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WEEKLY BULLETIN



President, Rotary International

BARRY RASSIN & Esther
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District Governor, Dist. 9810 –

RUSSELL GURNEY & Shelley
Rotary Club of Doncaster

President,

RAY HOLLIS & Enid
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

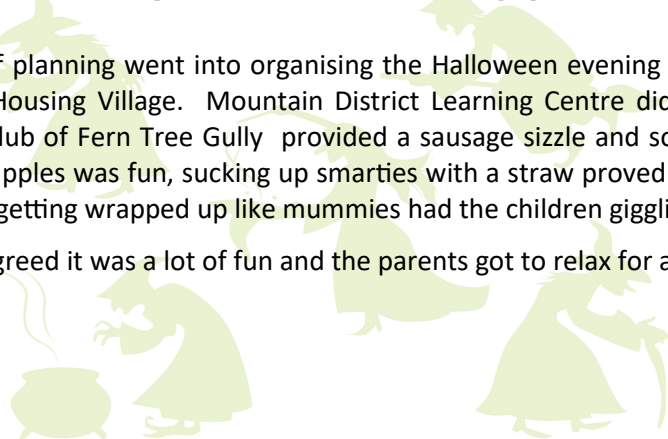
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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



HALLOWEEN IN THE GULLY

Quite a lot of planning went into organising the Halloween evening at our local Community Housing Village. Mountain District Learning Centre did most of it and Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully provided a sausage sizzle and some games. Bobbing for apples was fun, sucking up smarties with a straw proved to be more difficult and getting wrapped up like mummies had the children giggling.

All the kids agreed it was a lot of fun and the parents got to relax for a change.



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 8th Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Friday 9th Nov [6.30 for.00]	Thursday 15th Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Wednesday 21st Nov 7.30 pm	Thursday 22nd Nov [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	Bunnings	FTG Bowling Club	1812 Theatre UFTG	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	DG's Club Visit	Sausage	Caltoria Brewery		Committee Meetings Group A
Speaker:	Russell & Shelley G	Sizzle	Lien Jenkins	Return of the Pink Pantha	N/A
Vote of Thanks	Rob H	Graeme A John F Mike S Ray H Enid H	Mike S		N/A
Rotary Toast	FranM		Enid H		Rob H
Cashier:	Paul McA		Rod B		Mike S
Scribe:	John F		Rob H		No Scribe
Rotary Knowledge					Paul McA
Topic:					RAM
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Paul W		Paul W		Paul W
Partners' Night	Yes		No		No
Birthdays:			None		
Wedding Anniversaries:			None		
Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully			10th—Graeme Aspinall—'88		



"RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

What mischief have we been up to?

Well, to celebrate Halloween we provided a free sausage sizzle at the local Community Housing Complex. Mike and myself cooking snags, we were joined by Jill, Witch Christine and Devil Fran (that was their costumes not their personality). Kerry from Mountain District Learning Centre was also there. Jill, Christine, Fran and Kerry organised some fun activities for the youngsters while young and old alike enjoyed a few sausages. A fun few hours for all.

On Saturday morning Graeme A, Mike, Paul W and I spent an hour repairing a leaning fence for a local resident. She was most grateful and rewarded us with coffee and pasties for morning tea.

FYI: Nominations are now open for the 2019 Knox Local Australia Day Awards which honour those people who have made a valuable contribution to the Knox Community. The categories for 2019 are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Elder Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Environmentalist of th Year
- Local Hero

So if anyone has any suggestions as to whom we could nominate, please let me know.

Yours in Rotary
Ray Hollis
 President 2018-19



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 18th October, 2018

The meeting was opened with a toast to Rotary by Graham Faulkner, and with President Ray welcoming all members
Apologies: Garry Braddock, John Fleming, Allan Tierney

President Ray

- The Board passed a donation of \$200.0 to Australian Rotary Health
- Interest planning meeting for Knox Rotaract Club 12th November
- Carrington Primary School. Our club in conjunction with the Rowville Men's Club are building a chicken coop for students as part of their Plant it Pick it Plate it school project.
- Fireside meetings January 2019 will be held at the homes of John and Anne Flemming (10th Jan) and Paul and Jill Wilson's (17th Jan) .

Secretary: Graeme Aspinall

- Local Australia Day awards nomination application given to Enid Hughes, if anyone knows a person in our community who would be worthy of us to nominate please let us know.

Community: Christine Anderson

- Halloween party for residents at community housing was a lot of fun with our sausage sizzle and games for the children

Fellowship: Allan Tierney/and committee

- Trash and Treasure heralded a great success with a profit \$600.00 Next one to be held in March 2019
- Fran has made a booking for 13 for the 1812 Theatre to see "The Return of the Pink Panther"
- Fran told of posts that she shares on Facebook .
 - The power of signing petitions for humanitarian rights e.g.
 - Justice for Noura "Don't execute for self-defence against the man who raped her".
 - Gavin McInnes entry to Australia to promote "Proud Boys" promoting hate and murder.

