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**MALCOLM CHIVERTON & Karen**  
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President,

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

Benefactor,

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



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



## GETTING TO KNOW US

On Wednesday night Enid and Ray attended the weekly meeting of RC Bayswater in order to get to know our (shared) Exchange Student Maja Loewe. It was an opportunity for Maja to become better acquainted with us too.

An interesting evening with PDG Jennie Coburn speaking to us about Membership. A number of good points were made with respect to how we conduct ourselves in front of visitors.

Next Monday members of RC Fern Tree Gully will also have the opportunity to meet Maja as we have arranged for her to attend our club meeting. I think you'll all be pleasantly surprised—a very shy but self possessed young lady. I'm looking forward to her being a part of our club activities during the next twelve months.

Please make her welcome on Monday.

**Enid Hughes**  
Bulletin Editor



# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 14th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 21st August [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 31st August [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 7th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 14th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	
Program:	Indigenous Eye Health (Trachoma)	Committee Meetings Group A	Life as a Councillor	Stephen Robertson	Other
Speaker:	Dr. Alex Ioannidis	N/A	Karin Orpen	RYLA	Club
Chair:	Mike S	Rob H	Fran M	Paul McA	Visits
Rotary Toast	Graeme A	Paul McA	Paul W	Fran M	
Cashier:	Ray H	Fran M	Paul McA	Paul W	
Scribe:	Paul W	Graeme A	Gary B	Martin B	
Rotary Knowledge		Paul W			
Topic:		RAWCS			
Sergeant-At-Arms:	John F	John F	John F	Mike S	
Partners' Night	Yes	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

A great outcome from all members voting that we will officially change our meeting night to a Thursday evening, starting 31st Aug, at the FTG Bowling Club

We will be meeting in the board room our meal being served as we have been used to, I feel this is a very inviting atmosphere where we as a small club are all together which creates a great opportunity for conversation. Partner's nights will continue and it is a very congenial room for our guest speakers.

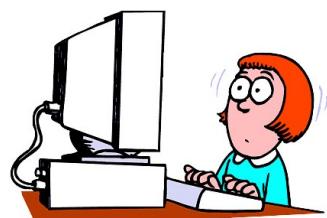
Our sausage sizzling kings are again hard at work on Friday at Bunnings. Huge thanks to all that are helping out.

Next week's meeting is a partners' night; we are having a BBQ at the Bowling Club. We will also be inducting Allan Tierney, into our club. And we have a great guest speaker—Dr Alex Ioannidis—talking about Indigenous Eye Health (Trachoma). A project that our club is passionate about and is going to be raising funds to help eradicate the disease Trachoma.

Have a great week

Looking forward to seeing you all and your partners on Monday evening.

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



# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 7th August, 2017

*The meeting opened at 7 PM with the Toast to Rotary and President Christine welcoming all members (100% attendance, Wacko!! Some travellers have returned, but others are set to take off)*

**President Christine announced:** Fair Hills High School are taking on a project called "Cat Pads" where stray cats are collected and placed in new homes.

Pres Christine thanked Martin and Emma for another wonderful fellowship luncheon at their home on Sunday, 6 August. Martin made a comment, that the consumption of 16 bottles of wine and 9 bottles of beer on the day by those present has established a new record for his fellowship luncheons.

Rotary International wants Rotarians to record the hours spent on Rotary projects and Rotary sponsored and fundraising functions in addition to the hours spent in our formal meetings.

Pres Christine said that as the club we will be involved in youth exchange there is a requirement that all members will need to be "Working with Children" compliant. (The scribe was blown away when members were advised that apparently children are considered children up to the age of 25, go figure!!)

There is going to be a "Tin Rattle" at Ferntree Gully Station on 6 October to raise funds for a Rotary Health project on mental illness.

