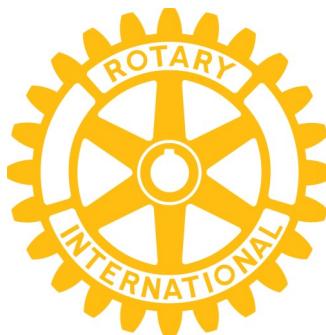


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District Governor, Dist. 9810 –

MALCOLM CHIVERTON & Karen
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President,

CHRISTINE ANDERSON & Allan
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

IVAN GIGOVIC,
Vale: August 2003
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



Pictured above: Peter Malden with President Christine Anderson

TAVEUNI EYE PROJECT—2017

Results Summary:

**Surgeries, Laser and Slit lamp Investigations completed
during the 12 days of the project:-**

269 Cataracts including a 6 year old child

74 Pterygiums

2 Lesion removals

3 Yag Laser treatments

1 Graft

55 Slit Lamp Investigations

Total Eyes Restored to sight 345

Total Procedures Completed 403

What a moving presentation—Rotarians doing wonderful work on Taveuni Island, Fiji. Peter has been involved in this project for many years and says that without the ongoing support of the Rotary Foundation, Rotary Clubs, partners and volunteers this project would never happen.

RC Fern Tree Gully are proud to be a supporter of it.

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	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	Thursday 26th April [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	Bunnings	FTG Bowling Club	Athletics Track	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Sungai Kolok - Against Slavery	Sausage	TBA	Relay	Committee Meetings Group B
Speaker:	Robyn & Tony Stokes	Sizzle		For	N/A
Chair:	Allan T		Paul W	Life	Ray H
Rotary Toast	Graeme A		Enid H		Martin b
Cashier:	Graham F		Rod B	Sausage	Fran M
Scribe:	Paul W		Allan T	Sizzle	No Scribe
Rotary Knowledge				&	Mike S
Topic:				Breakfast	The Rotary
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Ray H		Gary B		Gary B
Partners' Night	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

A most enlightening evening listening to Peter Malden on the wonderful work that is carried out at the Taveuni Eye project in Fiji. The gift of sight that we all take for granted. Listening to the successful operations that are performed, especially on small children brought a tear to many of us. Our club has gifted a donation to this amazing Rotary project.

I hope you all have seen the email sent from Ray where we have been asked to assist Kate from Spectrum— who is requiring 75 mugs for her “Blessing Bags” to be distributed to the mothers of children under the Autism Umbrella. Please bring these along on Thursday evening so we can get them to Kate.

This Wednesday some of us are attending the Meeting at Bayswater where we will be listening to the Knox Community Police, and the use of the vehicle that the cluster clubs of Rotary provide.

Thursday evening is a partners evening where our guest speakers Robyn and Tony Stokes will be talking about Sungai Kolok Rotarians against Slavery. This will be another Rotary project that will open our minds and hearts, so I do encourage all partners to join us.

This coming Friday 13th with no superstitions is another Bunnings sausage sizzle.

Thank you all members for another busy Rotary Week

Look forward to seeing you and your partners on Thursday

So until then enjoy your week

Yours in Rotary

Christine Anderson

President 2017-2018



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Wednesday, 4th April 2018

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

President Christine

- drew members attention to a cluster meeting to be held at the Bayswater RC rooms. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the replacement (or otherwise) of the vehicle provided to Knox police.
- Christine also sought members cooperation to plant fifteen trees.

Reports

Secretary Paul Mc A. indicated that the mail had been distributed.

Treasurer Enid

- said that the admin account was temporarily "in the red" as the budget had provided for income from the now cancelled Martin and Emma's lunch but that she hoped the account would be balanced by 31 May.
- She also reminded chairmen that their reports and budgets for the annual report were required by the end of the month.

Vocational - **Gary** asked that he be advised of numbers for the Donations In Kind day lunch so that he could make the booking at the Steam Packet hotel.

Community—**Ray** sought names for the Relay For Life BBQ weekend.

Program—**Bob** asked members to advise him of possible speakers and arranged for Rod to do a presentation on 26 April. Enid said that she would contact Operation Cleft with a view to getting them to do a presentation.

Youth—**Paul W**

- reported that the Rotaract club at Fairhills was having a fundraiser evening on 4 May for year 7 and their year 10 mentors and that they may need Rotary help.
- He also mentioned that the Junior Community Award diaries were not yet available.
- Paul also reported that the National Youth Science Award applicant had not responded to his email. He will check if she wishes to proceed.
- MUNA is scheduled for 5&6 May and Paul will confirm details and advise the club.
- In relation to RYLA Paul said that to date we had no candidate but he would check with Fairhills and FTG North to see if there was interest.

Sergeant— **Ray** managed to both increase our knowledge and rip our dollars off us.

Speaker—**Peter Malden** spoke about the Tavenui project in Fiji which the Boronia club and Peter and his wife Jan have operated now for some years and which our club has contributed to.

