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President, Rotary International

IAN RISELEY & Juliet
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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



Pictured above (L:R) Alex Ioannidis, President Christine Anderson & District Governor Nominee Shia Smart

ABORIGINAL EYE HEALTH (Trachoma)

What a fantastic insight to Australia's problem suffered by our indigenous population. The prevalence of Trachoma is still rife here. Australia is the only first world country to have this problem. Alex Ioannidis explained the reason largely rests with the fact that many of our Aboriginal settlements are very isolated and difficult to access. We have a vast area to cover and whilst much is being done it will take a great deal more dollars and manpower to get this disease eradicated.

We're working on it. RC Fern Tree Gully is holding a Dutch Auction on 17th February and hoping to raise \$5,000 towards this cause.



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Thursday 23rd Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 30th Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Sunday 3rd Dec 12.00	Wednesday 6th Dec [6.00 pm]	Thursday 7th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]
FTG Bowling Club	Lilydale Thea- tre	Martin & Em- ma's	TBA	FTG Bowling Club
District Governor's Annual Visit	Fellowship Evening	Fellowship	RJCA Presentations	On-to- Conference
Malcolm Chiverton & Karen	"Nonsense"	Lunch		TBA
Ray H				Mike S
Graeme A				Enid H
Graham F				Gary B
Rob H				Ray H
Paul W				Paul McA
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

I am sure all that had the opportunity to listen to Dr Alex Ioannidis last Thursday, telling us all the facts about the Indigenous Eye problem Trachoma, would have to agree this is going to require an enormous amount of financial backing and planning to completely eradicate. But as Rotarians we all know who would have thought that the world could be completely free of Polio, so everything is possible. I am very proud that our club has taken this as our major local community project for this Rotary Year, and Alex's talk should have inspired you all to make a big effort to support Ray, and his committee.

Very special that Shia Smart, District Governor Nominee 2019-2020 was able to join us. We also welcomed Rod Brown and look forward to seeing him as a regular at our meetings.

This coming Thursday evening is our District Governor Malcolm Chiverton and his wife Karen's annual visit, I really encourage you and your partner to give our club your full support, as it will be a great evening.

[Don't forget this Friday evening is the Cemetery Tour. Garry emailed you all the details](#)

This Saturday is the Ferntree Gully Fair; we will be offering our FREE activity to young and old to make and decorate their own special Christmas Log. This year's programme looks bigger and brighter than ever, with a music programme that runs continually from 10.20 – 1.20 plus loads of other activities between 10.00 and 2.00 pm so I encourage all members to find some time, to join in.

Enjoy the wonderful weather

Have a great week

Yours in Rotary

Christine Anderson

President 2017-2018



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 16th November 2017

President Christine opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

- Welcomed the members and our visitors, Rod Brown, Shia Smart (DG Elect) and Dr Alex Ioannides.
- Spoke of the new web site and also the cluster meeting she had attended.
- Reported that the cluster intended to have another membership night along the lines of that held at the Knox Club.
- Commented that there was a full social calendar leading up to Christmas and said that our Christmas breakup would be held offsite.
- Our usual fireside meeting venues had to be discussed.

Apologies - Fran Mandergeddes, Martin Boettcher and Paul Wilson

REPORTS:

Treasurer – Enid Hughes reported on the new website and the possibility of modifications to it to give access to Rotary links.

Community – Ray Hollis said that he had sent emails to various companies for support for our Trachoma project but as yet had received no replies.

Rod Brown – Advised that his grandson Liam was at the stage of processing his passport but there had been delays catching up with his father for signatures. The problem will be resolved. Rod also advised that Liam had reached the final of a German poetry competition (the school's first student to do so).

Shia Smart – told us that she was visiting the clubs so that members could put a face to the name prior to her year as DG,

PROGRAM: Aboriginal Eye Health—Trachoma

Keynote speaker Alex Ioannides explained in depth the nature of Trachoma and how flies carried and transmitted the disease. He said that hygiene, particularly facial hygiene was the key to controlling it as flies fed on nasal and optical secretions. The major areas of concern are outback areas where flies proliferate but where hygiene is often far from good.

