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ROTARY:
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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



JAILHOUSE ROCK

Graeme Aspinall is a Wanted Man!

Much fun was had at District Conference last weekend. The conference itself was held in the old Bendigo Gaol. A beautifully restored and expanded building—now a theatre. The Gala Dinner was held in the local basketball stadium.

A great weekend—inspiring speakers and lots of networking. We're already looking forward to next year's do.

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 8th Mar [6.0 for 7.00]	Sunday 11th Mar [12.30 am]	Thursday 15th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 22nd Mar 6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 29th Mar [6.0 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	The Royal Hotel	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Wellness & Longevity	Jazz at the Royal	Committee Meetings Group A	World Cruise of the Orion	Spectrum
Speaker:	Yang Zu		N/A	John Liddell	Kate Johnson
Chair:	Rob H		Ray H	Fran M	Paul McA
Rotary Toast	Rod B		Paul McA	Mike S	Graham F
Cashier:	Graham F		John F	Rod B	Fran M
Scribe:	Ray H		Paul W	No Scribe	Rob H
Rotary Knowledge			Ray H		
Topic:			Ambassadorial Scholarships		
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Allan T		Allan T	Allan T	Ray H
Partners' Night	Yes		No	No	No

<i>Birthdays:</i>	10th—Paul McAloney
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	4th —Fran Mandergeddes—'02



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

For those Rotarians that have in the past attended a District Conference, you may recall the great "HIGH" you experience at the end of a fabulous weekend. Our weekend in Bendigo well where can I start. The speakers, entertaining, motivational, very interesting, uplifting us as Rotarians to keep "Making a Difference".

Next year's conference will be a Multi District (all Victoria) event to be held in Melbourne in February giving the opportunity for all Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors to participate. A weekend certainly not to be missed.

We will share more Bendigo feedback at this week's meeting,

This Thursday's meeting our speaker Yang Zu will be speaking on Wellness and Longevity this is a partners evening please join us, we love your company.

Bon Voyage to Graeme for the next two weeks

Have a fabulous week

Yours in Rotary
Christine Anderson
 President 2017-2018



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 1st March 2018

The meeting was opened at 7.00pm by President Christine

Announcements: **Christine** welcomed everyone, and advised

- Off to Conference tomorrow (5 members – a very healthy % of our membership)
- a good time was had by all at the Friday night District event for the returning Youth Exchange Program students.
- The District Youth Programs session on Tuesday night at the Kilsyth Club was very well done. 7 members and Susan Harris, our Fairhills High School coordinator, attended.
- The Interact meeting had less students than the initial interest one, but they were very proactive, and already had their office-bearers sorted out. This augurs well for our first Interact Club
- District was setting up a Resources network/database – a register of people with particular skills and assets to help Rotary projects get off the ground and be done more efficiently.
- Dick Smith has done “Bill Gates impersonation” and has given a million Oz dollars for 1-1 matching grants for projects in our local communities – more details to come later!
- Chelsea club have been trialling a “Junior Mayor” program at late primary school level – again, more info is needed to evaluate whether this would complement our long-running RJCA (Rotary Junior Community Award) efforts.
- John reported that an inquiry had been made by South East Water for us to do Bacon and Egg sandwiches at a morning function to celebrate World Water Day. It fits President Christine’s needs for fulfilling the requirements for a Club Citation award, and it gained support from the members.

Chairperson: Gary Braddock – good job, Gaz!

Secretary: Paul McAloney had distributed the incoming mail, and gave a brief summary of the more important bits – a good change in our meeting procedure!

Apologies: Graeme Aspinall was in Bendigo preparing for the conference.

REPORTS

Treasurer: Enid reported that ABCD project was having some difficulties at the Dili end, and we would deal with another local Rotary Club in the future. Our monies donated to date are all accounted for but still mostly intact, as most (for books, etc) have not been used by the locals.

Vocational: Gary reported that the DIK (Donations In Kind) visit to Footscray was booked for 28 April, 2018. Lunch will follow, probably in Williamstown again.

Fundraising: John said the Relay for Life event was now confirmed, and enough members put their hands up to make it happen. Mike will pick up and return the trailer from FTG Holden.

Youth: Paul W said the District’s Rotary Youth Programs session on the Tuesday night was again well done, and new member Rod Brown was highly impressed! He said the Interact meeting today was “brilliant”.

