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



## BULLETIN



## LIFE AFTER COUNCIL

Our guest speaker Karin Orpen certainly gave us a great amusing insight into some of the highlights of her life as a Knox Ward Councillor during her 30 years serving the community and such a pleasure that her husband Bill could join us. We also welcomed two visitors to our meeting, to discover what Rotary is all about. I hope we see Gunter and Julianne back again. Always an honour to have our District Assistant Governor Michele Oscar join us.

**Christine Anderson**  
President

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 21st Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 28th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 5th Oct [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 12th Oct [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 19th Oct [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	Off Site	FTG Bowling Club	Boronia	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Committee Meetings Group B	Fellowship Dinner	BBQ	10-Pin Bowling	Meeting in the Boardroom
Speaker:	N/A	(Partners)	(Partners)		
Chair:	Christine A	Welcome)	Welcome)		Christine A
Rotary Toast	Allan T				Fran M
Cashier:	Martin B				Paul W
Scribe:	Graeme A				Rob H
Rotary Knowledge	Graeme A				
Topic:	MUNA				
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Allan T				Graeme A
Partners' Night	No	No	No	Yes	No

<i>Birthdays:</i>	8th—John Flemming 10th—Anne Flemming
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	13th —Lindy & Graham Faulkner
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None

## TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE BULLETIN

In case some of our readers have not caught up—Ray and I are currently overseas so the weekly bulletin is not being posted to the website. Rob Hurst is distributing a brief, “informational” bulletin to members via email. However, I am keeping in touch and have managed to find time to post one bulletin in September and hopefully will manage a second in October. No promises though!

Back on 21st October—see you all then.  
Have fun in our absence!

Enid Hughes  
Bulletin Editor

*Below—the view from our hotel room in Geiranger, Norway*



# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 21st August 2017 /

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The meeting was opened at 7.00pm by President Christine.

**Announcements:** Christine welcomed everyone, and advised -

- that a good time was had by all on the Saturday night farewell event (Red Faces) of the Rotaract Club of Knox. It has not gained enough members and will now fold.
- The FTG Village Fair will be on again on 25 November, and we will repeat our CRAFT activity for the kids that we did last year, having still got most of the supplies we need to do it again.
- Nominations for the Alan Tudge awards will be considered by Christine

**Chairperson:** Rob Hurst

**Secretary:** Paul McAloney had distributed the incoming mail

**Apologies:** Graeme A, Gary B, Ray and Enid – O/S, 7 Martin B.

**Note - Mike Spark will be on leave of absence until the end of October, due to teaching commitments on Thursday nights.**

**Treasurer:** Swanning around overseas – no report!

**Youth: Paul Wilson**

Rotaract Club of Knox – finally gone but gave it a good go – by a few, anyway!.

**Foundation** – Mike advised that the Centurion monies from himself, Christine, Enid, Ray, Rob and Graeme (and Beth Vize) will be contributed in one hit when Enid returns in October.

**That's half the Club practically!** Others are still welcome to participate.

**Fellowship** – Mike advised that the Royal Hotel had been booked for another Sunday Jazz afternoon/lunch on **October 8** – please let him know ASAP if you are attending.

Fran suggested we organise a Red Faces night next year, and also requested donations and gifts for the men's Xmas party at Foothills Church.

**Sergeant-at-arms.** John F extracted a little loot from all members after some hard questions about particular dates in Australian history (bet you didn't know that we had plague in Australia in 1900!)

**SKILL** - 10 of Hearts was drawn by John F, so we live again!

**Committee Meetings** were held, with reports to be forwarded for the next Board meeting.

President Christine read out next week's housekeeping duties, extolled her quote of the week, and closed the meeting at 8-25pm.

