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5th November 2020

WEEKLY BULLETIN

| Date & Time: | Thursday 5th November [Kick off at 6.30] | Thursday 12th November [Kick off at 6.30] | Thursday 19th November [Kick off at 6.30] | Thursday 26th November [Kick off at 6.30] |
|-----------------|---|---|--|---|
| Venue: |  |  |  |  |
| Program: | CLUB ASSEMBLY & Melbourne Cup Oaks Day | Australians for Women's Health followed by A G M | Living with Chronic Kidney Disease | T B A |
| Speaker: | N/A | Dr Ray Hodgson | Gary Braddock | - |
| Partners' Night | Yes | Yes | Yes | - |

CLUB NOTICE

The Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully will conduct its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 12th November, 2020 7.00 p.m. To be held on ZOOM All members are requested to attend



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| <i>Birthdays:</i> | 5 th November 1944 – Rob Hurst |
| <i>Anniversaries:</i> | None |
| <i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i> | None |

FROM THE PRESIDENT



2019-2020 ROTARY CITATION
PLATINUM



Awarded to the Rotary Club of

Fern Tree Gully

for helping Rotary connect the world.

Mark Donald McLean
President, Rotary International

NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH

Due to technical problems, there is no report from the President this week.

This week is a Club Assembly and in keeping with the Melbourne Cup festivities, please dress for the occasion.

For those who had a bet or was in a sweep on Tuesday here are the official results of the race.



Here's the FULL FINISHING ORDER!

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. TWILIGHT PAYMENT | 13. SURPRISE BABY |
| 2. TIGER MOTH | 14. MIAMI BOUND |
| 3. PRINCE OF ARRAN | 15. MASTER OF REALITY |
| 4. THE CHOSEN ONE | 16. STEEL PRINCE |
| 5. PERSAN | 17. ETAH JAMES |
| 6. SIR DRAGONET | 18. VOW AND DECLARE |
| 7. VERRY ELLEEGANT | 19. MUSTAJEER |
| 8. RUSSIAN CAMELOT | 20. STRATUM ALBION |
| 9. FINCHE | 21. DASHING WILLOUGHBY |
| 10. ASHRUN | 22. AVILIUS |
| 11. OCEANEX | FF: ANTHONY VAN DYCK |
| 12. WARNING | *Scratched: King of Leogrance |



