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2nd November



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Back to normal

Our Travelers/absentees return!

President, Rotary International

IAN RISELEY & Juliet
Rotary Club of Sandringham
Victoria, Australia



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



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 2nd Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 9th Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 16th Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 23rd Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 30th Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Wednesday 6th Dec [6.00 pm]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Lilydale Theatre	TBA
Program:	RYLA Experience	Committee Meetings	Aboriginal Eye Health (Trachoma)	District Governor's Annual Visit	Fellowship Evening	RJCA Presentations
Speaker:	Stephen Robertson	Group B	Dr Alex Ioannidis	Malcolm Chiverton & Karen	"Nonsense"	
Chair:	Fran M	Ray H	Paul McA	Mike S		
Rotary Toast	Enid H	John F	Mike S	Graeme A		
Cashier:	John F	Mike S	Ray H	Graham F		
Scribe:	Ray H	Paul McA	John F	Paul W		
Rotary Knowledge		Enid H				
Topic:		PHF				
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Graeme A	Paul W	Paul W	Paul W		
Partners' Night	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Birthdays:

5th Rob Hurst

Wedding Anniversaries:

None

Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully

None



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

Welcome back to all our members, great to have you all back at last week's meeting.

Our Rotary programme is looking very full for all of November and December, a very exciting time of the year with a variety of activities and social events to look forward to.

Many thanks to Rob and Marg Hurst for sending out the bulletin, Paul Wilson, acting treasurer Jill Wilson for keeping our Facebook Page updated and all members for stepping up to keep our club rolling along for the past nine weeks. You are an amazing group of Rotarians

Thank you to Graham Faulkner for a great presentation, enlightening our Rotary Knowledge on "NYSF".

Looking forward to reading the progress reports from the committee chairs after committee meetings as brief as they were last meeting. Don't forget it's the Board Meeting this Thursday.

Hope you all have a great week

See you all this Thursday

Have a great week

Yours in Rotary
Christine Anderson
President 2017-2018



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 26th October 2017

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

President Christine announced the following

- district grants will be held over to 30th of November
- we will not be doing a domestic violence seminar in this financial year.
- Paul Mc to send membership report by 30th of November.
- vocational seminar to be held in glen Waverley on Friday 27th of October those attending are President Christine , Ray H , Graham A.
- Saturday 25th November is the village fair, President Christine has asked for small logs as previous. Mike S will supply these.
- Fran M has requested donations for the foothills Christmas lunch.
- the club were all in agreement that Thursday 30th of November should be a fellowship evening to coincide with the production of Nonsense at the 1812 theatre.
- further contribution of \$900.00 was given by the club to Liam to assist for his student exchange trip to Germany.
- Rod Brown , Liam's Grandfather is a potential new member.
- Interact meeting was attended by Ray H in Paul w's absence.
- Interact fund raiser trivia night was a great success and raised \$3,800.00

Meeting was handed back to Chairman Rob H , who handed over to Secretary Paul Mc to get the AGM underway.

The Annual General Meeting commenced at 7.20 and concluded at 7.30 pm.

- Apologies from Fran M , Martin B , and Paul W.
- Secretary Paul advised the meeting that the updated Incorporated Rules and Bylaws have been submitted to Corporate Affairs Victoria.
- PE Ray H announced that, following Pres Christine's example he will be taking on the presidency for two years. Next year's Secretary will be Graeme A and Treasurer Enid Hughes. Other committee chairs will be announced shortly.

Other business

- Enid H reported that we have been approached by RC of Hampton for support with their sanitation project in East Timor. This will be discussed further by the Board next week.
- Our Christmas breakup was discussed and decided that this should be 21st of December.
- As in the past, there will be two fireside meetings in January with the first formal meeting being scheduled for 25th January (Committee Mtg).
- Safe food handling course is being run by Knox City Council, those attending are Ray H, and Graeme A.
- Graham A reported that last sausage sizzle returned a

very good result.

Next sausage sizzle is on the 10th of November and he has asked for volunteers

Sergeant's Session: Sgt Graham A conducted a quiz while extracting some money from us all
Skill was won by Mike S , but no cigar

The meeting then broke for committee meetings. Reports are to be sent to Pres. Christine no later than next Monday.

