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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



District 9810's YOUTH SEMINAR



What a terrific night—Well organised, well run, and a list of very impressive speakers. I think we all went away very proud to think that we had just listened to some of Australia's future leaders.

Well done everyone—it was an honour and a pleasure to listen to you all

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 1st Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 8th Mar [6.0 for 7.00]	Sunday 11th Mar [11.30 am]	Thursday 15th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 22nd Mar 6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Emma & Martin's	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	No Speaker	Wellness & Longevity	Fellowship Lunch \$20 per head	Spectrum	Committee Meetings Group A
Speaker:		Yang Zu		Kate Johnson	N/A
Chair:	Gary B	Rob H		Fran M	Ray H
Rotary Toast	Paul W	Rod B		Paul McA	Mike S
Cashier:	Rob H	Graham F		John F	Grame A
Scribe:	Mike S	Ray H		Paul W	No Scribe
Rotary Knowledge	Gary B				Ray H
Topic:	RIPPR				Ambassadorial
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Enid H	Allan T		Allan T	Allan T
Partners' Night	No	Yes		No	No
<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 most Rotarian's in our club have attended a "Welcome Home Dinner" for our Youth Exchange Students. It is certainly one of the highlights on our Rotary Calendar, Allan and myself were privileged on Friday evening to share with six exchange students their wonderful life changing experiences.

Many interesting, funny adventures, experiences living a different culture and a command of another language truly changes the personal development, and confidence of these students.

Next year when our shared exchange (with Bayswater club) student Kayla returns from Taiwan, please don't miss the opportunity to attend this inspiring evening. A wonderful life changing world wide Rotary Programme.

Our last week's committee meetings could have gone on much longer, such was the enthusiastic discussions taking place. Looking forward to reading all reports at our board meeting this Thursday and sharing with all in our bulletin.

Another exciting Rotary week, Tuesday the Youth Forum at The Kilsyth Club I believe eight are attending, and of course the District Conference in Bendigo this coming weekend an exciting weekend to look forward to.

I hope you are all enjoying the last days of summer.

See you all in autumn on Thursday evening

Have a great week

Yours in Rotary
Christine Anderson
President 2017-2018



THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday, 22nd February, 2018

President Christine opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. As tonight was a committee meetings night there was no speaker, partners or guests.

Sergeant Enid, who hasn't done the job for quite some time once again fumbled the job by forgetting to ask for the toast. Fortunately there were other members who remembered so all was well.

The meeting having been safely handed back to Chairman Ray (who remembered how to do the job), the meeting progressed with various reports:

Paul W—Youth

- Advised he was trying to organise the Fairhills' students who went to Thailand to speak next week as we have a vacant speaker's slot.

Graeme A—Fundraising

- Advised that the three sausage sizzles had been most successful. Not yet known as to what the Greek Festival people will donate.

Mike S—Centurion Club

- Reminded everyone that he was now collecting for this year's Centurion Club contributions

Enid H—International

- Gave an update on the ABCD/Nasavusavu Special Ed. Student sponsorship.—To be published in the Board Reports in the next couple of weeks.

Ray H—Community

- Dutch Auction—sponsorship is progressing; several members have been helpful in finding more sponsors.
 - Cheque from Beth Vize—after much discussion it was agreed that the funds should simply be donated to the Trachoma cause. Ray's idea of putting it towards a Collingwood footie jumper was howled down as members pointed out Beth's husband Stuart had been a one-eyed St. Kilda fan.
- Visitors to Nursing Homes—Fran agreed to approach one of the nursing homes located close to her home

Sergeant Enid raised a few chuckles with her rendition of "What Confucius Did NOT say"

Chairman Ray then requested member to break into committee groups. Chair Reports to be submitted to Board members prior to next week's Board Meeting

President Christine closed the meeting (only ten minutes late), reminding those who were attending the Youth Forum next Tuesday that it was at the Kilsyth Club.

Enid Hughes
Bulletin Editor

FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

EMMA & MARTIN'S HOME

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:

Was—Sunday, 11th March

NOW

SUNDAY, 25TH March

Cost: \$20.00 per head

As is usual with Fellowship fundraising -

Funds will go towards the Club's Operating Expenses to help keep our annual fees within an acceptable limit



JAZZ AT THE ROYAL

Mike Spark is seeking interest from those wishing to attend this popular Sunday afternoon Fellowship event. Please let him know if you'd like to go so he can make a booking.

