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District Governor, Dist. 9810 –

CAROL LAWTON & Frank
Rotary Club of Montrose & District

President,

CHRISTINE ANDERSON
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

IVAN GIGOVIC,
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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



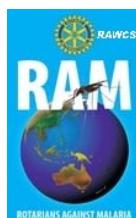
WEEKLY BULLETIN



RAM (ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA)

It's not that long ago since Gloria Hargreaves (pictured above) addressed our club on Rotary's campaign against Malaria. She was interesting and informative last time and didn't disappoint this time either. Gloria brought us up to date on the latest happenings within the RAM organisation. A very worthy cause and one which RC Fern Tree Gully has supported in the past. No doubt we'll do so again if only in memory of one of our staunchest (and Charter) members, Ken Thomson. Ken contracted malaria himself during his military service and was passionate about ridding the world of this terrible plague.

Thank you Gloria—a terrific evening.



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 6th Mar [6.30 for	Monday 13th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 20th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 27th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 3rd April [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bwling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Major Turbine Failure	Labour Day	Committee Meetings	The "Here and Happy" Speech	Conference Report
Speaker:	Martin Boettcher	No	GROUP B	Jason Farugia	TBA
Chair:	Gary B	Meeting	Ray H	Paul W	Mike S
Rotary Toast	Ray H		Graeme A	Enid H	Paul W
Cashier:	John F		Graham F	Bob H	Graeme A
Scribe:	Paul McA		Paul W	Martin B	Ray H
Rotary Knowledge			Paul W		
Topic:		Rotary Youth L'ship Awards			
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Mike S		Mike S	Mike S	Gary B
Partners' Night	No		No	Yes	No

<i>Birthdays:</i>	10th—Paul McAloney
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

I am enjoying a week relaxing and enjoying the beautiful Melbourne weather.

Graeme Aspinall and myself completed our Rotary Learning Institution Course on Wednesday evening. I strongly recommend this to any new member or those who wish to keep updated with the fast pace that Rotary is moving in the 21st century. You learn a lot, refresh old ideas and most of all it is a fun 4 evenings.

Very excited that our Interact Club is getting underway. Did you know there are 468,556 Interact members in 159 countries around the world? So proud of Fairhills High School, teachers and students, being a part of this enriching Rotary programme.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday

Enjoy your week

Yours in Rotary
Christine Anderson
 President 2016-2017



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 27th February 2017

The meeting was opened at 7.02pm by Immediate Past President Paul McAloney.

Announcements:

Paul welcomed everyone, including the guest speaker Gloria Hargreaves of RAM (speaking about Malaria) and Fran (happy to be back from illness with pneumonia/asthma).

Chairperson: also Paul M

Secretary: also Paul (Busy body, isn't he?)

Paul McAloney had distributed the incoming mail.

Apologies: Gary B, Graham F, Christine A, Sean C

Treasurer: No report

Fundraising: Graeme Aspinall (will be off on a cruise for a couple of weeks – have a great cruise!)

Youth: Paul Wilson

Confirmed that Paul, Mike, Enid and Ray will attend the District Youth Forum in Rowville on February 28, as will Adrienne and Emma from Fairhills High School.

Rotary Knowledge – nil this week

Membership – John Flemming had talked about Rotary to oldies at Willowbank Aged Care – he didn't take the whole hour allocated, luckily!

Foundation – Mike advised that he had started to collect the Centurion monies, and had cash from himself and Rob Hurst to start the collection effort.

Sergeant-at-arms. Ray extracted loot from all members with ease, using horrible but true statements from young kids on a range of life topics.

13 of Clubs was drawn, so we live again!

Guest Speaker – Gloria Hargreaves

Gloria is from Emerald Rotary, and is in her 3rd year as president of R.A.M. (Rotarians against Malaria). She updated us on the ever-changing projects.

25 April is **Malaria Awareness Day**, but because of Anzac Day, fundraising dinner activities will be on the following weekend at Waverley Country Club.

Flyers were distributed.

RAM's mission is "a volunteer-run organisation working to eliminate Malaria"

Malaria affects 40 % of the population (but that's down by 37% in the last 15 years!) 240 million have it world-wide, and 438,000 are affected each year (of which 75% are kids under five).

Australian researchers from Burnet, W&E Hall, and Griffith Uni have developed a new vaccine **Mosquirox** to halt the spread. Kids in Africa are being jabbed at 1, 2, 20 and 35 months of age.

