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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 19 th May [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 26 th May [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 2nd June [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 9th June [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
&Program:	Guest Speaker	Guest Speaker		Guest Speaker
Speaker:	Megan Baker	Brian Mandergegges		Ken Mirans
	Local Council	2022-2023 Club Budget		Youth Protection
Vote Of Thanks	Rob H			
Scribe:	John F			

Future Dates

*Sunday May 22nd – Sunday May 29th District Assembly
(on line)*

Friday June 3rd 1812 Theatre

Friday June 10th Bunnings sausage Sizzle

Saturday July 2nd Club Changeover



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



PRESIDENTS GREETINGS AND CHATTER

Youth Services Month

Hello Everyone,

Megan Baker will be our guest speaker this week. After many attempts to get her to our meeting, we are now fortunate to welcome her this week.

Being the Council representative for the Dobson Ward I guess there are many issues facing Council since covid restrictions have been lifted we would like to hear about. Megan won't be able to attend our meeting until 7.00pm and is unable to join us for dinner at the conclusion of the meeting.

Our speaker last week Des Higginbotham enlightened us on the changes he has seen having a newsagency in Ferntree Gully for more than 30 years. See Mikes summary of the meeting. Des is one of many local identities that have a story to tell.

The Red Shield Appeal will be held later this month. Friday May 27th and Saturday 28th. As a Club we have agreed to support this event as we did many years ago. Rosie has organised the collection point being outside Woolworths at Mountain Gate. Members are asked to collect for two hours during one of the four designated shifts. Further details in this this week's bulletin.

The Friends of Dandenong Creek are planning to plant 4000 indigenous plants along the Dandenong Creek on World Environment Day June 4th. The Bayswater Rotary Club has approached us if we would like to assist in this event doing a couple of hours between 10am to 12pm on Saturday June 4th, A sausage sizzle will be held afterwards.

Stay safe.

Graeme & Christine



MINUTES OF MEETING 12 May, 2022 (at FTG Bowls Club, also via ZOOM)

MEETING OPENED: 6.30 PM

ATTENDEES: Co-President Graeme Aspinall, Treasurer Brian Mandergeddes, Mike Spark, Paul and Jill Wilson, Paul McAloney, Brian M, Rob Hurst, Graeme Harrison, incoming member Rosie Massey and Guest speaker Des Higginbotham

ZOOM: Co-President Christine Anderson, Pres-Elect Fran M

APOLOGIES: COVID - John Flemming, Alan Tierney. Other medical - Gary B

GUEST SPEAKER – Des Higginbotham, our local newsagency owner and FTG community contributor.

Des was a teacher for 14 years before leaving the teaching career to embark on a new career as a newsagent, after eventually passing “the inquisition” by the Newsagency Council (a tightly-held Guild-like body. His wife Lyn was already working for an agency. He started in Upper Gully in the days of paper boys on bikes, no computers and 3am starts. Wrapping the papers for delivery was done manually back then. Tattsлото changed newsagencies forever, and it’s now the predominant activity and money-maker for the industry. Des and Lyn bought the FTG newsagency in 1992, when car (not bike) rounds were increasing and delivery territories were expanding as growth in the outer suburbs took off. Around this time, supermarkets were able to sell magazines in competition with the agencies – this was a big blow, as also is the big ongoing increase in online sales.

As of 1/7/2022, local newsagencies will no longer be responsible for delivery of papers, with three large hubs controlling paper delivery in Melbourne, Geelong and the Peninsula. Paper wrapping will be automated at the big printery in Truganina, and the style of wrapping will change to a flat-pack wrap as well.

“The times, they are a-changing!”, as someone famous once sang.

Online subscriptions will take over from ‘paper’ papers, and computers have already made life better in many ways - but also worse in others. FTG is a long way from what it was (market gardens and holiday homes, old shacks and kangaroos jumping over the cars on the main road), and will continue to change – but only for the better if we, the local community, get involved and fight to save our heritage and our lifestyles.

Des took several questions during and after his chat. Rob Hurst then thanked Des for his informative and interesting presentation. Des joined us for dinner and continued to discuss our local area issues.

REPORTS:

CHRISTINE A: New rail parking at FTG station is proposed, but traders and local MP’s haven’t been informed about it. A public meeting will happen to let us know and comment on it. Des’s comment was that VicTrack act like a Secret Society, report to no-one, and are a law unto themselves.

GRAEME A: The Nissan Tiida that the Knox Police have been using for community policing duties has been sold, and the proceeds will be returned to the Cluster clubs that originally contributed to the car project.

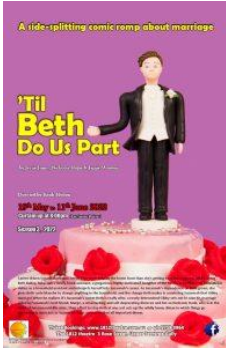
ROSIE M: Gave an overview of a scheme to get Xmas gifts for disadvantaged kids that some Rotary clubs are supporting – more detail will be provided in coming weeks.

PAUL W: We have (almost) a new website at last – when it’s testable, he will release it. Past FHSS Interact President Sam has agreed to meet with the Fair Hills Secondary School principal to push for continuing Interact projects and involvement. RJCA (Rotary Junior Youth Exchange) will continue at FTG North Primary – other schools seem unsure (Covid seems to have affected decision-making at many levels).

SOCIAL: Paul and Kay McA are to be congratulated for a great day out/Car Rally on Sunday, May 1. Good trip and historical end-site.

An 1812 Theatre show “til’ Beth us do part” will be on Friday, June 3. More to come...

MEETING CLOSED: 7,36 P.M.



I have made a tentative booking for the above play. Tickets are \$28.00 each, but if we have 10 they are \$25.00. So far, we have six attending E.G Myself and Kay, Rob and Marg and Paul and Jill. As I have to notify the theatre, by this Friday on our final numbers, please advise me if you wish to attend, at this week's meeting.
Paul McAloney

At this week's meeting we will be seeking who is available to man a collection point outside Woolworths, Mountain Gate on Friday May 27th and Saturday May 28th The hours are 9–11 am, 1- 1.0pm, 1–3 pm and 3-5pm on both days



*Future Dates:
June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th*

Profit from last Friday was \$622.00



FOOTHILLS
COMMUNITY CARE

Slice and Soup Roster
1st June Easy Chocolate Slices
15th June Easy Tomato Soup

DG's 4 CHALLENGES for 2021 - 22

1. CLUB EXCELLENCE

How are **YOU** making your club and its activities attractive to potential members and also retaining your current Rotarians?

2. CLUB INNOVATION

How are **YOU** building a culture of innovation and a willingness to take safe risks?

3. ROTARY FAMILY

How is **YOUR** club maintaining, nurturing and extending our Rotary 'Family'?

4. ROTARY SUPPORT

Is **YOUR** club doing all it can to support the work of Rotary in your community and the wider world?