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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



WEEKLY BULLETIN



CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP MEETING

This year we decided to go “off-site” for our Christmas break-up party. The venue chosen was the newly refurbished Glengowan Club Room. Members who recalled meeting there in the past commented on what a great job they’ve done. All the latest technology was there. We had background music, an overhead screen and projector and over the brand new fireplace was a huge flat screen TV.

The “Aussie” cooks made good use of the barbecue facilities, the salads were delicious and great fun was had by all. The Red & Green theme was very prevalent with just about everyone dressing for the occasions. The evening ended with carols—with all of us gathered around the projector screen rather than the fire!

A great night! Thanks to all concerned.

Happy Christmas Everyone—have a great break and an even better 2018. See you on 11th Jan at our Fireside Meeting.



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 21st Dec	Thursday 28th Dec	Thursday 4th Jan	Thursday 11th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Friday 12th Jan	Thursday 18th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	
Venue:				Enid & Ray's	Bunnings	Christine & Allan's	
Program:	No	No	No	Fireside	Sausage Sizzle	Fireside	
Speaker:	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting		Meeting	
Chair:							
Rotary Toast	Christmas	Christmas	Christmas	Partners			Partners
Cashier:	Break	Break	Break	Welcome			Welcome
Scribe:							
Rotary Knowledge							
Topic:							
Sergeant-At-Arms:							
Partners' Night							

<i>Birthdays:</i>	8th—Brian Mandergeddes 8th—Lindy Faulkner 9th—Beth Vize 10th—Enid Hughes
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



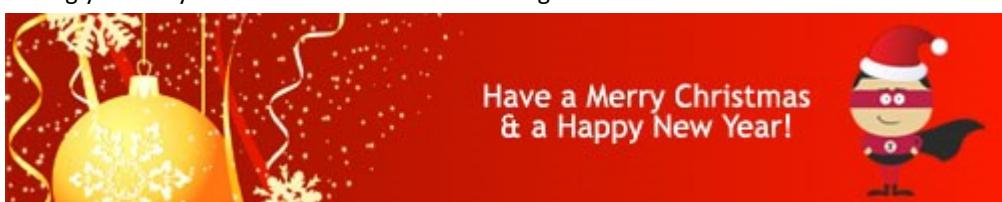
CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

What a great fun evening at our Christmas party Monday night; a special way to end another successful calendar Year. We have embraced two Rotary International themes during 2017 "Rotary Serving Humanity" "Rotary Making a Difference", certainly our projects during this time have embraced these themes.

It's the time of year when we reflect over our achievements, and successes, and we as a small club should feel very proud. We will continue next year highly motivated, relaxed, refreshed, ready to continue our planned projects.

You are an amazing group of very dedicated Rotarians and partners and I thank you all for your wonderful friendship and contribution you make to Rotary.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful time together



Looking forward to seeing you all again at our Fireside meeting 11th Jan 2018

Have Fun Stay Safe

Yours in Rotary
Christine Anderson
President 2017-2018



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 14th December 2017

The meeting started at 6.35pm with two students Jet Williams and Jemima Laemour from Ferntree Gully North Primary School giving a presentation of their work and involvement in the Rotary Junior Community Awards program.

Jet's community work was at the Upwey RSL volunteering in their museum helping to catalogue items, attending their Anzac Day activities and becoming a volunteer for 10 weeks on a regular basis. Completed a speech and a poem on our indigenous people and gained an understanding of Indian religion.

Jemima visited Peppertree Hill Retirement Homes helping and interacting with residents. Her involvement in the Scouting movements Gang Show was a learning experience in making friends and being awarded an excellence award in acting. Cultural experiences were gained from visiting the Dandenong and St Melbourne Markets.

Both said it was a very rewarding program to be involved in.

President Christine opened the meeting welcoming all in attendance. Christmas wishes have been received from Beth Vize and Nick Wakeling

Chairman Paul Wilson called for reports.

Apologies: John Flemming, Bob Hurst, Garry Braddock and Martin B.

Fundraising:

- Bunnings last week raised \$670.00.
- The Greek Philanthropic Society have approached us again to cook sausages at their annual picnic at Ferny Creek on Feb 11th 2018.

Membership: Rod Brown has been approached re joining the Club.

Sgt at arms: Paul Mc extracted fines from members who didn't know what wasn't available in the 50's. Fran drew the 6 of clubs.

Guest Speaker:

Dave Burt from SALT [Sport and Life Training]

Having worked as a teacher Dave now works with Sporting Clubs helping young people. SALT delivers programs on culture, education and leadership training, wellbeing and drug and alcohol abuse these programs have helped young people make correct decisions of their live ahead.

