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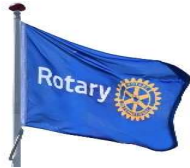
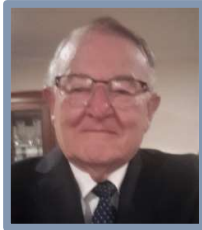
Date & Time:	Thursday 15th April [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 22nd April [Kick off at 6.30]	Sunday 25th April ANZAC DAY	Thursday 29th April [Kick off at 6.30]
Venue:	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM	BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM
Program:	ORIGIN OF SPORTS IN THE OUTER EAST	Short meeting to finalise details for Relay & Anzac Day BBQ	11.00 am to 4.00 pm	Bridge Builders Youth Organisation
Speaker:	Stephen Flemming	No Speaker		Beck Mitchell
Scribe	Brian Mandergeddes	Rob Hurst		Julienne Hyams
Partners' Night	Yes	Welcome		Yes

<i>Birthdays:</i>	19 th April 1868 – PAUL HARRIS
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	19 th April 1993 – John Flemming

Dates to Diarise

2021	Event
Wed 21/04/2021	Slices for Foothills Community – details Page 6
Sat 24/04/2021	R100 Baton Relay Walk Rotary FTG and BBQ at Quarry Reserve - Community and Fellowship Event
Sat 01/05/2021 & Sun 02/05/2021	District Conference On-line all members
Sat 15/05/2021	District 9810 - R100 celebration at Jells Park including going for the World Record for the Waggle Dance - District Fellowship Event for all Rotarians

FROM THE PRESIDENT



MARCH IS WATER & SANITATION MONTH

At times it is somewhat difficult to raise funds for a service club. Last Saturday our club had a fundraiser at the Upper Ferntree Gully market endeavouring to sell some of our treasures left over from previous trash and treasure markets. The weather we endured was not kind to us with rain, cold air and squally winds, was not bringing buyers to the market as there had been in previous weeks. However, we did raise just short of \$200 a good effort considering most items were just a few dollars.



Thanks to all the member who attended throughout the day. The Beanies knitted by Julienne's mother were very popular, thankyou Julienne for the kind donation. As we still have quite an amount of treasure stored in Allan's container, Christine is considering having another one at the Wantirna Trash & Treasure Market now that it has re-opened. More on that later.

All the volunteers who have offered to help out at our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on April 25th are locked in to work over the two shifts 11.00 – 1.30pm and 1.30 – 4.00pm are:

First Shift: Graeme A, John F, Mike S, Allan T, Kaye Mc and Graham H

Second Shift: Graeme A, John F, Christine A, Allan T, Mike S, Paul W

Please let me know before our meeting on April 22nd if there is any change in not being able to attend. See you all again on April 22nd.

Graeme
President 2020/2021



THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 8th April 2021

Start: 6.20pm Pres Graeme

Opened early as all were in attendance.

Welcomed all members and Kay Mac.

Welcomed Shirley Dougan of FTG Arts Society. AKA "The Hut" FTG - our guest speaker.

Shirley then proceeded with her presentation:

FTG Arts Society is the second oldest arts society in Vic after the Vic Arts Society

The building started out as a re-purposed old Army hut. Hence the name "The Hut".

She then went on to describe (in great humour) how they cut a hole in the wall to insert a door to gain access to the new outside sculpture area.

The Hut has a new exhibition every month. 5 of those for members only. The rest "open" (to everybody).

Notwithstanding their sales they focus on the arts running workshops and classes on a regular basis. They also run after school and holiday classes for kids.

in summary the Hut is a friendly and interesting place. Please come and visit.

Discussion and anecdotes ensued.

The meeting continued with Christine outlining future programs. In particular, be at the Upper Gully Market at 8am Saturday.

Graeme talked to the up-coming Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, checking numbers. Bayswater Rotary are having a 60th anniversary evening at the Kilsyth Club on 28 April. Anyone interested contact him for info.