PNG has been given 9 million mozzie nets since 2005 (500,000 from RAM), dropping the death toll by 70% in some provinces – but there's a long way to go.

Solomon Islands (922 islands!) are being given garden tools (\$1700 per village) to cut the breeding sites of mozzies, and have reduced 75% of the afflicted.

Timor Leste is concentrating on nets for pregnant mums (\$425,000 to 89% of the mums, tracked by census data)

Many questions were answered about the different forms of disease (Ross River, Dengue Fever, etc), and Mike suggested that RAM align with the RSL, with their aging membership that has already been exposed to Malaria, for funding and increased awareness of the debilitating and often fatal disease.

A very interesting session.

Acting President Paul read out next week's housekeeping duties and closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.

Scribe:/Editor/1-finger typist: Mike Spark



My Rotary

Do you want to learn how to access the RI website functionality **MY ROTARY**? Copy and paste the following link into your web browser for a video tutorial

<https://vimeo.com/205136622>



District Governor's Report

It's a bit late to wish you all 'Happy New Year' although 'Happy Chinese New Year' is still appropriate. I do hope all of you and your families have managed to have a relaxing break and that you feel ready to resume all the wonderful work you do.

It has been very encouraging and rewarding to see members of our district recognised publicly for the exceptional work they do in a variety of areas – we all know such people who work away quietly in the background to make a difference and we do rejoice when we see them in such a spotlight. You can read the reports later in this newsletter. Many congratulations to you all!

The District recently completed a review of technologies used across all areas of its operations against a vision of where we would like to be. We seek expressions of interest from Rotarians across our District to help execute the strategies recently endorsed by DG Carol and the District Board.

One key aspect is conducting a trial evaluation of the selected web technology against the District's requirement specification. We therefore seek assistance from suitably experienced people to help with evaluation, and then potentially implementing the solution.

Feel free to contact DGN Russell [rjgurney9810@gmail.com] for more information and/or to lend your experience to a project that aims to help improve our collective efficiency, governance, and public image.

I have felt very privileged in recent weeks to have had the opportunity to advise clubs that their District Grant applications for Rotary Foundation funding have been successful in this Rotary year. I have loved seeing the range of projects to which clubs are committed. The clubs in District 9810 are absolutely inspirational and I applaud all your work and your plans to continue supporting 'Rotary Serving Humanity' in so many areas!

District Governor Elect Malcolm Chiverton and Karen have recently returned from San Diego following Malcolm's last major training prior to taking on the role of Governor on 1st

July 2017. I know how fortunate he feels to have that role in the year in which Ian Riseley will be the Rotary International President. The training for all those in leadership roles has already begun and with the theme of "Rotary: Making a Difference" we will all be working towards doing just that. Malcolm has a report later in this newsletter.

Earlier in the month a group of 9810 Rotarians and partners joined in another National Immunisation Day in Moradabad, India. I know it would have been both a rewarding and confronting experience. I'm looking forward to reading or hearing more about that soon.

We are now only weeks away from our 2017 District Conference which is being held in Geelong from Friday 31st March to Sunday 2nd April. The program is focused on 'Building Connections : Realising Dreams' and it looks as though it will have something for everyone. We're looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible there and enjoying it all with you. The Saturday night theme 'Somewhere in the World" provides lots of scope for your legendary imagination with costumes.

If you're planning to attend the International Convention in Atlanta in June, RI Director Noel Trevaskis is encouraging all those from our part of the world to be a visual presence in 'an ocean of blue shirts' when Ian Riseley makes his speech in Atlanta – see P. 57 in the February edition of RDU or <http://rdusupplies.com.au/apparel/clothing/> - look for Atlanta Convention Polo Shirt.

Best wishes to you all,

Carol



IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2017	Program.	Speaker
March	is Water & Sanitation month	
6-Mar	Major Turbine Failure	Marttin Boettcher
10-Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
13-Mar	Labour Day - No Meeting	
19-Mar	Fellowship Lunch	Emma & Martin's Home—Upper FTG
20-Mar	Committees' Meeting	Group B
25-Mar	Knoxbrooke 50th anniversary	
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	Easter Monday - no meeting	
24-Apr	Committees' Meeting	Group A
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	Committees' Meeting	Group 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	Queen's Birthday - No Meeting	
19-Jun	Committees' Meeting	Group A
26-Jun		
Goodbye Christine, WELCOME Christine (again)		

Legend:	
	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event