Following a number of suicides in football clubs Dave has helped with the grieving processes in those clubs. In 2015, 52 clubs sought his support growing to 400 in 2017 in 14 leagues throughout Victoria.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Scribe: Graeme Aspinall



CLUB NOTICE

Welcome to 2018

- Club meetings for 2017 are finished for the year.
- Our next Meeting will be a fireside meeting at the home of Enid & Ray—43A Lording Street, Ferntree Gully.
 - Enter Lording Street from Underwood Road; drive to the end, turn left towards Storen Close. Drive to the end and park the car. Enter Glengullan through Gate 7 and turn immediately left. Unit 43A is the second unit on the left.
 - As in past years—BYO everything. BBQ facilities are available.
- Second Fireside Meeting will be at the home of Christine & Allan—3/39 Edina Road, Ferntree Gully. Street parking is available.
- First formal meeting for 2018 is at our usual venue—Ferntree Gully Bowling Club. 25th February, 2018. It will be a Committee Meeting—Group A. Ray will send out an email with the weekly duties roster.



CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

2017



COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

December 2017 Board Meeting

Community Report November 2017

Have visited a number of stores at Knox City shopping centre asking for donations but all said it would have to be passed on to head office. After 2 weeks I have had no replies so am in the process of emailing head offices direct. Emailed 9 wineries in the Yarra Valley but to date the only reply has been a negative from Domaine Chandon. The only real positive for this month has been a \$25 voucher from Dan Murphy. Still no reply from Tupperware and Ted's Camera's are considering our request. I checked the Red Balloon site and have since emailed a number of their suppliers direct. So far 3 replies in the negative including Red Balloon themselves. At the moment we have 15 confirmed donors so still plenty of work to do.

Ray Hollis
Community Chair

NOVEMBER REPORT - VOCATION

. CEMETRY TOUR WAS AN ENJOYABLE EVENING, CERTAINLY PICKED A GOOD NIGHT WEATHER WISE
. I HAVE WRITTEN TO RDIK WITH SOME POSSIBLE DATES , SATURDAY APRIL 14TH , 21ST OR THE 28TH . THEY HAVE ASKED US TO A DATE AND THEY WILL FIT IN. SAME FORMAT AS LAST TIME.
. WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM BOEING AERO STRUCTURES RE A POSSIBLE TOUR OF THEIR FACILITY. WILL REPORT ON THIS WHEN I HAVE MORE INFORMATION.

GARY BRADDOCK
CHAIR OF VOCATION



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

November 2017

- Rotary Club of Clayton's project – Moradabad Mobile Health Camps – India (\$1,000). Payment has been made to the Rotary Foundation (in accordance with global grant application procedure)
- Nasavusavu Special Education School. RC FTG currently sponsors 10 students but this will increase to 15 commencing with the next school year. In following up last year's sponsors: Julie Goodchild has agreed to continue sponsoring Daiana Daga-ga (Julie & Mark have sponsored Daiana since commencement of this project).
- Greg Downes – Grake Kamell didn't complete the year so Greg has declined further sponsorship at this time.
- Ken Sharpe – is no longer a Rotarian and has declined further sponsorship of Sisilia Okustino. I propose Sisilia be taken up as one of our club's additional five for next year.
- Lyndal & Colin McVie have decided to discontinue their sponsorship of Azlin Singh and Semiti Kaulotu. So, again, I am suggesting these two students be taken up as part of the club's additional five students for 2018.
- From correspondence received from the newly formed RC Savu Savu board it would appear that not all of the funds sent for the students of the Special Ed. School have been used in past years and that they are currently hold approximately \$7,000. I am in discussions with both them and the ABC Board to decide what project these funds could be used for. It is important to note that there **has been no misappropriation of funds**. This may take some time but I will keep the Board/Club members informed of any further developments.
- I have not heard from RC Templestowe as to who the new ABCD Board members are.

Upcoming Projects:

- **Malawi (Days for Girls) project.** I spoke to PDG Carol Lawton at a recent Presidents' meeting. She promised to follow up with Frank and get back to us. Unfortunately we have still not yet heard back from Carol or Frank re our possible involvement.
- **Fairhills – Thailand Project.** A cheque for \$1,000 was handed over to Adrienne Tanner for this project. She and the students are currently in Thailand so we look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.
- **Hatu Balico, Ainaro Province, Timor L'Este** –This project to repair, replace and extend water systems because of the high incidence of diarrhoea resulting in infant mortality and childhood stunting will affect 1200 people, including 460 children and will be complemented by further work being done by Plan International to improve the sanitation aspects of three communities so they can achieve "hygienic" status. This is of "highest priority" for Ainaro Province. Our club has committed \$2,000 to this project which is hopefully going to start in January 2018.

