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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



WEEKLY BULLETIN



Pictured above: AG Michelle Oscar, Leading Senior Constable Kathy Cardwell, Senior Constable Ben McGrady, President Christine Anderson, (FTG), President Paul Cassidy (Boronia) and President Bill VanRee, Bayswater

COMMUNITY POLICING VEHICLE

The current vehicle (pictured below) is due for changeover. Originally purchased and presented to Knox Police in October 2012 it is nearly six years old and badly in need of being replaced. Kathy and Ben related how the Proactive Policing Unit use the vehicle to do community visits to schools, retirement villages, run programs at various locations and follow up when the front line police units have finished with the initial response call.

We were told that without this vehicle police officers would be forced to return to using their own vehicles as the Knox fleet simply didn't have enough vehicles to cope with the workload.

Definitely a worthy project for members of the Rotary Knox Cluster to consider.

Come on Guys! We can do it!



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 19th April [6.0 for 7.00]	Sat/Sun 21/22nd April	Thursday 26th April [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 3rd May 6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 10th May [6.0 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	Athletics Track	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Suicide Awareness		Committee Meetings Group B	Operation Cleft	Interplast
Speaker:	Rod Brown	For	N/A	Bruce McEwen	Liz Guiver
Chair:	Paul W	Life	Ray H	Graham F	Fran M
Rotary Toast	Enid H		Martin b	John F	Enid H
Cashier:	Mike S	Sausage	Fran M	Ray H	Graeme A
Scribe:	Allan T	Sizzle	No Scribe	Graeme A	Ray H
Rotary Knowledge		&	Mike S		
Topic:		Breakfast	The Rotary Foundation		
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Ray H		Gary B	Gary B	Graham F
Partners' Night	No		No	No	Yes

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	19th—Paul Harris died—'47
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	19th—John Flemming—'93



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

Listening to another great Rotarian Action Group, - Robyn and Tony Stokes speaking on "Rotary against Slavery". 40.3 Million people in the world fall into the slavery category; what shocking figures. Modern Slavery is Domestic Servitude, Forced Labour, Bonded Labour, Forced Marriage, Sex Trafficking, and Child Labour. Tony enlightened us on the horrors of modern slavery, across the globe. Slavery also exists in Australia. A great presentation to create our awareness and that action has to take place, to eradicate this world wide problem.

Thank you to our partners who also joined us for the presentation.

I am looking forward to seeing all the "Tree Planting" Selfies over the next couple of weeks, don't let the rain and cold dampen our spirits to fulfil Ian Riseley's, request that every Rotarian worldwide plant a tree, to save our environment.

Another busy weekend coming up for many club members as we assist with the catering at this year's Relay for Life for Cancer Research Saturday and Sunday.

Look forward to seeing you all on Thursday
Have a great week

Yours in Rotary
Christine Anderson
President 2017-2018



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"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Wednesday, 12th April 2018

Meeting Opened: 19.03

Pres Christine opened:

- Welcome to: Tony & Robyn Stokes, our speakers tonight and Partners.
- Christine attended a cluster meeting to discuss purchasing a new community police vehicle.
- The club has decided to give Peter Malden \$1,500 for Taveuni, Fiji project (see last week's "The Week That Was").

REPORTS

Apologies: Paul McAloney, John Flemming, Martin Boucher, Gary Braddock.

Treasurer's Report:

- Costs are blowing out and the Admin Account falling at a rapid rate due to Martin's lunches stopping. From now on we will charge the same \$21.00 for (paying) guests to try and help with the shortfall. There was resistance from the floor and Pres Christine suggested we need to work on it some more. Paul W suggested a statement of what has changed to cause the shortfall be presented to explain the situation (for further discussion).

Community:

- We need to reschedule the DIK visit due to them having a job that day.
- Ray will approach Swinburne to see if they have any candidates for RYLA in their staff.
- Please bring gifts for Spectrum (Kate Johnson) for the mothers of autistic kids.
- We are doing a plant at Yarrabinga Sat 2 June. More info to follow.
- Peppertree Hill nursing home have responded with dates between 26 April and 3 May to visit for \$500.00.

Fundraising:

Graham A is preparing for sausage sizzle at Bunnings tomorrow.

Speakers:

- Tony and Robyn Stokes talked to us about Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGS). Tony said that esti-

mates indicate there are still some 40 million people enslaved in the world. Robyn then described their two major projects to which Pres Christine presented a pledge of \$1500.00 towards RC Manningham's project— Sungai Kolok Anti Trafficking and Medical Outreach program. A global grant application for this is in progress and our funds will be submitted when it is granted.

