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**IVAN GIGOVIC,**  
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## WEEKLY BULLETIN



## DISTRICT 9810 ANNUAL CONFERENCE BENDIGO

2nd—4th March 2018

Pictured above, Geoff Limmer of RC Box Hill Central came to urge members of RC FTG to attend this year's conference. There are to be some highly interesting speakers this year including Per Hoyer, RIPPR and Past RI Treasurer; Sarah Brown, CEO of Western Desert Dialysis; Noel Pearson, Indigenous Australian Lawyer, land rights activist and Director of the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership; Beth Wilson, past Health Complaints Commissioner, and Professor Eoin Killackey who is an Australian pioneer in the development of treatments for first episode psychosis, particularly among adolescents. These are just a few of the excellent speakers we will have the pleasure of listening to.

Theme this year is "Jailhouse Rock" so slick back your hair, get your swirly skirts and finest retro gear together and come along. It's going to be a great conference this year!



# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 14th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 18th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 21st Dec	Thursday 28th Dec	Thursday 4th Jan
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	Glengollan Club Rooms			
Program:	Sport & Life Training (SALT)	Red & Green Christmas	No	No	No
Speaker:	Dave Burt	Break-up	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
Chair:	Paul W				
Rotary Toast	Graham F	BYO	Christmas	Christmas	Christmas
Cashier:	Ray H	Everything	Break	Break	Break
Scribe:	Gary B	for			
Rotary Knowledge		a			
Topic:		Barbeque			
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Paul McA				
Partners' Night	No	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 surprise at last Thursday's Meeting, we had 100% attendance.

A huge thank you to the sizzling kings; also Ray who had to fill in the gaps for last week's Bunnings effort. I look forward to hearing all about it.

As we didn't have a bulletin last week and all members were present I won't reiterate all the many varied activities we have participated in the last two weeks. All I want to say is many, many thanks to you all for making all this happen.

If anyone would like further information on the District Conference next March let me know so I can email you details, otherwise check the next bulletin where I will post some inspiring enticing information. Let's make this an exciting weekend of fun fellowship and listening to motivational speakers. Maybe the last regional conference so let's make it a memorable one (like the many stories I have heard about previous ones that sounded absolutely so much fun).

Please remember that this week's meeting we have some of our Junior Community Award participants displaying their work to us. I encourage all members to attend at 6.30, we do have a full programme as our guest speaker is Dave Burt from Sport & Life Training. This is our last official meeting for 2017 as the following Monday we celebrate and let our hair down at our Red and Green Christmas Party.

Have a wonderful week  
See you all this Thursday

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



# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 7th December 2017

The Meeting Opened at 7.00pm with **President Christine** welcoming members and partners and prospective member Rod Brown and also Geoff Limmer from the RC of Box Hill Central.

**President Christine** read out a letter from DG Malcolm Chiverton expressing his thanks for the work that the club is doing in the name of Rotary. This information arose from his recent visit to the club with his wife Karen. Christine then went on to explain District 9810's intention to put forward a proposal to the Council of Legislation regarding the possible amalgamation of District 9810 with another District.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

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

NEXT WEEKS MEETING TO START AT 6.30 PM WITH ATTENDANCE BY SOME OF THE RJCA STUDENTS.

**Treasurer: Enid Hughes.** Enid explained that the club's Administration funds account is slightly in the red at the moment and that we need to keep having occasional revenue raising activities such as the lunches that Martin and Emma put on 4 times a year. This helps to augment our operating expenses and therefore helps to keep our annual subscriptions in check.

**Youth: Paul Wilson.** On Wednesday evening RC of Fern Tree Gully with the help of our local MP Nick Wakeling we presented students from Fern Tree Gully North PS and Fairhills PS with certificates in recognition of the work that they had done throughout the year for the RJCA program. After the presentation about 50 Students, Parents, Teachers and Rotarians adjourned to the bowling club for dinner.

**Community: Ray Hollis.** Still progressing with planning for our Dutch Auction in February next year. Have written to a number of the wineries in the Yarra Valley but unfortunately without any success. We are continuing to approach businesses for donations and sponsorship and this will continue.

