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IVAN GIGOVIC,
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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

WEEKLY BULLETIN



PDG CAROL LAWTON & FRANK MALAWI

(All Angels School in Nwanda Senga Bay)

Doing a great double act, Carol and Frank led us through a terrific presentation of a project close to both their hearts—education for girls in Malawi. As we all know—there is much to be done in this country. RC FTG club members are looking at ways to help with this.

What a great way to make a difference in the world!



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 17th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 24th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Saturday 29th July 5.20 pm	Monday 31st July [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 7th August [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Tullamarine Airport	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Club Forum - Visioning	Club Forum - Visioning	Maja Loewe	No Speaker	Recipe4Change
Speaker:	Christine A	Chrisine A			Christine Smith
Chair:	Ray H	Gary B	Youth	Martin B	Paul McA
Rotary Toast	Graham F	Enid H	Exchange	Mike S	Enid H
Cashier:	Gary B	Graham F	Student	John F	Mike S
Scribe:	Paul W	Mike S	Arrives	Graeme A	Rob H
Rotary Knowledge		John F			
Topic:		Rotary's 6 Areas of Focus			
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Graeme A	Ray H		Ray H	Ray H
Partners' Night	No	No		No	No

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



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

Another busy week for our club, an impromptu Bunnings sausage last Sunday. What a team to get it all together with one hours' notice a most profitable day for our fund raising effort. Well done everyone.

Our Guest speakers last Monday PDG Carol Lawton and Frank, gave us all a wonderful personal story of life in Malawi. There are so many areas that we can be involved in, much to be discussed where we would could make a huge impact as part of our International area of focus.

Hope you have all checked out our Facebook this week. A wonderful privilege for our club, Hon Nick Wakeling MP speaking of our club in the Victorian Parliament, during the last sitting in June. Congratulations to all our members. Well done again to our sausage sizzlers on Friday, we must certainly be getting close to the Guinness Book of records.

Over the coming weeks we are going to miss many of our members, who are going to be travelling all over the globe, We trust they all stay safe we will certainly enjoy hearing about their travels on their return. There will be a certain impact on those of us that will keep our club rocking and rolling for the next few weeks. We will still enjoy fun times with a different structure to some of our weekly meetings. We might be few but we are all here for Rotary Making a Difference.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday where discussions will give our Club Visioning a positive structure, and the direction that will enable us to achieve our goals. Have a great week

Yours in Rotary
Christine Anderson
President 2017-2018



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 10th July, 2017

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

President Christine welcomed Past DG Carol Lawton and Frank and indicated that they would speak on a Malawi project. She also welcomed Jenn Critchlow from RC Boronia who, she said wished to speak briefly on a project she was involved with. Partners were also welcomed.

Christine then spoke of the presentation of our cheque for \$500 to a student Liam who the club had determined to help with an exchange to Germany. Christine said the occasion had been quite emotional and she read out an impressive letter of thanks from Liam and said that this was a clear case of Rotary making a difference.

Paul McAloney advised the club that Nerida Gilbert had been found to have a lung tumour and that as a result part of a lung had been removed. He said however that it had not been cancerous and that she was recovering well.

Secretary's report- Paul reported on the death of John Ulrik a Ringwood member. He also mentioned a raffle being run by RC Montrose.

Apologies Fran Mandergeddes

Vocational- Gary reported that he had transported our RYLA representative to the bus which would take all the candidates to Myrniong.

He also referred to the visit scheduled for Saturday 26 July to the donations in kind warehouse in Footscray, that he had numbers and would book a Williamstown lunch venue.

Sergeant at Arms- Graeme ripped our dollars off us with a lot of useless information but the kitty did not go off in spite of his own ticket being drawn. We live!

Program – Jenn Critchlow spoke on a project that she is founding to address poverty in Bali. She spoke of her experiences there and of the conditions that people there are living in. Jenn distributed flyers advertising a cruise to New Zealand. She hopes to raise enough to support a teacher for four years from the proceeds.

