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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



Pictured above (L-R) President Christine with Youth Exchange Student Maja

MAJA'S FINAL PRESENTATION

As Maja's year in Australia as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student nears its end, she made her presentation of how she had spent it. What a year! Members of both Bayswater and Fern Tree Gully clubs were entertained by Maja's humorous and insightful thoughts on her year with us.

We wish you well Maja in the rest of your life's journey. May you be happy and successful in whatever you undertake.

Please keep in touch with us. We'd love to keep track of what you do with your life.

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 21st June [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 28th June [6.0 for 7.00]	Saturday 30th June [8.00 - 3.00]	Thursday 5th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Sunday 8th July [12.00 - 4.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Bunnings	FTG Bowling Club	Waverley Golf Club
Program:	History of Knox Newspapers	Fellowship Night	Sausage	Toronto Convention	CHANGE OVER LUNCH
Speaker:	Stephen Flemming		Sizzle	Enid & Ray H	
Chairman	Rob H	Christine A		N/A	
Rotary Toast	John F	Rob H		Christine A	Allan Tierney
Cashier:	Fran M	Graham F		Mike S	
Scribe:	Rod B	No Scribe		No Scribe	
Rotary Knowledge				Paul W	
Topic:				RYPEN	
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Graeme A	Graeme A		Rob H	
Partners' Night	No	No		No	

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

Last Wednesday four of us had the privilege of sharing the Aussie adventures of Maja our exchange student. Maja gave us a wonderful presentation of her 12 months in Australia, her experiences not only around Victoria and beyond, made us all feel we need to get out and about, she certainly has experienced what a lot of us never have.

The good byes at the end of the evening became very teary for all, she has been a most outstanding Rotary Exchange Student, and promises to keep in touch with us.

Our guest speakers Max and John Thomson, gave us a very interesting insight to the programme they run Habitat for Humanity a Christian based humanitarian non for profit organisation which builds safe, decent and affordable homes in partnership with low income families living in housing stress to assist them in home ownership. Partner families are required to contribute 500 hours of sweat equity towards the construction of their future home. A marvellous opportunity to give those Australians stability and home ownership.

We have another very interesting speaker this Thursday Steve Flemming talking about the history of the Knox Newspapers. Although this is not a partners evening I would encourage any partners to join us as it will be a very interesting subject.

Until Thursday stay warm

Have a good week

Yours in Rotary

Christine Anderson

President 2017-2018



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 14th June, 2018

The meeting opened at 7 PM with the toast to Rotary and President Christine welcoming all members and visitors; guest speakers Max and Jan Thomson, visiting Rotarian President-elect Kathy Thomas from Belgrave Rotary club and Partners Jill Wilson and Lois Brown.

President Christine announcements:

- thanked those members who attended what was a wonderful and enjoyable fellowship afternoon at her home or Sunday 10th June.
- Christine, Allan and some other members of the club attended Bayswater Rotary club's farewell to Maja our exchange student who was returning home to Germany. Apparently, it was a fairly emotional time especially hearing Majr's farewell speech and how she was reluctant to leave Australia.
- Christine advised members that our combined Rotary clubs will be sharing responsibility for the next incoming student.

Chairman: Rtn Allan Tierney called for reports;

Secretary: (Paul McAloney):

- Before giving his report, Paul thanked Christine and Allan for putting on a very pleasant afternoon at their place.
- Letter from McDonald House seeking support (apparently an annual request)
- Thank you letter from Monash Health for our donation
- Invitation to the Knox mayoral ball being held on Friday the 15th (pretty short notice seeing as how it's the following night)

Apologies Received from: Gary Braddock, Enid and Ray Hollis (both away on holidays), John Flemming

Youth: (Paul Wilson): advised members that the youth seminar is now being held on Fridays the 6th and 13th of July and there was an upcoming Interact Meeting.

Fund raising: (Graeme Aspinall) advised members that there would be another sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Saturday 30th of June and called for volunteers to fill the duty roster.

Foundation (Mike Spark): reminded members that he is still accepting donations towards becoming a Rotary Centurion this year.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Whilst relieving us of our hard-earned money Mike Spark explained why men are never depressed (which was because they have women to do all the work for them)

Skill: won by Paul Wilson with ticket W 51 (a bit suss though as he was handing out the tickets when we paid our dinner money)

PROGRAM: Habitat for Humanity—Max & Jan Thomson

Habitat for Humanity is the world's number one not-for-profit provider of housing and improved shelter for low income families. It was established in 1976 in the USA as a Christian based humanitarian not-for-profit organisation. It is nondenominational and has expanded into 90 countries and so far has built

over 1 million homes.

