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WEEKLY BULLETIN

| Date & Time: | Thursday 11th Apr 6.00 – 8.00 | Thursday 18th Apr 5.00 for 7.00 | Thursday 25th Apr | Thursday 2nd May [6.30 for 7.00] | Thursday 9th May [6.30 for 7.00] |
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| Venue: | BUNNINGS SCORESBY | ARBORETUM | | FTG Bowling Club | FTG Bowling Club |
| Program: | BUNNINGS COMMUNITY CRAFT FAIR | FAMILY BBQ | NO MEETING | Knox Toy Library | About Kidney Disease |
| Speaker: | Helpers required at 5.00 pm to set up  | & EASTER EGG HUNT (To be confirmed)  | ANZAC DAY  | Melissa Bell | Gary Braddock |
| Chair: | | | | Paul McAloney | Rob Hurst |
| Rotary Toast | | | | Paul Wilson | Fran Mandergheddes |
| Cashier: | | | | Allan Tierney | Paul Wilson |
| Scribe: | | | | Rob Hurst | Paul McAloney |
| Rotary Knowledge | | | | N/A | N/A |
| Topic: | | | | N/A | N/A |
| Sergeant- At-Arms: | | | | Mike Spark | Mike Spark |
| Partners' Night | Yes | Yes | | Invited | Yes |

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| Birthdays: | None |
| Wedding Anniversaries: | None |
| Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully | None |



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

Hello everyone

"The Toilet Warrior" what an inspirational guest speaker is Mark Balla. During a business trip to India Mark was unable to walk away from what he saw.

More often than not when people are confronted by a major issue with global implications you will hear them say "(What can I do ") I am only one person. Mark decided that such a response would be unacceptable and he made up his mind to get involved. Rather than just sit on the sidelines in 2014 Mark took decisive action. As a result, Mark's inner humanitarian was awakened and the lives of tens of thousands of underprivileged children have been changed for the better. Mark knew he could make a difference and make a dent in the world by focusing on school sanitation. He established his charity "We Can't Wait" where together with the Indian government to provide toilets for 110 million people. Mark is a member of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, whose project is "Operation Toilets". Mark through Rotary and the financial support the Rotary Foundation is changing the lives of thousands, where in the world today 2.4 billion people do not have access to a toilet.

I know that our members were very moved by Marks presentation, and it is something we should be discussing as an International project.

This Thursday is **Bunny's at Bunnings** our membership opportunity to be out in the community and telling our Rotary story. As this is replacing our Rotary meeting, I will look forward to seeing you all there. An email with details will be sent prior to Thursday. Enjoy your week.

Christine Anderson
President



"That Was The Week That Was" - Thursday, 4th April 2019

The meeting was opened at 7.07pm by Immediate Past President Christine.

Announcements:

- Christine welcomed everyone, including partner Brian Mandergheddes, Eddie Post from RC of Boronia (with some well-produced colourful reports on the Taveuni project) and our Speaker from Operation Toilets Australia (see later notes).
- Member support is needed at Bunnings Scoresby on Thursday night (note – no meeting at the Bowls Club!) to give away bunnies – from 5pm to 8 pm.
- On the 12th, we have our regular Bunnings sizzle – Graeme finalized the roster – 4 on each shift.
- Christine suggested an Easter BBQ on the Thursday 18 April at the Arboretum or the Library Park for kids/grandkids – sounds like fun!
- Christine also suggested that on Anzac day, 25 April, we should lay a wreath (made by us) at the Arboretum or the Memorial.

Reports

Secretary: A letter was received from Very Special Kids, looking for money.

Apologies: Graham Faulkner, Gary Braddock.

Treasurer: No report.

Community – The Bunnings community night is next Thursday where we can get rid of surplus bunnies.

Fellowship - I have 10 people for another "Jazz at the Royal" lunch table for Sunday, 14 April. Please email me if you can join us.

Fran reported that the film night "Fighting with my family" was another great night out – another coming soon!