President Christine closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Scribe Gary Braddock

FAIRHILLS INTERACT MEETING

Last Thursday's meeting was mainly confined towards organising their next fundraising event for the local project.

It has been decided to have a BBQ lunch next Thursday, November 2nd. They are planning on selling Egg and Bacon Rolls, Hamburgers and Sausages. I have offered to give them a hand with the cooking.

The recent Trivia fundraising event raised \$3.800.00 towards their Thailand trip. The overseas contingent will be departing Tullamarine airport at 12.05 am on November 25th.

Adrienne told me today that they already have a number of students joining Interact next year to replace the year 12 students.

Today's meeting will be the last for this year due to exams etc. and also some students finish the years schooling next week.

**Ray Hollis
Youth Service**



FAIRHILLS INTERACT CLUB

FIRST FUNDRAISER

(TRIVIA NIGHT)



Pictured above are local Member of Parliament, Nick Wakeling with Adrienne Tanner and various members of the Fairhills Interact Club

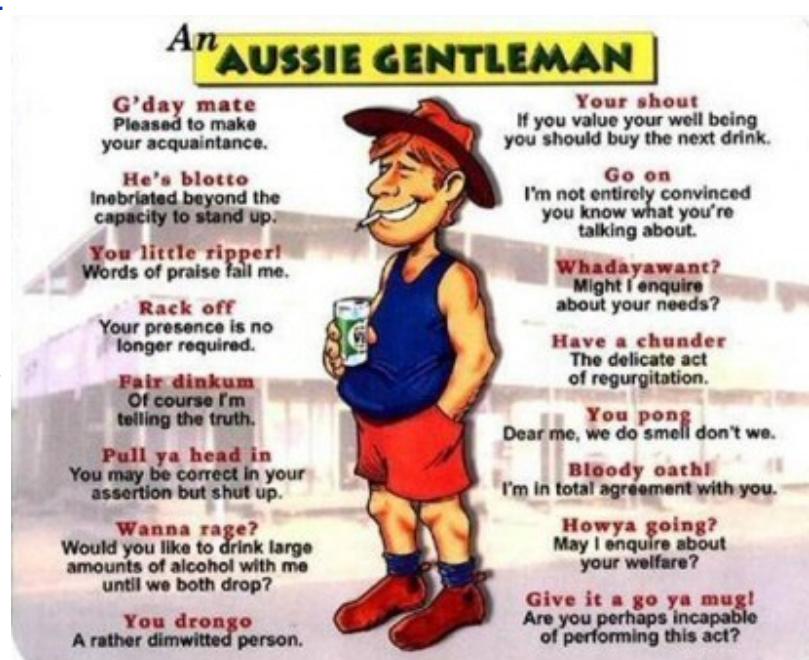
As reported recently by President Christine, the Fairhills Interact Club held their first major fundraiser. Supported by members of the Rotary Club of FTG, family, friends, and school staff it was a tremendously successful evening raising nearly \$4,000 towards the school's upcoming trip to Thailand.

The Amazing and Funny Australian Love Test

Do you ever wonder who loves you? Your wife? Your dog? You think they love you, but how do you know if they really do? How can you be sure? There is a way to find out and have peace of mind and it only takes one hour.

Simply open the boot of your car, put your dog and your wife in there, close the boot, grab a couple of beers and watch the footy on the telly for an hour or so. Then go back to the car, and open the boot.

Now, who is happy to see you?





Malcom Chiverton
District Governor 9810
2017-18



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

As Karen and I travel around the District visiting the Clubs we find no two Clubs are the same; different meeting styles, times, procedures, and traditions. However, what does stand out is the fellowship and friendships of the members of all the Clubs and their passion for Rotary “to Good in the World”. This Passion is divided into local, regional and international projects. The proportion of such projects in all Clubs varies depending upon the direction and skills of the members. For equity and uptake of all members it would be desirable to have an even spread of each but as all Clubs are autonomous there is no correct percentage of one over another and I am not going to espouse one for another. As Rotarians we all see needs in different places and then persuade our members and friends to follow a direction.