Foundation – Mike advised that the \$100 per annum Centurion monies were being collected again on the “drip-feed” system which takes the pain out of contributing, and Rod Brown had also joined the list - **that’s more than half the Club – great work, guys and gals!** Others are still welcome – see Mike.

Fellowship – Mike advised that the Royal Hotel had been booked for another Sunday Jazz afternoon/lunch on **March 13** – numbers were taken, but please let him know ASAP if you are attending.

Community: Ray reported that three local nursing homes had been contacted regarding visits by our members, with favourable reactions.

Donations were still coming in for the Trachoma Auction night, and Ray was doing an excellent job in obtaining more support.

Sergeant-at-arms. Enid extracted some gold coins from all members after some hard questions about lots of topics.

SKILL - 5 of Clubs was drawn by John F, so we live again! Hurrah!

President Christine gave her quote of the week, and closed the meeting at 8-20pm. A Board meeting was to be held after the Club meeting

Scribe/Editor/typist (?): Mike Spark (That’s all, folks!)



EndTrachoma + 2020
A Rotary 100 Project

FUNDRAISING

COMMUNITY

FRIDAY, 9th March

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

9.00—12.00 p.m.

12.00—3.00 pm

Ray Hollis
John Flemming
Mike Spark

Ray Hollis
John Flemming
Rod Brown



RELAY FOR LIFE

21-22nd APRIL

Sausages / Hamburgers

Bacon & Egg Rolls

ROSTER—CAN YOU HELP?

SATURDAY NIGHT

SUNDAY MORNING

Ray Hollis
John Flemming

Ray Hollis
John Flemming

Please let Ray or John know if you are
available to assist

WORLD WATER DAY

Mint Street Wetlands
(off Edna Crt, Wantirna)

7.00 a.m.—10.00 a.m.

Thursday 22nd March

Melbourne Water and Knox Council have
asked us to contribute the renown Rotary
Skills of Sausage Sizzling.

We will be cooking a free breakfast for the
public attending including councillors etc.

As always—we're looking for assistance.
Can you help?

So far we have:

Christine Anderson
Ray Hollis
Mike Spark
Enid Hughes
Fran Mandergeddes

We need more—please???



**ROTARY:
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This week's speaker :
Xang Xu
Wellness & Longevity

Yang Xu will talk about Learning the Secrets of Longevity from the Greek Fountain of Youth. The talk is about the world's Blue Zones and the secrets to wellness and longevity that these cultures are exhibiting and living on a day to day basis. The Blue Zones are five geographic areas where people live statistically longest: Okinawa (Japan); Sardinia (Italy); Nicoya Peninsula (Costa Rica); Ikaria (Greece) and among Seventh-day Adventist in Loma Linda, California. The talk will outline the following:

- The challenges of aging, the myths about retirement and living your best life post retirement
- Teaching about the world's Blue Zones
- The lifestyles and longevity lessons of the people of Ikaria, the Greek Blue Zone
- How to integrate the principles and philosophy of longevity and the Blue Zones into our daily lives

ROCKING IN BENDIGO



FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

EMMA & MARTIN'S HOME

**PLEASE NOTE (ANOTHER) CHANGE
OF DATE:**

Was—Sunday, 25th March

NOW

SUNDAY, 22ND APRIL

Cost: \$20.00 per head

As is usual with Fellowship fundraising -

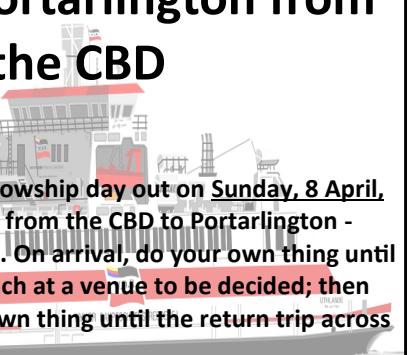
Funds will go towards the Club's Operating Expenses to help keep our annual fees within an acceptable limit

JAZZ AT THE ROYAL



**Sunday
11th March
12:30—3:30 p.m.**

Ferry to Portarlington from the CBD



We are planning a fellowship day out on Sunday, 8 April, 2018, taking the Ferry from the CBD to Portarlington - boarding at 11.00 a.m. On arrival, do your own thing until we all meet up for lunch at a venue to be decided; then continue to do your own thing until the return trip across the water.