Program – Carol Lawton spoke of conditions in Malawi where she had grown up. She referred to the All Angels School in Nwanda Senga Bay a small school on the shore of Lake Malawi. The area exists on subsistence farming and uranium mining. Agricultural conditions are not good and Carol said that the Australian Government had not invested as promised with the mining. AIDS has also decimated the population.

Carol said that she seeks to create an industry to allow girls there to get an education. Senga Bay has a very poor school (All Angels) so she contacted the people in the area who have children's education as their priority. The school was not accredited and so did not get assistance or qualified teachers provided by government. The school now has proper buildings and is also now accredited and has qualified teachers. That has resulted in enrolments increasing from 250 to 700 children, with some boys also being sponsored.

As a means of both obtaining an income for the girls and a life changing health matter Carol has joined with Margaret Cunningham and Days For Girls so that girls are now learning to sew kits both for their own use and for sale. This enterprise is sustainable but Carol said that the question now is "where from here" and that discussion is a priority.

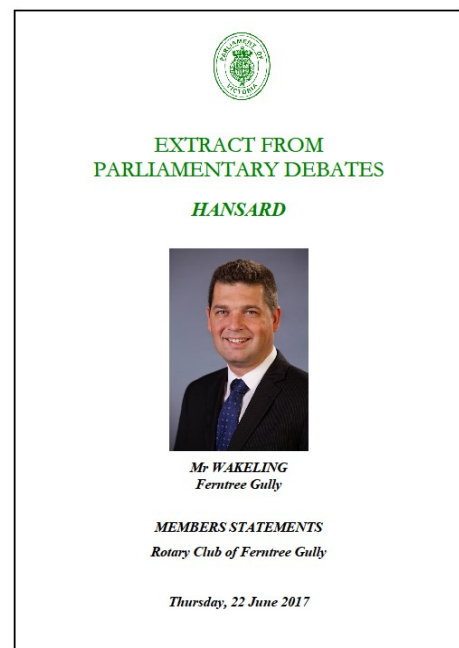
Frank explained that the buildings had been donated and showed a Powerpoint presentation of them and the school that they had come from. He also mentioned that 27 students were now being supported in high school but that long term sustainability was the requirement. Teacher accommodation was also necessary as were other health related requirements. He also indicated that 80 cents per day provided upkeep for a student and said that Deakin University was assisting in the project.

Most questions put to the speakers related to the oversight of any funding provided.

President Christine closed the meeting indicating that the club would give consideration to Carol's project and drew attention to the upcoming membership seminar on Friday 21 July which she hoped all would attend.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Scribe
John Flemming



MEMBERS STATEMENTS

Thursday, 22 June 2017

ASSEMBLY 1

Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully

Mr WAKELING — I was pleased on the weekend to attend the hand-over dinner for the Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully. I would like to place on record my congratulations to Christine Anderson and her team for the wonderful work that they do for the Ferntree Gully community. They have only a small number of members but they had done a significant amount of work. They have conducted regular sausage sizzles to raise money for local and regional projects.



Interplast™

Repairing bodies & rebuilding lives
in the Asia Pacific region

Report by Len Brear,

Chair- District 9810 Interplast Committee: 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17

Over the **last 3 years** an average of 24 Rotary Clubs, individual Rotarians, friends and related businesses have generously contributed to the Interplast cause amounts totalling **\$260,617**, and, with the RC of Wandin obtaining a Global Grant of **\$45,000** in 2016/17, a total of **\$305,617** has been raised over this period.

How has this been achieved?

In this 2016/2017 Rotary Year, \$113,846 has been raised **Plus** the RC of Wandin obtained the said Grant of **\$45,000** for its fully funded project. **All up- \$158,826!**

Details of the 2016/17 result are as follows:

1. Twenty One Clubs contributed **\$30,226** and eleven individual and business donations totalled **\$16,260** totalling **\$ 46,486**. One Rotarian donated a total of \$10,000. One Club donated \$6000 from a golf day and another Club, \$5000. A Rotarian organised an Interplast speaker for a professional society event and obtained business and other donations totalling \$2600.

