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WEEKLY BULLETIN



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: Kate Johnson with President Christine Anderson

SPECTRUM JOURNEYS INC.

A wonderful presentation! Our only regret is that we didn't make this a partners evening. Kate was calm and matter of fact. However, the impact of her presentation left most of us deeply affected with some close to tears. Her organisation is doing a wonderful job and fully deserve all the support we can give them.

Thank you Kate—so very well done.

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Wednesday 4th April [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 12th April [6.30 for 7.00]	Friday 13th April [9.00 - 3.00]	Thursday 19th April [6.0 for 7.00]	Sat/Sun 21/22nd April
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Bunnings	FTG Bowling Club	Athletics Track
Program:	Annual Taveuni Eye Project in Fiji.	Sungai Kolok - Against Slavery	Sausage		Relay
Speaker:	Peter Malden	Robyn & Tony Stokes	Sizzle		For Life
Chair:	Mike S	Allan T		Paul W	
Rotary Toast	Rob H	Graeme A		Enid H	
Cashier:	Allan T	Graham F		Rod B	
Scribe:	John F	Paul W		Allan T	
Rotary Knowledge					
Topic:					
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Ray H	Ray H		Gary B	
Partners' Night	No	Yes		No	

<i>Birthdays:</i>	8th—Fran Mandergeddes
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	8th—Anne & John Flemming
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	5th—Christine Anderson—'14



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

I Hope everyone had a lovely Easter and relaxed.

What an inspirational guest speaker we had the privilege listening to last week. Kate Johnson, started her business Spectrum Journeys six years ago in her lounge, when her family were challenged with one of her children suffering Autism. Her business is a non for profit service that aims to equip and empower Early Childhood Educators, Teachers, families professionals, as they support children on the Autism Spectrum to flourish. Some members were very keen to support Kate in her Blessing Bag Project", we will pursue this and discuss as a club project.

Our next WEDNESDAY evening meeting we have the pleasure of listening to the success of the Annual Taveuni Eye project presented to us by Peter Malden.

If you would like to take part in discussions re the renewal of the Community Police Vehicle, a special meeting for all members of the Knox Cluster is taking place on Wed 11th April at the Rotary Club of Bayswater, We will need to advise numbers as this is a dinner meeting.

Looking forward to seeing all members on Wednesday. Our April Board meeting follows after our general meeting. So until then enjoy your week

Yours in Rotary
Christine Anderson
 President 2017-2018

"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 29th March 2018

The meeting opened at 7 PM with the toast to Rotary by P.P. Graeme Faulkner and President Christine welcoming all members and our speaker Kate Johnson from Spectrum Journeys Inc.;

President Christine announced: At their regular meeting on 11 April (commencing at 6:30 PM) the Bayswater Rotary club will have Acting Senior Sgt Mark Spackman from the Knox Proactive Policing Unit as a guest speaker. All Rotarians are invited but need to contact the club by the 6 April to book a seat.

Due to the devastating bushfires In Western Victoria (where 26 homes were destroyed) and southern New South Wales. Many people in the Camperdown and surrounding areas in Victoria and Tathra in New South Wales are in need of food and shelter. Rotary districts 9710 Victoria and 9780 Southern New South Wales are organising an appeal. One urgent need is the replacement of farm fencing, at least \$10,000 is required as soon as possible.

There was much discussion among members as to how FTG Rotary Club should allocate funds to these causes considering we are committed to funding 'Mental Health', 'Youth Health' and the Knox community police vehicle.

Also there has been an appeal from Rotary District 9600 in Papua New Guinea to assist with funding to help victims of the recent earthquake there.

Chairman: P.P. Paul McAloney called for reports and in his other role as Secretary referred to mail received, one in particular advising the club of the 2019 National Youth Science Forum.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Apologies: Received from Rtn. Martin Boettcher and Rtn. Paul Wilson (both no doubt enjoying an early Easter break)

Treasurer: (P.P. Enid Hughes):

- Agreed that the club was in a position to make a (small) donation to the Western Victorian Bushfires Appeal but stressed the importance of tracking the money.
- As above—with PNG—but with even more caution about tracking the funds.
- **International:** We have received confirmation that RC Templestowe is relinquishing its sponsorship of ABCD and encourages other clubs to follow our lead in dealing direct with RC Savusavu

Community: (P.E. Ray Hollis) probably a combined a Community Service and Club Service report in which Ray made several announcements pertinent to future activities which Rotary is involved with.