To date there has been 160 houses built in Australia, somewhere in the world new houses are handed over to deserving families every 4 minutes.

Habitat for Humanity Victoria was established in 1988 and has partnered with over 50 families to help them in to homeownership.

First one was built at Crib Point. It is planned to complete 100 x 2020 and so far 58 have been built in Metropolitan Melbourne, Mornington Peninsula, and Regional Victoria. The program is based on an ownership model with the recipient families assisting in the construction of the home and are funded into it once completed. They take title to the property and for many it is the first time in their lives they have owned a home. It makes for a stressfree and happy lifestyle for the family.

Our speakers Max and Jan have been involved for 10 years, Max is the Victorian treasurer and Jan works in the volunteer opportunity shops raising funds for the program.

In addition to the program in Australia there is a Global Village Program to assist families in impoverished countries such as Fiji and other Pacific islands.

Chairman Allan thanked Max and Jan for the presentation and gave them our usual secret USB

Meeting Closed at 8.32 p.m.

Scribe: Robert Hurst



Pictured above: Max Thomson, Below: Jan Thomson



COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

June 2018 Board Meeting

Youth Report as of 05/05/18

Interact (Ongoing)

- We had our Pin Presentation "Ceremony" on Thursday the 24th May 2018. It was a great success thanks to the support and attendance of members, Susan Harris and Salwan, our District Interact Chair.
- Susan & Sam (treasurer) still to contact bursar to set up books.
- Next meeting 1pm, Thursday 21th June 2018.

Youth Exchange (Jan)

- We will be going halves in an exchange student with Bayswater RC this year.

Rotary Junior Community Award

(Feb)

- 20 books delivered to FGNPS.
- 16 books delivered to Fairhills.
- We were contacted by Ferntree Gully PS for help identifying community service placings. Canvassed ideas and history and submitted to Fairhills and Fern Tree Gully.

Camp Awakenings (April)

- Ray replied (to Rotary) saying not this year. But most likely next year.

RYLA (July)

- We have been offered a candidate from RYLA. His application & CV look good and the club decided to interview him.

Paul Wilson
Youth Chair

PR and Marketing Report May, 2018

Facebook:

Posting on Facebook began with our involvement at Relay for Life where we did a little bit of cooking. This was followed by Bruce McEwen from the Rotary Club of Box Hill who had given us a presentation on the Operation Cleft Project in Bangladesh.

Our most successful post on Facebook to date was an article involving the participation in Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) by the two students from Fairhills High School who were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully. Many of our members attended over the weekend to support the two young lads who represented Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully in our first foray into MUNA. They were chosen to represent Irelands view on the proposals put forward and presented their arguments with poise. Overall a very good response to our article with almost 700 views and a number of shares.

Our final posting for this month was in regard to our Induction of new members to the Interact Club and Pin Presentation to Office Bearers. Again, attended by members and partners of Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully. Susan Harris who is the liaison teacher at Fairhills for the Interact Club and Selwyn Shahine who is the District chair for Interact were also in attendance.

Ray and Enid.

May Club Service Report 2018

In early May a number of members partners and friends attended an afternoon tea at Peppertree Hill Retirement Village in Rowville. This was instigated by Lendlease who the owner operators of Peppertree Hill. Although we had initially been under the impression that this would be a two-way conversation with them telling us about the advantages of living in a retirement village and we, in return, explaining the offerings of an organisation like Rotary it really was just a sales pitch but they did, as promised, give us \$500.00 as a gift to our club.

Ray Hollis.



June 2018

Hello everyone,

June, Rotary Fellowship Month.

For those of you who didn't attend District Assembly on the 20th May, you missed out on many information sessions. District Governor Elect Russell Gurney introduced us to RI President Elect Barry Rassin from the Bahamas. Even though things will be much the same as those of RI President Ian Riseley, there will be more of a concerted effort on membership and the formation of more Rotaract Clubs in District 9810.

If you were in the membership seminar at District Assembly, you would have received a list of all the Rotary Fellowships, a great social way to get more out of your Rotary experience. If you were not there, contact your Club President as a copy has been sent to them.

Another presentation at the beginning of the Assembly was about the Rotary District 9810 Charitable Service Trust. This Trust allows members of the public wanting to donate money to projects endorsed as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) for gift tax deductibility purposes. Now people can donate to local projects rather than going offshore. The projects that can be donated to in our District are: - Helping Hand Food Bank; Montrose & District Men's Shed; Maroondah City of Wellbeing; Manningham Inclusive Community Housing. For more details please contact PDG David Alexander or the District Treasurer Don Kinnear.