**Sunday
11th March**

FUNDRAISING



ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY

IS HOLDING A
DUTCH AUCTION
ON
SATURDAY, 17TH MARCH

DOORS OPEN 2.00 P.M.

FTG FIRE BRIGADE CLUB ROOM
End Trachoma + 2020

(behind the fire station)
The Avenue Ferntree Gully
PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED TO

THE FRED HOLLOWES FOUNDATION

IN SUPPORT OF THEIR

INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA PROGRAM

FOR THE TREATMENT OF TRACHOMA

A PREVALENT EYE DISEASE IN OUR ABORIGINAL POPULATION



COMING UP SOON

17th MARCH

Members have been busily collecting items for auction from local (and very generous) sponsors.

Some of the items up for auction are:

Rug (2.2 x 1.5 mtrs)
Epson Printer
3 month Gym Memberships
Tupperware
Bikies' Gear (leather!)
BWS Gift card
Relaxation Massage
Skincare Giftpack
Football Memorabilia
Matchbox Collectibles
Office Chair



FRIDAY, 9th March

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

9.00—12.00 p.m.

12.00—3.00 pm

Ray Hollis
John Flemming

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John Flemming

The less you respond to rude, critical, argumentative people, the more peaceful your life will become.



We need more helpers for Bunnings—

Master Chef Graeme A is away and Trainee Chef Ray is looking for assistance. Please let him or John F know if you can help





DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Welcome everyone to another New Year!

But in the Rotary year it is the continuation of all those projects we have bubbling away, back to "Service Above Self" after a short break of enjoying more time with our family and friends.

However, over the last few weeks I have approved many District Grant applications. From the 12th December until the 5th February I have awarded Clubs for 6 projects in Australia, 1 in Uganda, 1 in Kiriwina Island, 1 in Tanzania and 1 in Indonesia. The projects were over a range of different areas. The Australian projects were granted to Fund students to Kingston Council's Junior Mayor & Councillors' program; Provide an ECG Machine for Casey Hospital; Help fund mental health first aid courses for City of Monash school teachers; Provide logistics support for Knox City students to attend the 2018 ANZAC service; Fund four selected students to attend schooling at the CIRE Community school; Organise and conduct a community forum on family health. The International projects were granted to Fund supplies for a 5-student medical team to Suubi Clinic; Provide costs for on-site construction of 100 2-seat desks for primary schools; Fund 4 semesters of Bachelor of Law course for a student at Makumira University, Arusha; Provide and distribute impregnated mosquito nets for communities on Sabu Island.

Also, on the 17th January a Global Grant was approved for the establishment of Tertiary Educational Curricula to reduce violence against women and children in Timor Leste. Just viewing these 11 projects for the Christmas New Year period shows

our charity of choice, The Rotary Foundation never stops, especially when you realise there are another 536 Districts throughout the world who too would also be awarding a variety of grants.

The Rotary Foundation provides the money for these Grants from the Annual giving that Clubs in the District made 3 years previously.

This month being February, has seen the RI exchange rate strengthen from \$1.32 to \$1.24 so now is a great time to make your payment goal to the Annual Giving Fund. By paying now you get the benefit of the stronger dollar plus have more to spend on those other Club projects with which you are involved.

We have two Youth Service Seminars coming up in the next couple of weeks. A great event for Clubs to get their new members and those passionate members for youth programs to attend. The presentations by the past youth program participants will inspire your members to get involved and support our youth programs.

2nd -4th March, yes, the dates of the District Conference in Bendigo! Please check out the website <http://www.9810rotaryconference.org.au> and register. Especially the first-time attendees where the District is providing a lunch with the Guest Speaker, Anette Løwert who is a Past District Governor and also the partner of the RIPP (Rotary International Presidents Personal Representative) Per Høyen, at no cost to first time attendees.

Continue to "Make A Difference" in all your Rotary endeavours and Karen and I look forward to seeing everyone in Bendigo.

Best wishes,
Malcolm

Interplast Changes Lives!

Prue Ingram, Interplast Chief Executive Officer, thanks Rotary District 9810 for its support of Interplast Australia & New Zealand.