**Vocational: Gary Braddock.** The torchlight tour of Ferntree Gully cemetery was quite interesting and informative but the weather could certainly have been better.

Gary has contacted RDIK and is organising another visit for sometime 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.

**PR and Marketing:** I have posted a few articles over the month of November. Visit by our speaker Alex Ioannidis to tell us about Trachoma, the joint meeting between the Rotary Clubs of Ferntree Gully and Bayswater to present a blazer to our outgoing exchange student and also the presentation of the RJCA awards.

**International: Enid Hughes.** Our \$1,000 contribution to the Moradabad Mobile Health Camps project in India has been made. The global grant was awarded and the project has commenced.

We have committed \$2,000 to the Timor Leste project which, given they get the global grant, will commence in January. 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. Unfortunately, due to a problem between RC Savusavu and the ABCD Board in Australia we have been asked to hold the funds for 2018. Two of our independent sponsors have decided not to continue and the children that were sponsored by this arrangement will be taken up in the club's additional 5 students.

**Fundraising: Graeme Aspinall.** Another successful day at Bunnings last month with profit in excess of \$500 and another tour of duty this Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

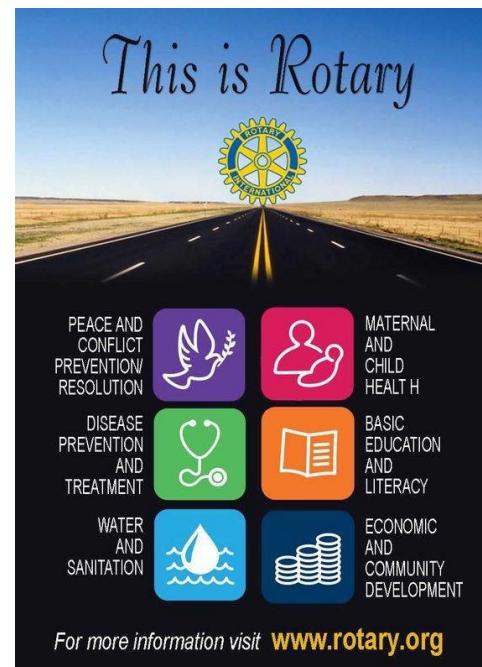
**Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes.** Our recent night out at the 1812 Theatre to see Nonsense was well attended with mixed reviews.

**Sergeant at arms: Paul McAloney** had everybody chuckling with his account of a number of text messages about horse meat which has apparently been found in some UK burgers.

**Skill** was won by Rob Hurst but drew the 3 of diamonds.

**Our Guest Speaker: Geoff Limmer** came along to the club and gave us insight as to what is happening at our conference in Bendigo next year. The list of speakers appears to be very interesting and we look forward to attending. Those going to conference this year are Christine and Alan, Enid and Ray, Paul W and Jill, Graeme A, Mike, and possibly Paul Mc and Kay, and John and Anne.

**Scribe.**  
**Ray Hollis.**



# FERNTREE GULLY VILLAGE FAIR



What a great day! It started off on Friday evening with the Blues Festival including a tour of Ferntree Gully Cemetery conducted by ex Councillor Karin Orpen. The weather wasn't kind to us with lightning flashing and thunder crashing. Umbrellas were the order of the day for those who took the risk of becoming a lightning conductor!

Saturday dawned fresh and sunny and the fair was a great success. RC FTG ran a Christmas stall. Logs and trim were provided for children (and the odd adult or two!) to make their own table decorations. We did the same thing last year

and it proved to be just as popular again. A great time was had by all.





**"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**

What to bring (in addition to your own choice of meat and drinks) :

Jill (& Paul)	Coleslaw
Fran (& Brian)	Salad
Wendy (& Mike)	Potato Salad
Gary (& Nadia)	Salad
Christine (& Allan)	Dessert
Kay (& Paul)	Dessert
Enid (& Ray)	Bread rolls etc
Lindy (& Graham)	Salad
Anne (& John)	Dessert
Rob	Salad Dressing
Graeme	Sauce/Mustard/Cooking Oil



# ROTARY JUNIOR COMMUNITY AWARD

The Rotary Junior Community Award is a program aimed at giving young children the opportunity to develop attitudes towards volunteerism by assisting organisations and people in need, to learn about their own community, to develop healthy attitudes towards physical recreation and to develop new skills.