Youth: Paul Wilson

- Interact Club have selected their President and Vice President for 2019 school year. 15th November they are having a break up party at 1pm all club members welcome

International: Enid Hughes

- Nasavusavu Special Education School Fiji:
 - 15 Students to be sponsored school year 2019
 - School bus shelter has been built with a plaque "Donated by the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Australia"
 - Computer equipment currently be purchased.

Membership: Paul McAloney

- Paul and Christine attended the district membership seminar for clubs 25 members or less. An excellent approach, drilling down what type of membership each club needs to attract to support all projects

Sergeant at Arms: Paul Wilson

Paul tested our Rotary Knowledge and extracting our \$\$
Fran drew 5 of diamonds

Member Behind the Badge: Rod Brown

Rod gave a very enlightening talk on his life's story:
He was born in NZ south Island, on a small farm; at 4 years of age they moved to Dunedin where he went to school, until the age of 15; left school and entered the work force. He worked in Retail and furthered his education completing a Marketing and Management Diploma at night school. All while supporting his Mother, three brothers and sister, after his father died of a massive heart attack when Rod was 15

Rod met the love of his life (Lois) when they were both in a Wedding Party and they married in 1970.
They have 4 children and 9 grandchildren.

Rod felt God's call into Ministry when he was 28 and came to Australia for a 4 year theological training.

He began student ministry in Williamstown and Wattle Park before returning to a parish in Lower Hutt in NZ after graduation. Around this time he had a major car accident and spent 3 months with his legs in traction and not expected to walk again, but with sheer determination started his first ministry on crutches and a wheelchair.

After 7 years in NZ he returned to Australia and ministered in Knoxfield, Northcote, Cheltenham and Boronia for fifteen and a half years. Rod was also the Chaplain at Scoresby High School.

Although retiring last June Rod is still officiating at funerals and belongs to a movement of clergy who are involved in searching for answers of how to drag the institution of the Church into a scientific culture far different than the biblical writings, that have become bogged down by ancient traditions and cultures.

Rod's final words: *"In terms of justice and care for those less fortunate than ourselves, organisations like Rotary with such lower costs in admin stand head and shoulders over many so call 'Christian Charities'. That's why I am so proud to wear the badge"*

President Ray closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Scribe: Christine Anderson



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above: Rod Brown

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District Governor's Message

As Shelley and I have travelled around the District, we

have been really inspired by the dedication of our Rotarians doing great work with our young people, building partnerships and working in our local communities, and making a difference with overseas communities.

I congratulate the way Clubs celebrated World Polio Day last week and sharing the story of Rotary's involvement over so many years. We are so close to eradicating polio with 22 cases reported so far this year; 16 in Afghanistan and 6 in Pakistan. We need to stay true to the task until we can all celebrate polio eradication. The October edition of the RDU Magazine contains an excellent article on where we have come from, and where we are now, and there is a thought provoking expose on "What Must Be Done to Create a World Without Polio" in the October Time Magazine. I commend both too you.

Closer to home, an outbreak in PNG has received considerable media attention. Please click here to see a summary, and click here to see the work that has been done since the discovery of vaccine derived polio case there, as well as the immunization for November. You will be inspired by the intensity of the campaign, and the commitment by the World Health Organisation and all partners, including our own Rotary International.

November is **Rotary Foundation Month** where we celebrate the magic related to our own charity of choice. We should all be proud of the work carried out by our Foundation which has also received 11 consecutive 4-star ratings from Charity Navigator; an influential source of information for potential donors.

We are also pleased to advise that our Peace Fellow nominee, **Andrew Flyne**, has been selected to receive a 2019 Rotary Peace Fellowship. He will study at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center. We will share more about Andrew in the future, and as his studies progress.

In the subject of scholars, attendees at the Foundation Seminar in August would be aware that we also have a Global Grant Scholar, **Taruni Roy Khurana**, studying a master's in health at Columbia University in New York. A short article written by Taruni is further into

this newsletter.

November 11 also marks the centenary of the end of the First World War and many Rotarians, and friends of Rotary contributed to the "5,000 Poppies" initiative (championed in our District by Chris Prior, click here). Many of our Clubs are also conducting special commemorative services and peace related events. It is therefore exciting that Rotary has formed a service partnership with Mediators Beyond Borders International. This partnership connects Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary alumni with resources to take action, locally and globally. Rotary members play a key role in building connected communities. Connected communities are safer communities, and safer communities are more prosperous communities. Click here for more information.

Still about peace, there will be Rotary Peace Summit on Friday, February 15, 2019 at the Melbourne Exhibition and Conference Centre. The Summit will be a curtain-raiser to our Victorian Multi-District Rotary Conference and is modelled on the six Peacebuilding Conferences convened by Past RI President Ian Riseley OAM in cities around the globe during the 2017-2018 Rotary year.

Through a stimulating, informative and interactive program, the aim is to give Rotarians meaningful insights into what they and their clubs can do to achieve this goal. For more information, click here

Shelley and I look forward to continuing to serve the District, and to meeting as many members and partners as possible as we travel around.

