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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN



RYDA

Nicole Van Brakel

RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) –one of District Governor David Tolstrup's special emphasis projects for 2015-16– Nicole gave club members a very comprehensive rundown of how this program works.

Afterwards, club members discussed whether we could approach Fairhills Secondary School with the idea of running this program for their year 12 students.

A truly great program and one we should support!

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 31st August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 7th September [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 14th September [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 21st Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 28th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Headspace - Knox	Committee Meeting	National Oral Health Plan	Interplast	CFA
Speaker:	Andrew Gardner	N/A	Morris White	Len Brear	Graham Crichton
Committee Subject	N/A	TBA	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chair:	Christine A	Mike S	Paul W	Rob H	Sean C
Cashier:	Graeme A	Paul W	John R	Sean C	Paul W
Rotary Toast	Rob D	Graham F	Fran M	Mike S	Enid H
Rotary Knowledge		TBA	TBA	N/A	
Sergeant-At-Arms:	John F	Graeme A	Graeme A	Graeme A	Virginia R
Scribe:	Bob H	Christine A	Mike S	JohnR	Bob H

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



PAUL'S PONDERINGS

It was great to get an up to date report on our KPV {Knox Policing Vehicle}. See the report in the bulletin from Russell Gurney. I would like to thank Russell for his extensive report, and we can give a sigh of relieve and all is not lost. Which ever way it fans out we have an on going project.

Don't forget our membership day at Knox City on the 19th September. We need as many people on deck as possible, as it is urgent that we get new members. Even if it is only for a couple of hours it all helps.

Our speaker last week was Nicole Van Brakel who spoke about RYDA Road Safety Education Program. We really need to get involved with this by getting the students from Fairhills High involved. They are our future drivers, and sadly too many of our young people tragically die on our roads.

The next District Seminar is next Friday the 4th September. The Seminar is on Youth Services and we would like as many members as possible to attend.

Until Monday
Yours in Rotary
Paul



Paul McAloney
President 2015-16

"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 17th August 2015

The meeting opened with the toast to Rotary by Rotarian John Reid and **President Paul** welcoming all members and our guest speaker Nicole Van Brakel from (RYDA)

President Paul announced:

1) The membership drive planned for Knox city shopping centre has been called off at last-minute by Boronia RC and deferred to 19 September.

2) District foundation seminar was attended by Graham Faulkner and Enid Hughes, and Graham gave an extremely positive report of the highlights of the seminar.

Chairman : Paul Wilson

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Secretary: Christine Anderson

In the absence of Secretary Christine, Immediate Past Secretary John Fleming dealt with correspondence received and called for apologies.

Apologies: Received from Robert Dawson, Christine Anderson, Sean Campbell and Virginia Rutledge

Treasurer: (Enid Hughes) Advised Members that DG elect Carol sent a note of thanks as she enjoyed her visit to the club last week and our guest speaker.

PP Merv Lincoln will retire and live in Ballarat next year.

The term deposit drawdown has been done but Enid is still having problems with the NAB card operation. She will be an apology for next week (31st August) and President Paul MacAloney will pay for the speaker.

Vocational: (Pres. Paul McAloney) no report

Community: (Graeme Aspinall) advised members that the last 2 sausage sizzles raised over \$700 for the club coffers, and thanked all those who participated

International: (Virginia Rutledge) Virginia was an apology, so no report.

Youth: (Paul Wilson) Advised members that we had two candidates from Fairhill's Secondary College for RYPEN, along with one for the 'Four-Way Test' public speaking program.

Club Service: (Paul McAloney) no report

Fellowship: (Fran Mandergeddes) spoke of an orchestral concert at Burrinja cultural Centre in the PM on Sunday 20th September, and asked for those interested in attending let her know as soon as possible, and also reminded everyone of the play at the Lilydale theatre this coming Friday 28th of August.

Sergeant-At-Arms: (John Flemming) Fleeced us by quoting some rotten jokes about Collingwood (although in some cases not far off the mark) and some more rather dreadful puns.

Skill Would You Believe It!! Graham Faulkner for the 2nd time around had the right ticket and drew the **JOKER**.

