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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN



Pictured above L-R—President Christine Anderson, RYLA candidate Stephen Robertson and Youth Chair Paul Wilson

RYLA EXPERIENCE

Stephen Robertson, staff member at Mountain District Learning Centre was our candidate this year for the week long Leadership course. Stephen gave us one of the best rundowns of RYLA activities we've ever been privileged to listen to. He obviously learned a lot about himself and how to improve his interaction with other people.

A very interesting and informative presentation. Thank you Stephen.



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	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]	Thursday 7th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Lilydale Theatre	TBA	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Committee Meetings	Aboriginal Eye Health (Trachoma)	District Governor's Annual Visit	Fellowship Evening	RJCA Presentations	On-to-Conference
Speaker:	Group B	Dr Alex Ioannidis	Malcolm Chiverton & Karen	"Nonsense"		TBA
Chair:	Ray H	Paul McA	Mike S			Mike S
Rotary Toast	John F	Mike S	Graeme A			Enid H
Cashier:	Mike S	Ray H	Graham F			Gary B
Scribe:	Paul McA	John F	Paul W			Ray H
Rotary Knowledge	Enid H					
Topic:	PHF					
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Paul W	Paul W	Paul W			Paul McA
Partners' Night	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

What a great experience and good for our members to listen to our RYLA candidate Stephen Robertson. Stephens's account of his week was a marvellous presentation with so much detail, it was a delight to listen to him, all the positives and how it's going to change so many aspects of his life, sounds quite astounding. I really hope we can meet up with him in a couple of years.

As 2017 seems to be disappearing quicker than we can keep up, if anyone has an idea for our Christmas breakup please contact Fran or her committee, all ideas will be considered.

We have not to date collected many men's gifts for the Foothills Christmas Day Lunch, all small items will be really appreciated, so please start bringing these to our meetings.

Keep an eye on the "Important Dates to Diarise" each week in the bulletin,

There are several important Rotary dates and Social events happening between now and Christmas, would hate you to miss out, several including partners.

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, 2nd November 2017

The Meeting Opened at 7.30pm with **President Christine** welcoming members and our 2 guests, AG Michelle Oscar and RYLA participant Stephen Robertson.

President Christine announced that the recent tin rattle for Lift The Lid at Ferntree Gully Station raised \$218. A good result for the 2 hours that Christine and Paul McAloney spent at 6.30 in the morning.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS.

Secretary: Paul McAloney. Advised that the mail has been distributed.

Apologies: Fran. M. Graeme A.

Treasurer: Enid Hughes. Spending on Community currently stands at \$970. Youth spending has reached 5,227; more details in Youth Report. Foundation Giving also got their share.

Youth: Paul Wilson. Our Youth program has been very busy this year. To date we have Sponsored 3 Fairhills Interact students to RYPEN (with another sponsored by Bayswater Club). We also sponsored a participant to RYLA (his report later).

We also have our ongoing relationship with Fairhills Interact Club who are due to head to Thailand for their International project on 25th November. The Interact Club recently held a Trivia Night fundraising event which some of our members attended and they managed to raise \$3,800 towards this project which was a great effort.

We are also Co-Sponsors with Bayswater Club for an overseas exchange student from Germany. Maja Loewe is a delightful young lass who is settling in for her 12 months visit to Australia.

On 6th December we will be holding a presentation for the students of Ferntree Gully North PS and Fairhills PS who participated in the Rotary Junior Community Award. We are also discussing the possibility of sending a team to MUNA, (Model United Nations Assembly).

Community: Ray Hollis. Planning for our fundraising event which will be a Dutch Auction is continuing. This event is to raise funds for the treatment of Trachoma in the Indigenous Community of Australia. Ray recently visited all of the businesses who had indicated they were willing to participate and all confirmed their commitment. Also managed to get new businesses on board and we currently have 14 firm commitments. The Auction will take place on 17th February 2018 at the Ferntree Gully CFA premises. Still a lot of work to do.

Vocational: Gary Braddock. The torchlight tour of Ferntree Gully cemetery is confirmed for 24th November. Gary is contacting RDIK to organise another visit, most likely in April 2018. Also under investigation is the possibility of attending a Vocational visit to Boeing Aerostructures in Port Melbourne which I believe would be very interesting. We await further developments.

