

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

| Date & Time:      | Thursday 13th February [6.00 for 6.30] | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 9.00am – 3.00pm | Thursday 20th February [6.00 for 6.30] | Thursday 27th February [6.00 for 6.30]     |
|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Venue:            | FTG Bowling Club                       | BUNNINGS   | FTG Bowling Club                       | FTG Bowling Club                           |
| Program:          | Forensic Lab Testing                   | <b>SAUSAGE SIZZLE</b>                            | On-to Conference (Echuca-Moama)        | Bendigo Bank Internet banking and security |
| Speaker:          | Elisa Gifford                          |  | Stephen Bode                           | Rebecca Sellars                            |
| Chair:            | Allan Tierney                          |  | Allan Tierney                          | Allan Tierney                              |
| Rotary Toast      | Rob Hurst                              |  | Christine Anderson                     | Fran Mandergeddes                          |
| Cashier:          | Paul McAloney                          |  | Paul McAloney                          | Paul McAloney                              |
| Scribe:           | Mike Spark                             |  | Paul Wilson                            | Julienne Hyams                             |
| Sergeant-At-Arms: | Paul McAloney                          |  | Paul McAloney                          | Paul McAloney                              |
| Partners' Night   | Yes                                    |  | Welcome                                | Welcome                                    |

### STOP PRESS

News received from Fran & Brian is that they have a flight home on Thursday. The not so good news is that their travel insurance company has rejected their claim!!! No doubt they are going to need all the emotional support we can give to get through this ordeal.

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| Birthdays:                         | None   |
| Anniversaries:                     | 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Paul & Jill Wilson |
| Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully | None   |

# ALLANS AIR SPACE



## ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

### FEBRUARY IS PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

Hello everyone

Well another very busy week for all our club members. What an inspiration and wonderful Rotary Programme, listening to Mark Balla at last week's meeting, "Operation Toilets".



We are all very proud to think that our contribution goes towards reaching the milestone of 1,000,000 children in the world having a toilet at school, such a huge difference in transforming lives in so many ways – Just a basic toilet who would consider the impact that this could make.

Sizzling our way through the weekend, The Vintage Bike show on Saturday and the Greek Ithaca Family Picnic at Ferny Creek. A big thank you to you all, it was a great weekend and appreciated by so many.

This week I hope to see partners join us to listen to our guest speaker Elisha Gifford speaking about Forensic Lab Testing, I am sure it will be a very interesting eye opener for us all.

Our special thoughts for our dear friends and Rotarians Brian and Fran who had to depart from their cruise at Noumea due to Brian's ill health, and as I write this they are still stuck in Noumea, so a very stressful time for them. Hoping they can return to Australia very soon.

Until Thursday enjoy your week.

Yours in Rotary

**Allan Tierney**

**President 2019/2020**

# "That Was The Week That Was"

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020

*The meeting opened at 6.30pm with a toast to Rotary by Mike Spark followed by President Alan Welcoming all members and Guest Speaker Mark Balla ( Box Hill Rotary Club ).*

## **President's announcements:**

The club had a good turnout at last Sunday's CFA information session BBQ and thanked members for attending. A cluster meeting was held last Monday where club presidents from the cluster report their activities. We are seen to be punching above our weight compared to the other clubs.

**Apologies :** Were received from Fran and Brian Mandergeddes who are on a cruise. They have had to leave the ship as Brian is unwell. Now making arrangements to fly home. Gary Braddock is still waiting for his kidney transplant.

## **Reports:**

**Vocational:** Proposed Industry visit to a local Distillery Bakery Hill not proceeding as they require \$150 per head to sample their range of Whisky's. Will follow up on other local industries.

## **Youth:**

No response received from Fairhills SC as to our Interact Club commencing this calendar year. Will continue to follow up.

## **Fundraising:**

Names taken from those available to attend the Vintage Bikies and the Greek family BBQ's we have next weekend. It was agreed the club would run a BBQ at the Knox Relay for Life event on the weekend March 14-15th.

## **Fellowship:**

Julienne sought final numbers from member wishing to attend the 1812 Theatre next production "On Golden Pond" as she will be purchasing the tickets next week, also came across a possible project from an interstate club whereby they collect formal gowns to pass onto those in need, will get more information for the club.

**Sergeant-A-Arms:** Paul fined all members. The skill was won by John Flemming again but no cigar.

**Guest Speaker:** Mark Bella - Operation Toilets

Mark revisited the club to give us an update on his toilet project in India. Having visited India several years ago Mark discovered that many girls there don't complete their secondary education due to inadequate toilet facilities. The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central working in partnership with the We Can't Wait Foundation and the Rotary Club of Nasik Road in India, started building toilets in India. Since 2015 this project has expanded to other third world countries. This Rotary year four Rotary Grants totalling \$ 1 million have been achieved through the funding support of other Rotary Clubs.

Mark's latest project is the construction of a 100,000LT water storage tank in Ethiopia to supply water to a number of schools for sanitation purposes and allow girls to attend school instead of collecting water.

In thanking Mark Paul McAloney (International Chairman) presented Mark with a \$3,000.00 cheque which will go toward their next global grant.

*Meeting Closed at 7.30pm      Scribe: Graeme Aspinall*

## JUST FOR FUN

Have you remembered what tomorrow (Friday) is ??



### *Some Valentine's Day Quotes*

- *"Without Valentine's Day, February would be...well, January." – Jim Gaffigan, Comedian*
- *"The thing about Valentine's day is that people discover who are single and who to feel jealous of." – Faye Morgan*
- *"Remember, your Valentine's card shows you care enough to send the very best, even though you're too lazy to put it in your own words." – Melanie White*
- *"As a man in a relationship, you have a choice: You can be right or you can be happy." – Ralphie May*
- *"An archeologist is the best husband any woman can have; the older she gets, the more interested he is in her." – Agatha Christie*
- *"Love is a lot like a backache, it doesn't show up on x-rays, but you know it's there." – George Burns*

#### EMAIL RECEIVED FROM GARY BRADDOCK

G'day Rob

Thought that I had better check in and let everyone know that I am still alive.

Still waiting for a new kidney, but I think that it might not be that far away.

Feeling good, wake up most mornings feeling like superman, due to Dialysis.

Start going south from about 2.00-3.00pm.

I really miss Rotary & would like to do more, but need to be realistic.

Can you please remember us to all of our fellow Rotarians.

We hope to be active again soon.

Either I or Nadia will let you know when the Angels have called.

With very much respect.

Rotarian Gary Braddock and Nadia.

**Gary & Nadia, our thoughts are with you, we are looking forward to your return to the Rotary Family.**