PROGRAM: Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program

Nicole Van Brakel stood in for Catherine Smith, who is on maternity leave.

The cost to Australia for road accidents is some \$27 billion per annum but that doesn't include all the costs associated with injuries and death to people.

Toyota, Bosch and BOC are the major sponsors, while Rotary is the community sponsor and the originator of the program. They start with educating teenagers in years 11 and 12 for their training on P plates, and is part of the school curriculum.

It does not employ shock tactics as this has been proven to be ineffective, but rather appeals to their emotions. It is presented to small groups of approximately 30.

The idea is to reinforce government messages regarding safe driving practices.

They are constantly evaluating the program, and overhaul the program every 2 years - using an advisory council and experts, as well as feedback from all participants..

From its start in 2004, it has been presented in venues all around Australia (approx 400,000 students have participated in that time). In regional areas it is delivered by local Rotary clubs and in the metropolitan areas by RYDA staff.

Six sessions make up the students' day, including being shown a video called "Remembering Genevieve", a rather confronting visual presentation of a young lady's death in a shocking road accident just prior to her wedding. It moves all who view it.

The program is a whole day excursion (9:30 AM – 2:15 PM) and is presented at locations where practical demonstrations of the impact on crash dummies at different speeds can be given.

The students are required to fill out a booklet of their day's experiences and events, that they then take home.

The program has been in Victoria 3 years and experienced massive growth. Based on evaluations, it is 85 to 90% effective, and there has been a 48% reduction in youth road deaths since its inception in 2004.

How can Rotary help:

introduce RYDA to local high schools (FairHills and St. Josephs?).

Promote the program to other Rotary clubs
provide volunteers on program days (6 per day) for set-up and hosting duties – John F and Graeme A did this last year, and found the experience to be very positive.

Cost per student overall is \$47, made up of \$25 charge to the student, \$17 donated by sponsors, and hopefully \$5 from Rotary or other donations.

Meeting Closed at 8 20p.m.

Scribe: Mike Spark

To: Rotary Clubs of Knox:

I write to keep everyone informed on the latest regarding the **Knox Policing vehicle**. For those that may not know, my involvement is by virtue of the fact that I am the Treasurer and Company Secretary for RID9810PFL [DPFL] and have worked with other Club's on the formal arrangements for the two other Policing vehicles in our District. Essentially my role is to make things a little easier for you. I have copied PP Neill Sheldon as he has been the central point of contact for DPFL company for the last few years.



There are two things to share.

Firstly, and as you may know, the current VicPol contract expires on 25 October this year. There are a number of options available to us once we understand VicPol's position on continuing with this initiative:

1. Extend the current agreement (particularly if the vehicle has low km, as we have recently done in the Yarra Ranges)
2. Purchase a new vehicle (and trade the old), subject to your wishes and approval, as we are currently doing in Whitehorse.
3. Bring the arrangement to an end on our (your) own volition.

To this end, I have recently been in touch with the Knox Local Area Commander who is very keen to continue. I asked for the vehicle odometer reading so that we had this information as a starting point.

Secondly, there was a question in the DPFL Board's (and others) minds as to where this Knox vehicle was actually being used. There were suspicions that it may have been relocated to the Whitehorse area. FYI, under our agreement with VicPol, it must be garaged and used in the Knox policing area unless otherwise agreed.

When concluding the Whitehorse renewal, I asked the Local Area Commander about this and he assured me that whilst the car does visit the Whitehorse area, it is definitely based and used in Knox. He indicated that the various VicPol areas were very protective of their community assets. He put me in touch with his counterpart in Knox who confirmed this was the case.

