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President, Rotary International

**IAN RISELEY & Juliet**  
Rotary Club of Sandringham  
Victoria, Australia



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

District Governor, Dist. 9810 –

**MALCOLM CHIVERTON & Karen**  
Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

President,

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

Benefactor,

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



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



### Hayley Matushka Rotary ConocoPhillips Science Experience

Hayley was not in the best of health when she came to tell us about her activities during the Science Experience. Never-the-less, she gave us a really good account of what she did and how much she enjoyed it. However, while she still loves the water, Hayley has since changed from Science to Sports Physio. We wish her Good Luck in her future endeavours. Well done Hayley!

## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 10th July [6.30 for 7.00 p.m]	Monday 17th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 24th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 31st July [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Days for Girls - Malawi	Membership & Marketing	Club Forum - Visioning	No Speaker
Speaker:	PDG Carol Lawton & Frank	Jeff Steele	Chrisine A	
Chair:	Paul W	Ray H	Gary B	John F
Rotary Toast	Paul McA	Graham F	Martin B	Mike S
Cashier:	Ray H	Gary B	John F	Graeme A
Scribe:	John F	Paul McA	Mike S	Martin B
Rotary Knowledge		John F		
Topic:		Rotary's 6 Areas of Focus		
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Graeme A	Graeme A	Ray H	Ray H
Partners' Night	Yes	No	No	No

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	14th—Enid Hughes—'08



## CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

Isn't it great when we hear the experiences of another Rotary Youth Programme from the student we sponsored last January who attended the Rotary Conoco Philips Science Experience. Hayley Matuschka gave us a very informative talk on her experience on the 3-day Marine Science seminar held in January at Queenscliff. Despite feeling under the weather she related in detail her wonderful experience from Banjo Sharks to abalone to identifying different species of fish, so good that her family were also able to share some of her time at Queenscliff.

Looking forward to next Monday a partners night where we have our PDG Carol Lawton and husband Frank talk to us about Malawi and an International Project that our club might take on this year "Days For Girls"

As we start this new Rotary Year a quote from our own International President Ian Riseley "For 112 years, Rotary has made a difference to more lives', in more ways, than we can ever count or will ever know. Today, each of us bears a torch, its flame lit by Paul Harris. That has been passed forward from generation to generation, in 'ROTARY MAKING A DIFFERENCE "

Looking forward to seeing you and your partners on Monday evening  
Stay Warm

Yours in Rotary  
**Christine Anderson**  
President 2017-2018





# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 3rd July, 2017

Meeting opened at 7pm with President Christine welcoming members and our guest speaker Hayley Matushka.

Presidents's Announcements:

- Read out a letter received by John Flemming in regard to a local youth requiring financial assistance for International exchange studies.

Chairman Paul Wilson asked for reports.

**Secretary's Report. Paul McAloney.**

- Advised that all mail had been distributed.
- Apologies. Fran M, Graeme A, Mike S, Martin B.
- Advised that Fran had gone to hospital to possibly have more wrist surgery.
- Mike Brady announced as Victorian of the year.
- Karin Orpin to be guest speaker on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Our Guest Speaker Hayley Matushka** gave members an informative account of her three days at Queenscliff back in January this year where she was a participant in the Conoco Phillips Science Experience. Hayley spends a lot of time at Phillip Island and has a keen interest in marine life and enjoys snorkelling. During her three day course Hayley spent time studying Fresh Water and Salt Water marine habitats, Learning more about Marine Biology and even snorkelling with Banjo Sharks. She also learnt about Abalone and why it can be worth as much as \$1,000.00 a kilo on the black market. The advantages of fish farming, advice about jobs and careers, learning to identify the different bugs that live in the water and also identifying different species of fish were other items on the agenda.

**Community: Ray Hollis.** Organisation of the Dutch Auction to raise funds for Indigenous Eye Health (namely Trachoma) to be held at a later date (possibly early next year) is progressing with 7 confirmed donations to date and 6 others to call on again with positive vibes. Next item on the agenda is to organise venue and date.

Community tree planting day is to take place at Ferny Creek Reserve in New rd or Ferndale Rd upper Ferntree Gully. It has been suggested that we do a number of similar projects throughout the community over the next 12 months. The 1<sup>st</sup> of these will probably some planting at Ferntree Gully North PS.

**Youth: Paul Wilson.** Paul gave us a brief update on the latest happenings in the youth program which of course culminated last Tuesday with the Inauguration of the Interact Club at Fairhills High School.

While we are on the subject of Youth there was mention in Christine's opening remarks regarding sponsorship of a local youth. The student's grandmother wrote to the club asking whether we would be able to help raise some funds to enable him to take part in a Schools International Youth Exchange. After hearing of his and his Mum's struggle over the last few years it was a unanimous decision to help this young man with a donation of \$500.

**Sergeant: Rob Hurst.** Extracted some loose change with an interesting Fable about the Kitchen Table. Skill. Paul McAloney drew the Ace of Hearts.

President Christine thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Scribe: Ray Hollis

## BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

9.00—12.00 p.m.	12.00—3.00 pm
Friday, 14th July	
Graeme Aspinall John Flemming Paul McAloney Rob Hurst	Graeme Aspinall John Flemming Ray Hollis

BOARD MEETINGS 2017-18	CHAIR REPORTS DUE DATE
7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	30 <sup>th</sup> Aug
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	27 <sup>th</sup> Sept
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov
5th Feb	31st Jan
5th Mar	28th Feb
2nd April	28th Mar
7th May	2nd May
4th June	30th April





Extract from District Governor Carol Lawton's final newsletter....