He related the various building projects that have been undertaken including restoration of cyclone damage but he spoke in detail of the eye project which has restored sight to hundreds. The group of professionals have full use of the local hospital

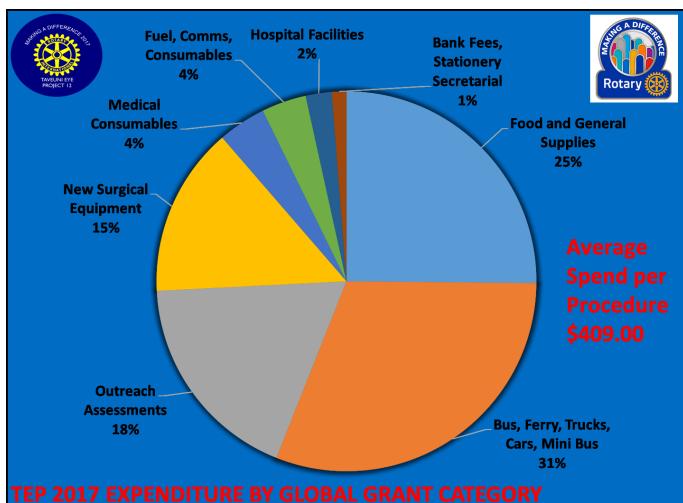
fourteen days and last year carried out four hundred procedures in the ten days.

The extent of the project is amazing when it is realised that during the ten day period the group also served seven thousand meals and conducted an extensive transport service bringing patients to and from the hospital.

Peter showed a short video which reinforced the worth of the project and showed a number of pieces of costly equipment that required replacement or adding to. He said that he hoped that our club would again support the project.

President Christine thanked Peter, as had chairman Paul and she noted that next week was a partners night.

John Flemming
Scribe



2018 District Assembly**Sunday 20 May 2018**Registration: *8.45am to 9.00am*Concludes: *11.15am - New members – should also feel welcome to join a second session in which they are interested*
12.15pm - Club Officers and Presidents-Nominee *1.15pm - Presidents-Elect and District Support Team***Program**

9.00am	District Governor Malcolm Chiverton welcome Rotary International President-Elect Barry Rassin video presentation District Governor-Elect Russell Gurney 2018-19 vision and priorities Incoming District Rotaract Representative Kai-Xing Goh PDG David Alexander – Charitable Services Trust briefing
9.45am	Presidents-Elect/Presidents-Nominee/Secretaries/Treasurers/Foundation/Membership/ Public Relations/International/Community/Vocational/Youth/Youth Protection/New members Workshop session 1
10.30am	Morning Tea
11.15am	Secretaries/Treasurers/Foundation/International/Community/Vocational/ Youth/Youth protection workshop session 2
11.15am	<i>Presidents-Elect and Presidents-Nominee combined session</i>
12.15pm	Assembly concludes for Presidents-Nominee /Secretaries/Treasurers/Foundation/International/ Community/Vocational/Youth/Youth Protection
12.15 - 1.15pm	Presidents-Elect light lunch with the District Support Team& Session Facilitators

Who should attend?**Everyone is welcome**, including:

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

Workshop sessions will be held for:

1. Presidents-Elect
2. Presidents-Nominee
3. Secretaries
4. Treasurers
5. Foundation
6. Our Future - Member Retention and Recruitment
7. Public image and marketing
8. International Service
9. Community Service
10. Vocational Service
11. Youth Service
12. Governance
13. New (er) members

Parking - Convenient parking is available in Car Park No. 1 as shown on the campus map. Marshalls will then guide you to the lecture theatre in Building B for the commencement of the program.



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
Ray Hollis
Enid Hughes
Christine Anderson

Graeme Aspinall
Ray Hollis
Christine Anderson
Gary Braddock
Graham Faulkner
Enid Hughes (9.00—10.00)

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



COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

April 2018 Board Meeting

COMMUNITY REPORT

March

DUTCH AUCTION.

As most of us are aware the Dutch Auction was a bit of a flop. Why? Could be any number of reasons, maybe nobody knew what a Dutch Auction was, could have been the day and time, we will probably never know so we put it down to experience and move on. The next plan is to organise an event in partnership with another organisation. This could be Ferntree Gully North PS, Fairhills High School or somebody else, but it must be somebody with a large support base that we can tap into. Along with this we hold it somewhere like the Bowling club and this gives us another group of people to support the event.

NURSING HOMES.

Fran put forward an excellent suggestion that perhaps we could partner with a couple of local Nursing Homes to provide visits to some of the residents and provide them with an extra stimulating outlet to help alleviate their boredom. This was considered at the time to be worth following up as some of the residents in these facilities don't have a lot of visitors. After contacting two local Nursing Homes who were very interested in this idea we discussed the proposal in depth, very few members showed an interest so it was decided not to go ahead as it was felt that the long term commitment would be unsustainable.

Ray Hollis
Community Chair

March report vocation.

. visit to DIK locked in for April 28th, likewise I have booked the steam packet hotel. Booked for 10 but can increase when I know numbers.