Alex said that WA and South Australia are being followed up but that the Northern Territory presented big problems. Hygiene is being tackled in schools but distance and irregular attendance were major difficulties

Alex showed two videos which expanded on and emphasised his message –Trachoma is preventable!

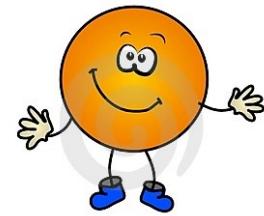
Christine indicated that Trachoma is our major project this year. She thanked Shia and Rod for attending and reminded members that the District Governor would be attending next week.

Scribe: John Flemming

COMING UP..... We need more helpers. Please see Graeme, John or Ray if you can assist.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

9.00—12.00 p.m.	12.00—3.00 pm
Friday, 8th December	
Graeme Aspinall	Graeme Aspinall
John Flemming	John Flemming
	Ray Hollis



PLEASE NOTE:

Next Thursday we're having a fellowship evening—attending the theatre so there will be no meeting on 30th November and no bulletin issued next week.

Enid Hughes
Bulletin Editor





**RC FTG's
"Red & Green"
CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP PARTY**
(Wear your best Red/Green outfit)



**MONDAY
18th December 2017
6.30 for 7.00 p.m.**



**GLENGOLLAN CLUB ROOMS
HUTTON AVENUE
FERNTREE GULLY**

**SELF CATERED BARBEQUE
BYO EVERYTHING!**



FERNTREE GULLY

CFA OPEN DAY &



Saturday
25 November

**in and around The Avenue from 10.00am to
2.00pm**

Pet Farm - Jumping Castle

Live Music - Children's Games

Market Stalls - Vintage Cars

Christmas Tree Exhibition

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2017	Program.	Speaker
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
23-Nov	District Governor's Official Visit	Malcolm Chiverton & Karen
30-Nov	Theatre Night—Fellowship—Nunsense	
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
18-Dec	Christmas Break-up	
28-Dec	Christmas Break - No Meeting	



November 2017

Hello everyone,

How time flies! Its November, The Rotary Foundation Month and already Christmas decorations are in the streets on the footpaths and commercial TV and circulars are bombarding us with items and gifts that we must buy but do not need.

On Wednesday evening (8th November) Karen and I attended the showing of the film *Murder on the Orient Express* with the RC Wandin members and friends plus many other Rotarians from neighbouring Clubs and their friends. We enjoyed the film and had a great time. Congratulations to RC Wandin and PP Alan Henderson, not only organised a fabulous night but raised almost \$8000 for Polio Eradication taking into account the matching grants from Bill and Melinda Gates. Congratulations to other Clubs in District that also organised a film night for non-Rotarians to share.

During my Visits to the Clubs, I am amazed how many Youth Programs the Clubs in the District are involved in, with schools including Primary, Secondary, Institutes of TAFE, Universities and other Youth Groups in the Community. This bodes well for Rotary in the future but are we thinking of now and making every opportunity to grow our membership.

The participants of these programs have parents or maybe a guardian. Have we organised a social night for these people to attend, (a supper, cocktail party or dinner) so we can show them how all our Youth programs lead or link onto another and finally Rotary? Also, show them how we are involved with projects in their community and overseas. Also ask them to help in our projects or fundraising or become sponsors so they too can enjoy the fellowship and fun of "doing good in the world".

Thank you to everyone that attended the Vocational Seminar. It was a tremendous night and I am still getting feedback how much people enjoyed it. If you weren't there and are unsure what Vocational Service is, check out page 40 in the District Directory for some ideas how you can get involved.

Also, don't forget to register for the International Seminar (Friday 17th November) by contacting your Assistant Governor or PDG David Alexander. It is always a good night to see what is happening throughout the District or maybe get some pointers how you can progress an idea or project with which your Club is involved but has somehow stalled.

Thank you to all the Clubs that got involved with the Mental Health initiative "Lift the Lid" and collected for Australian Rotary Health at railway stations and Bunnings stores. Just another way how we are constantly Making a Difference!

I look forward to seeing all the Presidents at the District AGM and Presidents meeting on the 24th November. If you cannot be there, remember to send a proxy to vote on your behalf.

Malcolm Chiverton

District Governor 2017-2018

Rotary District 9810, Australia