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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 21st July [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 28th July [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 4th August [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 11th August [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
&Program:	SHOW & TELL	RYLA	TEAM MEETING	TBA
Speaker:	-	Sam Heydon		
Toast	Mike S	Robert H	Paul Mc	
Vote Of Thanks	N/A	Paul W	N/A	
Scribe:	Graeme A	Graeme H	Christine A	

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



FROM THE PRESIDENT

FRAN'S FANFARE!

Fran's Fairytales

How interesting it was to welcome our Speaker to our meeting last week and hear about the amazing work involved with the EERN.

It really does prove that one person's trash can be someone else's treasure and fill a great need for those doing it tough.

And it was also lovely to again welcome Glen from Bayswater club - and for me to realise I had spoken to him innumerable times over many years - in his capacity as a member of the call centre answering team at Knox Council and mine as a Conveyancer checking property information- it sure is a small world!

This Thursday we are having our members' mini Show and Tell session - where we will have 2-3 minutes each to tell about our interests outside Rotary, whatever they may be.

Subject to showing some decorum and a little restraint, no subject is off limits - should be interesting!

With the support of the Board I'm reinstating a toast to Rotary and our fair country to open our meetings, as a sign of respect and acknowledgment of our support of this wonderful organisation.

I'll be zooming in on Thursday (on my broomstick) so see you then!

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday, 14 July 2022

Minutes of Weekly Meeting of 14 July 2022

The meeting was opened at 6-30pm by President Fran.

Present – in person – Christine A, Graeme A, John F, Graeme Harrison, Rob H, Fran & Brian M, Rosie Massey, Mike S, Alan T, and Paul W. Guests– Marg Hurst and Glenn Pierce (Bayswater – visiting again). Speaker – Ian Armstrong (EERN).

Apologies - Gary B, Paul M

Announcements:

She welcomed partner Marg H. as well as the speaker, Ian Armstrong of EERN.

Rotary Toast: this was re-introduced to our meetings_(with a shortened version by Brian M this time).

Men's Lunch: Fran has discovered an organisation called Men's Lunch and read out a profile of this club for men who would like to meet and chat. Graeme A has seen it before and will investigate further and report back to the Club.

Speaker – PP Ian Armstrong, on **EERN (Eastern Emergency Relief Network)**

Ian is a member of Nunawading Rotary and the President of EERN, which supplies emergency relief to people in need in six municipalities in the eastern suburbs including Knox. All goods are donated by councils, commercial firms, or households and are accepted by the EERN trucks only if they are in good safe working order. EERN even has their own Test and Tag facility, with qualified staff able to assess the electrical equipment being donated.

Beneficiaries are referred and initially accompanied to EERN by their aid agencies/support organisations, who directly assist the poor/ homeless/ old/ financially or emotionally distressed clients and assess their particular needs. All goods are donated free of charge to the needy and are collected by the recipients from the two warehouses in Mitcham that are owned by EERN.

EERN supports its work by membership fees from the over 140 member aid agencies/support organisations, local councils, commercial firms and, of course, grants and donations from anyone anywhere. It is totally staffed by **VOLUNTEERS**, some of which have been doing the good work for over 20 years – EERN was started in 1995 as an independent organisation, and was the forerunner of what has become WERN in the western suburbs and RIMEN in the inner suburbs of Melbourne, these

last 2 being fully-Rotary organisations. South-east Melbourne areas are also in need of EERN-type aid activities, Ian says.

Donors of furniture and other housewares can contact them at warehouse@easternemergency.org.au, and they will also appreciate donations, either of money or time (whatever hours you can spare). They currently need help to replace an old 2005 heavily-used truck (around \$80,000 needed - perhaps US in part?).

Reports

Treasurer: Brian M asked about the status of the old “Swindle”, as it was part of the \$5 weekly Administration contribution. This levy was recently re-introduced, with payments now being accepted at the meeting by Graeme A - with our new EFTPOS machine.

The price of snags at the Bunnings sizzle is apparently going up to \$3-50 – Hurrah! *We hope the new price won't scare off too many hungry punters!*

Community : Christine advised our Stringybark Festival application to participate was approved by Knox (now she has to fill in the forms!!!), and we may make the Spoon wind chimes for the event.

The FTG Traders meeting discussed renewing the annual fair, but in a different format to the past.

Fellowship : no report..

Youth: Paul Wilson. RYLA was half-done before COVID struck the camp, and it was cancelled.but

Good news – he Sam and Christine finally got the chance to present the Interact story to the Fairhills High School Principal and 5 teachers, and they were very impressed with this “wonderful opportunity” for the students. The program will recommence in 2023! Sam will speak to Year 9's in Term 4, to get the ball rolling!

Foundation: Mike announced that renewal of 2022/2023 Centurion donations in person would re-commence this meeting, and full and part-payments of the AUS\$100 can be made to Mike, leading to a cut-off by 30 April, 2023. We did brilliantly last year, with nine club members/associates becoming or remaining as Centurions – we can improve on that, as our new members Graeme H and Rosie both contributed their initial amounts on the night!

President Fran closed the meeting at 7-32 pm, after which we had dinner in the dining room with more questions being answered by the speaker.

Scribe- Mike Spark 19/7/2022

