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President,

**CHRISTINE ANDERSON**  
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

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**IVAN GIGOVIC,**  
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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



### **LYNETTE PHUONG** PROJECT IN MONGOLIA

Among other things Lynette has just completed an 18-month project in Mongolia for the United Nations, advising their government on how to set up programs dealing with Nutrition. Born in Vietnam Lynette holds a BA from Monash Uni in Commerce/Languages, followed by a Masters in Public Health from Melbourne Uni.

What an interesting life she has led! Passionate about her work, Lynette's bubbly personality held us all in thrall as she told us about her stay in Mongolia.

Terrific presentation!  
Thank you Lynette.

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 20th Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 27th Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 6th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 13th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 20th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bwling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Committee Meetings	Rotarians Against Malaria	TBA	Labour Day	Committee Meetings
Speaker:	GROUP A	Gloria Har-greaves		No	GROUP B
Chair:	Fran M	Paul McA	Gary B	Meeting	Ray H
Rotary Toast	John F	Martin B	Ray H		Graeme A
Cashier:	Bob H	Paul W	John F		Graham F
Scribe:	Graeme A	Mike S	Paul McA		Paul W
Rotary Knowledge	Graeme A				Ray H
Topic:	Rotary Community Corps			Rotary Youth L'ship Awards	
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Ray H	Ray H	Mike S		Mike S
Partners' Night	No	No	No		Yes

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



## CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

Last Thursday I had the privilege to present our cheque to Mountain District Learning Centre, for two students to complete their VCE studies. Both students are extremely grateful although I didn't meet them we have been asked to attend the graduation ceremony at the end of the year. It's very up lifting to know how much these young adults appreciate the support that the centre offer them when you hear of the hardships going on in their lives, just for someone to believe in them is extremely important and is giving them a chance to take the right direction in life.

Listening to our inspirational guest speaker last week, this remarkable young person Lynette Phuong presented a very passionate and informative account of her recent work in Mongolia working with the Indigenous people in the area of health. I don't think any of us could believe all Lynette has personally achieved in her life and she is not yet thirty years of age.

I attended the district 9810 quarterly presidents meeting on Friday, I will be sharing at our Monday meeting some of the inspirational work that other clubs are involved in and where we might like to support.

Thank you to this Saturdays sausage sizzlers who are at the Bikies open display.

Our club has certainly benefitted from 4 sizzles in the last week, and a huge thanks to Graeme and John for all your hard work behind the scenes to make these happen

Looking forward to Mondays "Group A" committee meetings another buzz of your enthusiasm for our future planning Enjoy your weekend

Yours in Rotary  
**Christine Anderson**  
 President 2016-2017



# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 13th February 2017

The meeting was opened at 7pm by President Christine.

## Presidential Announcements:

President Christine welcomed everyone including the guest speaker Lynette Phuong, speaking about Mongolia and attending partners (Jill, Emma, Kay and Marg).

After 3 days of "burning snags" over the weekend, sausages are not on the menu! The financial outcomes of the excellent efforts by almost all of the members will be disclosed next week.

There will be a Cluster meeting in the last week of May to agree on a Cluster Foundation Centenary project.

This year's club changeover will be from Christine to Christine (a change of clothes would do? (J) and she suggested a nice dinner out, possibly in the Yarra Valley at Yering Meadows at a cost of about \$60/head – all thought it was a good idea, and Christine will check out suitable venues.

Fairhills High School Interact Club badges are being ordered.

## Chairperson: Rob Hurst

**Secretary:** Paul McAloney had distributed the incoming mail. He informed us that Fran had contracted a bug on her latest cruise, and was in hospital in isolation – she was expected out in a couple of days, however!

**Apologies:** Sean and Fran.

**Treasurer:** Enid Hughes noted that as District contributions to the MDLC scholarships cease at the end of this Rotary year, we may have to come up with another \$2000 in 2017/18. The grants so far given have enabled students to focus on their studies and do well.

