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WEEKLY BULLETIN



Date & Time:	Thursday 19th December [6.00 for 6.30]	<p><i>Happy New Year</i></p> 	Thursday 9th January [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 16th January [6.00 for 6.30]	
Venue:	The Wilson's		Paul & Kay McAloney	John & Ann Fleming	
Program:	Christmas Break Up		Fellowship	Fellowship	
Speaker:	<p><i>Festive food supplied</i> <i>Cost: \$15 ph</i> <i>BYO drinks</i></p>		<p>Fireside Meeting BYO Everything</p>	<p>Fireside Meeting BYO Everything</p>	
Chair:					
Rotary Toast					
Cashier:					
Scribe:					
Sergeant-At-Arms:					
Partners' Night	Yes		Yes	Yes	

<i>Birthdays:</i>	Allan Tierney – 24th December Brian Mandergeddes – 8th January Beth Vize – 9th January
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None

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ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD



Hello everyone,

What a motivational and passionate speaker, we had the privilege listening to last week. Amanda Croucher-Southwall is a volunteer for INA (International Needs Australia) and also a Rotarian with Box Hill Central Rotary Club. INA aligns itself with Rotary's areas of focus and is also financially supported by the Australian Government. Poverty should not be a life sentence, INA supports - Improving Communities- Mums and Babies- Protecting and Educating Children in some of the poorest communities on earth, also working alongside many Rotary Projects in Africa and Nepal to provide long term sustainability empowering the end to poverty.

Well what a mammoth effort by all club members, over the two days Friday and Saturday sausage sizzling at Bunnings Scoresby. A great financial result.

WELL DONE EVERYONE THANKYOU

On Friday morning Paul W, Fran and Christine attended the celebration at the Knox Toy Library when the new shelving project was displayed transforming the Toy Library. I heard it was a very heart-warming morning, a beautiful space for parents and young children to enjoy friendships, and children's play, a very positive warming environment and plenty of toys for all children's development.

A reminder 4th January is our next opportunity at Bunnings sausage sizzle, please let Graeme know who is available.

9th January our meeting is at the home of Paul and Kay McAloney BYO everything.

I would like to wish you and your families all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Have fun and stay safe.

Yours in Rotary

Allan Tierney
President
2019-2020

"That Was The Week That Was"

Thursday 12th December 2019

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

Announcements:

He welcomed partners Kay M., Marg H. and Jill W, as well as the speaker Amanda Croucher-Southwell, a member of Box Hill Central Rotary Club.

Reports

Apologies: Gary Braddock (still on LOA).

Treasurer: Brian M was an apology.

Community –

The normal Bunnings sizzle is on the Friday, but we also have a big one on the Saturday – Graeme A. has it all under control, and got a lot of support from the members.

Christine advised that the donations for the Community Xmas lunch were ready, and Graeme/John offered to deliver them on 19/12/19.

Christine also advised that the launch of the Toy Library's new shelving project was happening the next day at 10 am.

Fellowship – 14 people were booked for “Jazz at the Royal” lunch for Sunday, 8 December, but Wendy S and Julianne Hyams were late withdrawals. The 1812 Theatre trio did not show. A good time was had by those who attended.

The next one has been booked for 9 February, 2020 – please let Mike know (by email) if you're interested in attending – a good way to kick-start our new year.

Youth: Paul Wilson. Interact -

Good news! Sam, our initial Fairhills High Interact President, has been nominated for a Knox Junior Citizen of the Year Award – good on him!

Bad/Good news! Susan Harris, the Fairhills High teacher who has coordinated the Club's activities, is moving on to other responsibilities, but will be replaced by Karen Dean, an Assistant-Principal and an ex-Rotarian. “The Queen is dead – Long live the Queen!”

Sergeant-at-arms session - Paul Macca twisted our arms for fines, with some delightfully truthful comments by schoolkids.

“SKILL” session. John F pulled the 10 of Hearts – Aww gee!!!.

Speaker - Amanda Croucher-Southwell, a member of the Box Hill Central Rotary Club, on INTERNATIONAL NEEDS AUSTRALIA.

Amanda started as a school teacher (for one day!) but luckily for the world ended up teaching at Melbourne University for 5 years.

Her father was heavily into World Vision, so community work was on the cards from the start. She has ended up being a spokesperson for INA, a charity which in many ways echoes the Rotary intentions and directions.

There are over 56,000 registered charities in Australia, 4,567 who operate overseas – BUT only 42 are accredited by DFAT, our Australian Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade – and INA is one of those rare organisations who comply with DFAT's high standards!

Focus areas are: Children's rights and education, Women's empowerment, Health and Hygiene, and Sustainable livelihoods. These cover 5 out of 6 of the Rotary International focus areas, so it makes sense to look at supporting them.

They don't give out grants – they give loans to people to progress their own lives and those of their community.

They don't have facilities built by "fly-in" well-doers – but do have visits to show people the results and thus motivate them to go home motivated to do more to assist.

Around the world, more than 62 million people are not educated, and 15 million NEVER enter a classroom. INA focusses on education of women, and thus gaining greater social status and financial impacts within the very poor and oppressed communities in the overseas countries.

World Problems are circular in nature – (1) Hunger, Health and Lack of Facilities/Living Conditions lead to (2) Lack of Education, leading to (3) Lack of Opportunity, leading to (4) Lack of Income, leading to ???= **(GO AROUND THE CYCLE AGAIN!).**

I'm impressed by what they do, and how they do it – I believe they deserve our support!

President Alan closed the meeting at 8-05 pm, after we had dinner in the board room while viewing a video and having questions answered by the very interesting speaker. **Scribe- Mike Spark**

Official Launch of Toy Library Shelving Project

