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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 30th April [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 7th May [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 14th May [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 21st May [Kick off at 6.30]
Venue:				
Program:	1812 Theatre Chris Hodson	Job talk by our newest member - Julienne Hyams	COCKTAIL PARTY Post - State of Emergency Celebration???? Perhaps !!! 	TBA
Partners' Night	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BRAIN TEASERS

1. The match
2. ITS
3. River
4. What stairs – you live in a one-story house

Birthdays:	5 th May – Wendy Spark
Anniversaries:	None
Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully	None

**ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD****APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

Hello Everyone

An Anzac Day like no other. Hope you all had the opportunity to participate in some way. Wasn't it surreal to see lights along the streets at the end of driveways and listen to the broadcast from the Australian War Memorial.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Rowville/Lysterfield on a very professional and moving Zoom Anzac Service. We laid our club wreath at the RSL memorial at the Arboretum on Saturday Morning.

The bogan trivia night hosted by Kay and Paul, was so much fun and gave us all a good laugh just what everyone needs at the moment. A huge Thank you Kay and Paul for arranging this, in fact word spreads fast in the Rotary world, and District would like an article for the next "Connect" newsletter.

This week's meeting our guest speaker from the 1812 theatre will be joining our Zoom meeting at 6.30 PM

Whilst we continue to use Zoom for our weekly meetings, we will have a mixture of fun meetings so watch this space for our Cocktail Travel Show, and if anyone has suggestions for guest speakers and fellowship fun nights please let myself and Rob Hurst know.

Until Thursday

Stay safe

Allan Tierney
President 2019/2020



BLAST FROM THE PAST

From the Hurst archives



The Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully

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Thursday, 3rd May, 1984

AN ISLAND

No man is an Island, entire
in itself; every man is a
piece of the Continent, a
part of the main.

- John Donne (1571-1631)



TONIGHT: ISLAND NIGHT

Chairman:

Chief John Elliott

Furnishings and

Tapa Cloths:

Duncan Cook and

David Guiney

Collectors of money

shells:

Bob Hurst and

Barry Shorter

Grace and Toast:

Missionary Lionel Ling

Kava Dispensers:

Ray Jarvis and

John Richards



SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL FAMILIES

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

None!

LAST WEEK : Induction of President Don Dasborough and Club Assembly
Apologies : Lionel Ling and Bob Hurst
Visiting Rotarians : David Boyle - Boronia
Special Guest : Louise Dasborough

<u>NEXT WEEK</u>	:	Peter Duncan, Deputy Sheriff, Crown Law Department
Chairman	:	Brian Adams
Furnishings	:	John Richards and John Nyhuis
Cashiers	:	Ray Jarvis and Ken Thomson
Grace and Toast	:	Bob Hurst
Drinks Stewards	:	Bob Boscott and Brian Sutterby
Sergeant-at-Arms	:	Bob Williams

Next Month's Programme

17 May: Vocational Committee: "The Four Way Test"
24 May: Club Assembly
31 May: Commonwealth Bank Retirement Advisory Service - Bill Roberts

Two special dates for your diary:

CHANGEOVER NIGHT - is not Thursday 28th June as previously announced but WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE. Please amend your diaries and BE THERE. It is, of course, a Ladies Night.

The other date is Sunday, 1st July which is the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal Collection Day. This will be the first event in President-Elect RON MITCHELL'S year as President and he expects a 100% attendance.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

The meeting began with the induction of DON DASBOROUGH into the Presidency of the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully by Past President BOB BOSCOTT. President Don will guide the Club through the remainder of the 1983/84 year and in his first meeting indicated that he intended to hand over to RON MITCHELL a Club both fit and eager to serve the community and advance the cause of Rotary.

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BARRY SHORTER reminded the Club that it has become a tradition for the incoming President's lady to be honoured with a gift - usually of flowers. Ever the traditionalist, Barry produced a nicely wrapped gift, not of flowers but of fruit - well, actually the gift was grapes in a fermented and bottled bubbly form that he knew would appeal to Louise.