- Reminded members that next week's meeting is not being held on Thursday, 5th of April but the day before, Wednesday the 4th April due to a change in our meeting venues requirements on that day.
- The "Relay for Life" is being held on the 21st on 22 April this year
- the "Donations In Kind" is being held in West Footscray on 28th April, (location to be advised).

Youth:

(Paul Wilson): in Rtn's Paul's absence Ray Hollis announced that on May 5 next there will be an 'Interactive meeting' and on the following day May 6th we have 2 participants in the "Model United Nations Assembly" being organised by the Rotary District

Sergeant-At-Arms: conducted by President-elect Ray Hollis who tested members knowledge regarding the songs of the '60s (in particular rock 'n' roll's stuff) which probably put at a disadvantage anyone under 60 years of age or those who spent some of that decade in the Northern Territory where you only had radio for a few hours a day; if it played music all it would have been Country and Western (in particular 'Slim Dusty' or the 'Sheikh from Scrubby Creek')

PROGRAM:

Our guest speaker for the evening was Kate Johnson, who is the mother of 4 children. Her first child was diagnosed with autism, and having discovered that there is little or no support in the community for families who have children with this disease or syndrome Kate founded an organisation called "Spectrum Journeys Inc."

This organisation is devoted to providing care and support to families with children afflicted with the disease. Although as Kate explained 'autism' as it is commonly known comes in many varieties, "Asperger's syndrome" being one of them.

Asperger's syndrome is one of several previously separate subtypes of **autism** that were folded into the single diagnosis **autism** spectrum disorder (ASD) with the publication of the DSM-5 diagnostic manual in 2013. **Asperger's syndrome** was generally considered to be on the "high functioning" end of the spectrum.

With the assistance of many volunteers Kate has been able to create through "Spectrum Journeys" a facility whereby parents, teachers, therapists etc. can access information and support to assist children who have these afflictions.

"Spectrum Journeys" provide workshops and events to enable not only parents but teachers, and professionals to recognise and understand the sensory processing problems that those who suffer from the disease or syndrome have to deal with. They assist people in designing strategies to cope with the individual's requirements as everyone is different, and the syndrome can impact detrimentally on the daily activities of a child if not identified as early as possible.

Kate's son is now 12 years of age and despite his affliction has grown to be a very confident young man and a leader in his peer group. Kate is extremely proud of him but she should also be acknowledged for her devotion to him in bringing about such a result.

In the words of P.P. John Flemming "**what an amazing person our speaker is**".

Club members were so moved by her story that at the conclusion of her talk Kate was presented with a cheque for \$500 by President Christine as a donation towards her marvellous work.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm.

Scribe: Robert Hurst



Nasavusavu School for Special Education (Yaroi)

Meeting Date: 7th March 2018 -

Savusavu Rotary Club - ABCD Committee

Jacorita Badenhorst, Helen Jaap

Nasavusavu School for Special Education (Yaroi)

Teang Aisea - Head Teacher

Jacorita and Helen met with Teang Aisea to explore how project funds from Fern Tree Gully could be utilized to provide the greatest benefit to the widest number of children attending Nasavusavu School for Special Education (Yaroi). We asked Teang Aisea, Head Teacher, what resources they need the most to provide the best learning environment for the children.

Her direct appeal can probably express their needs more eloquently than we can, we share her words below-

"The school caters for children with special needs. For this they are taught differently in order to achieve goals that range from the most important to the least. A lot of these children use visual timetable and some that are exposed to these new technology draws their attention and boost their learning faster to achieving the set goals. Those that cannot write manage to type letters and write accordingly.

Those that are not exposed to these at home are eager for lessons daily to have a feel and explore interesting things. In the past two of our hearing impaired children that went to the high school were computer literate. Both are now teachers for the junior hearing impaired in Suva.

