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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 22nd April [Kick off at 6.30]	Sunday 25th April ANZAC DAY	Thursday 29th April [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 6th May [Kick off at 6.30]
Venue:	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM	BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM
Program:	Short meeting to finalise details for Relay & Anzac Day BBQ	11.00 am to 4.00 pm	Bridge Builders Youth Organisation	CLUB ASSEMBLY
Speaker:	No Speaker		Beck Mitchell	No Speaker
Scribe	Rob Hurst		Julienne Hyams	John Flemming
Partners' Night	Welcome		Yes	Welcome

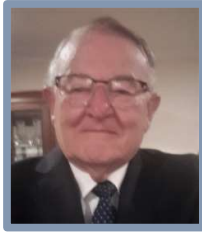
<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None

Dates to Diarise

2021	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

Last Friday Christine was contacted by the Acting Manager for Community Infrastructure from Knox Council regarding our R100 project to arrange a meeting. On Monday Christine and myself met with two Council officers to discuss our project proposal as outlined by Christine in a letter to them 12 months ago. Council also put forward suggestions that to fit their vision of community needs for both areas we are considering that we may be open to. It was agreed that they would forward us those proposed structures and costings for our Club to consider. The important thing is we are now in discussion with the council on what our Rotary Club would like to leave in its community to commemorate Rotary's 100 years in Australia.

You all have been receiving emails from our District regarding registering for the upcoming Multi District Conference to be held on Saturday May 1st and Sunday May 2nd – 11.00am – 1.00pm. All 5 Victorian Districts will be involved in this online event. This will be followed by a separate online District 9810 virtual conference on the Saturday Afternoon May 1st from 2.30 – 3.20pm. I would encourage members to register for these two conferences. In the past we have all attended a conference and have enjoyed the range of speaker that have addressed us. A virtual conference is at no cost to us to hear great speakers once again. Please register. [Virtual Victoria Multi-District Rotary Conference 2021, Hosted online, 1st of May | Humanitix](#)



We have a busy weekend coming up, our meeting this week will be devoted to finalising arrangements for our two events. Hope to see everyone in person or via zoom.

Graeme
President 2020/2021



THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 15th April 2021

PP Alan Tierney welcomed everyone to the meeting in absence of President Graeme Aspinall.

Present- PP Alan Tierney, Paul Wilson, Christine Anderson, Paul McAloney, Mike Spark, Brian Mandergeddes, Fran Mandergeddes (both in person) Rob Hurst via Zoom.

Apologies – Graeme Aspinall, Garry Braddock, Julianne Hyams

Treasurer -No finance report tabled as it had been passed at board meeting

General Business – Paul Wilson advised he banked \$76 via card & \$158.30 cash to the Project Account from FTG Market barbeque

Centurion Club – Mike Spark advised 6 members (50%) of club had donated \$100 required and paperwork to be completed and via the Treasurer.

Christine & Julianne are to lay a wreath for Anzac Day on behalf of the club on Saturday 24th April before the Baton Relay at the Arboretum.

Guest Speaker – Stephen Flemming –Sport in the Dandenong's from 1840 to 1910

The original name of the Dandenong's was the Corhanwarrabul Ranges and the 1st painting of the area was "The Fern Tree Gully" by Eugene Van Guerard which was presented to Queen Victoria and it remains in Royal Family Collection since 1857.

This was the first Commercial use of Fern Tree Gully, which became a favourite area for regular picknickers. Eventually Dandenong Forest was gazetted as a National Park in 1872.

As a result, hotels were built to take advantage of travellers, the main publicans were George Dickson, Charles Nettleton as well as Frank Lording.

The hotels started their own cricket teams to play other teams in the region eg. William K Ross of the Huntingtower Hotel (the Club) were major sponsors of sports.

Other famous names John T Dobson -Football

Thomas Grimwood -Cricket nicknamed the King of Ferntree Gully

A group photo of 1890 includes 10 members of the Australian test team and the famous W C Grace captain of England played in the 1890 in the Gully.

Overall, Stephen's presentation was very interesting regarding sport, pubs and the effect they had on the growth of Ferntree Gully or should it be Fern Tree Gully?

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Scribe: Brian Mandergeddes



Military Humour

The Chief of Staff of the US Air Force decided to personally recruit some pilots and he saw two young twins.

He looked at the first young man and asked: "Son, what skills can you bring to the Air Force?"

The young man looks at him and says: "I'm a pilot!"

The General gets all excited, turns to his aide and says: "Get him in today, all the paper work done, everything, do it!"

The aide hustles the young man off. The General looks at the second young man and asks: "What skills to you bring to the Air Force?"

The young man says: "I chop wood!"

"Son", the general replies: "We don't need wood choppers in the Air Force, what do you know how to do?"

I chop wood!"

"Young man," huffs the general, "You are not listening to me, we don't need wood choppers, this is the 20th century!"

"Well," the young man says, "You hired my brother!"

"Of course we did," says the general, "He's a pilot!"

The young man rolls his eyes and says: "So what! I have to chop it before he can pile it!"