Those going to the Geelong conference were asked to meet after the meeting.

## Fundraising: Graeme Aspinall

- Graeme thanked those members that assisted at the Bunnings Scoresby sizzle on the Friday (about \$450),
- the Eastern Veteran Motorcycle Club's display in Dorset Road on the Saturday (about \$300), and
- the Ithacan Philanthropic Society's annual picnic day at Ferny Creek on the Sunday (not the best weather, but everybody enjoyed their day out!) Graeme to negotiate a suitable donation to the Club for our "burning" efforts. during the week.
- The next and final Bikies sizzle will be on next Saturday (same roster).

## Youth: Paul Wilson

Paul, Mike, Enid and Ray will attend the District Youth Forum in Rowville on February 28, as will our associate from Fairhills High. Mike suggested that Paul contact St Joseph's to see if they can make it this time (last time, the Director of Student's mum ended up in hospital and she had to back out at the last minute).

Rob Hurst mentioned the confusing and difficult (3.5 hours and still failed!) process to get a WWC ticket – and was then

told he did not need to have one for the Knox Festival, anyway!

**Foundation** – Mike advised that he will collect portions of everyone's contributions to the Centurion award on a weekly basis (or any other basis that suits your personal financial abilities!) and accumulate them until the individual (approx.) A\$140=US\$100 annual total is reached, at which point Enid will take the money (probably on a quarterly basis) and forward it to the right people in Rotary to gain the Centurion award for the individuals.

**Sergeant-at-arms** Ray extracted loot from all members with ease.

Paul Macca drew 2 of Clubs, so we live again!

## Guest Speaker - Lynette Phuong

Born in Melbourne from parents who arrived by boat from Vietnam in 1979, Lynette got a BA from Monash Uni in Commerce/Languages, followed by a Masters in Public Health from Melbourne Uni. She has volunteered for the Red Cross for 11 years, and had half a dozen jobs in the Public Health area.

Her specialist field of study is in non-communicable diseases (NCD). These are expected to affect 80% by 2020, of which 70% will be in developing countries.

Air pollution is a huge problem in developing/Asian areas, with respiratory masks being too costly and/or not able to filter well enough.

She just completed an 18-month project in Mongolia for the United Nations, advising their government on how to set up programs dealing with Nutrition. The major problem is how to get the Mongolian people to change their old bad habits (Too much Tobacco/ Too much Alcohol/Not eating fruit and vegies/Lack of activity/Obesity) which are killing them off in increasing numbers – Life expectancy is only 63 years.

She worked in the (cold!) field (with an interpreter, of course) to gain data and study the problems, and ended up with her recommendations being the basis of the very first Ministerial Order for Nutrition (no mean feat for a foreigner working in a short time-frame!). In addition, she set up a mentoring program for the Public Health Practitioners Association (including teaching the mentors English).

The Mongolian climate was horrific (-50C to -60C in the Northwest areas), and livestock stock deaths have increased from an expected animal lifetime of 10 years to one of 3 years (this for a nation/culture who are all **BIG** meat-eaters!). She shared lots of great photos and some great experiences with us, and was presented with the "FTG magic biro" and great applause – Lynette is a very talented and dedicated person doing great things for others!

President Christine read out next week's housekeeping duties and closed the meeting at 8.55 pm (A longer session than usual - but very interesting)

Scribe:/Editor/typist: Mike Spark



## FELLOWSHIP—LUNCH EMMA & MARTIN'S PLACE

Emma & Martin have once again offered to host members and their partners for lunch at their home.