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LOUISE DASBOROUGH, looking slim and terrific thanked Barry and the Club for the gift and for their support. She considered herself, she said, to be standing in for Anne Baruday for the remainder of the year. The warmth of the applause for Louise showed the esteem and affection held for her by the members.

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Our very own JR - JOHN RICHARDS - reminded incoming officers and Chairmen of Major Committees of the District Assembly to be held on Sunday, 24th June at the Hawthorn State College. This is a most important preparation for the new Rotary Year and everyone is urged to attend.

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The singing of our new National Anthem, Advance Australia Fair, last week was so awful that the Board has decided that the words will be printed on the Bulletin Cover so that the Sergeant-at-Arms can give us more practice.

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The Board also decided to open the membership category "Educational Aids Sales" and elected ex-Schoolmaster, ex-Cycle Salesman BOB WILLIAMS to fill this category. Congrats, Bob. Of course, BRIAN ADAMS was unable to restrain himself from declaring that he didn't think AIDS would be very educational and would certainly be hard to sell! But if anyone could do it, he thought it was probably Bob. That should be worth a hefty fine this week.

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President DON DASBOROUGH proposed that, because the joint meeting with Belgrave Rotary Club was so successful, we should make this a permanent meeting arrangement for the week leading up to Easter rather than meet on the eve of Good Friday. This suggestion was unanimously approved - Programme Organiser please note.

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President DON also reminded us of the Belgrave Club's family reunion on 14th May. However, it was decided that we should support it as well as our normal meeting night that week.

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The discussion on the Bye-Laws, chaired by President Elect RON MITCHELL and assisted by JOHN ELLIOTT and STUART VIZE, the only two members of the Bye-Laws Committee present, lasted about 2¹/₂ hours. Although some legal and logic tangles were encountered, the discussion was remarkable for its emphasis on light rather than heat and substantial progress was made towards crafting a sensible and workable set of Bye-Laws.

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President DON might make his living from mending the results of road crashes but, perhaps because of all the tangled metal he sees, he is acutely aware of need for a tougher approach to road safety. He has contributed the article below - with acknowledgment to Rydge's magazine:

Now for a little real toughness on road deaths

One of the less pleasing aspects of the economic recovery is the corresponding rise in road deaths. The increase in traffic densities has unfortunately coincided with a decline in the impact of random breath testing laws in our most populous states. These factors coupled with the sorry state of our roads and poor driver education and attitudes are causing us to kill our young people on the roads at an alarming rate.

Governments of various kinds have made well-meaning attempts to do something about road deaths. Introduction of breath testing in some states is a useful government contribution to solution of the problem. But it remains at best only a partial answer and no government has come to grips with the problem in a satisfactorily tough-minded way. Perhaps the real horror of motoring fatalities are only felt when members of one's own family are involved; otherwise the figures on accidents remain arid, if somewhat frightening, statistics.

Apart from the terrible family tragedies that are caused, the economic

cost of these deaths are enormous. Typically road accident victims are under 25 years of age and have not had much opportunity to make an economic contribution or to provide a return on the community's investment in their education.

The heartbreak caused families is immeasurable and no longer can the community let the killing of young folk go on without making vigorous efforts to identify the causes of accidents and doing something about stopping them. Many people and institutions are at fault as are some community attitudes and values. So far Governments have only fiddled with the problem. It is now time to get serious despite the inevitable squeals from vested interests.

Even though they are driven by full-time professionals, heavy trucks are involved in too high a proportion of road deaths. It should not be thought that large trucks are the only or even the principal cause of road deaths. The whole community, each one of us, is at fault.

NB:

This is a **list of motor vehicle deaths in Australia by year**.

It shows the *annual* number of road fatalities (road deaths) *per capita per year*, in the year the data was collected. The list includes all road users such as drivers, passengers, pedestrians, motorcyclists and cyclists.