2. Plus the RC of Bentleigh Moorabbin Central contributed **\$7133** and six individuals contributed **\$36,527** totalling **\$43,680** towards the cost of fully funding a surgical and training program. Plus they will pay for the costs of an observer. One member contributed \$25,000, another member or friend contributed \$10,000, and another road his bike around Australia raising funds and awareness.

3. Plus the RC of Wandin contributed **\$21,000** from a function in November 2016 involving our Rotarian Magician from New Zealand, and obtained donations from 18 members and friends totalling **\$2680** – all towards Wandin's individual project to fully fund a surgical and or alternatively a training team, **totalling \$23,680**

4. As stated above, the RC of Wandin obtained a **Global Grant of \$45,000** for a training program in the Philippines. (See details later.)

5. Donations in 2016/17 totalled an extra ordinary **\$55,467**

6. Thus in 2016/17 the 23 Clubs, out of a District total of 44, contributed **\$58,359** being the amounts mentioned above of \$30,226, \$7133 and \$21,000.

Details of the 2014 /15 and 2015/16 results

In 2014/15 the figure from 23 Clubs was **\$38,655, plus \$4705** in donations (including a donation of \$3000 from a Rotarian) totalling **\$43,360**. One Club donated \$6000 from a golf day and another \$5000. Plus Club and individual donations from RC of Wandin (for its fully funded project) totalled \$7575 totalling **\$50,935**.

In 2015/16 the figure from 23 Clubs was **\$51,211, plus \$13,455** in donations totalling **\$64,666**. Three Clubs donated \$11,755 from two dedicated functions, \$10,000 and \$6500 from a golf day.

Plus \$30,170 raised by the RC of Wandin (for its fully funded project), totalling **\$94,836**.

Over the last 3 years an average of 24 Clubs, have contributed each year. Some clubs have contributed three times, some twice and some once. Six Clubs did not support the District effort in either year and for a long time previously, hopefully their support will be given in 2017/18 but 38 Clubs did on one or more occasions did support the District effort and this support- at whatever level is much valued and welcomed. (I can provide historical de-

tails to a Club about that Club's contributions over this 9 year period, if required.)

We have strived for regular, consistent support hoping to increase the number of supporting clubs from an average of 14 (pre 2014/15 and back 6 years) to an average of two thirds of the total Clubs, but this has not been achieved in either of the last three years.

The backbone of our District's success is the commitment and generosity of many Clubs that have consistently given Interplast support most of the time over the last 9 years.

Comparison with past years

This result of \$305, 617 over the last 3 years may be compared with the preceding 3 years, 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14. During that period a total of approx. \$71,510 (plus \$410 donations) was raised from an average of 14 Clubs each year, (i.e. 2011/2- \$23,350, 2012/13 -\$23,610 and 2013/14- \$24,550). Thus a **four-fold increase** in total contributions from 3 year period to the latest .

In the six years from 2008/9 to 2013/14, the total of the contributions from an average of 14 Clubs was \$140,737 plus donations totalling \$12,506, thus totalling \$153,203 or an average of \$25,540 per year. Over this six year period, four regular contributing Clubs contributed a total of \$83, 692 being 60% of all Club donations. The same Clubs continue to be wonderful supporters over the last 3 years.

The reasons for this extraordinary result this year, 2016/17

Firstly:

As stated, we had an exceptional level and extent of individual and business donations totalling **\$55,487**. A member of the RC of Healesville donated **\$8000 plus \$2000**. (He had donated \$10,000 and \$3000 in the preceding 2 years). A member of the RC of Bentleigh Moorabbin Central donated **\$25,000** and another member or friend- **\$10,000**. The **RC of Cheltenham** raised business donations of **\$2600**. Four individual members donated \$1000 each and many donated lesser amounts. Thanks!