Now I am going to mention a 10-letter word. One you have all heard, one that makes your eyes glaze over, one that makes your ears bleed. A word and activity every Rotarian should have an interest in (not delegated to one person in the Club) otherwise the viability and sustainability of your Club and the projects that fire your passion will no longer be possible. Yes, the word is **membership!** Unfortunately, in our little corner of the world, the Clubs combined, which becomes District, have been steadily losing members. We punch above our weight on many fronts but on this basic necessity, we lag behind. One of the reasons I see is that many of us have lost that direction. We become tired of being the leader for that direction and haven't had the new ideas, energy and enthusiasm flowing through from new members to keep us inspired and passionate.

Just recently our District Membership Chair PDG Jenny Coburn released two papers on ways to change our direction. One paper called Organisational Membership Program where Clubs can connect with Organisations to be involved with Rotary to create member benefits, community service and networking. The other paper recommends the process for establishing Satellite Clubs. I believe these two papers give us new directions to stabilise and perhaps turn membership around. Of course, we could also go out and start new Clubs. Back in 2015 an Australian District Governor challenged all the Clubs in his District to start a new Club. This could be an Interact Club, a Rotaract Club, a Probus Club or even a Rotary Club. Today I would include an EarlyAct Club, like RC Wandin did recently. A challenge which I would like every Club in 9810 to become involved in. Or in District 9520, the District sponsored the formation of a new Rotary Club in a relatively new region south of Adelaide. Back in August there was a Regional Rotary Membership Conference held in Adelaide. Yesterday I received summary papers of the event. Amongst the many responses recorded these I thought were most noteworthy –

- “importance of change to attract a new client base.”
- “Importance of a digital presence that is viable to a diverse collection of community members who are seeking opportunities to volunteer their time and skills to assist others”;
- “the message of change for ongoing delivery of service came across strongly, underpinned by a strong commitment to pilot the changes through strong direction”;
- “the concept of a philanthropy gene was well received”.

A report is currently being tabulated of the Conference which I will share when available. However, another concept I read about in my local newspaper, I thought could be taken up by every Club immediately. The article was titled “Rotary, more ways to join in”. It reads “The Rotary Club of Hawthorn now conducts a fifth meeting each month for those who would like to be involved in Rotary but are unable to attend its regular weekly Tuesday luncheon meetings. The inaugural meeting was well attended and held on a Thursday night with guest speaker.....” I thought this was a great initiative. Clubs would only have to choose a time and day different from what they are already meeting. With the recent changes of legislation this could be your third, fourth or fifth meeting. This would give your members more flexibility when to attend and could be the seed to start a Satellite Club for your Club. So, if you care about the sustainability and the future of your Rotary Club, I ask you to think about and support the initiatives of membership growth mentioned and continue to share your Rotary experiences with others and invite them to join Rotary. ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

Best wishes,
Malcolm.



KIDS HELPING KIDS

Would you like something exciting to do for kids 3 to 12 years old on Sunday 26th November?

Kids Fun Run with Thomas at Gembrook Train Station is a fantastic day out for all the family. There will be market stalls, yummy food and even a free Treasure Hunt.

Kids get to run with Thomas, a free show bag, certificate and best of all they have fun, get exercise and are helping other kids.

Funds raised goes to Insight – Education Centre for the Blind and Vision Impaired Children based in Berwick.

Registration is \$20 per child, train rides on Thomas are \$5

Register online at www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au

Please support this great event!

Emerald & District Rotary (A completely voluntary organisation supporting the local community)

Phone: 0408 769 491



Kids Fun Run With Thomas

Rotary Club of Emerald & District



Sunday 26th November 2017
Puffing Billy Railway Station, Gembrook

Children aged 3-12 years

Running with Thomas the Tank Engine

For more information or to register visit

www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2017	Program.	Speaker
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
2-Nov	RYLA Experience / Board Meeting	Stephen Robertson
9-Nov	Committees' Meeting	Group 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	Theatre Night—Fellowship—Nunsense	
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
7-Dec	On-to-Conference Presentation	TBA
8-Dec	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-Dec		
21-Dec	Christmas Break-up	
28-Dec	Christmas Break - No Meeting	

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



**Hope you had a
good one**