Enid Hughes
International Chair



As the Christmas festive season is upon us, spend time with family and friends. It is a great time to relax, recharge and reflect with pride to what we have achieved and will continue to contribute in the second half of this Rotary year. Just to jog the memory, I mention the following: Polio Eradication: We are making headway in eliminating this terrible disease. In 2013 there were 416 cases, so far, this Rotary year there has been 17 cases reported. We are on the way to zero and 2018 well may be the year we reach it. It is important to understand that this won't mean our work is over. Rotary is committed to polio eradication until the world is certified polio free. For that to happen, we must be sure beyond any doubt that there is not a single virus left anywhere in the world. Poliovirus is very good at hiding and that is why we put so much effort into surveillance: looking not only for new cases of the disease, but for signs of the virus in waterways and sewage. Once at least three years have passed from the last time poliovirus is found, an independent committee will certify the world polio-free. Then, and only then, will our work be done. Until then, it's vital that we keep on doing everything we're doing now: all the surveillance, all the immunizations, and all the advocacy work. Congratulations to the 20 Clubs that took up the challenge to support the eradication of polio by contributing US\$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation and see their contribution

grow to US\$7,500 with the matching grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, RI and District 9810; totalling US\$150,000. Don't forget, if your Club missed out on this initiative, you can still benefit from the 2 for 1 offer from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for the balance of the Rotary year. ROMAC: In September the District 9810 ROMAC team swung into action again to help save a 9-year-old boy, Patricio, from Timor Leste, to have life-saving surgery at the Royal Children's Hospital. The surgery was needed to remove a tumour from the right side of the chest that had been identified as malignant and requiring 4 courses of chemotherapy. In late November Patricio got the "all clear" to return home to Dili and continue ongoing chemotherapy but be with his family who were over the moon to have a happy and healthy boy with them. It is the goal of the ROMAC committee to "save the lives of 2 ROMAC patients" and through Clubs and individual donors raise \$50,000 this year. I urge you to get involved in the challenge and perhaps run an event similar to RC Bentleigh Moorabbin Central with their Trash N Treasure market; that is to run a stall to support ROMAC. Membership: It is great to see many Clubs are exploring the opportunities of Organisational Membership and establishing Satellite Clubs. Also, don't forget the new initiatives District is proposing. Partner Membership: encouraging spouses of Rotarians to become members of their partner's Rotary Club. Get your Club to be part of the pilot program. Contact PDG Jenny Coburn. Continued on Page 2 District 9810 News Edition 3 December 2017 District Governor's Report 2 Continued from Page 1 Changemakers – Young Focus Club: aimed at young and enthusiastic Alumni of Rotary programs. For further details contact PP Judith Eadon. RAWCS: Are you aware there is a Project to provide assistance to disadvantaged members of your community? Well there is, through Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants (RACG), made possible due to a wonderful million-dollar donation to Rotary Australia World Community Service by philanthropist Dick Smith. If your Club would like to know more of this initiative or how your Club can deliver humanitarian aid and charitable support through a range of projects, contact Southern Region D9810 Representative Gloria Hargreaves. District Conference: Now we have 3 ways you can register for the Conference in Bendigo, there is no reason not to attend. Also, the new initiative of First Time Attendees Lunch, not to be confused with the PHF Cocktail Party. Two great events where you can learn more and network at the same time. Book today at website: <http://www.9810rotaryconference.org.au/> DGE Russell Gurney and Shelley leave for San Diego in January for the final stage of preparation for Russell to take on the role of District Governor in the next Rotary year. This will be a fabulous experience for them and I am sure they too will come away enthused and ready to hit the ground running on 1st July 2018. I am sure the entire District wishes them safe travels. Finally, for now, Karen and I wish everyone a Safe and Happy Christmas with family and friends and look forward to working with each of you and Making a Difference by "doing good in the world" after the holiday break.

Best wishes, Malcolm



Youth Report as of 1/12/17

Interact (Ongoing)

The "Thailand Contingent" left Tullamarine on 25th November.

Has anyone heard about IDAD held Monday 4 Dec?

I checked with Adrienne before she left and she said they were all ready to go.

Will follow up with her when she gets back.



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.

Nat Youth Science Forum (Jan)

Rotary Junior Community Award (Feb)

Held a joint (Ferntree Gully Nth PS & Fairhills PS) presentation at Ferntree Gully Nth PS on 4th December 2017.

Went on to FTG Bowls club after for dinner.

Thanks to Matt Sutherland & Stuart Beavers for running the program, Sue & Moi (Principals) for supporting & attending and all Rotarians who attended.

it was a great night.

Camp Awakenings (April)

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

MUNA (May)

District "MUNA" wrote 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.

MUNA have come back – They are going ahead and seek positive confirmation.

As we have budgeted for this we responded with a provisional yes pending Fairhill's confirmation when Adrienne gets back from Thailand.

RYLA (July)

Picked Stephen Robinson up from the seminar Sat 15 July.

Have invited him to (informal) meeting 4 August. Have had no reply to date.

4 Way Speech Contest (Aug)

RYPEN (Sept)

As Fairhills HS has 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.

A joint program has fallen thru and I have subsequently requested Adrienne make the students available next year.

Awaiting response pending her return from Thailand.



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	
11-Feb	Greek Festival 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	
Sun 8/7	Changeover - Goodbye Christine—Hello Ray	



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