Closing Remarks

Christine closed the meeting thanking all, especially our speakers and partners.

Meeting closed: 21.40





Rotarians Against Malaria

A volunteer-run organisation working to eliminate malaria

RAWCS UPDATE

Reporter: RAM NATIONAL MANAGER – DAVID PEARSON

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)

“Major players in the global struggle to eradicate malaria have recognised that we have reached a cross-road. Despite the impressive 60% reduction in the annual death toll from malaria since 2000 and the steady stream of countries achieving local malaria elimination.

Progress seems to have stalled.

Many recognise that now is the time for sustained resurgent activity to achieve malaria elimination for all time.

Bill Gates is lobbying for a 2025 date for elimination in SE Asia and the Pacific as well as urging the Australian Government to take leadership to accelerate the programs.

The 1st Malaria World Congress will be held in Melbourne (July 1-5 2018) and I have been appointed to the International Advisory Board for the Conference Committee.

The Congress is shaping up to be a very important and timely meeting at which RAM will be represented, highlighting the success of our ongoing programs in PNG and The Solomons and our commitment to assist Timor Leste to quickly achieve malaria free certification through support from a US \$240,000 Global Grant.

Also of note is the successful fundraising for the Malaria Vaccine Project which is expected to meet the \$500,000 target”

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FOR FURTHER DETAILS – PLEASE REFER TO CHAIRMAN DAVID’S NEWSLETTER OR YOUR DISTRICT RAM CHAIRPERSON

ROTARY DISTRICT 9810 MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA) PROGRAMME

Saturday 5th May 2018

8.00 am Commence SECURITY CHECKS for delegates at main entrance

8.00 to 9.15 am	Costume change
8.30 to 9.15 am	Registration of delegates and visitors
9.20 am	Delegates assemble in Legislative Assembly Chamber
9.25 am	Welcome by MUNA chairman – Joe Somers
9.30 am	Official Welcome to Parliament House by Murray Thompson MLA
9.35 am	Address and Official Opening by DG Carol Lawton
9.40 am	Assembly in Session – Introduction by UN Secretary General
11.15 am	Photographs
11.30 am	Morning tea
11.45 am	Assembly in Session
1.00 pm	Lunch
1.45 pm	Assembly in Session
3.00 pm	Short afternoon break and refreshments
3.15 pm	Assembly in Session
4.00 pm	Session closed
4.15 pm	Housekeeping announcements
	Clear the building

Sunday 6th May 2018

8.00 am Security checks at main entrance commence

9.00 am	Assembly in session
10.30 am	Morning tea
10.50 am	Assembly in session
	Delegates hand in Feedback Questionnaire on the way out
	Hand in completed voting forms (both forms are in the document wallet)
12.45 pm	Lunch
1.15 pm	Visit Legislative Council Chamber – Tour with President of Victorian Legislative Council, the Hon Bruce Atkinson
1.35 pm	Final Assembly session
2.45 pm	Session closed
3.00 pm	Closing Ceremony
	Presentation of certificates by DGE Malcolm Chiverton
	Awards presented by DGE Malcolm Chiverton
3.30 pm	Close Assembly
3.30 pm	Afternoon tea
4.00 pm	Clear the building

COMING UP SOON.....

FUNDRAISING

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
Graeme Aspinall	Ray Hollis
Ray Hollis	Christine Anderson
Enid Hughes	Gary Braddock
Christine Anderson	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



Pictured above (L-R) Rod Brown, Mike Spark and John Flemming

Bunnings—our favourite fundraiser.

COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

April 2018 Board Meeting

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Youth Report as of 3/4/18

Interact (Ongoing)

Office bearers have been selected.

Now have pins for new office bearers this year. Agreed we should get Christine to present new members with their pins.

At last meeting (29/3/18) they decided to hold a "Star Wars theme - "May the fourth be with you", Pizza night fundraiser for the year 7's and their yr 10 mentors on the 4th May. We may need some Rotarian helpers? TBA. Ray will contact Stewart McCartney to try and get students from the Thailand trip to come and talk to us at next meeting.

Next meeting 1pm, 26th April 2018.

National Youth Science Forum (Jan)

Had a student request assistance. Replied that we have no budget. She said she only requires sponsorship. Replied OK. Yet to receive confirmation from her. I suspect she already has a sponsor. Watch this space?