Due to the Bowling club no longer providing meals on a Monday night Pres Christine led the discussion on the future meeting dates and places. After lengthy debate and discussion there was a unanimous vote that we should change our meeting night to Thursday's and continue using The Ferntree Gully Bowling Club as our meeting venue. We will continue to meet at the Bowling club for the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of August, the 14<sup>th</sup> will be a partner's night with a barbecue cooked outside and consumed in the large meeting room. 21 August will be a meeting in the large room without a meal.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

**Secretary: (Paul McAloney):** in addition to his secretarial tasks was chairman for the night, advised members that the mail been distributed, also mentioned that he had made enquiries at the Boronia RSL as a potential meeting venue, unfortunately, they don't have meals on Monday nights.

**Apologies:** with all present, there were no apologies!!

**Treasurer: (Enid Hughes):** advised members that the board has agreed to draw down \$10,000 from our reserves for overseas projects, therefore we have \$14,000 now available for future International Project.

**Community: (Ray Hollis)** in his capacity as President-elect, as well as community service chairman spent a considerable and amount of time in the last week looking at various venues to see if there were something more suitable for our purposes.

Despite his extensive canvassing of venues in Knox in general and Ferntree Gully in particular, it would appear that despite the 6 or so venues approached the only suitable choice was to stay where we are!

## Youth: (Paul Wilson):

Rotary youth chairman Paul is looking for volunteers to attend (and perhaps prepare an act) for the final Red Faces being held on 19 August as it will be the 'Swansong' for our Rotaract club. Paul also introduced a visitor we had for the night, Stephen Robinson who was a RYLA participant, Stephen will inform members of his experience at a later date.

**Fellowship: (Fran Mandergeddes):** the production of High Society at the Lilydale Theatre on Friday 1 September. So far 17 members have put their hands up the tickets. Other potential, fellowship activities are the Tulip Festival in the Dandenong's that runs from 14 September to 10 October. There is a social package available for the Yarra Valley races. Also, the National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Phillip Island is running a program that incorporates information on Antarctica.

**Membership (John Flemming):** there will be an induction next week of a new member, our Pres Christine's offsider Alan!

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Sergeant for the night was President-elect Ray Hollis who quizzed members on their knowledge of "Australiana".

**Skill:** won by P.P. Paul McAloney who failed to draw the 'Jack from the pack', but it wouldn't have been worthwhile drawing the card anyway as the kitty was cleaned out the week before.

**PROGRAM:** no formal speaker as the evening was taken up by discussions of future meeting venues

**Meeting Closed at 8.15 p.m.** (followed by a mad rush for the door to head home for some Tucker)

**Scribe: Robert Hurst**



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

# COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

## August 2017 Board Meeting

### Community Report

#### 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Continuing to organise Dutch Auction. Date has been set for February 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. I have emailed the Fern Tree Gully CFA to request the use of their meeting room as the venue for this event and am awaiting their response. Depending on the outcome of this it may become necessary to alter the scheduling. I have also had a positive response from 4 more businesses. Progress from my personal input will be curtailed until I return from overseas but it may be possible for other club members to assist with calling on businesses to seek their willingness to aid us in our endeavours.

Ray Hollis.  
Community Chair.

### PR and Marketing Report

#### 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017

A number of events have been added to our Facebook page with varying degrees of success. Some events, like our changeover, have had a very good response with many hundreds of views but others are not so attractive. An excellent presentation by Jeff Steele this evening has given me a better understanding of where and when to find articles both for Facebook and possibly Leader Newspapers.

Ray Hollis  
PR and Marketing

### Youth Report 31/07/17

#### Rotaract (Ongoing)

- Decided to "call it a day" with one last "Swan Song", a Red Faces Night sometime in July / August 2017. Proceeds to go to Ovarian Cancer.

#### Interact (Ongoing)

- Attended first meeting 2pm Thursday 20th After school comes back.
- IDAD to be held Monday 4 Dec. Have notified Adrienne.

#### Youth Exchange (Jan)

- Maja Loewe. Incoming Exchange Student from Germany — arriving 29th July. (Sharing with Bayswater). Will be attending Bayswater Secondary College.