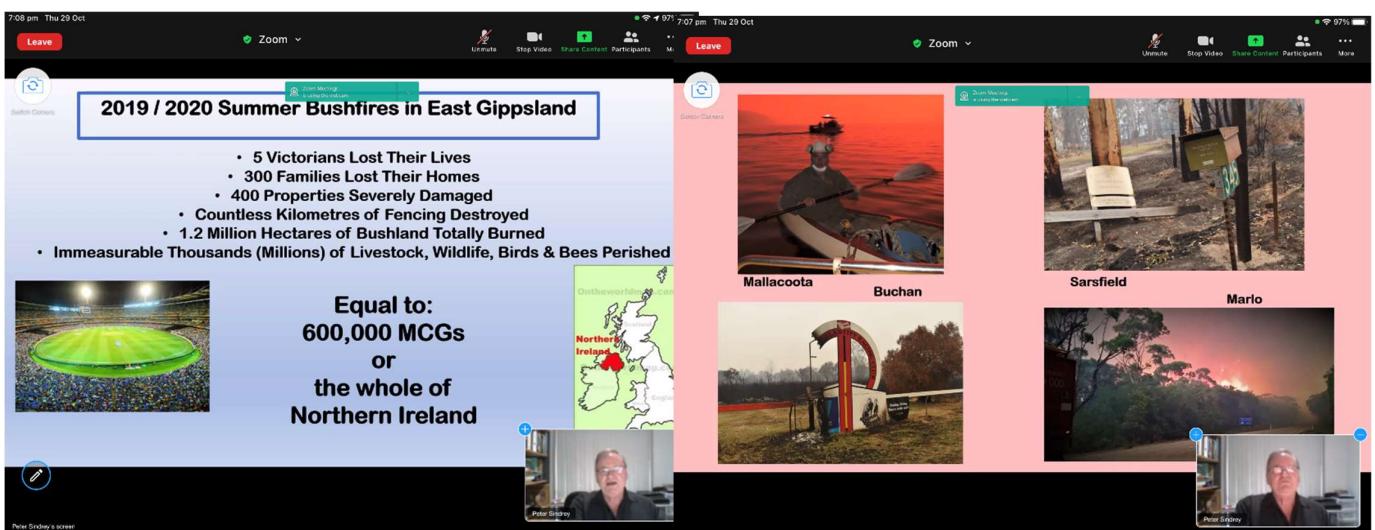
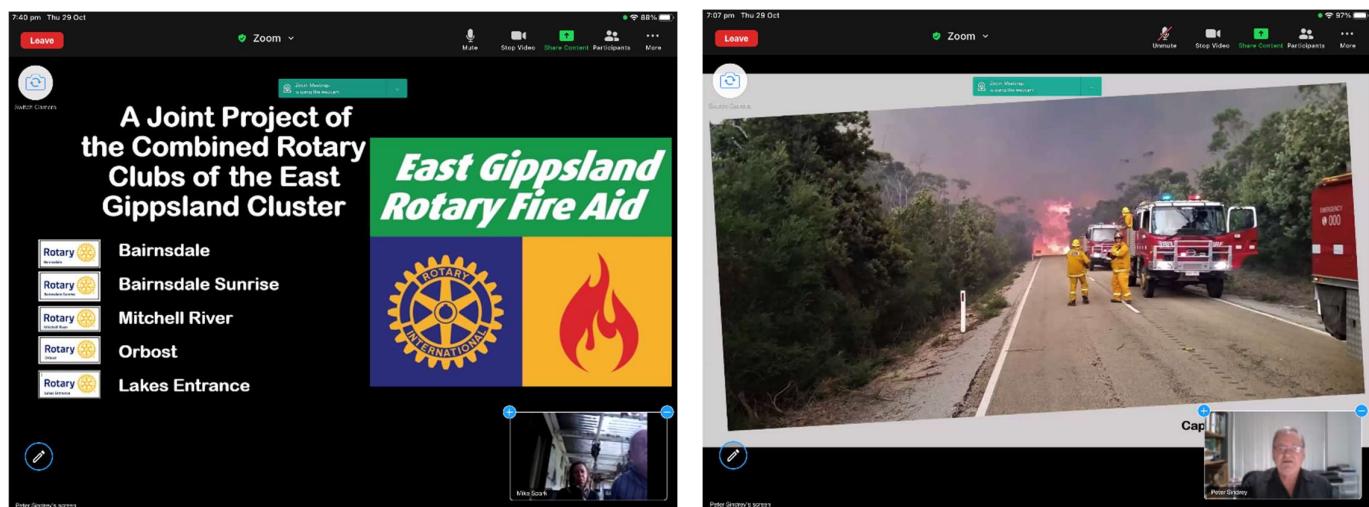
THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 29th October, 2020

Our guest speaker for this evening was Peter Sindrey from the Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance who told us about the ongoing efforts of the joint combined Rotary Clubs in East Gippsland following the devastating bushfires experienced in December/January. It will take up to 3 years to complete the East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid.

The following slides from Peter's excellent presentation explains in more detail this enormous project undertaken by Rotary.

It was wonderful to have PP Sandy Yeats and Irene join in our meeting from their home in Lakes Entrance and to hear about their experience during this period.



7:09 pm Thu 29 Oct

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On 1 January 2020 the five Rotary Clubs in the East Gippsland Cluster met and agreed the best way we could all help would be to unite our efforts & create **East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid** with representatives from all Clubs taking part. EGRFA continues now and will do so for the next 2 or 3 years to help individuals and our community in the recovery effort.



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Since 1 January we have received **FINANCIAL support from:**

- Rotary Clubs & Rotarians throughout Australia, and overseas.
- Individual personal donations.
- Companies, both large and small.
- Grants from District 9820, Foundation, RAWCS & Rotary International.
- Limited funding from State & Federal authorities.

• **TO DATE EGRFA HAS RECEIVED OVER \$1.3M IN DONATIONS AND GRANTS**

ALSO

• **WE ESTIMATE WE HAVE RECEIVED OVER \$1M WORTH OF IN-KIND GIFTS:**

- Caravans
- Shipping containers
- Livestock fodder
- Fencing materials
- Clothing
- Too many to list everything

AND OUR PLEDGE IS THAT EVERY DOLLAR WE RECEIVE WILL BE USED TO HELP THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE FIRES