Rotary Junior Community Award (Feb)

Ordered booklets prior to Easter to be told they are out of print till after Easter.

MUNA (May)

After a lot of mucking around we finally enrolled two students from Fairhills in MUNA to be held on 5 & 6 May 2018. They now digesting information sent to them in preparation of the event 5/6 May at Government House.

RYLA (July)

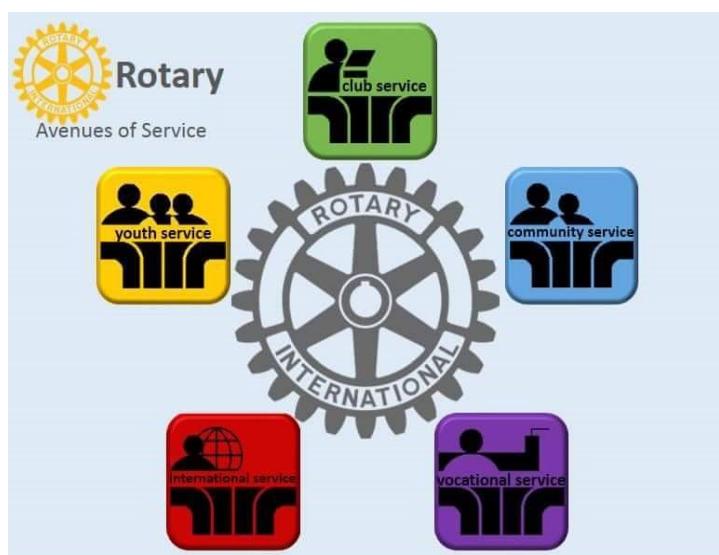
Gary will take "ownership" of RYLA this year. Thanks Gary. If you need any assistance just holler.

There is a seminar coming up. We are currently seeking a candidate.

MDLC

Ray and Enid have agreed to present the cheque for the scholarships to MDLC.

Paul Wilson



PR and Marketing Report March 2018

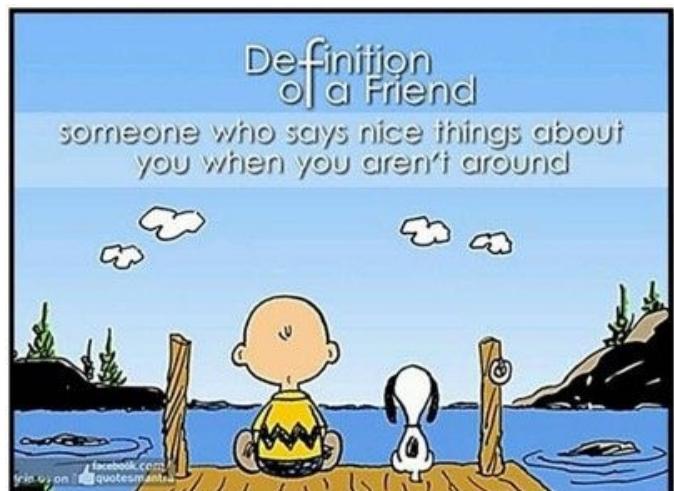
Been rather busy on Facebook this month. On the 5th March we posted the new theme banner for the coming Rotary year. On March 6th we handed over the \$2,000.00 cheque at MDLC. Also on March 6th we posted an article about our weekend at Conference in Bendigo. This was followed up by an article for our afternoon of jazz at The Royal Hotel. Cooking egg and bacon rolls for breakfast at the Mint street Wetlands on behalf of Melbourne Water and Knox City Council was next. Guest speaker Kate Johnson from Spectrum Journeys Inc. rounded out the month with a truly eye opening account of what it is like to live with a child suffering from Autism.

Enid and Ray Hollis

Club Service Report March 2018

Very little to report this month, managed to get the Bowling Club to give us the big room for our partners night which made things a bit more comfortable but other than that everything is rolling along fairly smoothly.

Ray Hollis





MAJA—ON SAFARI

Maja and the other Exchange students are half way through their safari. See below for the rest of their itinerary.

DAY 12 - THURSDAY 19th APRIL (BLD) GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

Today we take a cruise on the spectacular Great Barrier Reef. Be amazed at the beauty that is filled at every stop. The fish, the coral and the bright blue sea. You'll get the chance to go snorkelling, or if you are not interested in getting in to the water then you can view the Reef from the semi-submersible submarine.

