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WEEKLY BULLETIN

| Date & Time: | Thursday 6th February [6.00 for 6.30] | Thursday 13th February [6.00 for 6.30] | Thursday 20th February [6.00 for 6.30] | Thursday 27th February [6.00 for 6.30] |
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| Venue: | FTG Bowling Club | FTG Bowling Club | FTG Bowling Club | FTG Bowling Club |
| Program: | Operation Toilets | Forensic Lab Testing | On-to Conference (Echuca-Moama) | Bendigo Bank TBC |
| Speaker: | Mark Balla | Elisa Gifford | Stephen Bode | Rebecca Sellers |
| Chair: | Allan Tierney | Allan Tierney | Allan Tierney | Allan Tierney |
| Rotary Toast | Mike Spark | Rob Hurst | Christine Anderson | Fran Mandergeddes |
| Cashier: | Paul McAloney | Paul McAloney | Paul McAloney | Paul McAloney |
| Vote of Thanks | Paul McAloney | | | |
| Scribe: | Graeme Aspinall | Mike Spark | Paul Wilson | Julienne Hyams |
| Sergeant-At-Arms: | Paul McAloney | Paul McAloney | Paul McAloney | Paul McAloney |
| Partners' Night | Welcome | Yes | Welcome | Welcome |

SAUSAGE SIZZLE CALENDAR

- SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY – Vintage Bikers, Dorset Road, Bayswater
- SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY – Greek Festival at the Ferny Creek Reserve
- FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY – BUNNINGS

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| Birthdays: | 1 st February – Graeme Aspinall |
| Anniversaries: | None |
| Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully | None |

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ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

FEBRUARY IS PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

Hello everyone

Our speakers last Thursday Ellen Ramsay and Stephane Nankoo gave us an excellent insight into Knox Community Events and Festivals, and what is required for us to participate in all future community events. It did sound at times daunting however I am sure now we have made our connection with them, they will be a great asset to any future events our club may wish to hold in the local Knox Community.

A very big thank you to all members also Kay Jill and Marg for your contribution in helping out on Sunday at the FTG CFA residents information evening for Bush Fire Awareness in our local FTG Community. It was a great community event and our sizzle was very much appreciated by everyone.

I attended the Knox Cluster quarterly meeting on Monday, and trust me our small but vibrant club is truly kicking goals in all directions. Keep up what we are doing as it should make us all very proud. A big Thank you to Kay McAloney for submitting our nomination for the Shine On Awards. It is a wonderful Rotary recognition for those who support the community whilst doing this with a Disability. More details for all club members to attend the presentation will be given at our meetings.

This Thursday evening, we have a "HUGE CHEQUE" to present to our guest speaker Mark Balla who is the "Toilet Warrior: from Operations Toilets, we encourage all members and partners to attend.

Our 100 years of Rotary Committee are meeting this Wednesday 5th Feb to start discussions as to what our Club would like to do to celebrate this milestone and to leave a long lasting legacy in our local FTG community. All members and partners have been invited.

The coming weekend is another great commitment from all, Saturday 8th Feb we are hosting the BBQ for the Vintage Motor Bikers and Sunday 9th Feb we are running the Sizzle for our friends from the Greek Community at their family fun day at Ferny Creek. Graeme will have times and details at this week's meeting

Have a good rest and enjoy your week

Yours in Rotary

Allan Tierney

President 2019/2020

"That Was The Week That Was"

Thursday 30th January 2020

The meeting opened at 6.30 PM with the toast to Rotary by PP John Fleming followed by President Allan welcoming all members, Partners Kay McAloney and Jill Wilson and guest speakers for the evening Ellen Ramsay & Stephane Nankoo.

President's announcements:

Reminded members of the club's upcoming commitments to provide the sausage sizzle for the CFA's Community Bushfire Awareness meeting being held on the evening of Sunday, 2 February 6 PM to 8 PM at Koolunga Reserve Ferntree Gully. Someone is required to pick up the BBQ trailer and return it the following day. Mike Spark volunteered to do so.

Also we have 2 further commitments to provide sausage sizzles on Saturday the 8th and Sunday, 9th February for 2 other organisations, volunteers will be called for at this week's meeting.

Secretary: (PP Fran Mandergeddes) in the absence of our secretary who is on leave there is no formal secretary's report, President Allan covered any important issues in his announcements for both the secretary and treasurer

Apologies Received from: Rtn Gary Braddock, also from secretary Fran and Treasurer Brian who are both on leave.

Treasurer: (Rtn Brian Mandergeddes) see comment above in the secretary's report.

