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RUSSELL GURNEY & Shelley
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President,

RAY HOLLIS & Enid
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

IVAN GIGOVIC,
Vale: August 2003
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 20th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 27th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 1st October [7.30 pm]	Thursday 4th October [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 11th Oct [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Jill & Paul W's	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Foothills Community Care	Committee Meetings Group A	Board Meeting	AGM / Joint Meeting with RC	Knoxbrooke Enterprises
Speaker:	Stephen Barrington	Nisal Punchihewa		Giulia Basini	Kristian Dauncey
Vote of Thanks	John F	N/A		Enid H	Christine A
Rotary Toast	Mike S	Enid Hughes		Christine A	Paul W
Cashier:	Paul W	Christine A		Gary B	Graham F
Scribe:	Allan T	No Scribe		Graeme A	John F
Rotary Knowledge		Paul McA			
Topic:		RAM			
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Fran M	Fran M		Rod Brown	Rod B
Partners' Night	No	No			Yes

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



CLUB NOTICE

The Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully
will conduct its Annual General
Meeting on
Thursday, 4th October, 2018
7.00 p.m.
Ferntree Gully Bowling Club



You're invited

For a social trivia night fundraiser like you've never seen before! Bring your friends along for a great night of fun and entertainment.

**Bonus Games
Cash & Prizes
On The Night**

REVERSE

B I N G O

Last Bingo Ball Called Wins!

True or False Game, Last Person Standing Wins

Virtual Horse Race Win Bonus Team Points

Bottle Toss Game Balloon Race Game

What: Fundraising Quiz Night

When: 6:30pm Friday 19th October

Where: Fairhills High School 330 Scoresby Rd, Knoxfield

Cost: \$20 per ticket

Includes entertainment, games, heaps of prizes and more!

Tickets: Buy your tickets online:
stickytickets.com.au/75531

No pens, no paper, just fun!

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"RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

On Friday morning I was invited by Karen Penman to make a presentation to one of the students at Carrington Primary School in Knoxfield. Karen is a Student Social Worker who is on placement at Carrington from Victorian

University and assists in running this program. The teachers at Carrington PS make an award each term of the school year to a student who has shown outstanding achievements in their academic and general behaviour. Presentation of the award was made during the school assembly. A number of other awards were made for various activities prior to the main award. The whole assembly is presented by the students who were very confident and did a wonderful job. The whole school community at Carrington deserves a round of applause for undertaking such an inspiring program.

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club held their 50th Anniversary celebration dinner at the club on Saturday 15th September. Enid and I attended and were joined by Jill and Paul Wilson representing our Club.

At short notice I was asked to make a small speech to acknowledge the contribution made by Ken Miller:

Ken was a foundation member of RC FTG and in 1965-66 he was asked by the Club President of the day to be Community Chair and it was in this role that Ken, with the help of his committee initiated the formation of both the Bowling Club and Knoxbrooke. Ken also became a foundation member of The Fern Tree Gully Bowling Club.

During the establishment of the Bowling Club Ken contributed the use of his equipment, his time and his labour to help ensure it's success. He has been made a Life Member of the Bowling Club and is still very active, regularly getting out on the bowling greens.

Ken continued in Rotary until 1993.

Nick Wakeling and Kim Wells were also there and made a presentation of the "Victoria Award" to John Milburn for his many years of Volunteering in the Knox community. John is also a long time member of the Bowling Club.

On Tuesday 18th September I had a short meeting with the Interact crew to discuss preparations for our upcoming QuizzaMe fundraiser. They seem to have everything under control at their end. Advertising has been done through the school newsletter and on their Facebook page, emails have also been sent to all the parents. Two of the students are promoting interest at their sports clubs and asking their parents to spread the word at work. Staff at the school are planning to have a couple of groups in attendance. Time now for us to buy our tickets at www.stickytickets.com.au/75531. Everyone's support is essential.

That's all for this week.

Yours in Rotary

Ray Hollis
President 2018-19



Last Saturday, the 15th of September we were privileged to attend an open afternoon at RYPEN, held at the Oasis Camp in Mt Evelyn to see the program at work.

After being welcomed and settling in, we witnessed the RYPENians, (in particular our four candidates from Fairhills High) disperse to various rooms to carry out exercises from thought provoking games to confidence and trust exercises involving how high you can climb on stacked milk crates before you fall and are "saved" by your fellow attendees.

These exercises are not just fun (which they clearly are from the smiles) but engender the principles of:

- team work
- communication

- making and building relationships
- team building and
- putting back into the community.

