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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 4th March [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 11th March [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 18th March [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 25th March [Kick off at 6.30]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	T B A	T B A	T B A
Program:	CLUB ASSEMBLY	Building Rotary's Future	Rotarians for Bees	End Trachoma story
Speaker:	-	PDG Russell Gurney	Faye Kirkwood TBC	Russell Marnock
Partners' Night	Welcome	Yes	Yes	Yes

<i>Birthdays:</i>	10th March – Paul McAloney
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	4th March 2002 – Fran Mandergeddes

Dates to Diarise

2021	Event
Sun 07/03/2021	Jazz at Village Green – Fellowship Event
Sat 13/03/2021	1812 Theatre Fellowship Event
Sat 20/03/2021	MDLC Garden Gate Market Sausage Sizzle - 9.00am-1.00pm Fundraising Event
Sun 28/03/2021	World Water Day and Clean up - Venue and time TBA Community Project and Fellowship Event
Sat 10/04/2021	Upper Ferntree Gully Market booked 7.30am -3.00 selling 2nd Hand goods. More Treasures Needed - Fundraising Event
Sat 24/04/2021	R100 Baton Relay Walk Rotary FTG and BBQ at Quarry Reserve - Community and Fellowship Event
Sat 01/05/2021 & Sun 02/05/2021	District Conference On-line all members
Sat 15/05/2021	District 9810 - R100 celebration at Jells Park including going for the World Record for the Waggle Dance - District Fellowship Event for all Rotarians

FROM THE PRESIDENT



MARCH IS WATER & SANITATION MONTH

Our meetings return this week to the Ferntree Gully Bowls Club.

This week Christine, Alan, Paul W and myself have trialled the set-up of equipment for our meetings to now go hybrid. This set up will allow the guest speaker, Fran, Brian and Gary to join the meeting and interact with those in attendance.

Our first meeting this month is a Club Assembly with no guest speaker will be an opportunity to discuss the procedures that will be required for when a guest speaker is attending via Zoom or attending in person.

The Bowling Club is looking forward to having us back. The arrangements are still the same as when we were last there. Those wishing to have a meal remember to order it on arrival then gather for some pre-meeting fellowship. I would like our meeting to promptly start at 6.30pm and conclude by 7.40pm. I would like to spend some time on our meeting format as it has been twelve months since some of our procedures happened on our zoom meetings.

What do we want to stop doing? What do we need to start doing? What should we not have stopped doing? No doubt we will all have an opinion on our meeting format. I look forward to the input to these questions.

A couple of topics discussed at the Districts Presidents meeting last Friday.

- R100 Celebrations will start in the District on March 13th to May 15th. During this time the Rotary Baton will start its journey through the District finishing at a picnic day at Jells Park on May 15th
- District Youth programs will not be going ahead unless there is a committee formed to organise them. MUNA looks in doubt as they only have a committee of two, still looking for three additional members and a committee chair.
- No youth exchange in 2021 – 2022
- Interact proceeding as it is club organised.

Polio numbers are falling. 2019 - 176, 2020 - 140 and as at 1st Feb 2021 there was only 2. Will this be the year it could be eradicated?

Graeme

President 2020/2021



THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 25th February, 2021

President Graeme welcomed tonight's Guest Speaker, Tammy Shepherd speaking on the topic – “Mercy Ships”.

These are hospital ships that deliver world-class healthcare to more than 55 developing countries that have limited access modern medical facilities. They were established in 1978.



Bringing hope and healing to the world's forgotten poor for more than 40 years



Tammy Shepherd is a physiotherapist and worked on the ships in 2019, Tammy comes from a medical oriented family her husband being a General Practitioner and her son is also practising in the medical field.

She decided to become involved in community medical work as she felt the need to give back to

society as a means of showing her appreciation for her own upbringing. Her first experience of this type of work was working in a hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo before becoming involved in the Mercy Ships program.

The Mercy Ships are fully equipped to provide total hospital care on board the ship including complex operations and postnatal care. To date over 2.7 million people in impoverished countries

have been treated, over 1,000 volunteers work on the ships each year.

An interesting observation on Tammy's part was that on board the ship there is no hierarchy, all volunteers are treated equal whether they are highly skilled doctors and surgeons, or orderlies. They are all volunteers and have no regard to the race or religion of each other or the patients.



Mercy Ships delivers a customised three-year partnership model with every country it is invited to support.

It's a sobering thought to know that over 18 million people throughout the world will die each year because they do not have access to medical treatment.





Maxillofacial



General



Plastic
Reconstructive



Ophthalmic



Orthopaedic



Dental



Obstetric Fistula



Palliative care

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Medical capacity building

"...is helping our host country build their capacity to deliver healthcare"

Dr. Michelle White, Mercy Ships volunteer



1. Training and mentoring local professionals
2. Providing medical tools and resources
3. Building better medical facilities

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Obviously, the subject was of interest to other Rotarians in the district as we had online visitors logged in to hear the speaker. We welcomed Jean Stuart from the Croydon/Montrose Rotary club, Wendy Oliver from the Nunawading Rotary club and Past District Governor (PDG) Malcolm Chiverton from the Box Hill North Rotary club.



Vacancy – Plea from Bulletin Editor!

Could we have a volunteer to Scribe at the Club Assembly meeting this week.