Reports:

International: (PP Paul Mc Aloney) Chairman Paul cleared up the issue surrounding what was the budget agreed for the 2019/2020 Rotary year for the International committee. The amounts were \$11,000 for projects and \$2,000 for emergencies.

Vocational: upcoming industry visits are being investigated.

Fellowship: The 1812 Theatre in Upper Ferntree Gully has a new season starting, the play being "On Golden Pond" which will commence on 20th February and ending on 14th March. A number of members indicated their interest in attending so please watch this space for further announcements. PP Mike Spark reminded members that the Sunday Jazz afternoons are still ongoing at the Royal Hotel in Upper Ferntree Gully, there was some discussion around the dates, one being Sunday 15th March the other being Sunday, 21st March, these to be confirmed. The next appearances by the band will be in May.

Youth: **(Rtn Paul Wilson.)**: Paul is seeking assistance with this committee, it would appear to be one of the most active in the club at present, he is finding it very onerous to carry out all of the commitments required on his own. He is requesting assistance from another club member.

"Shine On" Recognition 2020: Rotary Southern Districts 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810 & 9820

Through the auspices of PP Paul McAloney and his partner Kay, Ferntree Gully Rotary Club has put forward a very strong candidate, 34-year-old Steven Oram.

Steven has mild intellectual and physical disabilities but despite these he is heavily involved in helping others with similar or worse disabilities than his. We eagerly await the outcome of the application.

Foundation (PP Mike Spark) continues to waive around his little brown envelope seeking contributions to the foundation's Centurions Club of which 4 members have reached the targeted amount, other members involved are well on the way.

Sergeant-At-Arms: (PP Paul McAloney) In his youth must have spent a lot of time in front of the television set as he had put together a series of questions, sayings or quotes from those early television shows which members had to respond to. The scribe's memory cells failed miserably but was nevertheless partly compensated by winning the draw but still failed to extract the joker from the pack.

Skill: won by Robert Hurst who drew the Queen of Clubs **so no cigar!!!!**

PROGRAM: Our guest speakers for the evening Ellen Ramsay and Stephane Nankoo from the **Knox Council's Arts & Cultural Services – Festivals and Events Team** gave us a very good run down on what's required to stage community events in Knox.

Some of the festivals that they oversee are the 'Stringy Bark Festival', 'Carols by Candlelight', Knox Festival, Seniors Festival, etc- these Being just a few.

It became very clear that these events do not occur without significant amount of planning going on behind-the-scenes, whether by the events team or by community groups wishing to run some sort of a public function. It's important when planning any sort of function that is going to involve anything up to 500 people or more to consult with the Council to ensure the guidelines are followed.

There is an Events Guide available from the council that sets out step-by-step the processes involved in planning any sort of community function, important steps such as programming, dates and locations so that you don't clash with other planned functions, logistics and site design, compliance with local planning laws and so on. It's also important to determine what permits may be required to comply with community laws.

To assist with all the requirements, in addition to documentation there is an **Event Kit** available from the council that contains many useful items.

President Allan thanked the speakers and presented both with the pen/usb stick.

Meeting closed at 7.30

Scribe: PP Robert Hurst

JUST FOR FUN



Our Foundation the best of the best

Ni hao, Rotarians!

The year is almost over, and I know that you are thinking about giving gifts and making last-minute contributions. You are wondering how best to show your appreciation and love.

The answer is very simple – make your gifts to The Rotary Foundation.

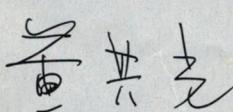
Don't take my word for it: In an independent analysis, your Rotary Foundation was ranked No. 1 among the world's best-known charities. For the 12th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating – four stars – from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities. The Foundation earned the maximum of 100 points for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency in Charity Navigator's August ratings.

In a letter to the Foundation, Charity Navigator notes that "only 1 per cent of the charities we evaluate have received at least 12 consecutive four-star evaluations, indicating that The Rotary Foundation outperforms other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets the Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."

This recognition comes on top of awards won in the past several years. Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio worldwide won Best Non-profit Act in the Hero Awards of the One Billion Acts of Peace campaign, an international global citizens movement to tackle the world's most important issues. And the Association of Fundraising Professionals – the world's largest network of professional fundraisers – named The Rotary Foundation the World's Outstanding Foundation, honouring our long-term achievements.

It's easy to say that we belong to one of the greatest philanthropic organisations in the world. But, the truth is, your Rotary Foundation is the best. So close out the year by giving the greatest gift of all to the world. Gimme five and show your support for The Rotary Foundation.

Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year!



Gary Huang
Foundation Trustee Chair