"In the 2016-17 financial year, Rotary stood by us as we delivered 81 program activities across 27 locations within 17 countries. While this is an amazing achievement, we continue to receive more requests from our local partners for surgical and training visits than we can fund. Rotary has significantly contributed to changing the futures of thousands of people and hundreds of communities across the Asia Pacific, through surgery and training. It is a comfort to know that Rotary shares our goals to build sustainable health systems in neighbouring developing countries across the Asia-Pacific region".

On behalf of the District 9810 Interplast Committee, I thank all clubs involved in developing activities and organizing special events to raise funds for those in need of medical treatment and support through Interplast.

One coming special event is the **Interplast Golf Day**, which is a partnership between the Rotary Club of Mordialloc and the Woodlands Golf Club. The **Interplast Golf Day will be held at 12.35pm at the Woodlands Golf Club, White Street, Mordialloc on Friday 6 April 2018**. Enquiries to Barry Donaldson, details are in the District Directory.

Remember that your support of Interplast provides surgery for those who would not otherwise be able to access it, and deliver training and mentoring activities developing the skills and knowledge of local medical professionals in the developing countries that are visited.

Thanks for your support,

PP Liz Guiver
District 9810 Interplast Chair
(RC Warrandyte-Donvale)



Interplast™

Repairing bodies & rebuilding lives
in the Asia Pacific region



WHY RAWCS?

Rotary Australia World Community Service

Why use RAWCS to assist you when your Club does an overseas project or when it wishes to do a benevolent project within Australia providing direct relief to people in need?

RAWCS is set up as a national business by the District Governors of Australia so that Rotary Clubs within Australia may take advantage of The Federal Governments Taxation concessions by providing a centralised reporting organisation whilst at the same time allowing the individual Clubs autonomy and ownership of projects to be maintained. The Rules of RAWCS define the authority and identify the framework.

In addition RAWCS provides a public list of all current projects including information of any assistance (\$, Manpower, Equipment) being requested by the Project Manager.

The RAWCS Programs include:

- Rotary Overseas Aid Fund
- Rotary Australia Benevolent Society
- Dick Smith Matched Funding Grant
- Rotary Australia Relief Fund

The RAWCS Activities Include

- Volunteers
- Donations in Kind
- Rotarians Against Malaria
- Water and Sanitation Programs

RAWCS IS NOT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, BUT A RAWCS PROJECT CAN ALSO BE A ROTARY FOUNDATION PROJECT

RAWCS does not compete with the foundation, it is there to benefit a club with an overseas project that can also include a Global or District grant. They can work together.

RAWCS offers an online donation facility to accumulate your funds and Tax deductibility for donations.

Complete information is to be found on the National Website at - <http://www.rawcs.org>.

At this site you are presented with a Main Menu with sub headings:

Home, Donate, Activities, Programs, Regions, Search for Projects, Register a Project, Key Documentation, Contact Us.

To find the first document select *Key Documentation – Presentations*, then select

What is RAWCS – PowerPoint presentation updated February 2018

This document provides an excellent concise list of reasons for using RAWCS for overseas projects. Additional 'How to' presentations on the same page complete the learning process.

To find information on the Rotary Overseas Aid Fund, Rotary Australia Benevolent Society, Dick Smith Matched Funding Grant, and the Rotary Australia Relief Fund, Select *Programs* to find pages of information on each of these activities.

John Gander
RAWCS Southern Region Communications Officer
February 2018

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2018	Program.	Speaker
March	is Water & Sanitation month	
1-Mar	Speaker—TBA (Board Mtg.)	
8-Mar	Wellness & Longevity	Yang Zu
9-Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
11-Mar	Jazz At The Royal	Upper FTG
15-Mar	Committees' Meeting	Group A
22-Mar	Hang Gliding / another subject	John Liddell
25-Mar	Fellowship Lunch	Martin & Emma's
29-Mar	Spectrum	Kate Johnson
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
4-Apr—WED		
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 8th July	Changeover	Christine to Ray
Goodbye Christine, WELCOME RAY		

Legend:

Partners' Night
Fundraising Event
Community Event
Fellowship Event
Community Event



Amusing Signage:

- At an Optometrist's Office:
"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."
- On a Taxidermist's window:
"We really know our stuff."
- On a Fence:
"Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!"
- At a Car Dealership:
"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."
- Outside a Car Exhaust Store:
"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."
- In a Vets waiting room:
"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"