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Our Work

Emergency funding for a myriad of personal and urgent needs

- Caravans - 30 to date, complete with generators & heaters
- Rural fencing reconstruction - assisting BlazeAid
- Distribution of donated care packs, clothing, etc.
- Coordinating community events
- Livestock fodder
- Shipping containers - over 140 to date
- Revegetation projects - especially rural properties
- Household goods for those under-insured or uninsured
- Donations of funds to individuals - mainly using vouchers



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We get lots of help

- Rotary Clubs – Victoria, Australia, International (6/45/131)
- Other Community Organisations – Inner Wheel, Probus
- Rotary – District 9820, RAWCS & Rotary Internationals
 - Local Businesses – especially in East Gippsland
 - Federal and State Government Agencies
 - Corporates – large and small
 - Individuals

Support

- Offers by Clubs and individuals to help in recovery efforts
- Liaison with local informal community recovery groups
 - Distribute letters and cards to bushfire victims
 - Liaison with Government Case Workers
 - Offers by Clubs to visit the region
 - Offers to propagate vegetation
 - Garden Club direct support



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We get lots of help

Propagation of trees for rural areas







Propagation and distribution of shrubs and ground cover







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RC Drouin

RC Croydon & Montrose

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October 2020

August 2020

**THE TASK IN FRONT OF US WILL TAKE SOME TIME
MAYBE 2 – 3 YEARS**

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SITREP
NOW

- Donations have slowed down very significantly.
- Funding by 3 tiers of Government is concentrating on Covid 19 issues.
- We face restrictions and difficulties for the EGRFA Committee to travel freely in support of victims.
- There remains severe restrictions for others outside the region to travel to East Gippsland to support recovery efforts.

FUTURE – when restrictions are lifted

- Will donations towards recovery efforts return to previous levels?
- Victorians are more likely to travel within Australia rather than overseas.
- A major influx of visitors is expected throughout East Gippsland, boosting local businesses.
- Many Rotary Clubs (and others) will want to travel to East Gippsland to help recovery efforts.
- Enormous travel / accommodation / meetings coordination required for visiting Rotarians.
- Recovery efforts need to be matched to seasons (for vegetation) & locations (Club Terrace, Mallacoota).
- All 3 tiers of Government have many years of economic restrictions as they themselves recover from Covid 19

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Four Lessons (of many) to be Learned

1. The 5 Rotary Clubs in the East Gippsland Cluster have worked tirelessly together and achieved a great deal already. This relationship will be encouraged and continue to be a great example of teamwork within Clusters.
2. The reality is that all 3 tiers of Government will have very significant economic challenges over the next 10 years, meaning that funding opportunities from the public purse will be scarce. Rotary will need to be very creative in fund-raising efforts.
3. Will Government now re-enter the debate on the introduction of compulsory home and property insurance?
4. Will Victoria really learn the lessons from this disaster? One aspect now coming to light is that volunteer community organisations (like Rotary) have so much to offer. However, they tend to operate independently from each other and a degree of duplication of effort results. With proper coordination, can the community (and Governments?) make more use of volunteers who stand ready to assist.

Community Report from Christine – there will be funds of \$1,000 available from the Australia Day Council donated to Rotary to celebrate Australia Day 2021. Christine asked for ideas to her by Monday 5.30 so that she can present to the meeting.

DATES TO DIARISE

| Date | Event |
|--------|---|
| 5-Nov | CLUB ASSEMBLY – Oaks Day |
| 12-Nov | CLUB AGM + Australians for Women's Health |
| 19-Nov | Living with CKD – Gary Braddock |

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY KITCHEN

This week we delivered Marbled Chocolate Cheesecake Slice

| Foothills Slice Roster | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Date | 21/10/2020 | 28/10/2020 | 4/11/2020 | 11/11/2020 | 18/11/2020 | 25/11/2020 |
| Slice | Chocolate Brownies | Easy Chocolate Slice | Marbled Chocolate Cheesecake Slice | Hedgehog | Fruit Slice | Mum's Raspberry Shortcake Slice |

Recipe for next week:

HEDGEHOG

125 grams butter
½ cup sugar
3 tblsps cocoa
1 egg
250 grams plain biscuits (eg arrowroot) - crushed

ICING

1 ½ cups icing sugar
2 tblsps cocoa extra
boiling water

Place butter, sugar and cocoa in saucepan over low heat. Stir occasionally and when sugar is dissolved take off heat and add beaten egg.

Combine with crushed biscuits.

Press into greased, paper lined tin. - 16cm x 26cm approx. I use back of spoon to flatten into tin

When cool ice with chocolate icing and cut into squares.

Refrigerate until needed.