Have been in touch with St Josephs re a Mentoring program. They do have TAFE students attending the school, but I think that I will shelve this for the time being or until I can get some direction from my committee as to how this would work as it is outside of my scope of capabilities.

Natures organics are agreeable to a tour of their facility, just need to work out suitable times etc.

I have made an initial approach to the Salvation Army Reach Program with the intention of setting up a meeting with them to discuss the possibility of visiting on a semi regular basis. I hope that this can occur sometime next week and will keep the club informed of any progress.

Still have not been able to find a suitable candidate for RYLA

Gary Braddock

Chair of Vocation

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE MONTHLY REPORT

March 2018

Nasavusavu Special Education School.

- It is now official – as of 31st March The Rotary Club of Templestowe will no longer sponsor ABC Dreams Australia Inc. Our decision to discontinue our sponsorship of the Nasavusavu Special Ed. Students through ABCD was indeed the right one. I have been in contact with a couple of the other clubs and encouraged them to follow our lead in dealing direct with Fiji.
- The furniture which we agreed should be purchased is now installed and the children much better equipped.
- RC Savusavu are pursuing the possibility of purchasing laptops/notebooks for the students to use in class. The Principal and teachers are very enthusiastic about this. I have asked for further details and a quote.

Hatu Balico, Ainaro Province, Timor L'Este

- The Rotary Foundation have approved this Global Grant and the project will go ahead. Our sponsorship of \$2,000 has been submitted.

Interplast –

- I have arranged for Liz Guiver (District Chair, Interplast) to come and present to our club. As agreed at the last Board Meeting, we will hand over a cheque to Liz for \$2,000 as our contribution to this truly worthwhile project.

Upcoming Projects:

- At this District Conference I was in conversation with Robyn Stokes (RC Box Hill Central) who is passionate about *Rotarians Against Slavery*. I arranged for her and her husband Tony to come and speak to our members about sponsorship of RC Manningham's project Sungai Kolok – Anti Trafficking and Medical Outreach program in Southern Thailand. Robyn has been to our club before (2015) and is looking forward to speaking to us again. I will be proposing to the Board that we contribute \$1,500 to this project.

Outstanding Budget Sponsorships –

- We still have \$1,000 each budgeted for RAM, Operation Cleft and a possible Croatian project. As there are still more funds available in the Benevolent account I will be pursuing more projects for the club to consider.

Enid Hughes
International Chair



YOUTH & FAMILY HEALTH FORUM

Thursday 24 May

6:30pm for 7pm. Light refreshments available

Healesville Memo Theatre

235 Maroondah Highway, Healesville

Rotary 

The speakers have been selected to represent a network of contacts across aspects of Youth and Family Health to provide **BACKGROUND OF INFORMATION** from which members of community groups or individuals can **DEVELOP WORTHWHILE PROJECTS**. In this forum the focus will be on successful programs dealing with **Domestic violence** (abuse, harassment), **Addiction** (drugs, alcohol, gambling), **Psychological health** (depression, youth suicide, sexual harassment, bullying and abuse, resilience, intellectual disability and **Cultural issues** (Aboriginal engagement).

Josette O'Donnell, Senior Health Promotion Officer from Healesville Hospital & Yarra Valley Health

Promoting Respectful Relationships

Sarah Ward, Misfit Theatre

Using quirky, weird, rough, confronting, and thought provoking theatre to open a dialogue about issues facing young people today.

Dave Burt, Founder and Director of SALT – Sport and Life Training

Transforming Australian Culture Through Sport.

Rene De Sant'Anna, Senior Drug and Alcohol Clinician, Odyssey House

The journey of addiction and the reasons why young people don't use drugs

Anne Jenkins, CEO The Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association (HICSA)

Building a Healthy, Strong and Skilled Community

You should come if:

You want to **HELP** your community and **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

You want to **CONTRIBUTE** to work with young people and families

You want to **LEARN** about the ways a community can help itself

You want to meet likeminded community focused individuals and **BUILD A NETWORK** of coordinated projects

There is no charge for the forum but participants are requested to book online so that catering can be arranged and supporting material published. Register using <https://www.trybooking.com/364918>.

The Forum has been initiated by the Rotary Clubs of Healesville, Upper Yarra and Wandin and is managed by a working party representing a diverse variety of community representatives. For further information call Brian on 0419 397 650.

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2018	Program.	Speaker
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
11-Apr	Community Police Vehicle	RC Bayswater
12-Apr	Sungai Kolok - Against Slavery	Robyn & Tony Stokes
13-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
19-Apr	Suicide Awareness	Rod Brown
21/22-Apr	Relay For Life - Sausage Sizzle	
26-Apr	Committees' Meeting	Group B
28-Apr	DIK	West Footscray
May	is Youth Services month	
3-May	Operation Cleft	Bruce McEwen
10-May	Interplast	Liz Guiver
11-May	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
17-May		
20-May	District Training Assembly	Deakin Uni—Burwood
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's home
14-Jun		
21-Jun		
28-Jun	Committees' Meeting	Group B
30-Jun	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
Sun 8/7	Changeover	
Goodbye Christine, WELCOME RAY		

Legend:

	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event