From 1st - 5th July there will be the First World Conference on Malaria in Melbourne. The District 9810 (RAM) Committee will have a stand there and Malaria Chair Peter McPhee will be there on the 4th July. <https://www.malariaworldcongress.org/>

For those looking for another medium to promote their projects and or fundraising activities, please don't forget the power of radio. There are 3 stations that broadcast in our District; 94.1 FM, 95.6 FM, 98.1 FM. I know the organisers of the Rotary programs for their respective stations would love to hear from you.

Congratulations to the three Rotary Clubs from the Yarra Ranges Cardinia B Cluster, Healesville, Wandin and Upper Yarra for initiating a forum for Youth and Family Health. It was a tremendously successful night and it is a tribute to the three Clubs that they all worked together to present succinct information on a variety of topics that address community situations - Domestic Violence; Addiction; Psychological Health; Cultural Issues.

We are in Changeover season. Thank you to all those who attended the District Changeover at Southern Golf Club. It was a fantastic night. I really enjoyed rewarding a few Rotarians who have worked diligently over several years with PHF recognitions. I also enjoyed presenting many Clubs with a District Recognition Certificate.

District Changeover was brought forward from the original date as many Rotarians from our District are travelling to Toronto to celebrate with RI President Ian Riseley. We wish them a terrific time and a safe journey.

The challenge this month is to have little or no one leaving your Club but plenty of members being inducted. We have two Satellite Clubs bringing in members but keep talking to your network. I am sure all Clubs would welcome a new member or two to help with the load of DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD!

Don't forget RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award). The camp is taking place from 9th - 14th July inclusive. Now is the time to find and register your Club's candidate.

Thank you, Michael Ellinger, the editor of Highlights. You deserved your recognition at District Changeover.

Thank you to everyone for Making a Difference in your community, your Club and your District.

I have enjoyed working and meeting with many of you. Now you need to Be the Inspiration (which many of you are) and continue Rotary: Making a Difference.

Best wishes to all,

Malcolm Chiverton

District Governor 2017-2018

Rotary District 9810, Australia

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2018	Program.	Speaker
21-Jun	History of Knox Newspapers	Stephen Flemming
28-Jun	Fellowship Night	N/A
30-Jun	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
Sun 8/7	Changeover—Lunch	Waverley Golf Club, Rowville
Goodbye Christine, WELCOME RAY		
July	is the start of new Rotary officers' year of service	
5-Jul	Toronto Convention	Enid & Ray Hollis
12-Jul	Pramanit Foundation - Dehli, India	Lorraine Young
13-Jul	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
19-Jul	Knoxbrooke Enterprises	Kristian Dauncy
26-Jul	Committee Meetings	GROUP A
August	is Membership & New Club Development month	
2-Aug	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Graeme Aspinall
9-Aug	Interact/MUNA/Thailand Trip	Fairhills HS Students
10-Aug	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
16-Aug		
23-Aug	Committee Meetings	GROUP B
30-Aug	Fellowship Night - Crazy Whist?	

Legend:

	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event

FOR THOSE NOT ON FACEBOOK—OUR TRIP TO CANADA (so far)

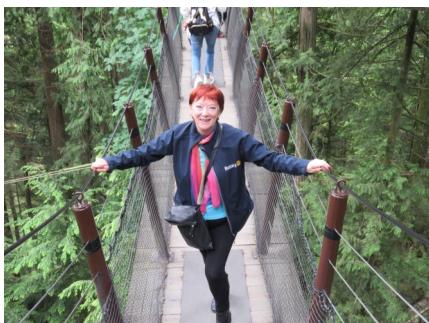
We flew from Melbourne to Vancouver, via Los Angeles, using United Airlines. Won't be doing that again!

Arrived in Vancouver and had a wonderful time with me getting totally lost in a city I once lived and worked in.

On to Jasper travelling on the famous Rocky Mountaineer. Ate and drank far too much but had a wonderful time.

Keep tripping over Rotarians everywhere we go—some of them from Melbourne. More next week—watch this space.

Enid Hughes



Top left: Enid on the Capilano Suspension Bridge;
Middle Left—black bear seen from the bus.
Middle: Ray & Enid at Malign Lake;
Top right: Ray at Malign Lake;
Middle Right: Ray at Capilano Park;
Two views of the mountains around Malign Lake