The school is humbly requesting for computers and laptops that could assist the children in learning rhymes, jolly phonics, zumba (move to learn) colors, numbers, alphabets coloring pictures and sensory etc."

The school currently has one desk top computer used for all of the school administration and one laptop which is being used in the manner described above to assist the children with their lessons. The laptop is only suitable for teaching a maximum of 2 or 3 children at a time.

The school has three classrooms and Teang said the ideal situation would be to have a separate computer with a large screen monitor in each classroom. This would allow the teachers to provide different teaching environments in each classroom to cover the widest range of special educational needs the children have.

There is also a requirement for individual one-on-one teaching, using specialist teaching computer software, to bring out the best in individual children. The school currently only has two personal 'tablet'/ notebook type computers. There is a great need to increase the school's capacity to provide individual one-on-one teaching environments through the use of computer-based teaching aids. Teang indicated that more personal 'tablet'/ notebook type computers and/or laptops will be greatly appreciated if they can be provided.

We hope that you will agree with us that providing computers and monitors and /or tablets/laptops to the school to allow them to access computer-based teaching aids for the children would be a very worthwhile use of your project funds. We believe that this can bring very real benefits into the lives of the children and can potentially help to provide a level of education that will change their lives for the better.

The above has been approved in principle by the International Committee and will be ratified by the Board at our next meeting.

Enid Hughes, Treasurer and International Chair

COMING UP SOON.....

FUNDRAISING

FRIDAY, 13th April

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

9.00—12.00 p.m.

12.00—3.00 pm

Graeme Aspinall
John Flemming
Mike Spark

Graeme Aspinall
John Flemming
Ray Hollis
Rod Brown

Sat/Sun
21/22nd April

RELAY FOR LIFE ROSTER

Saturday
5.00—8.00 pm

Sunday
6.00—10.00 am

Mike S to pickup/deliver the trailer
Graeme Aspinall
John Flemming
Ray Hollis
Enid Hughes
Christine Anderson

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John Flemming
Ray Hollis
Christine Anderson
Enid Hughes (9.00—10.00)

We need more helpers—please let PE Ray know if you're available

TRAINING

District Training Assembly

Sunday, 20th May

Deakin University
Burwood Highway
Burwood

This is a must for all Committee Chairs but any club member is welcome to attend.

PE Ray will be looking for registrants
Please give it some thought and
let him know if you will be going

FELLOWSHIP

D.I.K.

(Donations in Kind)

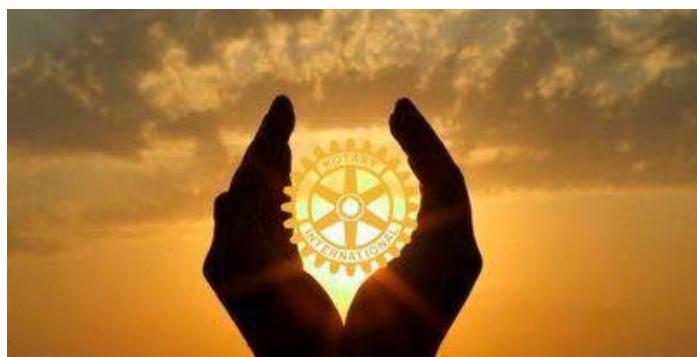
Footscray

Saturday
28th April

Working Bee
(Stack, pack, & tag)

Followed by lunch

At
The Steam Packet Pub



A special invitation ...

District Changeover

DG Malcolm Chiverton and DGE Russell Gurney are delighted to invite all Rotarians, Rotaractors, Alumni, partners and friends to our District Changeover Dinner at the:

Southern Golf Club on Saturday, 2 June 2018.

Time: 6:30pm for a 6:50 start
Cost: \$62 / person, with drinks at bar prices.
Dress: Ladies - After Five, Gentlemen - Black Tie or Jacket & Tie

Please join us as we celebrate the difference our Clubs and members have made during the year, and to also be inspired by the exciting plans for the year ahead.



Details on how to secure your place will be shared soon.

District Assembly

DG Malcolm Chiverton and DGE Russell Gurney invite all Rotarians and Rotaractors to our 2018 District Assembly to be held at:

Deakin University, Burwood on Sunday morning, 20 May 2018.