#### ConcoPhillips Science Experience (Jan)

- Hayley Matuschka spoke to us on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July about her experiences last Jan.

#### RYLA (July)

- Picked Stephen Robinson up from the seminar Sat 15 July.
- Have invited him to (informal) meeting 4 August. Have had no reply to date.

Paul Wilson  
Youth Chair

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE MONTHLY REPORT

#### July 2017

- Rotary Club of Clayton's project – **Moradabad Mobile Health Camps – India** (\$1,000). Still pending but advice has been received from John Barnes (RC Clayton) that the application for a global grant is with the TRF (The Rotary Foundation) and is in the question and answer stage. There were initially 8 questions on various parts of the application; these were answered and now they have three more. These are being answered by PDG Sudhir Gupta from the Rotary Club of Moradabad (the host Club) and a results is anticipated (hopefully) on approval in the next couple of weeks.
- Nasavusavu Special Education School.** No change from last month: - As of November this year the club will sponsor 15 students. RC FTG also is the umbrella club for the Special Ed. Section of ABCD so In addition to the 15 student we have seven other students with individual sponsors. Payment for next year's sponsorship is due in November and will be dealt with promptly on my return from overseas.

#### New Projects:

- PDG Carol Lawton and Frank addressed our club on 10<sup>th</sup> July to present the Malawi (Days for Girls) project. Members were interested and I am hopeful that we will go ahead with this project.
- Fairhills – Thailand Project.** Still pending.
- Term Deposit** (Ivan Gigovic funds): The Term Deposit will mature on 8<sup>th</sup> August. The bank has been notified that the club will draw down \$10,000 in addition to the Interest due and payable. I will give further thought to the projects listed in this year's budget and will get back to the Board with more information in November.

Enid Hughes  
International Chair

### Vocations Report—July 2017

- Email received from Roshini Balasooriya in reply to my original reply to her first email. Covering letter as well as her resume . (about the size of a small novel ) I will forward it to you all for discussion
- DIK I believe was a successful morning and I think that we should look at making this an annual event.
- I have asked Enid to include members and the Rotary Knowledge topics in to our forward planning calendar ( need to qualify a couple of the acronyms that I used )
- . I have also asked Enid to diarize about me speakers.

Gary Braddock  
Vocational Chair

# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2017	Program.	Speaker
August	is Membership & New Club Development month	
14-Aug	Indigenous Eye Health - Trachoma	Dr Alex Ioannidis
21-Aug	<b>Committees' Meeting</b>	<b>Group A</b>
31-Aug	Karen Orpen	Life as a Councillor
September	is Basic Education and Literacy Month	
3-Sep	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
7-Sep		
8-Sep	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-Sep	Other Club Visits	
21-Sep	<b>Committees' Meeting</b>	<b>Group B</b>
28-Sep	Dinner Offsite	
October	is Economic and Community Development month	
5-Oct	BBQ - FTG Bowling Club	
12-Oct	10-pin Bowling	Boronia
13-Oct	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
19-Oct	No speaker - normal meeting	FTG B's Boardroom
26-Oct	<b>AGM / Committee's Meeting</b>	<b>Group A</b>
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
2-Nov		
9-Nov		
10-Nov	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
16-Nov	<b>Committees' Meeting / AGM</b>	<b>Group B</b>
23-Nov	District Governor's Visit	Malcolm Chiverton & Karen
30-Nov		
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
7-Dec		
8-Dec	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-Dec		
21-Dec	<b>Christmas Break-up</b>	
28-Dec	<b>Christmas Break - No Meeting</b>	

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

## PRESIDENT ELECT 2018-19 ELECTED.

Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, has been selected to be 2018-19 Rotary president. Rassin's nomination follows Sam F. Owori's death in July, just two weeks into his term as Rotary International president-elect.

It is with great pleasure we offer congratulations to Barry. We look forward to working together to improve communities and change lives through Rotary.