1984	2,822	2014	1,150
1994	1,928	2019	1,194
2004	1,583		

It appears that there is still more work to be done

April, 2020

Importance of keeping Rotary Down Under database up to date

With the changing of board members each year there seems to be some confusion over what databases need updating and where this can be done.

This letter is sent out twice a year to remind members that the Rotary Down Under (RDU) database runs separately from the Rotary International (RI) and District databases. This means that membership and address changes made to the RI database and District databases also need to be made to the RDU database.

Members can be added, removed or updated on the RDU database at any time of the year. Members that are added after RDU invoices are issued will be charged a pro-rata amount.

As it is mandatory for all members of Rotary to subscribe to an official Rotary publication, please ensure all current members are subscribing to a magazine.

The only exceptions are:

- 1) it is not mandatory for honorary members to subscribe (this is up to each individual club to decide as the magazine cost is charged to the club)
- 2) two Rotarians residing at the same address may subscribe jointly to an official magazine.

At RDU we allow 4 officers per club to have access to view and update club and member details each year. These officers are President, Secretary, Treasurer and Database Manager. Once notification is received from the club advising RDU of the names of these officers, access can be given from July 1 – June 30 and is easily reactivated for reoccurring positions. Current club officers can also activate this access in advance for incoming officers.

RDU invoices twice a year – June and December – for January-June and July-December. This allows time for clubs to ensure their subscription list is correct on our database. We allow a couple of weeks after invoices are sent out for adjustments to be made.

**We encourage clubs to ensure the database is up to date
as after this time no further credits will be issued**

PTO.....

If your club already knows the members who will be holding these positions for the next Rotary year, please feel free to access our database and update these details:

Click My Club Details tab – at top right of screen. **Click My Club Officials** from the drop down box. **Click Create** to add new club officials. Enter details including club role and relevant dates. The start date will automatically be added as the day you add the club official however you will need to add the end date – 30/06/2021
Click Submit to save.

To log in:

1. Go to www.rotarydownunder.com.au
2. Click on Subscription Management Login on left hand side of our home page
Or go directly to <https://database.rotarydownunder.com.au/members/>
3. Enter your username (RDU ID) and password.

To see a full list of subscribers for your club click the **club member tab** at the top right.

To **delete** a member click arrow on the right of the members name and **click delete**.

To **add** a member click **Create** button at top right of list – and **add details. Submit to save**.

Should any members not have an email address, or prefer not to have it recorded, please use none@none.com

Any officers that are unaware of their Username (RDU ID) and password can contact me directly and I will issue these details to them.

If you experience difficulties with our database, please don't hesitate to contact us for assistance.

For any officers that are not comfortable with updating our database online, you are always welcome to contact me and I can send you a spreadsheet of members that you can correct and send back to me for updating.

Each month RDU receives numerous magazines returned due to incorrect or out of date delivery details. For each of these returned magazines Australia Post charges us \$2.00. To ensure RDU subscription fees are kept to a minimum, please keep all addresses current.

If you require assistance with updating the RDU database, please don't hesitate to contact me via email as RDU staff are currently working out of the office.

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April 2020

Change to subscription rates Effective 1 July 2020

Dear Secretary:

From 1 July 2020 there will be changes to the magazine subscription prices. The last time there was an increase was in 2012 and since then many components involved with the creation and delivery of the magazine have increased in cost such as design, printing and postage.

New rates:

Hard copy magazine currently \$40 per year will increase to \$44 (\$22 per half year)

Digital copy magazine currently \$40 per year will decrease to \$34 (\$17 per half year)

Clubs will be invoiced in June and December for the number of subscribers in our database and we request that whatever the chosen delivery method for each subscriber is at the time of invoicing, remains in place for that 6-monthly period.

Please take the time to discuss these options with your members, to allow time for all changes to be made by 1st June 2020 before invoicing is processed.

Detailed instructions on how to update your club's database are attached.
If you need assistance, please contact us at:

subscriptions@rotarydownunder.com.au or call +61 2 9633 4888

Kind regards,



Gay Kiddle
General Manager