In the figure \$46,486 involving 22 Clubs, 12 individual and business donations accounted for **\$16,000** including a single donation of \$8000 and another of \$2000 referred to above.

In the RC of Bentleigh and Moorabbin figure of \$43,680, 6 donations accounted for **\$36,527** including single donations of \$25,000 and \$10,000 referred to above. What generosity!

In the RC of Wandin figure of \$23,680, 18 donations accounted for **\$2680**.

Secondly:

I was asked to take on the role as District Interplast Chair in May 2014 and I did not have a Committee. Throughout 2014/15 I was able to recruit **Harvey Lane, Malcolm Brownlee and Bob Williams**. Following my presentation to the **RC of Wandin**, I later learnt that that Club was considering funding a program and fortunately **Warwick Bisley** accepted my invitation to join. I also met **Chris Mara** at a presentation at **Bentleigh Moorabbin Central** and learnt that he was an Interplast observer 10 or more years ago and invited him to join and he did.

What a result from RC of Wandin and RC of Bentleigh Moorabbin Central!

Harvey presented at the **RC of Healesville** and met the generous Rotarian who has since donated a total of **\$23,000 over 3 years** plus he provided direct funding to Interplast for medical equipment transport boxes.

Following my presentation to the RC of Monash, **John Sgroi** joined and **Geoffrey Weeks** came on board. And after presenting to the **RC of Warrandyte and Donvale** I met **Liz Guiver**, a former Interplast Observer and she kindly joined the Committee.

The contribution of the members of the Committee has been enormous in achieving their respective Club's and individuals

support.

All members of the committee have performed valuable roles in presenting to Clubs and advocating the Interplast cause. **Liz**, 'God Bless Her' is willing to take on the role of District 9810 Chair Interplast Committee.

Thanks to our terrific Committee!

Thirdly:

Hard, sustained work including nearly 60 Club presentations to all the Clubs that invited us. (Thirty five in 2014/15, 18 in 2015/16 and 7 in 2016/17.) A few clubs either repeatedly declined our offers or did not respond to offers, emails and phone calls. And we presented to some Clubs twice or three times on request. Clubs were kept informed about the objectives and achievements.

Fourthly:

This year, an exceptional year enabled us to build on the successes of 2014/15 and 2015/16 in bringing Clubs up to date and showing the committee's appreciation for the support given.

Fifthly:

The District succeeded because of the generosity and consistency of support from many Clubs and many individuals and the recognition of Interplast as worthy of support.

The smallest Club contribution and individual donation is valued and thanks!

Finally, Interplast has had as its dedicated Rotarian Co Ordinator, Di Gillies (a member of the Rotary Club of Balwyn) and she has given us wonderful support and has presented at some Clubs and functions.

What will the \$158,826 be spent on?

Four Programs in 2017/18!

The District will be able to fund, with **\$90,000**, being \$46,486 raised by 21 Clubs plus \$43,680 raised by the RC of Bentleigh Moorabbin Central - **two surgical and training programs in 2016/17.**

The RC of Wandin with a **\$45,000 Global Grant** together with **part** of the **\$61,904** it has raised over 3 years, will be able to fund an extensive training program in the Philippines (subject to it being safe to do so). In addition it may fund a surgical program separate from the training program all estimated to cost about \$85,000.

The Club expects to have approx. \$20,000 left over in an 'Interplast kitty' for another 'Wandin' or combined Club project or, combined 'District' project in 2017/18, or possibly the following year.

The Results of three years' funding

1. From the funds raised in 2014/15 - \$43,360 and 2015/16 - \$64,666 - totalling **\$108,026** we funded **three surgical and training programs!** (All the Surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and therapists are regular volunteers and donate their time and expertise free of charge.)

(a) Laos in February 2016: We provided \$40,000 plus towards a \$70,000 two week plus surgical and training program which focused on reconstructive surgery for burns victims with 91 surgical procedures and 177 consultations (evaluation, triage, preparation for the next team etc). Mr Phillip Slattery, a well-known reconstructive and plastic surgeon from Melbourne was one of the surgeons. It is noted that this team collectively had volunteered their time on 106 Interplast programs since 1986.)