Almost at the same time, Neill Sheldon was also tracking down the Knox vehicle and had a written response from A/ S/Sgt Dave YOUNG regarding the use of the Rotary supplied Community Car and it's sightings in the Box Hill area. He confirmed that *"... the vehicle is currently being used by the ED2 pro-active units based at Knox and the Youth Resource Officers. In dealing with youth and external agencies, particularly DHS the vehicle is required to go to Box Hill. A large majority of these agencies are based in Box Hill. Approximately 70% of volume crime committed in is centred around youth offenders hence the regular interaction with DHS. A majority of these offenders have a DHS connection ..."*

I suspect that the Knox vehicle has not done a huge amount of travel and that this will lend itself to a contract extension. If this is the case, this will be a simple exercise. There will be no cost to the Clubs* as all the vehicle running costs are funded by VicPol. Their main concern would be the length of the statutory vehicle warranty. (*having said that there would be no cost, recent VicPol policy has resulted in police branding being removed from vehicles where the officer is unarmed. Long story for another time, but there may need to be some revised sign-writing.)

I will keep you all informed as the next key decision will depend on the vehicle odometer reading.

regards,

Russell Gurney
Company Secretary

Rotary Club of FTG

Proposed "Weekend away" at a Timeshare Resort

Many members have enjoyed "weekends away" at the Bright Resort (at Bright, obviously!) or at the Bellbrae Resort, near Torquay (that one's a few years ago now!). It has been suggested that we repeat the "great away" experience in late February, 2016, and I have talked to the Resort company about availability of units for a group booking – if we book reasonably quickly, units are still available. (Note - the units are allocated and charged on a Friday-to-Friday basis, whether we stay the whole 7 nights or just a few weekend nights.) We have used my timeshare weeks in the past, and I've charged \$250 per room/couple for 3 nights from Friday afternoon to Monday afternoon (regrettably, nobody has been able to stay on for the rest of the week). I have only recovered \$500 per unit per timeshare week, but the cost per week has risen from \$640/week in 2011 to \$770 in 2016. This is because the resorts company has changed their basis of recovering refurbishment fees for the timeshare units. I now have to recover \$770 plus a non-member usage fee of \$50 for each unit I book = \$820 per week.

If we stay in a 2-bedroom unit as in Bright Resort, the Weekend (or week) away will cost each couple (or pair of friends) **\$410**, a big increase on our past expenditure!

However, if we decide to book the 3-bedroom units available at Bellbrae Resort, the cost per unit/couple would be \$820/3= **\$273**.



The Bellbrae Resort is just out of Torquay, and is thus quicker and easier to get to than Bright. The resort facilities are pretty much the same as at Bright (pool, spa, members lounge, etc.), and are maintained to the same

high standards. The things to do around the area vary, of course, but there are a lot of them (last time, we went on the Otway Fly through the treetops, for example).

In either case, we would share the cost of any common food used (e.g., for the BBQ on the Friday night as people arrive) between all participants, as usual.

I will not be at the meeting on Monday 31/8/15, but I would like to discuss this the following week, to see who wants to go and where. Please chat with your partners and friends to see which option they would prefer (Bright or Bellbrae), as we will have to decide fairly soon (and I would need payment from the attendees within 2 weeks of me making the booking on credit card).

Kind regards
Yours in Rotary fun – Mike Spark
29/8/2015



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Guide Hall

Underwood Rd

Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car park)

Rotary roster - every second Wednesday, 5.30pm

DATE	ROTARIAN
9th September	Paul McAloney
23rd September	Christine Anderson
7th October	Graeme Aspinall
21st October	Paul Wilson
4th November	Enid Hughes
18th November	John Flemming
2nd December	Graeme Aspinall
16th December	Christine Anderson

Dinner provided
Contact Graeme Aspinall for more
information
0425 432 290

CLUB NOTICE

Correction:

**Last week's notice stated 7th
December—should have been
7th September
Apologies everyone!**

Please note there will be a special meeting to vote on the acceptance of the amended Club Rules and By-laws, on Monday, 7th September.

Such amendments have been made to accord with those required by Rotary International and the laws of our State/Country and need to be formally adopted by Club Members

The Ranges Young Strings

Music Director – Rosalind Burns



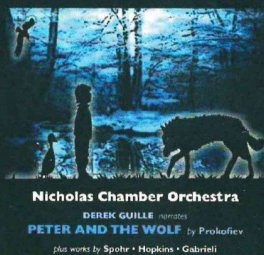
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