Thankyou to Diane Fisher and her crew for such a fantastic program. Yet again.

Paul & Jill Wilson



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 13th September 2018

The meeting opened with the toast to Rotary by Enid and with President Ray welcoming all members and our guest speaker Robert Dawson and Rob's wife Marj.

President Ray announced:

- Multi District Conference launch to be held on Saturday October 13th at Box Hill Base Ball Centre.
- Drought Relief has now raise \$10.1 Million.
- An International Conference is being considered for Melbourne to host in 2023.
- Rotaract – Yarra Rangers will not merge with Knox, as Knox wishes to be a stand alone Club and will be having a recruitment drive in November. The cost to each Club in the cluster will be \$250. A motion is yet to be passed by all cluster clubs.
- The Bendigo Bank gazebo has been booked for the FTGully Fair in November.

Chairman: Ray Hollis

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Secretary: Graeme Aspinall

Apologies: Bob H, Graham F, Rob b, Garry B, Mike s, Christine A, Alan T and John F.

Reports: Youth – Paul Wilson

- Will be attending the RYPEN camp with Jill this weekend

Sergeant-At-Arms: Fran conducted a humours fine session extracting coins from all members.

Skill Enid won the raffle and drew the 8 of spades

PROGRAM: Paul introduced our Guest Speaker Robert Dawson (a former member)

Robert opened with recent changes that have been made following an accident the Puffing Billy train had recently –

- no legs are allowed outside the carriage
- Locks are now on all doors
- Only 28 people are allowed in each carriage
- One conductor for three carriages— previously one for the train

Given the past happenings with the Puffing Billy organisation the Previous Board of 40 years has been replaced and presenters are now instructed with new policy statements.

Since opening in 1962, 11 million passengers have enjoyed the service. The railway employs 100 people along with many volunteers who keep the 10 locomotives, 4 diesel, 1 shunter 55 carriages and dining cars in good order. Rob detailed the features of the various classes of engines still operating on the line. Engines operating between Emerald and Gembrook are now diesels during the summer months. Given the cost of replacing sleepers they are experimenting with recycled plastic. If this doesn't work they will have to resort to concrete ones.

The Puffing Billy Railway has become the major tourist attraction in Victoria with International visitors making up the numbers 60% Chinese, 25% Indian and 15% other International visitors. These number turn into the railway grossing over \$1Million each month. Given the number of visitors parking facilities need to be increased around Belgrave. \$20 Million of projects are in the pipeline for improvements to the line in coming years with the redevelopment of Lakeside station in Emerald to commence next year with a Discovery Centre.

The Puffing Billy Railway was one of four low cost railways constructed in Victoria in the early 1900's to open up remote areas. The present line between Belgrave and Gembrook is a major part of the line which opened in 1900 and operated over 29km of track between Upper Ferntree Gully and Gembrook until a land slide blocked the track. Public interest resulted in the formation of the Puffing Billy Preservation Society whose volunteers worked to by-pass the landslide and reopen the track to Menzies Creek in 1962, Emerald in 1965, and Lakeside in 1975 and on to Gembrook in 1998.

Vote of thanks was given by Paul W and Rob was presented with the club pen as a thank you gift.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 p.m.

Scribe: G Aspinall



Why Join Rotary?

Realization of "Service Above Self"

Opportunities to be involved with community and international projects

Team up with other volunteers to make a difference

Appreciation for your contribution

Respect, fellowship and fun

Your skills and talents are shared



"SAVE THE DAY"

KIDS FUN RUN WITH THOMAS 2018

The Kids Fun Run with Thomas 2018 will take place on Sunday 25th November at Gembrook Puffing Billy Station.

Children 3-12 years will run against Thomas The Tank Engine in support of the Monash Children's Hospital – Cancer Centre, which is an amazingly worthy cause.

This will be a fantastic day out for all the family, we have lots of great entertainment planned as well as the runs with Thomas. All entrants receive a showbag and certificate.

Registration is \$20 per child, train rides with Thomas The Tank Engine are \$5. So why not hop on line and register early and lock the date in your diary!

Register online at www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au

Phone enquiries: 0408 769 491

You can also set up a fundraising page to assist us in raising as much as we can to help children who have been diagnosed with cancer.

Follow us on our Facebook page: **Kids Fun Run with Thomas** to keep up to date with all the news.

Proudly supporting

From: Rotary Club of Emerald & District Inc



Monash
Children's
Hospital

What is Donation In Kind?