**SUNDAY**  
**19th March**

**24 Grandview Crescent,  
Upper Ferntree Gully**

**BYO Drinks**

**Cost: \$20 per head**



### 2016-17 COMMITTEES

#### GROUP 'A'

**COMMUNITY:** Ray Hollis  
Graeme A  
Graham Faulkner

**INTERNATIONAL:** Sean Campbell  
Enid Hughes  
Mike Spark

**VOCATIONAL:** Gary Braddock  
Paul Wilson  
Fran Mandergeddes  
Bob Hurst

**MEMBERSHIP:** John Flemming  
Martin Boettcher  
Paul McAloney

# **COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS**

## **February 2017 Board Meeting**

## **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

### **MONTHLY REPORT**

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2017**

The two projects discussed at the November Committee Meeting were tabled at the December Board Meeting, voted on and passed:-

The New Zealand Earthquake disaster (\$1,000)

Rotary Club of Clayton's project – Moradabad Mobile Health Camps – India (\$1,000)

The NZ disaster was funded from the Benevolent Fund (Ivan Gigovic's bequest). The Moradabad will be funded from the Projects Account.

Due to the Christmas break no further international projects have yet been considered.

**Enid Hughes**  
Acting International Chair

## **Community Service.**

No formal meeting as such but a number of issues as listed below have been worked through.

- Knobrooke Inc. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully is to man a Registration and Information booth at the rear entrance to the complex. This will be intended to gather information as to who may be interested in assisting Knobrooke in their endeavours going forward and to hand out pamphlets and information regarding their activities. This will give us a chance to include some material of our own.
- Build 3 raised garden beds at Knobrooke to tidy up an area which is a bit rundown at the moment. Still to be in touch with Bunnings to check if they will help and to get prices.
- Approach Knox Council to see where we can do a tree planting activity in the local area. This activity is to fit in with Ian Risely's idea of getting every Rotarian to plant a tree to help the environment. I am hoping we can actually get more than one site.
- Work with Knox Council to see if we can erect a seat somewhere along the bike path beside the train line between Glengowan Village and Boronia shopping centre so that people have somewhere to sit and rest when they walk into Boronia. Have been in touch with Knox Council and they have advised me that they have received funding in this year's budget for a number seats, one of which will be beside the bike path in Underwood Rd. They will do a site inspection and then get the seat installed by their contractors which is necessary because of ongoing public liability issues.

**Ray Hollis.**  
Community Chair.

# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2017	Program.	Speaker
February	is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution month	
20-Feb	<b>Committees' Meeting</b>	<b>Group A</b>
27-Feb	Rotarians Against Malaria	Gloria Hargreaves
March	is Water & Sanitation month	
4/5th Mar	Multi Dist. PETS	
4/5th Mar	<b>Knox Festival</b>	
6-Mar		
10-Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
13-Mar	<b>Labour Day - No Meeting</b>	
19-Mar	Fellowship Lunch	Emma & Martin's Home—Upper FTG
20-Mar	<b>Committees' Meeting</b>	<b>Group B</b>
25-Mar	<b>Knoxbrooke 50th anniversary</b>	
27-Mar	"The Here and Happy" Speech	Jason Farrugia
31/3 - 2/4	District Conference	Geelong
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
3-Apr		
4-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
6-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
10-Apr		
11-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
17-Apr	<b>Easter Monday - no meeting</b>	
24-Apr	<b>Committees' Meeting</b>	<b>Group A</b>
May	is Youth Services month	
1-May	Moradabad Project	John Barnes (RC Clayton)
5-May	Presidents' Quarterly Meeting	Mulgrave Country Club
8-May		
12-May	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
15-May	<b>Committees' Meeting</b>	<b>Group B</b>
21-May	District Assembly	
22-May		
29-May		
June	is Rotary Fellowship month	
5-Jun		
9-Jun	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
10-14 Jun	International Convention	Atlanta, Florida
12-Jun	<b>Queen's Birthday - No Meeting</b>	
19-Jun	<b>Committees' Meeting</b>	<b>Group A</b>
26-Jun		
<b>Goodbye Christine, WELCOME Christine (again)</b>		

Legend:

	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event