PR and Marketing: Although Enid and I have been away for a few weeks we wish to thank **Jill Wilson** for continuing to look after facebook, and **Rob Hurst** for publishing the Bulletin in our absence.

International: Enid Hughes. Rotary Club of Clayton are in the final stages of a global grant application for the Moradabad

Mobile Health Camps project in India and expect a reply shortly. When we receive this advice we will forward our \$1,000 donation towards this project.

The Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully currently sponsors 10 students at the Nasavusavu Special Ed School. This commitment will increase to 15 students next year and we also have 7 students who are sponsored by club members or friends. A number of new projects are also under consideration.

Membership: John Flemming. John has suggested that we design a promotional ad that we can then ask various organisations such as Fairhills High School and Ferntree Gully PS to put in their newsletters. Bunnings have also indicated that they are willing to let us have a stand (possibly somewhere near the entrance) to see if we can attract some attention to our cause.

Fellowship: Fran M. A number of our members recently attended "High Society" at the Lilydale theatre, which, from all reports was most enjoyable. On the 30th November 19 members and partners will be attending "Nonsense" at the 1812 theatre in Ferntree Gully. Sunday 3rd December will see us once again enjoying lunch and a fellowship afternoon with Martin and Emma.

Fundraising: Graeme Aspinall. Although Graeme was absent from the meeting he had left a report stating that our recent sausage sizzles had been quite successful. To date this year we have raised around \$4,000 from sausage sizzles.

Foundation: Mike Spark. A number of our club members contributed \$140 for the Centurion Club believing that it was to be \$100 US. We have since found out it is \$100 AUD so it has been decided to send \$100 dollars per contributing member and bank the other \$40 each towards next year's contribution.

Sergeant at arms: Mike Spark. Mike relieved us of our small change while regaling us with some facts about Scotland's inventive past generations.

Skill was won by Paul McAloney but the Joker eluded his grasp.

Our Guest Speaker: Stephen Robertson. Stephen regaled us with some interesting facts about his early life and his trip to RYLA. Stephen was raised in a sport orientated household but was more of a loner and inclined to follow his own set of interests. Some of Stephens early interests were Algae and Bacteria. He also took an interest in writing which led him to having a dabble at writing some poetry.

Stephen recently joined the staff at MDLC as a teacher and takes great pleasure in helping and encouraging his students find their own way in life. Stephen attended RYLA in July this year and was most impressed by the quality of the speakers and the team building exercises. While he started the week as a slightly shy and introverted individual he did say that since spending the week at RYLA he was now more inclined to speak out and be a bit more positive in his attitude.

President Christine closed the meeting at 8.35 pm with one of her weekly sayings.

Scribe: Ray Hollis

COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

November 2017 Board Meeting

Youth Report as of 1/11/17

Interact (Ongoing)

R.C. FTG fielded two tables at an Interact / Thailand Project Trivia night on Friday the 13th October. They raised \$3,800.00. Great effort

Ray is helping them with a sausage sizzle on 2nd November 2017.

The "Thailand Contingent" will leave Tullamarine on 25th November.

Adrienne reports they already have a number of students joining next year to replace year 12 students leaving.

There will be no more meetings this year.

IDAD to be held Monday 4 Dec.

Youth Exchange (Jan)

- Maja Loewe. Incoming Exchange Student from Germany attended one of our meetings. Welcome Maja. (Sharing with Bayswater). Attending Bayswater Secondary College.

ConcoPhillips Science Experience (Jan)

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

Rotary Junior Community Award (Feb)

- As Fairhills PS only have three students and Ferntree Gully Nth everyone has agreed to having joint end of year presentation.
- (Ebony (Fairhills teacher) is pregnant and will be handing over to another teacher for term 4.)

Camp Awakenings (April)

- Ray replied (to Rotary) saying not this year. But most likely next year.

MUNA (May)

- District "MUNA" have written to the club outlining next year's program:
Around \$850.00 per team.
To be held on 5 & 6 May 2018.
If they do not get at least 35 teams it will be cancelled.
- Due to the high cost and logistics commitment they are asking for firm commitments from clubs by 25 November 2017 to be invoiced Feb 2018.