Please indicate your interest in this event asap.

Comtact: Fran Mandergeddes

COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

March 2018 Board Meeting

Community Report

February 2018

The donations for the Dutch Auction are starting to gain momentum. Over the last month we have gained 9 new donors for a total of \$1,770 extra, they include 2 local gyms which are Anytime Fitness 1 x 3 month membership, Next Level Fitness 3 x 3 month memberships, Parkers Legal, Maroondah Leisure, Dorset Golf Club, Geelong FC, International Motorcycles, Bikers Gear and Sapphire Nails. Also received a package from Tupperware which I was starting to doubt as it took about 3 months.

I have spoken to eleven other donors who have said they will make a contribution and I will start collecting them early next month. To date the value of goods on hand is just over \$4,000.

We discussed the possibility of spending \$150 to buy a signed Collingwood FC guernsey (RRP \$595) unfortunately they will not have them ready until the end of march.

Some advertising has been done:

- a free ad in the Gully News, and
- an ad in the Fern Tree Gully North Primary School newsletter—thanks to Jill Wilson.
- As of early March I will put it on Facebook both on the club page and on my own page so if everybody shares it as soon as they get it that will spread the message,
- I also have 20 A3 size posters to put out in the local shopping centres.
- I have asked District 9810 to put it in their Events calendar and the highlights mag, and
- it will also appear in 400 showbags at District Conference in Bendigo.
- Greg King from the Doncaster RC has a radio show on 96.5 inner FM and I have also asked him to include it and
- Gary B has a relative who runs a radio program in the hills and he is also going to mention it.

After the event is over I think it will be necessary to hand out some Certificates of Appreciation, especially to some of the bigger donors.

Ray Hollis.
Community Chair.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE MONTHLY REPORT

February 2018

Nasavusavu Special Education School.

As agreed at last month's Board Meeting, a letter was sent to the ABC Dreams Inc. Board terminating our contract to sponsor Special Ed. Students in Fiji via their program. A reply was received and we were advised that ABCD have decided to end altogether their sponsorship arrangements with Fiji. This will be ratified at their Board Meeting in March.

I have been in close contact with RC Savusavu (both by telephone and email) and arranged that RC FTG will continue their sponsorship by dealing direct with them. Further details will be submitted as to progress as and when they occur.

Upcoming Projects:

- **Hatu Balico, Ainaro Province, Timor L'Este** –This project to repair, replace and extend water systems: Application for a global grant has been made by Jennifer Fox, Rotary Club of Hampton. I have asked for an update on this but have not yet heard back
- **Interplast** – There is currently \$1,000 in the budget for this project. As we have decided not to continue with the Days For Girls – Malawi project I am recommending to the Board that we transfer the \$1,000 to Interplast, making our donation a total of \$2,000.
- **Outstanding Budget Sponsorships** – We still have \$1,000 each budgeted for RAM, Operation Cleft and a possible Croatian project. I will be looking into these over the next few weeks.

Enid Hughes
International Chair

Club Service Report

February 2018

Still having conversations with Peppertree Hill and Waterford Park retirement villages in regard to a visit by some of our members to an afternoon tea with the residents. These visits would be to inform the residents of one of the organisations in their area and perhaps we may gain a member or 2.

A side product to come out of this is the suggestion by Fran that perhaps we could organise with a couple of the local Nursing Homes to have regular chat and meet visits for some of the residents who don't otherwise get a lot of visitors. Since most members agreed with this idea it is an opportunity that is being followed up.

Ray Hollis.
Club Service.

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2018	Program.	Speaker
March	is Water & Sanitation month	
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	World Cruise of the Orion	John Liddell
29-Mar	Spectrum	Kate Johnson
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
4-Apr—WED		
8-Apr	Lunch in Portarlington	TBC
12-Apr		
13-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
19-Apr		
22-Apr	Relay For Life—Sausage Sizzle	
22-Apr	Fellowship Lunch	Emma & Martin's Home
26-Apr	Committees' Meeting	Group B
28-Apr	DIK—West Footscray (Lunch in Williamstown)	
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	
Legend. Sun 8th July	Changeover	Christine to Ray
Goodbye Christine, WELCOME RAY		

	Fundraising Event
	Community Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event



Pictured right—this year's Youth Exchange team with our own Maja second on the left.