DAY 13 - FRIDAY 20th APRIL (BLD) AIRLIE BEACH - GREAT KEPPEL ISLAND

We travel south along the Coast through Mackay, which is the producer of 1/3 of Australia's sugar crop. There are five mills in operation and Mackay has one of the largest bulk-sugar loading terminals in the world.

Say goodbye to the mainland as we make our way out to Great Keppel Island for the next two nights.

DAY 14 - SATURDAY 21st APRIL (BLD) GREAT KEPPEL ISLAND

The day is yours to spend at your leisure. Remember your hat, towel and sunscreen and enjoy the surroundings of this great island. Wash away that red dirt and get used to seeing beautiful blue water. Snorkelling, long discovery walks etcetera on this island paradise

DAY 15 – SUNDAY 22nd APRIL (BLD) GREAT KEPPEL ISLAND - GOLD COAST

After leaving the island and making our way back onto the mainland, we travel further south along the coast to Hervey Bay. Hervey Bay is the launching point for Australia's largest sand island - Fraser Island. It is said that the dingoes on the island are the purest breed to be found in Australia. From here we still have a way to go as we spend the next two nights on the Gold Coast.

DAY 16 – MONDAY 23rd APRIL (BLD) MOVIE WORLD + FREE TIME (GOLD COAST)

Prepare for a meeting with the stars and some lovable cartoon characters at Warner Bros. Movie World. Be thrilled on the Lethal Weapon Ride or be taken on an action packed Batman experience. There is a ride or attraction to suit everyone. Following this we will take you to Surfers Paradise, to the beach, for a swim and to soak up the glorious Queensland sunshine.

DAY 17 - TUESDAY 24th APRIL (BLD) GOLD COAST – COFFS HARBOUR

New South Wales is where we'll travel to today. We only have a short drive ahead to the seaside resort town of Coffs Harbour. Spend a relaxing afternoon here before travelling to Sydney tomorrow.

DAY 18 - WEDNESDAY 25th APRIL (BLD) COFFS HARBOUR - SYDNEY

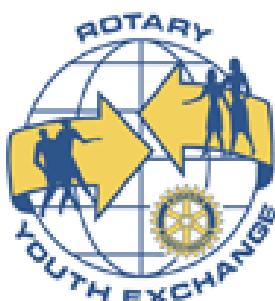
The drive along the coast today will prepare you for the sights you'll see upon our arrival into Sydney. Try and catch a glimpse of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. If you miss them don't worry, as tomorrow we'll see it up close.

DAY 19 – THURSDAY 26th APRIL (BLD) SYDNEY

What better way to see Sydney than from the comfort of a Harbour Cruise? The cruise will pass by the Opera House and Taronga Park Zoo, go under the Sydney Harbour Bridge and see Sydney's skyline all at a leisurely pace. From the ground to the sky; this afternoon you'll have the opportunity to get a bird's eye view over Sydney from the Centrepoint Tower. This evening you will enjoy a buffet meal at Centrepoint Tower.

DAY 20 - FRIDAY 27th APRIL (BLD) SYDNEY - CANBERRA

Travel to Canberra today and visit some of the attractions in Australia's capital city. These may include Parliament House, Australian War Memorial and the Embassy Drive, just to name a few. Check into your accommodation for the night.



IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2018	Program.	Speaker
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
19-Apr	Suicide Awareness	Rod Brown
21/22-Apr	Relay For Life - Sausage Sizzle	
26-Apr	Committees' Meeting	Group B
May	is Youth Services month	
3-May	Operation Cleft	Bruce McEwen
10-May	Interplast	Liz Guiver
11-May	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
17-May	Youth Safety Policy	Merv Erickson
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—Lunch	Waverley Golf Club, Rowville
Goodbye Christine, WELCOME RAY		

Legend:

	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event

JOKES (?) OF THE WEEK.....

I was in a car dealership a while ago, when a large motor home was towed into the garage. The front of the vehicle was in dire need of repair and the whole thing, generally, looked like an extra in "Twister". I asked the manager what had happened. He told me that the driver had set the "cruise control" and then went in the back to make a sandwich.

I recently saw a distraught young lady weeping beside her car. "Do you need some help?" I asked. She replied, "I knew I should have replaced the battery to this remote door unlocker. Now I can't get into my car. Do you think they (pointing to a distant convenient store) would have a battery to fit this?"

I said, "Hmmm, I dunno, do you have an alarm too?"

"No, just this remote thingy," she answered, handing it and the car keys to me. As I took the key and manually unlocked the door, I replied, "Why don't you drive over there and check about the batteries, it's a long walk."