RYLA (July 2017)

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

RYPEN (Sept)

- As Fairhills HS had more candidates than we had budgeted for, Bayswater RC sponsored one of our four attendees.
- I have informally spoken to Bayswater RC about possibility of holding joint meeting / presentation of the four Fairhills candidates. We need to agree and organise quickly.

Paul Wilson
Youth Chair

FUNDRAISING REPORT

30th October 2017

Bunnings

To date we have had six sausage sizzles at Bunnings, all have been very profitable. See finance accounts for the year to date for the amounts raised.

We have two more Fridays to round out the year.

We will know in December our dates for 2018.

Great Community Raffle

We have received our cheque from Rotary Club of Emerald & District for \$1060, being for the tickets we sold during June and July.

Antique/Collectable Fair

A number of possible venues have been looked at, we are yet to find a suitable venue. I have visited three other fairs to get a feel of how they are run, all along the same lines. Contact has been made with one stall holder who is prepared to assist us with contacts for dealers to take up a stall. I will endeavour to have a venue by the end of year.

Graeme Aspinall
Fundraising Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

30th October 2017

At the committee meeting discussion took place upon the different approaches that had been tried in past years to recruit new members without much success. It was acknowledged however that the club had three possible new members at pres – (David Beatty, Liam's grandfather and Karin Orpen). We therefore gave some time to thinking of specific areas where we might attract some new members. Given that the club has an association with Fairhills High and Primary schools and Ferntree Gully North, the question was raised about an advert. Or notice in any school newsletter and on staff noticeboards. John Flemming said that he would speak to Paul Wilson about the idea as he had contacts at each location.

John Flemming
Membership Committee Chair

FELLOWSHIP REPORT

30th October 2017

A group of us enjoyed another Jazz Session at the Royal Hotel, with more on the way. These are always such fun and the music is great!

We also went to see Lilydale's production of the good old musical "High Society". Graham Faulkner's niece played Tracy Lord, the lead, and she was excellent, along with the rest of the cast.

On 30th November a large group are attending the 1812 Theatre's production of the musical comedy, "Nonsense". It should prove to be a fun night, with lots of singing, dancing and laughs galore, as we learn about the history and antics of the Little Sisters of Hoboken, and share in their fun and frivolity!

Coming up of course we have our Christmas break-up party to look forward to – amazing how quickly the year has passed!

Fran Manderghedes
Fellowship Committee Chair

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

MEN'S GIFTS

2017
16th Annual
Ferntree Gully Community
Christmas Day Lunch



You are invited to a
FREE
Christmas Day Lunch



Monday December 25, from 12.00 noon



Food, drinks, entertainment,
Presents from the Christmas Angel,
Transport can be arranged

@ St John the Baptist Parish Hall, 19 Forest Rd Ferntree Gully

To register for your free ticket phone: 8711 8677
Email: stephen@foothillscare.org.au



Hosted by Foothills Community Care
in partnership with local Ferntree Gully friends
www.foothillscare.org.au

Each year Stephen Barrington and his team put on Christmas lunch using the St. John the Baptist's Church Hall.

Each year in addition to the club sponsorship of this lunch-members of the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully have generously contributed some men's gifts.

This year is no different.

Come on guys—Fran is not here to nag us all this year. Bring your offerings to the weekly meeting and let's see how well we can do once again.



MAKE A DIARY NOTE.....

RC FERN TREE GULLY IS HAVING A

DUTCH AUCTION

SATURDAY

17TH FEBRUARY, 2018

FERNTREE GULLY CFA CLUB ROOMS

Funds to go to Ian Riseley's special project

EndTrachoma+2020



IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2017	Program.	Speaker
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
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—Nonsense	
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
3-Dec	Fellowship Lunch	Martin & Emma's
6-Dec	RJCA Presentation	FTG North PS
7-Dec	On-to-Conference Presentation	TBA
8-Dec	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-Dec	Sport & Life Training "SALT"	Dave Burt
21-Dec	Christmas Break-up	
28-Dec	Christmas Break - No Meeting	

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

If your horse didn't win we hope you enjoyed the hats on Derby Day!

