Council has 4 teams each with a specific responsibility.

The Council provides recurrent funding to support a range of local, not-for-profit community organisations that deliver specific services and activities of benefit to the Knox community.

The team members cover the following areas:

Reserves, sporting facilities and playgrounds  
community services and buildings  
family and children's services, buildings and facilities.  
aged care buildings  
engineering and infrastructure  
youth leisure and cultural services

They can authorise funding for utility grants up to \$1000 and up to \$20,000 for community development grants.

Overall it gave members an insight into some of the activities that take place at our local Council and what services and facilities are available to help with our lifestyle in the Knox community.

**Meeting Closed at 8.35 p.m.**

**Scribe: Robert Hurst**





Mrs. Jo Fairbairn, Kidney Health Australia National Big Red Kidney Bus & Community Education Manager. Qualifications: BA Melbourne University, Dip. Medical Laboratory Technology - Microbiology RMIT University, Dip Ed Melbourne University.

Jo has been employed by Kidney Health Australia since August 2010. Before this she was working with Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia for 5 years as National Community Partnerships and Health Promotion Manager. Prior to this she was Enhanced Lifestyle Services and Health Promotion Manager with Multiple Sclerosis Australia for 11 years

Jo has worked in rural Australia, England and Germany as a medical scientist microbiologist specialising in HIV/AIDS, pediatric meningitis, septicemia, and whooping cough

She was nominated by people with multiple sclerosis and carers to run with the Olympic torch, and was a volunteer at the 2000 Sydney Olympic and Paralympic Games

Jo competed at the World Masters Games in Melbourne in 2001, in Edmonton Canada in 2005 and in Sydney in 2009 and was an international technical official volunteer judging the World Masters Diving at all three World Masters Games

Her professional work in health promotion has been presented at major Australian Health Professional Conferences

It has also been presented at the 2003 International Multiple Sclerosis Conference in Berlin, Germany, the 2010 Japan-ASEAN Conference on Men's Health and Ageing, Koto Kinabalu, Malaysia and at the 2010 World Health Promotion Conference in Geneva, Switzerland

Since joining Kidney Health Australia as Community Education and Health Promotion Manager, Jo has had an exciting opportunity to introduce projects with a strong community education and awareness focus. She is passionate about community education being the first invitation for the general public to participate in their own health promotion, early detection and prevention of preventable chronic disease.

#### **At Kidney Health Australia Jo's major personal and professional achievements have been:**

Working with haemodialysis patient Vince Tripodi on a mobile holiday dialysis bus initiative since 2011

Event managing, in partnership with Aboriginal Health Workers, the Tiwi Islands NT Kidney Health Festival with 200 local Aboriginal community members, inclusive of health promotion education in the schools

Event managing with Aboriginal Elders, the Wadeye NT Kidney Health Festival with 400 local Aboriginal community members, inclusive of health promotion education in the school

Developing the Kidney Health Forum Education Model...*linking kidney health, heart health, blood pressure, stroke and diabetes* in Victoria, Hobart, Launceston and Tamworth

Getting the World First Big Red Kidney Bus on the road

Developing and implementing the Big Red Kidney Bus Community Education in Schools Project.

Jo's experience and success with community education and health promotion products is always inclusive of rural, remote and regional communities as well as metropolitan areas. Jo was born and educated in the small Victorian rural town of Rochester with a population of 2,300 people. She is married to David and they have two daughters Sally and Louise and a 10 month old chocolate brown Border Collie puppy Maggie.

Jo Fairbairn

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR CLUB...

## MINUTES OF FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

15th August 2016

PRESENT: Fran M; Rob H; Mike S; Gary B.

AGENDA: Fellowship events for 2016/2017

The following suggestions were canvassed and discussed:

- Fellowship dinners
- Theatre/music performances, e.g. Jazz at the Royal hotel, local theatre productions (comedies preferred), etc.
- Car rally in the warmer months
- Trout farm visit - this was very much enjoyed when we went before. However, it was unanimous that the Macclesfield venue should be avoided, because of the many reviews of the facilities that were extremely critical and disgusted with their rest rooms.
- Ten pin bowling
- Lawn bowls, again in the warmer months
- Christmas party - should we book this at the club now for 19th December? Fran offered to have the function at her home again, if the club wished to do so.

There was general discussion about fellowship events overall. It was agreed that it was not right that every function should be seen as a means of raising extra club funds. Some of our social activities should not have a cost to members, or if they do, there is no obligation to increase that cost so that something goes to club funds as well.

Club fellowship is just that - getting together on social occasions to enjoy each other's company and to increase the bonds of friendship.

Fran Mandergeddes  
Fellowship Chair.

## CHANGE OF SEASONS CHANGE OF MASTHEAD

Readers may have noticed (if you didn't go back to page 1 and have a look) that with the change of seasons we've changed the masthead on both the bulletin and our club facebook page.

Pictured is the Tim Neville Arboretum—closed since 2015 for upgrading. It was supposed to have been finished by now but of course it's not.

Maybe by the time the start of summer is here we might be able to have a beautifully updated photo. Let's hope!

Enid Hughes  
Editor

**YOU NEVER APPRECIATE WHAT  
YOU HAVE TILL ITS GONE**

**TOILET PAPER IS A  
GOOD EXAMPLE**



# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2016	Program.	Speaker
Sept	is Basic Education and Literacy Month	
5-Sep	Interplast	TBA
12-Sep	Impact for Women	Kathy Kaplan
16-Sep	Youth Service Seminar	
19-Sep	<b>Committees' Meeting</b>	<b>Group A</b>
26-Sep	Concern Australia	Michelle Crawford, Ceo
30-Sep	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
October	is Economic and Community Development month	
3-Oct	The Big Red Kidney Bus	Jo Fairbairn
7-Oct	Community Service Seminar	
10-Oct		
14-Oct	Social Media Seminar A (Fri)	
15-Oct	Social Media Seminar B (Sat)	
17-Oct	<b>Committees' Meeting</b>	<b>Group B</b>
24-Oct		
28-Oct	Vocational Service Seminar	
31-Oct	<b>Cup Eve - No Meeting</b>	
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
7-Nov		
11-Nov	Pre PETS	
14-Nov		
18-Nov	International Service Seminar	
21-Nov	<b>Committees' Meeting</b>	<b>Group A</b>
25-Nov	Presidents' Quarterly Mtg.	Mulgrave Country Club
28-Nov		
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
5-Dec		
12-Dec		
19-Dec	Christmas Break-Up Party ???	
26-Dec	<b>Boxing Day - No Meeting</b>	
30-Dec	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	

Legend:	
	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event