- **\$1,000,000 of goods available for your LOCAL or OVER-SEAS Projects**
 - **Volunteers contributing 10,000 hours each year to help Clubs by gathering, sorting and assisting to ship goods for Rotary Projects.**
 - **Volunteers who will pack your project if getting to the Store is a challenge**
 - **The most cost effective way to support some of the Rotary Foundations Areas of Focus.**
1. If you have a project that needs material, your first thought should be **“can I get it from DIK?”**
 2. If you are looking for a project we believe we have one available to match the capacity and interests of every Rotary Club.
 3. Projects ready for you to adopt and own with the goods available for immediate shipment.
 4. Project Partnerships are easiest way to have your own project and to be involved at a level that suits you. Another Club has done all of the hard work and developed the project and created subprojects that another Club can adopt. As a partner you can manage your part of the project and also celebrate the accomplishments of your partner.
 5. The activities of DIK avoids items which still have a useful life left going to landfill in Australia.
 6. Support a DIK Project. All you need to do is send the money and the volunteers will do the rest



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Rotary Club of Lilydale

Or

Russell Hayes email: ruscle@bigpond.com

Rotary Club of Wandin.

And discuss which projects will suit your Club



Greetings Friends and Supporters of the Taveuni Eye Project,

News Update –

The Rotary Global Grant for the 2018 Project has been fully funded thanks to donors such as your club, approved and monies have been received into the project bank account.

The project pre work and planning for transport, food provision and logistics is almost completed.

The Fiji Society for the Blind have been screening, on our behalf, for the past six months in the remote and poorer areas of FIJI. We are expecting around 350 adults requiring surgery to be travelling to the Taveuni Divisional Hospital. The project normally has about 50 “walk ups” – local Taveuni and close islanders who have heard about the project and just walk in and ask for help.

There will be 10 children with bilateral congenital cataracts aged from 2 to 10 years seeking help this year. The bulk of these children have been blind from birth.

The surgical team will again be led by Dr Jeff Rutgard from the USA, Dr David Pendergrast from Auckland in New Zealand, Dr Federico Rupil a Rotarian from Argentina, Dr.Greg Booth from Tasmania and Dr Mark Saunders from New Zealand. In the middle weekend we will be joined by an Anesthetist from Suva to allow for the operations for the children.

Senior Nurse Ineke Van Laar will again lead the theatre nursing team assisted by Jan Beamish , Lois Pendergrast and a number of Fijian nurses who are both new to the project and some who have worked with us in past years.

The thanks of the project team and the people of Fiji are extended to all those who have assisted in raising the vital funds for this year's project.

We will commence, this the 13th Annual Cataract program, at the Waiyevo Hospital Taveuni Island Fiji on Monday the 1st of October. It is again programmed that the project will run for two full weeks.

We will forward photographs and updates on progress as the project progresses.

Please find attached a receipt for the monies received.

Yours in Rotary International Service and thank you all,

Peter

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2018	Program.	Speaker
September	is Basic Education and Literacy Month	
20-Sep	Foothills Community Care	Stephen Barrington
27-Sep	Committee Meetings / Nisal Punchihewa	GROUP A
October	is Economic and Community Development month	
1-Oct	BOARD MEETING	Jill & Paul's Home
4-Oct	A.G.M. / Joint Mtg with RC Bayswater - YEP Presentation	Giulia Baisini
5-Oct	Community Service Seminar	
10-Oct	Australian Rotary Health Hat Day (Shining a light on mental health)	
11-Oct	Knoxbrooke Enterprises	Kristian Dauncey
12-Oct	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
18-Oct	Vocational Services	Greg King
19-Oct	QuizzaMe	Fairhills HS
25-Oct	Committee Meetings	GROUP B
26-Oct	Vocational Service Seminar	
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
29-Oct	BOARD MEETING	Graeme A's home
1-Nov	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Rod Brown
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	
22-Nov	Committee Meetings	GROUP A
23-Nov	President's Quarterly Meeting / AGM	
24-Nov	Ferntree Gully Traders Fair	
29-Nov	BBQ - at the club	Fellowship
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
3-Dec	BOARD MEETING	
6-Dec	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Graham Faulkner
13-Dec	FTG Bowling Club / RC FTG	Ken Miller
13-Dec	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
20-Dec	Christmas Break-Up	
27-Dec	Christmas Break - No Meeting	

Legend:

	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event

When you're in a dark place, you sometimes tend to think you've been buried.

Perhaps you've been planted.

Bloom
The Minds Journal



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WITHOUT
ACTION IS
JUST A
DAYDREAM

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