Graeme then closed the meeting and we all supped in the dining room.

Scribe: Paul Wilson

The following is a précis of Shirley's presentation from her notes:

Our guest speaker was Shirley Dougan, president of the Ferntree Gully Art Society gave us an amusing and informative history of the gallery. The gallery was started by Allan and Peggy Lowe in 1944, for the first few years it met at various locations throughout the Shire of Ferntree Gully.



From donations and fundraising activities, a block of land was bought in Underwood Road where it is currently situated; an old army hut was purchased in 1947 and moved from Darley near Ballarat to its present site in Underwood Road and became known as "The Hut Gallery".

Many community groups started at the Hut some of which continue today, the **Ferntree Gully Film Society**, the Hut Players Repertory Group which we now know as the **1812 Theatre Company in Upper Ferntree Gully**. Over the years other

groups have utilised the premises, a Music society, a Poetry group and a Potters group all had the Genesis at the Hut.

The building has undergone many renovations – about 15 years ago the back end of the building was pulled down and new kitchens, toilets and storage areas built. In 2018 thanks to a grant from Knox City Council the side garden was turned into a sculptural piece with help of a local artist who creates artwork using ferro-cement. In 2019 the side garden underwent a huge overhaul and is now a full-on sculpture garden with native plants. There is capacity to display nine artworks on permanent plinths the idea behind this was to create a peaceful contemplative place to relax in.

Art exhibitions run from February to November and are changed every month, exhibitions are open to anyone to enter their artwork, prizes and awards are on offer. This artwork ranges from beginners to the far more experienced artists.

There was recently a collaboration with an Internet art society called **MAVA** an acronym for **Melbourne And Victorian Artists** they have 300 members around the state and 1500 on Facebook. As they don't have a physical gallery the Hut held an exhibition of their work which resulted in sales for them.

Other activities are workshops and classes for artists, these are the only ones available in Knox.

After-school classes have been running for about four years with 8 to 10 children participating so the children can be exposed to skilled artists in order for them to develop an interest and acquire a love for artistic activities.

Many other social functions are carried out such as dinners, pizza nights, sketching outings, an annual trip to the Archibald prize presentation night etc. As with most groups the society is made up of people from all backgrounds and cultures to connect through a common interest.

The Hut Gallery is participating in partnership with the local business community is to display art in shop windows in the Ferntree Gully shopping centre for a few weeks through late July into mid-April.

BE BEWARE OF ARTISTS THEY MIX WITH ALL CLASSES OF SOCIETY AND ARE THEREFORE THE MOST DANGEROUS OF INDIVIDUALS



BEFORE



AFTER



Photographer - Barbara Oehring. Barbara is a local photographer who does a lot of work for the FTG News.

**Foothills Slice for next Wednesday 21st April is below
Delivery 2.30 to 3.00pm at
Ferntree Gully Girl Guide Hall, Underwood Rd, FTG**

ANZAC BARS

Ingredients

- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 125 g butter
- 1/3 cup golden syrup
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda

Method

1. Preheat oven to 170C (150C fan-forced). Line a slice pan with baking paper with sides extending over long sides.
2. Combine flour, oats and coconut in a large bowl, making a well in the centre.
3. Combine butter, golden syrup and brown sugar in a small saucepan. Stir over a medium heat until butter melts and mixture is smooth.
4. Add the bicarbonate of soda and stir to combine.
5. Pour wet mixture over dry ingredients and stir until evenly combined.
6. Spread into prepared pan and smooth with the back of a spoon.
7. Bake for 20 minutes. Cool in the pan.
8. Lift out using the paper and cut into 20 bars. Keep in an airtight container.
(Remember to put in foil tray provided and don't cut)

EQUIPMENT 1 20cm x 30cm slice pan

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***Congratulations to Fran on being elected to the
Committee of Management of the Phillip Island
Community & Learning Centre.***

Well done Fran!!!

