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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 5 th Aug [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 12th August [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 19th August [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 26th August [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
Program:	TEAM MEETING	GUEST SPEAKER	GUEST SPEAKER	WRAPPING FATHERS DAY GIFTS
Speaker:		LINDSAY LEIGH HOBSON	KEVIN BRIDLE	
		Elevating Emerging Leaders	Community Policing	
Vote Of Thanks		Mike S	Rob H	
Scribe:		Paul Mc	Paul W	



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



PRESIDENTS GREETINGS AND CHATTER

We trust you are all enjoying the wonderful successes of our Australian Athletes at the Tokyo Olympics

We all know who our Olympic Guru is after winning the trivia last week, Well done John Flemming.

Thank you to all our “Sock Shoppers” we are gradually getting to the 200 needed for the Foothills Community Care Father’s Day gifts.

Hoping everyone has seen and read the FTG News and the great article Mike Spark wrote “Rotary helps the community go round” we await to see the responses from our local community.

We are now collecting spoons, and forks for our next community project, so if anyone has any, they no longer require please remember us. We need a few hundred of each.

To our snow bunnies hope you are having a great time at Hotham, and everyone else is enjoying some Winter sunshine in Melbourne

Have a great week

Stay Safe

Graeme and Christine

August Anniversary's

Paul Wilson	Inducted	August 8 th 2005
Mike & Wendy Spark	Anniv	August 9 th

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – Friday August 13th

Volunteers required for two shifts 9.00-12,30 & 12.30-4.00pm

Message from Fran

Fran wants all members and friends to know she has been contacted by Heidi Koopman, the widow of our great friend and club member Michael, who sadly passed away on 6 March this year, after years of suffering cancer and lately, other medical challenges.

Many of you will remember the great times we all had at the Cavalier motel on Stud Road, thanks to these very generous and lovely friends before they moved to Ballarat.

Heidi would absolutely love to hear from all who played such an important part in their Wantirna lives not so very long ago.

Who can forget the African banquet held at the motel on behalf of exchange student Bjorn, with appropriate food, music and entertainment?

And the mini Olympics we had there, not to mention the Mini Melbourne cup with wooden horses?

Lovely memories, lovely warm and generous friends.

I am happy you give Heidi's contact details to you, and to extend her invitation to let her know if you are in, or planning to go to Ballarat.

She has 3 spare bedrooms and would so love to see you!!!



Shekhar Mehta

President 2021-22

August 2021

As we focus on membership in Rotary this month, I ask you to help make history this year. For more than 20 years, our membership has stood at 1.2 million. Rotary is a vibrant organization with a 116-year history, members in more than 220 countries and geographic areas, and a rich legacy of work in polio eradication and other humanitarian programs. Rotary has changed so much in our own lives and the lives of others. As we *Serve to Change Lives*, don't you think Rotary could have an even greater impact on the world if more people were practicing Service Above Self?

My vision is to increase Rotary membership to 1.3 million by July 2022, and the call to action is simple: Each One, Bring One. This year, I want every Rotarian and Rotaractor to introduce a new person into their club.

We are a membership organization, and members are our greatest asset. You are the ones who contribute so generously to The Rotary Foundation. You are the ones who dream big to bring good into the world through meaningful projects. And of course, you are the ones who have put the world on the brink of eradicating polio.

As we make membership a priority this year, let us focus on diversity by reaching out to younger people and especially to women. Every club should celebrate its new members, and every Rotarian who sponsors a member will be personally recognized by me. And those who are successful in bringing in 25 or more members will be part of our new Membership Society.

Even as we share the gift of Rotary with others, let us be sure to engage these new members, because an engaged Rotarian is an asset forever. And remember that engaging our current members and keeping them in our clubs is just as important as bringing in newcomers. Let us also be ready to form new clubs, especially flexible ones. I am very bullish on clubs that hold virtual or hybrid meetings, and satellite clubs and cause-based clubs can also be very effective ways of growing Rotary.

As you *grow more*, you will be able to *do more*. Let us keep *empowering girls* through our work in each of the areas of focus. Scholarships for girls, toilets in schools, health and hygiene education — there is so much we can do. Projects focused on the environment are also attracting interest the world over. Do participate in these projects locally and internationally to make this world a better place for us and for all species.

Each of you is a Rotary brand ambassador, and all of the wonderful work done by Rotarians around the world needs to be shared outside the Rotary community. Use social media to tell your friends, colleagues, and relatives the stories of Service Above Self.

Finally, I'm challenging every club, during the coming year, to plan at least one Rotary Day of Service that will bring together volunteers from inside and outside Rotary and will celebrate and showcase the work of your club in your community. Visit **rotary.org** to find out more about all of these initiatives, along with other ways to *Serve to Change Lives*.