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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 28th July [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 4 th August [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 11th August [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 18th August [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
&Program:	RYLA	TEAM MEETING	D G's VISIT	TBA
Speaker:	Sam Heydon		Ken Miller	
Toast	Robert H	Paul Mc	Mike S	Brian M
Vote Of Thanks	Paul W	N/A	Fran M	N/A
Scribe:	Graeme A	Graeme H	Christine A	Allan T

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



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fran's Fairytales

That was the week that wasn't. No meeting in spite of many unsuccessful efforts by all and Sundry, in the end we just gave up.

This week we have our amazing Sam Heydon attending with RYLA team member Trish Carr, and Ian a RYLA member
What a night that will be!

Also attending is AG Mike Finke, preparing for our DG Ken Miller's visit on the 11 Aug.

Take care and be kind.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Last Saturday evening Allan and I were invited to the FTG CFA

80th Anniversary celebrations. A wonderful evening with outstanding achievement awards being presented, and some very interesting stories of events over the years. What incredible volunteering commitments by all members currently and over the years.

During the month of August, the FTG Traders are holding the "Village Food Trail" it will be run along the same structure as last year. Visit one of the cafes restaurants, or bakeries pick up your passport and have it stamped each time you visit one these establishments. They go into a draw and Rotary is providing the prizes again. A great initiative to assist local traders.

Our application for a stall at the Knox Stringy Bark Festival on Sunday 16h Oct was successful.

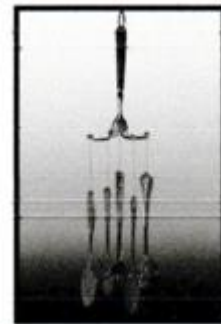
To enable us to make the windchimes from used cutlery we need

Sort of what we will be doing but forks also hanging down

Spoons

Forks

Glass marbles or glass beads



Graeme Harrison has kindly offered to drill the holes for us so please start bringing along to our meetings. Do not forget to ask friends families to help collect.

We have also been successful to hold a sausage sizzle and craft stall at the Knox Historical Society Twilight Christmas Craft Fair to be held at Ambleside House on Sat 10th Dec 6.00-8.00pm

I am collecting

Pine cones open or closed

Large gum nuts

Dried wattle seeds

Christine Anderson

Community Team Leader

Will John Flemming be at this week's meeting or will he be leaving the meeting early, as I have heard that his daughter Jane will be a guest on the front bar **ED**

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Oscar Wilde once said Always. forgive your enemies, nothing annoys them as much."

SIX MAJOR CHALLENGERS ROTARY IS FACING

John Hewko recently outlined the six major challenges Rotary International is facing: There are no surprises here.

Summarised by Tom Gump

1. **MEMBERSHIP** - Our number internal focus. We are selling a product, which is the club experience. If your product isn't selling you need to change it. Marketing is a vessel, but the product we are delivering must be what our members and potential members want. We can determine this through assessment tools/surveys.

2. **STAYING RELEVANT** - Remember Kodak? Ignoring innovation and not adapting to a changing market can initiate an organization's downfall.

3. **BECOMING NIMBLE** - Large organizations are similar to aircraft carriers. They are hard to stop once they get going. We need to be able to change direction quickly to take advantage of opportunities.

4. **CONTINUITY OF LEADERSHIP** - One of Rotary's strengths is its term limits on leadership positions. It ensures that our leaders have energy and bring in fresh ideas. However, an unbroken and consistent operation of some of our organization's initiatives over a period of time is necessary to ensure their success. This is true, for example, in the cases of eradicating polio and empowering women and girls. Success in these areas will motivate us to serve even more.

5. **OUR NEXT GLOBAL PROJECT** - [#Rotary](#) will not give up its fight to eradicate polio. However, the date of declaring the world polio free, according to the experts, could happen as early as 2026. The eradication of polio will leave a legacy and relationships that can be leveraged by our organization to do even more good in the world; but, we will need to decide on what to focus on next and whether that will be a global project or smaller projects in all of The Rotary Foundation's seven areas of focus.

6. **REGIONALIZATION** - Rotary operates in more than 200 countries. To operate efficiently, Rotary must be able to: understand how regional differences affect its Rotarians/Rotaractors; know how to react to those differences to best serve our current and future Rotarians/Rotaractors, those we serve, all participants in our programs and our current and potential future partners; and change our governance structures to accomplish these things and in so doing increase our impact.

The Six Biggest CHALLENGES Facing ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



John Hewko, CEO
Rotary International

Rotary is at a crossroads. Our organization is strong; but, our CEO let us know at yesterday's PETS Alliance meeting that we face six major challenges:

1. Membership Decline
2. Maintaining Relevance
3. Being Nimble Enough to Adapt
4. Continuity in Leadership
5. Identifying our Next Global Project
6. Resistance to Regionalization

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