**Mike Spark**  
**Scribe/Editor/ typist:**

**31st August,**

Thursday 31st August, 2017

**Sgt At Arms John F** brought the meeting to order at 7.00pm

Handed over to President Christine who made welcome our guests ADG Michelle Oscar, Julianne and Gunter Hyams, Karin and Bill Orpen, and partners Emma, Kay, Jill, Anne and Margaret.

**President Christine** reported:

- Invitation from RC club of Boronia to a Cyber Business Breakfast at the Knox Club on Tuesday 12th of September.

Chairman Rob H called for:

**Reports:**

- Secretary Paul Mc reported that the mail has been distributed

**Apologies:** Fran M, Mike S, Ray H, Enid H.

- Paul W reported that we have 4 people attending RYPEN.

We are sponsoring

3 and RC Bayswater are sponsoring the 4th.

- Graeme A reported that he had attended FTG Holden for the awarding of the winners of the Great Community Raffle. 96,000 tickets were sold.

He announced that the winner came from Diamond Creek and that a cheque was given to him for our share \$1,060.00

Also advised of two sausage sizzles coming up – this coming Sunday at Bunnings which will be an all day event. The next is on Friday 8th September at the same venue.

**Sgt At Arms John F** collected some money whilst giving us a lesson on Australian History.

Skill was won by Graeme A who drew the 10 of diamonds.

**Guest Speaker:**

Chair for the evening was Rob H who introduced our Guest Speaker Karin Orpen.

Karin entertained us with her speech on Life as a member of local council. Karin was quick to point out that an ex-Mayor is a sitting Mayor who was not re-elected whilst a Former Mayor is one who has completed their term in office.

Karin also shared with us her experiences as a member on the board of the FTG cemetery trustees and advised of an upcoming Cemetery Night Tour on Friday 6th October.

Chairman Rob handed back to President Christine who wished John and Anne a happy and safe trip.

She closed the meeting at 8.45 pm

**Scribe: Gary Braddock**



## ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### Presidential message for the month of September

One of the best parts of any Rotary convention is the sheer diversity of the people you see there. Whether you're heading into a breakout session, exploring the House of Friendship, or sitting down for a bite to eat, you'll meet people from every corner of the world, in all kinds of national attire, speaking just about every language. It's a lot of fun, and it's a big part of what makes Rotary great: that we can be so different and still find ourselves so at home together.

That spirit of warm community that is so central to Rotary also defines Toronto, our host city for the 2018 Rotary International Convention. Toronto is one of my favorite cities. It's a place where half the population is from another country, where over 140 languages are spoken by 2.8 million residents, and where no one ever seems to be too busy to be helpful. In addition to being clean, safe, and friendly, Toronto is a wonderful place to visit, with its attractive Lake Ontario waterfront, great restaurants, one-of-a-kind museums, and interesting neighborhoods to explore.

The 2018 convention already promises to be one of our best ever. Our Convention Committee and Host Organization Committee are hard at work lining up inspiring speakers, great entertainment, fascinating breakout sessions, and a wide variety of activities across the city. There will be something for everyone in Toronto, and Juliet and I encourage you to do what we'll be doing – bring your families along for the fun. If you plan early, your convention experience will be even more affordable: The deadline for discounted early registration (there is an additional discount for registering online) is 15 December.

As much as Toronto offers to Rotarians, the true draw is, of course, the convention itself. It's a once-a-year opportunity to recharge your Rotary batteries, to see what the rest of the Rotary world is up to, and to find inspiration for the year ahead. Find out more at [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org) – and find Inspiration Around Every Corner at the 2018 Rotary Convention in Toronto.

Ian H.S. Riseley  
President 2017-18

### CLUB NOTICE

The Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully  
will conduct its Annual General Meeting on  
Thursday, 26th October, 2017  
7.00 p.m.  
Ferntree Gully Bowling Club

**Rotary**  
Club of Fern Tree Gully





Hello donors to the Rotary Australia World Community Service 2016 NZ Earthquake Appeal

I wanted to provide you with an update on how this project is progressing, and apologies for not providing this information sooner.

