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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 29th August [5.30 for 6.00]	Thursday 5th September [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 12th September [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 19th September [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	MYSTERY DESTINATION ?????	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Factory 7/ 10 Henderson Road, FTG
Program:	FELLOWSHIP EVENT	BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETING	Group Hug	Tiny Bear Distillery Vocational Visit
Speaker:		N/A	Jayne ?	N/A
Chair:		Allan Tierney	Paul McAloney	N/A
Rotary Toast		Christine Anderson	Graeme Aspinall	N/A
Cashier:		Mike Spark	Mike Spark	N/A
Scribe:		N/A	Christine Anderson	N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms:		Mike Spark	Mike Spark	N/A
Partners' Night	Yes	Welcome	Yes	Welcome



REMINDER TO MEET AT 5.30 SHARP AT THE BASIN TRIANGLE - THIS THURSDAY FOR OUR MYSTERY DESTINATION

Birthdays:	None
Anniversaries:	None
Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully	None

ALLANS AIR SPACE



ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

Hello Everyone,

What entertaining guest speakers we all had the privilege of listening to last week, Chris Hodson and James McCrae from the 1812 Theatre. Sharing their theatre experiences over many years was not only very entertaining, but gave us a good insight to the success of an amateur theatre company that has been in Ferntree Gully since 1940. Many more stories were unveiled as our guests including Chris's wife Paulette joined us for dinner,

Friday Evening Christine and I attended the District 9810 Vocational seminar. An excellent slick/smart seminar hosted by Greg King, with some great Rotary programmes, one of which is "Shine on Recognition" I am hoping our club will be involved this year, as District 9810 is hosting this Multi district event in May 2020. More details at our next meeting.

This Thursday is our Mystery Event so don't forget to meet at the Basin Triangle at 5.30 pm. I wonder who has worked out where we might be going for the evening????

So until Thursday enjoy the last week of Winter "Spring is in the Air".

Yours in Rotary

Allan Tierney

President 2019/2020



FRIDAY, 13th September

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

9.00—12.00 and 12.00—3.00 pm

Volunteers required

"That Was The Week That Was"

Thursday 22nd August 2019

The meeting opened at 6.30pm with the toast to Rotary by PP Fran then President Allan welcomed all members, Partner - Kay, Jill and Margaret and guest speakers Chris and Paulette Hodson and James McCrae

President Allan's announcements: reported on the progress of polio eradication worldwide, Nigeria has been declared polio free after three years of no further outbreak. However, unfortunately Afghanistan is still in a bad way regarding numbers of polio cases.

Apologies Received from: Gary Braddock, Brian Mandergeddes, Graham Aspinall

Reports:

Youth: (Paul W.): Interact are holding a trivia night, there are two Rotary meetings left before the event, Paul needs numbers from those intending to go, the new President Sam is apparently very enthusiastic and Paul believes he will achieve excellent results.

PP Christine pointed out to those in attendance that there was a flyer in last week's bulletin regarding the Maroondah Billy Cart Marathon being held on Sunday 8th September by the Maroondah Rotary Club and were looking for volunteers to assist on the day.

This Coming Meeting Thursday, 29 August is a fellowship night, to be held at a mystery location everybody must meet at 5:30 PM sharp at the Basin triangle.

Sergeant-At-Arms: (emergency fill in for the night PP Mike Spark) had a theme for the night, being St Andrew's Day he gave out a list of all the important inventions and innovations etc. that the Scots were responsible for.

Skill: won by PP Paul McAloney who drew the seven of clubs **so no cigar!!!!**

PROGRAM:

PP Fran introduced the guest speakers, Chris Hodson and James McCrae, who gave us a very interesting rundown on the origins and operation of the 1812 theatre in Upper Ferntree Gully which he referred to as the Readers Digest version. Chris is on the board he is also an actor and playwright. James McCrae is a real veteran, is some 90 years old now; he arrived in Australia as a £10, pom 1965, originally he was in production but is now in acting roles, his first being "Arsenic and old Lace" altogether he has done 27 plays.

Plays can be fairly gruelling on the actors often running for five weeks from Wednesday to Sunday.

In one play the 'Hounds of Baskerville' five actors played 40 roles.

The building itself has two theatres, there is a 155 seat auditorium in the original building and 55 seats in the adjoining Bakery Auditorium



Why was it called the 1812 theatre? The original plays were held in Hutt Gallery in Ferntree Gully in moving to the corner of Wellington Road Napoleon Road and the 1812 was the original highway number.

Chris is now picking the shows for 2021; it can make some slight changes to the original script but has to be careful as you could easily be sued if the changes are too much. A director is allocated to run the play who then chooses the actors. Rehearsals are held 3 nights a week for 8 weeks before opening night.

The men's shed manufactures the props, front of house requires 20 people, there are four full-time staff and a membership of 50 to 60 people.

PP Fran thanked our very interesting and entertaining guest speakers with an open invitation to come again and handed the meeting back to President Allan who closed the meeting at 7:30 PM

Scribe: Robert Hurst

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE

2019	Program.	Speaker
August	Membership and New Club Development month	
29-August	Mystery Fellowship Event	
September	Basic Education and Literacy Month	
5-September	Board and Committee Meetings	
12-September	Group Hug	Jayne ?
13-September	Cambodian Fundraiser Trivia Night at Fairhills High	
13-September	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
19-September	Tiny Bear Distillery – Vocational Factory Visit	
26-September	Knox Collier Ward Councillor	Marcia Timmers-Leitch

AUGUST 29th TRIVIA

Celebrities - "FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS: AUGUST 29th"

- Michael Jackson – 1958
- Richard Attenborough – 1923
- Ingrid Bergman – 1915
- Elliott Gould – 1938

Died On August 29th

- Ingrid Bergman – 1982
- Lee Marvin – 1987

What happened on August 29th

- **29 Aug, 1966** - Beatles Candlestick Park
The Beatles play their final tour date at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.
- **29 Aug, 2005** - U.S.A. Hurricane Katrina
Hurricane Katrina a Category 5 Storm with sustained winds of 145 MPH and gusts reaching 175 MPH is the most destructive hurricane ever to hit the United States.