

Pictured: Ambleside Homestead, FTG

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 1st September [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 8 th September [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 15 th September [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 22 nd September [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
&Program	MAKING YOUR MARK IN THE COMMUNITY	MAYOR OF KNOX	THE MENS TABLE	REGIONALISATION PROJECT
Speaker:	Alma Reynolds	Cnr Susan Laukans	Ben Hughes	David Tolstrup
Vote Of Thanks	Graeme. A	Christine. A	John. F	Paul. Mc
Scribe:	Graeme. H	Paul. W	Rob. H	Mike. S

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



FROM THE PRESIDENT

FRAN'S FAIRYTALE

Greetings all

A full meeting last week, wasn't it, with our friends from Belgrave Club joining us for the evening! It is always beneficial to put faces to names and learn about each other as well. I hope they enjoyed the meeting and the fellowship that followed as much as we did.

It was wonderful to once again welcome CEO Christian Dauncey, to give us an update of what's been happening at Knoxbrooke, an Organisation our club helped to give life to many years ago. Sounding as committed as ever to this amazing service, it was extremely exciting to know far they have come in the past few years since their move from Burwood highway, Ferntree Gully.

In particular I think we were all impressed by the growth, popularity, and success of their large Nursery in Mt. Evelyn, which employs those with disabilities and gives them a career, financial, physical and emotional support, not to mention earnings funds from their sales of their produce to help the service continue to thrive.

We look forward to being able to have a club visit to the Nursery in the not too distant future, where we can see first hand the fruits of their labours.

My thanks this week go to Paul Wilson and Brian Mandergeddes, who have been the first to give me a report on the existence or otherwise of Disposal bins located in Male toilet facilities in the areas they have checked so far. *So, at present it is – Reports 2 – Bins NIL.*

Whilst from these short reports it seems we may have confirmation of what we already suspected – that they are non-existent – it is important we are able to be thorough and as wide-ranging with our information as possible, before taking up the cudgel with local and other authorities for them to be provided. *Please ALL continue to check and report.*

LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, AND IN FACT OF PROFOUND IMPORTANCE – WE MUST HAVE A PRESIDENT-ELECT IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS A CLUB FROM NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

Yes, it is the year of our 60th birthday, but do we really want the valuable work we do so well to end?

With so many other issues, I cannot commit to another year as President. I know we all have issues and worries but is there not someone who could “give it a go?” I cannot thank enough those club members who give me so much support in so many ways; and that is a vital part of being in our club – yes, we are there to help others BUT if we don't help ourselves, we will be unable to continue.

THE WEEK THAT WAS 25th AUGUST 2022

President Fran opened the meeting at 1830 hours. She welcomed our guest speaker in Christian Dauncey the CEO of Knox Brooke, plus members of the Rotary Club of Belgrave. She also welcomed Trish Carr and Les Martin as well as prospective members Martin and Joe.

President Fran then proposed a toast to Rotary International and Australia.

Past President Rob Hurst then introduced our guest speaker Christian Dauncey the CEO of Knox Brooke.

Christian once again thanked the Rotary Clubs of Belgrave and Ferntree Gully for joining forces in 1966 to establish a training centre for young people with disabilities. To accomplish such a feat took thousands of hours by many people over two years. This was acknowledged in Oak Harbour USA in 1968, as being the most significant community project initiated by Rotary anywhere in the world. Knox Brooke was awarded the Rotary International Service Award that year.

Back in 1966 they initially employed 20 people which has now grown to over 400. Christian was a very enthusiastic speaker, and there is no doubt that the growth of the organisation is due to his drive. In 2000 Knox Brooke purchased the Yarra View nursery at Mt Evelyn, and Christian invited the club to pay a vocational visit to the establishment. There were a lot of people who wanted to ask questions and Christian was happy to oblige.

President Fran said she is being pressurised by District to nominate a President Elect. Do we have any volunteers? She also received an Email requesting support for the Iron Man series. It is an opportunity for Rotarians to raise money for their club. If anyone is interested, please speak with Fran. She also wrote a letter to Chelsea Hurst, (Rob & Marg's granddaughter) congratulating her on being selected as a Rota Kid at her school.

She also asked everyone in the club to support the project of providing disposable bins in the men's toilets. There is to be further discussion on this matter.

Rosie Massie from the Salvation Army has been selected to attend a Leadership and Management course in Ringwood.

COMMUNITY REPORT

Christine thanked everyone who attended the Father's Day event at Bunnings. Its on again this Saturday. There will be no FTG Fair this year but instead the traders are having a community fair to promote their own products. This will be held on the 26 November. They have asked us to run the BBQ.

Alma Reynolds will be here next week to talk about membership.

Past President Robert Hurst produced historical documents of the meeting where the Rotary Club of FTG was presented with its charter.

President Fran closed the meeting at 19.35 hours.

Scribe: Paul McAloney-



Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is on Friday September 12th
Volunteers will be sought at this week's meeting for either of the two shifts, 9.00 – 12.30 or 12.30 – 4.00



Our Guest Speaker at last week's meeting Knoxbrooke CEO Christian Dauncey with Belgrave Co-Presidents James Gillard and Gus Rozycki with Fran.



MAKING SURE YOU GET THE BEST DEAL TO REGISTER FOR THE RI MELBOURNE CONVENTION

If you have not yet registered for the RI Convention in Melbourne in May 2023, **here's how to get the lowest price possible:**

1. Book as soon as possible and before 15 December, when the cost to register increases by US \$100
2. Make sure that you select the option when you come to pay with your credit card (preferred option) that you **select AUD** from the **dropdown menu**. This will ensure that you do not pay credit card fees, commissions or incur a poor exchange rate. You will be billed at the "Rotary" exchange rate for that month, which will be better than the rate offered by your credit card provider
3. In the circumstance that you do need to cancel your booking it will also ensure that you get the best exchange rate on your refund and avoid other costs
4. If you or your partner or other guest are **under the age of 30**, you can access a really great registration rate of only **US \$125!**
5. Children are welcome too for a very nominal fee

If you are still uncertain about your payment, or if there seems to be no option to pay in AUD choose the payment option of "Pay Later" and then contact the Rotary Office in Sydney at risppo.finance@rotary.org, providing your registration ID so they can assist you to complete the registration.

How to register:

Go to: [Melbourne | Rotary Convention](#)

Please **follow the step by step instructions below** if you need assistance with the process to register.

At the same link you can also reserve **accommodation** from a range of price options.

Other Conference Opportunities:

To reserve a spot at **Signature events** and **host hospitality** events or to arrange a **tour** in conjunction with your visit to Melbourne please visit the Host Organisation Committee website at: [Rotary International Convention, Melbourne 2023 \(27-31 May\) \(rotarymelbourne2023.org\)](https://rotarymelbourne2023.org)

JUST FOR FUN

AS I GET OLDER, I REALIZE:

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management; I need people to stop turning me off.
4. My people skills are just fine, it's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child, I thought nap time was a punishment, now it's like a mini vacation.
7. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
8. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; and come out wrinkle – free and three sizes smaller.
10. "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.
11. "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.
12. "On time" is when you get there.
13. Growing older should have taken longer.
14. Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up
15. You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Friendship: everyone can see it, but only you get the warm fuzzy feelings it brings. Let's all practice our Rotary friendship.