Why come?

- Be inspired by the plans for the new Rotary year ahead. DGE Russell will outline Rotary International and District 9810 priorities, and there will be engaging and interactive breakouts for all Avenues of Service Chairs, key Club Officers, and newer members.
- Network with fellow Rotarians and share experiences.
- Increase your knowledge of modern Rotary. There will be something for everyone!

Who should come?

Everyone is welcome, including:

- Incoming and future Club leaders, Officers, and Committee members.
- New (er) members, and those that may not have attended previously.
- Experienced Rotarians to share the benefit of their experience.



BE THE INSPIRATION

Your Club Secretary will have registration details for your Club very soon.



Dear fellow Rotarians,

Did you know that only five percent of Rotary's members are under the age of 40? It's an alarming statistic, and one that should prompt all of us to take action. [Engaging Younger Professionals](#), a new online toolkit, helps clubs understand this important demographic and rethink membership, from a broad perspective down to a tactical level. It's a great starting point for clubs that want to broaden their membership but don't know where to start.

Telling Rotary's story is an essential part of bringing in the new members Rotary needs to thrive. Our new People of Action video, "What We See," and more information on the People of Action campaign, are now available to download from the Rotary Brand Center. Contact PR@rotary.org if you have any questions.

Of course, the best support for our public image is the work that is *Making A Difference* around the world, every day. I'm excited to announce the launch of the 2019 [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#) application, the process for selecting the social change leaders who will earn either a fully-funded master's degree or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies at one of six Rotary Peace Centers at leading universities around the world. Up to 100 fellowships will be awarded for the academic year, and the application deadline is 31 May 2018. District officers play a key role in [selecting applicants](#).

If you are planning on applying for a global grant next year, remember that starting 1 July, any club or district that applies for a global grant to support a humanitarian project or a vocational training team will be required to conduct a community assessment first. The club or district will complete the [Global Grants Community Assessment Results](#) form and upload it with the global grant application, found in the [Grant Center](#). You may use district grant funds to conduct the assessment. For more information on assessments, see Rotary's [Community Assessment Tools](#).

If you'd like to apply for a global grant but don't know where to look for an international partner, we've put together some resources to help:

[Rotary Ideas](#), a platform that allows you to request partners, materials, or international support and contributions;

[Rotary discussion groups](#), a forum for clubs to exchange project ideas and request assistance;

[Rotarian Action Groups](#), members and others who are experts in a particular field and who help club and district projects;

[Intercountry committees](#), networks of Rotary clubs or districts in two or more countries working together on service projects, sponsoring new clubs, or other activities;

[Project Fairs](#), regional events that Rotary districts host to encourage international friendship and collaboration; and

[Rotary Fellowships](#), independent, social groups that share an interest in a hobby, recreational activity or profession.

If you need more help, or just have questions, staff members are happy to work with sponsors to pre-review applications, give feedback or advice, and help redesign projects into something eligible for funding. Staff are also available to come to training events. (Depending upon our budget, hosts may need to subsidize the costs.)

Finally, one last reminder about our [Tree-Planting Challenge](#) this year. I've asked every Rotary club to have one tree planted for each member by 22 April 2018, which is Earth Day. If you haven't planted your trees yet, there's still time!

Don't forget to log into [Rotary Showcase](#) to report the trees you've planted. I look forward to learning how many Rotarians have come together through this challenge, *Making A Difference* for a better planet Earth.

Regards,

Ian Riseley
Rotary International President, 2017-18

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2018	Program.	Speaker
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
4-Apr—WED	Annual Taveuni Eye Project in Fiji.	Peter Malden
12-Apr	Sungai Kolok - Rotarians Against Slavery	Robyn & Tony Stokes
13-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
19-Apr		
22-Apr	Relay For Life—Sausage Sizzle	
26-Apr	Committees' Meeting	Group B
28-Apr	DIK—West Footscray (Lunch in Williamstown?)	
May	is Youth Services month	
3-May		
10-May	Interplast	Liz Guiver
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	
10-Jun	Fellowship Dinner	Christine & Allan
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
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event

