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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



WEEKLY BULLETIN

CHANGES OVER THE YEARS



Pictured above (L-R) Cass Bench, Stuart Vize, Rob Hurst, Fran Mandergeddes, Debbie Lyon, Paul McAloney, Rob Dawson and Mike Spark

Back in **2008** it was called the **FTG Traders Fair**.
(see above)

Then it changed to **Discovery Day** (see right)

In **2016** it was **The Blue Dandenongs Festival**
(see below)



In **2017** it became **The Village Fair**



WHAT NEXT? ANY SUGGESTIONS?

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 3rd May [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 10th May [6.0 for 7.00]	Thursday 17th May [6.30 for 7.00]	Sunday 20th May [8.45 - 12.15]	Thursday 24th May [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 31st May [6.0 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Deakin University	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Operation Cleft	Interplast	Youth Safety Policy	District	Committee Meetings Group A	
Speaker:	Bruce McEwen	Liz Guiver	Merv Erickson	Training Assembly	N/A	
Chair:	Graham F	Fran M	Paul McA		Ray H	Paul McA
Rotary Toast	John F	Enid H	Mike S		Rob H	Ray Y
Cashier:	Ray H	Graeme A	John F		Paul W	Fran M
Scribe:	Graeme A	Rob H	Paul W		No Scribe	Rod B
Rotary Knowledge					Paul McA	Mike S
Topic:					RAM	Rotary Foun-
Sergeant-At-Arms:	John F	Graham F	Graham F		Graham F	Mike S
Partners' Night	No	Yes	No		No	No

<i>Birthdays:</i>	5th—Wendy Spark (wife of Mike) 6th—Nick Wakeling
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	9th—Lois & Rod Brown—'70
<i>Induction to R.T. of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

This coming Monday I will be attending the last cluster meeting for this Rotary Year. I will on behalf of our club be thanking our wonderful supportive Assistant Governor Michele Oscar for her support to our club but also me personally, in my role as president for two years.

Thursday evening we will be enlightened by our guest speaker Bruce McEwan and the wonderful work carried out by Operation Cleft

Looking forward to seeing you all Thursday

Yours in Rotary
Christine Anderson
President 2017-2018



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Wednesday, 26th April 2018

To the President and members of Ferntree Gully Rotary Club:
There was a rather heated debate at our last meeting about the best way forward to deal with the shortfall in our administration account.

I listened to the various arguments put forward and have decided to put my thoughts in writing.

One point of view put forward by a couple of members was that some portion of the income derived from our fundraising activities should go toward covering our operating overheads, this was strongly objected to by some others.

The reasons put forward for objecting were quite valid at an emotional level, however we have to face reality!

As was explained by our treasurer the small membership number is the reason behind the shortfall, the absence of a single member let alone multiple members away on holidays et cetera has an immediate impact on cash flow as the fixed and other necessary overheads don't change.

Whilst I don't disagree with the reasoning behind the shortfall the circumstances within the club have changed considerably since I first joined Rotary in 1981 when the club had 32 members.

Back then in order to be invited to join Rotary you had to meet certain requirements, you either had to be in business or in senior management to qualify for membership. Preferably there would be only one representative from each vocation although there was provision for an additional active member but with a maximum of 2. Which meant that from memory 100% of the members were active in business or employment of some type.

Today the circumstances within our club are entirely different, a significant proportion of the membership are either retired, or semi-retired in which case most likely on fixed incomes. Our members have worked long and hard over many years to provide for a comfortable retirement and I don't think it's fair they should be expected to make up the shortfall in our club's revenue stream in order to continue to enjoy the fellowship of Rotary membership.

There was concern that by utilising a small portion of the income from our fundraising activities to cover our overheads would be misleading the public as they are under the impression that every dollar they contribute goes in full toward some worthy cause.

I think the public's perception of Rotary is such that they don't question as to what we do with the money we raise when we're down there at Bunnings selling sausages or whatever. I believe that Rotary's reputation worldwide is a sufficient for them to understand the good that Rotary does in the world and that there has to be some means of covering our costs to simply exist.

Reiterating my previous comments about members circumstance today if some consideration is not given to relieving the strain on members having to continuously contribute from their own pocket to make up the shortfall there will be an impact on membership retention.

Rob Hurst
Rotarian



ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY

President Christine and Allan

Would like to Invite

All club members and their partners

To a

THANK YOU LUNCHEON

On Sunday June 10th

12.30PM

3/39 Edina Road Ferntree Gully

BYO DRINKS ONLY

R.S.V.P. Christine

0433 815 550

1st June



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

"Rotary takes ordinary people
and gives them extraordinary
opportunities to do more with
their lives than they ever
dreamed possible."

Sir Clem Renouf

Rotary
DOWN UNDER 



ABOUT OPERATION CLEFT

Operation Cleft is a unique Rotary project that provides free cleft repair surgery for underprivileged children in Bangladesh. Because cleft repair surgery is not covered under Bangladesh's overburdened public health care system, thousands of children grow to adulthood with this condition untreated.

Because of the way they look, these children are ostracised by society. Many suffer from ear, nose and throat infections as well as depression and malnutrition.

By surgically repairing their cleft lip and/or palate, we are providing them with an opportunity to lead a normal life, to get an education, to build a social network and to reach their full potential as contributing members of their community. And the cost of each operation – just \$AUD300.

Operation Cleft provides free cleft lip and cleft palate repair surgery for underprivileged children in Bangladesh. We “Gift a Smile for Life”.

Why Bangladesh?

- Bangladesh is a developing nation of over 160 million people with around 40% living on or below the poverty line.
- Approximately 300,000 people are living with an untreated cleft lip or cleft palate in Bangladesh.
- More than 5,000 children are born with a cleft lip or cleft palate each year.
- Surgical repair of clefts is not covered under Bangladesh's public healthcare system.
- For a low-income family, the normal cost of a repair operation (around 60,000 taka or A\$820) is unaffordable as it is more than their annual income.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT



WHEN

May 16th, 2018 from 6:30pm

3 Course Dinner

WHERE

Tosaria's Restaurant

60 Henderson Road

Rowville

(off Kelletts Road)

DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLES, GUEST SPEAKERS AND MORE...

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GIFT FOR
MOTHER'S DAY

OR

GET A GROUP
TOGETHER

TICKETS

\$65 per person

Direct Payment:

BSB: 633 000
Account: 149618571

Cheque:

To: Rotary Club of Rowville
Lysterfield
PO Box 2852
Rowville 3178

Trybooking:

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IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2018	Program.	Speaker
May	is Youth Services month	
3-May	Visit to Peppertree Hill Retirement Village	
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



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The truth is out!!

A new monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to help the other monks in copying the old texts by hand. He notices, however, that they are copying copies, not the original books.

So, the new monk goes to the head monk to ask him about this. He points out that if there were an error in the first copy, that error would be continued in all of the other copies.

The head monk says, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son." So the head monk goes down into the cellar with one of the copies to check it against the original.

Hours later, nobody has seen him. So, one of the monks goes downstairs to look for him. He hears sobbing coming from the back of the cellar, and finds the old monk leaning over one of the original books crying.

He asks, "What's wrong?"

"The word is celebrate," says the old monk.....