Take care and
Be the Inspiration.

Best regards,

Russell

(The above is an excerpt from District 9810 News, Edition 2)



COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

November, 2018 Board Meeting

PR and Marketing Report October 2018

Facebook:

The first thing we did this month was to change our Facebook masthead. We do this every three months on both Facebook and our Bulletin.

Our first post this month was the fantastic joint meeting we had with Rotary Club of Bayswater at which our exchange student Guilia, who is from Italy, was also in attendance to tell about herself. Guilia began her presentation by showing a short video showcasing the area around her home town in Northern Italy and went on to explain a little about her family. This was followed by an update on her first three months in Australia. The whole meeting with Guilia, Members and partners of Rotary Club of Bayswater and the host families was a great success. This is a format that should be repeated.

Facebook post no 2 was the presentation by CEO of Knoxbrooke Incorporated, Kristian Dauncey. Kristian was our speaker on 11th October and gave us an update on what has been happening at Knoxbrooke and where they are headed in the future. Big changes in the coming years with the sale of the current site in Ferntree Gully and the diversification to smaller Base Camps throughout the area.

Our next post was our afternoon at the Community Radio. See details below in Electronic Media.

On we went to our QuizzaMe fundraiser. Although it was a terrific night it was let down by the small number of people in attendance. We did however raise some funds towards the

projects specified and we also managed to spread the word about Polio.

According to Facebook records our posts for the week October 13 to October 20 have reached over 2,000 views.

Finally I posted an article about our trip to Wantirna Trash and Treasure on Sunday 28th October.

Electronic Media:

On Tuesday afternoon 16th October, Christine and I, along with our special guest, Kristian Dauncey, CEO of Knoxbrooke Incorporated, spent an hour at Community Radio Station Southern FM 88.3. The Radio Station has a "Rotary Hour" program each Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm. This was quite a new experience and a wonderful opportunity to the listeners of the work that Rotary does. Kristian was able to give them an insight as to how Knoxbrooke got established and also inform them of the work that Knoxbrooke do helping people with disabilities. Christine and I were able to relate the virtues of the Polio Plus initiative and the work being done with the Indigenous Community to eliminate Trachoma. We then went on to tell the listeners about our various programs with Nasavusavu in Fiji.

Print Media:

Our latest article for the Gully News is our involvement with the raised garden beds project at Carrington Primary School.

Enid & Ray Hollis
PR & Marketing

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

October, 2018

Nasavusavu Special Education School.

- Following Board Approval \$5,711.84 was transferred to Fiji. Covering:
- Fifteen students to be sponsored for the 2019 school year.
- Computer equipment.
- Garage to house the school van.

Indonesia Disaster Relief

- As suggested by our DG Russell Gurney to help with the local people rebuild their homes following this terrible disaster, \$2,000 was donated through the auspices of En-Trust.

District/Global Grant

- I have been in touch with David Alexander and have been given information on several projects in 3 villages in East Java that David and his team conducted WASH training. They are looking to take an integrated approach to encouraging local ownership of changed behaviours, by encouraging them to start a range of micro-enterprises:

e.g. establishing a Days for Girls micro-enterprise; smokeless biomass cooking stoves; solid waste collection and turning rubbish into fuel pellets for use in the cooking stoves. Then of course there is the installation of appropriate toilet technologies given that at the moment the current toilets impact on the quality of the shallow groundwater tables.

- I agreed with David Alexander's suggestion that we start with a District Global Grant using the Ivan Gigavic account to fund it.

I have passed this information on to my committee for discussion.

Enid Hughes
International Chair

HALLOWEEN IN THE GULLY

It's not clear who had the most fun—the children or the Rotarians. No names can be mentioned of course—but all the Rotarians are recognisable, even under the disguises!



IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2018	Program.	Speaker
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
8-Nov	DG's Club Visit	Russell & Shelley Gurney
9-Nov	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
9-Nov	Presidents Elect Pre-PELDS workshop	
15-Nov	Caltoria Brewery	Lien Jenkins
16-Nov	International Service Seminar	
21-Nov	The Return of the Pink Panther	1812 Theatre UFTG
22-Nov	Committee Meetings	GROUP A
23-Nov	President's Quarterly Meeting / AGM	
24-Nov	Ferntree Gully Traders Fair	FTG Village
27-Nov	RJCA Awards	FTGN PS
29-Nov	RYPEN	Fairhills HS students
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
3-Dec	BOARD MEETING	Enid & Ray's Home
6-Dec	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Graham Faulkner
9-Dec	Jazz at the Royal	Royal Hotel UFTG
13-Dec	FTG Bowling Club / RC FTG	Ken Miller
13-Dec	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
20-Dec	Christmas Break-Up	Glengollan Clubrooms
27-Dec	Christmas Break - No Meeting	

Legend:	
	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event



DON'T FORGET

Fellowship Event

RETURN OF THE PINK PANTHER

21st November

8.00 pm

1812 Theatre

Upper Ferntree Gully

Pre Theatre Drinks & Champagne

Supper afterwards