The Award is based on the Duke of Edinburgh Award but with modifications to suit a younger age group and also a different set of aims. The Duke of Edinburgh Award commences with the Bronze Award for children who are 14 years of age. The Rotary Junior Community Award is for children in Year 6 in Primary School.

The Award is non-competitive and can be designed to cater for the mental and physical capabilities of all children. The program is readily adaptable to children in small rural schools or the large urban school. It is based on a series of activities that take place during the first three terms of the year, (the first year a pilot program over one term is recommended). Each participating child has the opportunity to design the activities to suit their own set of skills and opportunities. Adults monitor their progress.

The Award asks children to focus on four main aspects of community life;

- Community Service where children help other people.
- Skills, where children learn a new hobby or interest,

- Physical Recreation with the accent on participation as well as performance and
- Social Experience where children take part in a range of community activities including a community celebration, a community meeting, a cultural exchange, a religious experience and an arts performance.

The Award is administered by a co-ordinator from the sponsoring Rotary Club and a supervisor (parent or teacher) from each school. Each child has a special diary for designing their own program and recording their activities. The Awards are presented at a Presentation Night organised by the Rotary Club towards the end of the School year.

Primary schools should become involved because:

- In today's world there is uncertainty that children are developing the attitudes needed to create a better world.
- This program trains children to develop the same high moral and ethical standards that we as Rotarians follow.
- It is an excellent way to become involved with a younger age group than Rotary Clubs normally do.
- Participation enables the school to show the way for other schools and families to follow in the training of children for future leadership roles.



The Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully has been privileged to run this program with Ferntree Gully North Primary Schools for more than fifteen years now. In the last couple of years Fairhills Primary School have also joined the program. It was wonderful to last week have a joint certificate ceremony for the two schools and to have local MP Nick Wakeling to present the certificates.

*Pictured above are participating students, President Christine Anderson, Matt Sutherland, Stuart Beevers and our Local Member of Parliament Nick Wakeling.*

# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2017 / 2018	Program.	Speaker
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
14-Dec	Sport & Life Training "SALT"	Dave Burt
18-Dec	Christmas Break-up	
28-Dec	Christmas Break - No Meeting	
January	is Vocational Service month	
4-Jan	Christmas Break - No Meeting	
12-Jan	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
11-Jan	Fireside Meeting	
18-Jan	Fireside Meeting	
25-Jan	Committees' Meeting	Group A
February	is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution month	
1-Feb	ROMAC	Norm Casey
8-Feb		
9-Feb	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
15-Feb	Recipe for Change	Christine Smith
22-Feb	Committees' Meeting	Group B
	Bobby Darin	
March	is Water & Sanitation month	
1-Mar		
8-Mar		
9-Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
15-Mar		
22-Mar	Committees' Meeting	Group A
29-Mar		
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
5-Apr		
12-Apr		
13-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
19-Apr		
26-Apr	Committees' Meeting	Group B
May	is Youth Services month	
3-May		
10-May		
11-May	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
17-May		
24-May	Committees' Meeting	Group A
31-May		
June	is Rotary Fellowship month	
7-Jun		
8-Jun	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-Jun		
21-Jun		
28-Jun	Committees' Meeting	Group B
30-Jun	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
<b>Sun 8/7</b>	<b>Changeover - Goodbye Chris-</b>	

English Historical Saying: -



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There is an old Hotel/Pub in Marble Arch, London, which used to have a gallows adjacent to it. (Tyburn) Prisoners were taken to the gallows (after a fair trial of course!) to be hanged. The horse-drawn dray, carting the prisoner, was accompanied by an armed guard, who would stop the dray outside the pub and ask the prisoner if he would like 'ONE LAST DRINK.' If he said YES, it was referred to as ONE FOR THE ROAD. If he declined, that Prisoner was ON THE WAGON.

So there you go



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

## CHRISTMAS IS A-COMING!