What follows is some background to the process we have undertaken in the allocation of your generous funding. In total we were able to allocate just over \$AU28,000. The latest progress report from the recipients has been attached.

Initially, following the earthquake, we were advised by our NZ counterparts that the NZ Earthquake was a very localised event with small numbers physically affected notwithstanding the massive damage to road and rail over a long stretch of highway where there are few homes. The locality worst hit was Kaikoura which had sanitation issues and the residents were issued with chemical toilets. In the smaller settlements, all would have been on septic tanks. Local Councils had the issue in hand with Army support getting supplies in to restock supermarkets and delis etc. There was a concern that well-meaning people would flood the place with food, aid etc that would only harm the business community. The people in the region are not poor. The NZ Government has announced a financial package to ensure tourist operators are provided for.

In setting up the RAWCS Project we wanted to ensure that community generosity had an outlet, however as time went on it became clear that the immediate needs were being met by Government and local agencies - unlike the responses in many developing communities. It was thought that a project may emerge to which your funds could be put, however this took some time and when the selected project emerged, we were very happy to see it go ahead.

In agreement with the New Zealand equivalent of RAWCS, RNZWCS, we transferred all your funds to the agreed project - using Music Therapy to **alleviate the anxiety and stress that the children of the Seddon and the Ward Schools in Marlborough, New Zealand, are suffering as a result of the November 2016 Kaikoura Earthquake** (see attached project proposal)

Rotary in NZ observed that children exhibiting stress and anxiety (which was affecting their schooling) were not fully addressed after the 2010-11 Christchurch earthquakes. By not addressing these needs there's been an increase in anxiety based behaviours often leading to violence within the home and schools, and lawlessness still manifesting in the community six years on.

This **Music Therapy program** (through the Rotary Club of Blenheim South) will assist 32 children to improve their behavioural stresses, mental health, cognitive development and restore family and teacher relationships, and eliminate the anxiety and stress levels for all students within schools and improve teacher/student environment. This will also impact on their families, the school(s) and teacher environment and wider community.

I hope to provide you with further reports on the project as it proceeds.

Regards

**Michael Milston**

Rotary Club of Orange Daybreak



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## **IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....**

Date: 2017	Program.	Speaker
September	is Basic Education and Literacy Month	
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	<b>RYLA Experience</b>	Stephen Robertson
9-Nov	<b>Committees' Meeting</b>	<b>Group B</b>
10-Nov	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
16-Nov	Aboriginal Eye Health (Trachoma)	Dr Alex Ioannidis
23-Nov	District Governor's Official 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

Smiling is infectious  
You catch it like the flu

When someone smiled at me today  
I started smiling too

I walked around the corner  
And someone saw me grin

When he smiled I realised  
I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile  
And then realised its worth

A single smile like mine  
Could travel round the earth

So if you feel a smile begin  
Don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic  
And get the world infected.

INTERACT MEETING 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017

The meeting was slightly informal as 4 or 5 of the students were either sick or taking part in a Performing Arts project which is happening at the moment.

The Student Teacher information morning tea that we attended recently was, from all reports, quite successful and well received with some positive feedback from the teachers. Donations made by the teachers and staff on the day raised \$118.55 towards the project for Cat Corner being run by the local project committee. They are also well under way with planning for their next fundraiser which will be a photo booth to be held in the library foyer over 1 week.

The International projects committee are in the process of organising a 3 on 3 basketball tournament to be held in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of next term. This will be their next fund-raising activity to raise funds towards their trip to Thailand in November and December of this year.

**PLEASE NOTE PAUL W.** Adrienne would very much like it if we are able to include the Interact group as assistants at one of our Bunnings sausage sizzles. Perhaps Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September is a possibility. Maybe 1 or 2 at a time could act as cashiers and helpers. Will leave this to you to follow up.

**Ray Hollis.**  
**Youth Committee.**