Youth: Paul Wilson. The Fairhills **Interact** students had their second 2019 meeting with a blend of old and new students attending, along with Mike Spark, Paul McAloney and John Flemming from Rotary, and Susan Harris the teacher. There is an objection to bandannas and T-shirts during school hours to promote Interact, but they will try to get around the roadblock.

Membership: Paul Macca reported that he is still waiting for Bendigo Bank to get back to him, along with others contacted at the Knox Festival.

Sergeant-at-arms and "SKILL" session. Paul W. took our money with glee, after reading out an honest "Irish farmer" joke and a long dissertation on the word "Up".

The swindle? Graeme was successful, drawing the Joker. (Drinks at the next meeting are expected, of course)

Speaker - Mark Balla of Box Hill Central club, on Operation Toilets Australia

Mark joined Rotary with his own project, and the club really got behind him. He had been in India, and was shown a school with 24 kids and 1 teacher with no water and no toilets – the lack of these was responsible for a lack of time at school on the part of the kids and the teacher (the school stops when the teacher has a period!). He was also shown schools in a Mumbai slum where they all dropped out of school – again, no toilets!

He resolved to do something about it, and set up a charity to build toilets in Indian schools. Jack Slim and he are called “Toilet Heroes” and now have dozens of schools with toilets for the first time, but only in a few parts of India.

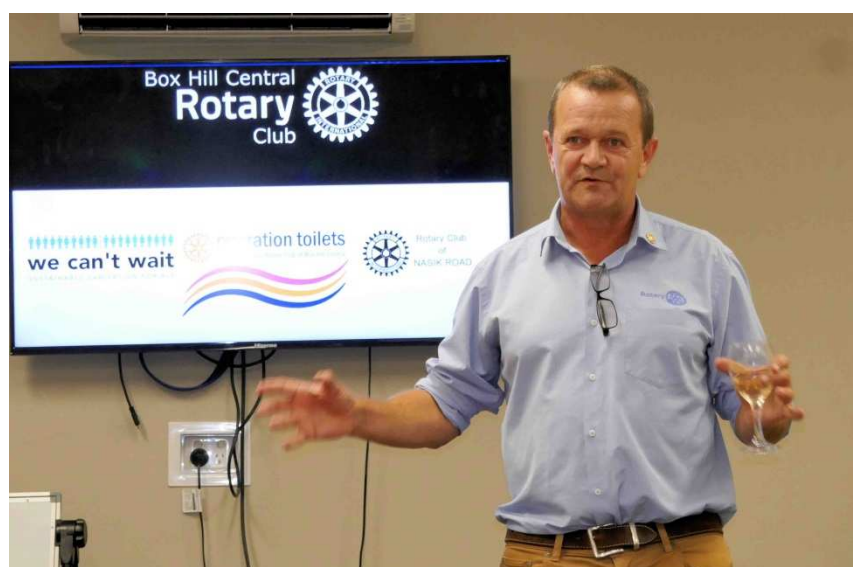
The Rotary Foundation is a big contributor and allows more and bigger projects to be undertaken – the Indian government is working on the problem also, but.....(for example, 75% of schools don't have enough toilets, and often there is one toilet in a school of 650 kids).

Mark has written a book called “Toilet Warriors”, and he signed and sold the very first copy of the book to us – we will raffle it within the club.

He told us we all need to shout from the rooftops about Rotary and the good that we do - A very good speaker with a great and growing project!

Acting President Christine read out next week's housekeeping duties and closed the meeting at 8-25pm.

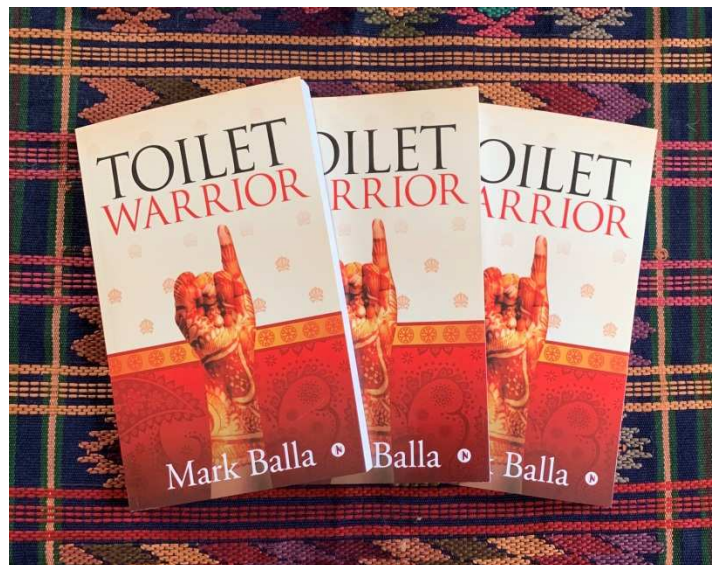
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IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE

| 2019 | Program. | Speaker |
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| April | is Maternal & Child Health month | |
| 11-Apr | BUNNINGS COMMUNITY CRAFT FAIR | |
| 12-Apr | Bunnings Sausage Sizzle | |
| 18-Apr | FAMILY BBQ & EASTER EGG HUNT | |
| 25-Apr | No Meeting - ANZAC DAY | |
| May | is Youth Services month | |
| 6-May | BOARD MEETING | |
| 2-May | Knox Toy Library | Melissa Bell |
| 3-May | Presidents Quarterly Mtg | |
| 4-5 May | Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) | |
| 9-May | About Kidney Disease | Gary Braddock |
| 10-May | The Rotary Foundation Grants Seminar | |
| 10-May | Bunnings Sausage Sizzle | |
| 16-May | Mental health – anxiety | David Donahoo |
| 19-May | District Assembly | |
| 23-May | Committee Meetings | GROUP B |
| 30-May | Knox Toy Library | Melissa Bell |
| June | is Rotary Fellowship month | |
| 3-June | BOARD MEETING | |
| 6-June | MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE | John Flemming |
| 13-June | Ray White Community Projects | Aaron Clarke |
| 14-June | Bunnings Sausage Sizzle | |
| 20-June | TeamMed Nepal | Nasil Punchihewa |
| 27-June | Committee Meetings | GROUP A |
| 29-June | District Changeover | |
| 30-June | Changeover Lunch | |

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| Legend: | |
| | Partners' Night |
| | Fundraising Event |
| | District Event |
| | Fellowship Event |
| | Community Event |



Operation Toilets Australia (OTA) builds toilets and delivers hygiene education programs in schools in developing countries with the special aim of improving the educational opportunities for adolescent girls who often extremely disadvantaged in the school environment in developing countries.



operation toilets

Facilitated by the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central



For just \$300.00 AUD

and add the magic of a Rotary Foundation Global Grant
the Taveuni Eye Project Project will restore the sight
in both eyes of one blind Fijian.

You or your club could be a part of this dynamic
Rotary Foundation Global Grant in 2019.

Suggestions –

- Personal donation via RAWCS or RNZWCS (tax deductible)
 - Club donation direct to the Global Grant
 - Cluster donation to the Global Grant
- Talk to Foundations you know support children
 - Talk to your District about DDF matching

Guaranteed - NO paperwork and NO application forms.
Guaranteed Project results and a full written report at the end.



Be the Inspiration

and assist the blind people of Fiji with this project in 2019

**Please consider giving more to increase
the number of Fijians saved from
blindness by Rotary in 2019**

2019 Taveuni Eye Project

Global Grant GG1983572

Medical Operations Commence October the 7th 2019

Planning is nearing completion and fund raising has commenced but

we need your help

to complete the fund raising and thus ensure successful project outcomes for the blind people of Fiji.

It is proposed to make improvements to the patient screening process as well as volunteers will travel to and screen the more remote parts of the island of Vanua Levu (the first time ever for this region).

Planned also are small improvements to the Taveuni Hospital to ensure a more streamlined and patient friendly process.

These changes, along with the assistance of four surgeons in 2019, will enable the project to process more patients.

**Be the inspiration
in your club
to change peoples lives.**

**Help Rotary
Connect the World –
Rotary cannot
connect people
if they cannot see.**



BE THE INSPIRATION



***Queries and donations for the
2019 Taveuni Eye Project to :-***

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