(b) Samoa in September 2016: We half funded a similar program involving 32 surgical procedures and 50 consultations.

A Tasmanian Rotarian Observer, Karen Badcock wrote: *'The most rewarding part of my being on the program was the interaction with the people and their families who came to be helped by Interplast. This was followed by seeing the results achieved by the surgery which would make such a big difference to their lives. The team camaraderie was wonderful and I felt so proud of the people who gave their time so happily and with such dedication. I loved being a small part of that team'.*

(c) Fiji in March 2017: We fully funded a similar program involving 28 procedures and 56 consultations. The Melbourne surgeons were Dr David Ying, Dr Jonathan Burge and anaesthetist Dr Ian Hogarth.

Full reports of each program have been very widely circulated and are available.

2. Four similar programs can now be funded

3. We trust that Interplast is no longer 'under the radar'.

With increased, consistent support our District, through its Committee led by Liz Guiver will have a base for ongoing, consistent support for Interplast and be able to take pride in the achievements.

4. The District has the opportunity of building on the RC of Wandin's success and Clubs can consider taking action and supporting a training program with or without a Global grant and either alone or in 'partnership' with another Club.

5. Two Rotarian observers will accompany different Interplast Teams and be able to report back, give presentations and share their experiences and perpetuate support for Interplast.

Finally

The objective in 2017/18 is to raise \$45,000 to fund a surgical training program in DGE Russell Gurneys year.

Please don't take our extraordinary success this year for granted and help achieve this target.

THANKS TO ALL CONCERNED.

Yours in Rotary

Len Brear

District 9810 Interplast Chair 2014/15 -2016/17



Changing futures today

Interplast sends teams of volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals to provide life-changing surgery and medical training in 17 countries across the Asia Pacific region.



**Rotary Club of Huntingdale
Charity Golf Day
Huntingdale Golf Club
Monday 28th August 2017**

- Time:** Shotgun start at 12 Noon (Registration from 10.30AM)
Cost: Only \$140. Registration via Golf Link (Male & Female Handicap & Social Competitions)
Includes: Pre-game BBQ lunch, complimentary driving range balls, post-game complimentary drinks & finger food.
Each player receives a show bag and many prizes are available.

All proceeds from this golf day go towards Rotary local and international community support projects.

The Competition is an Individual Stableford event with 4 sections GOLF Link Handicap & Social handicap, Male & Female.

See & use the prestigious multi-million dollar Huntingdale Golf Clubhouse, & the course will be in excellent condition.

Registration via; www.iseekgolf.com at; <https://iseekgolf.com/courses/australia/vic/the-sandbelt-region/rotary-club-of-huntingdale?date=2017-08-28> There is a booking fee of \$2.95 per booking (player or group). The person making the booking must have a GOLF Link handicap, & enter their number at the point of registration. Should you have any difficulties contact the iseekgolf customer service team on 1300 663 813 or by email at info@iseekgolf.com

Be sure to register the golf link numbers for all of your group (if you have them) to ensure you are in the Handicap event, otherwise they will be treated as a social player.

If you need to contact us directly, email; huntingdale.rotary@inet.net.au or mobile 0418 554 287



IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

July	is the start of new Rotary officers' year of service	
17-Jul	Club Forum—Visioning	Christine A
24-Jul	Membership & Marketing	Jeff Steele
29-Jul	Exchange Student arrives from Germany	Maja Loewe
30-Jul	National Tree Planting Day	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	Committees' Meeting	Group A
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	Committees' Meeting	Group 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	Annual General Meeting / Committees' Meeting	Group A
30-Oct		
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
6-Nov	Melb. Cup Eve - No meeting	
10-Nov	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
13-Nov		
20-Nov	Committees' Meeting / AGM	Group 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	Christmas Break-up	
25-Dec	Christmas Day - No Meeting	

Legend:

	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event