## District Governor's Report:

### Acknowledgements

We are very blessed in our District to have an outstanding support structure which assists us all in learning about and carrying out this role so I would like to mention them.

- The Governor Train (colloquially known as the G Train). I had the privilege to learn from Merv, Tony and David – that has been invaluable.
- The College of Governors – past governors of D9810. They have all been very generous and provided sound advice whenever it was needed. I have appreciated all of that.
- Particular thanks go to John Barnes and David Tolstrup who have provided wise counsel as well as being essential sounding boards.
- I would also like to acknowledge the long distance/email support from Juliet and Ian Riseley.
- Every year the District also has great assistance from all the District Leadership Team, which includes the Assistant Governors. Thank you all for everything you have done, we all do appreciate it.
- In the directory, there are 17 pages of names/groups of Rotarians who take responsibility for a range of areas, programs, projects and activities – thank you all for enabling us all to participate in what you do. Please remember just how valuable your contribution is to us and the people we help here and overseas.

We have had an exceptional group of presidents this year to whom all of us owe our appreciation for the huge job you've done. John Germ refers to his governor group as the "All Stars" and I believe we should share that with you too – you've been magnificent "All Stars" Presidents.

### Reflection

Over the year I've seen a number of clusters working more effectively together to raise the Rotary profile in the local area. This also enables clubs to support one another in areas where it might be more difficult to operate as a single club. One of the obvious examples which David and I have encouraged over the last 2 years is cluster based Rotaract clubs which have so much to contribute now and in the future. I hope we hear more about that possibility later.

The growth of Interact clubs this year is a cause for celebration – we now have nine clubs with more than five additional ones in the wings. Salwan Shahine is working with clubs and schools exceptionally well and we were delighted to attend the Charter of the Fairhills High School Interact Club on Tuesday afternoon. This club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully. Another of the highlights for me was our District Conference which I wrote about in detail in the April newsletter. That has been reinforced with the comments from others as we attend the various changeovers, it's always good to be prompted to remember what we can do together.

One consistent message I remember from Governors since 2010, is the value of partnerships. Those clubs which have established partnerships with a range of organisations, I'm sure would endorse that. Everything I've said about working as clusters and the value of partnerships is connected to ensuring the relevance of Rotary within our local communities – that is definitely the way to survive and thrive.

Membership in our District remains a serious challenge. To date this year, we've added 98 new members, which is fantastic. Sadly, that is counterbalanced by losing 90. The membership team has done great work this year and we all recognise there is more to be done. I must confess I still see this as our greatest challenge.

At the District Changeover I was delighted to pass on a message which arrived that morning from Juliet and Ian Riseley, I quote "we send our very best wishes and heartiest congratulations for the year past and the year to come. We are very aware that the "work of Rotary" is done in the clubs and Districts by Rotarians just as you who are in the room there and our admiration is for all of you."

Returning to my orchestral analogy, I know we will all continue to make wonderful music together in this district so that, as John Germ says, "Together we all accomplish more".

Frank and I pass on our very best wishes to Malcolm Chiverton and his team as they have the great privilege to serve the district in Ian Riseley's year of international leadership as we participate in Rotary Making a Difference.

I'm indebted to Gordon Pyke for all he does to get this newsletter published to all of you, thank you so much, Gordon!

Thank you very much to each and every one of you and your families for all you do to support the work of your wonderful clubs and District 9810. In this you contribute to the great work of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation in an exemplary fashion and I have appreciated that very much.

I wish you all continued success in all you do, individually and collectively.

Best wishes to you all,

Carol Lawton

District Governor 2016-17

# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

July	is the start of new Rotary officers' year of service	
10-Jul	Days for Girls—Malawi	DG Carol Lawton & Frank
14-Jul	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
17-Jul	Club Forum—Visioning	<b>Christine A</b>
24-Jul	<b>Membership &amp; Marketing</b>	<b>Jeff Steele</b>
29-Jul	Exchange Student arrives from Germany	Maja Loewe
30-Jul	<b>National Tree Planting Day</b>	Glenfern Valley Bushlands
31-Jul	No Speaker	
August	is Membership & New Club Development month	
6-Aug	Fellowship Lunch	Emma & Martin's home
7-Aug	Recipe4Change	Christine Smith
11-Aug	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
13-Aug	Jazz at the Royal	Upper FTG
14-Aug	Trachoma	Dr Alex Ioannidis
21-Aug	<b>Committees' Meeting</b>	<b>Group A</b>
28-Aug	Karen Orpen	Life as a Councillor
September	is Basic Education and Literacy Month	
3-Sep	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
4-Sep	No Speaker	
8-Sep	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
11-Sep	No Speaker	
18-Sep	<b>Committees' Meeting</b>	<b>Group B</b>
25-Sep	No Speaker	
October	is Economic and Community Development month	
2-Oct	No Speaker	
9-Oct	No Speaker	
13-Oct	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
16-Oct	No Speaker	
23-Oct	<b>Annual General Meeting / Committees' Meeting</b>	<b>Group A</b>
30-Oct		
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
6-Nov	<b>Melb. Cup Eve - No meeting</b>	
10-Nov	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
13-Nov		
20-Nov	<b>Committees' Meeting / AGM</b>	<b>Group B</b>
27-Nov	District Governor's Visit	Malcolm Chiverton & Karen
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
4-Dec		
8-Dec	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
11-Dec		
18-Dec	<b>Christmas Break-up</b>	
25-Dec	<b>Christmas Day - No Meeting</b>	

Legend:

	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event

