



Rotary

Club of Fern Tree Gully



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President
2023 - 2024
Gary Braddock

District Governor
2023 - 2024
Ian Ballantyne
Bentleigh Moorabbin Central
Rotary Club

Meeting Details:
Weekly Thursday Evenings
6.00pm for 6,30pm

Venue:
Ferntree Gully Bowls Club Glenfern Rd
Ferntree Gully

Diary Dates

3rd August DG Visits our Club
8th Aug Club Board Meeting
10th Aug Club Meeting
11th Aug Bunnings Sausage S
11th Aug Knox Nocturnals #3
14th Aug Cluster Pres Meeting
17th Aug Club Meeting
24th Aug Club Meeting
25th Aug Knox Nocturnals #4
31st Aug Club Meeting

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CREATE HOPE
in the **WORLD**



Presidents Message

Hi all

I hope that everybody is well .

A great result for the Matildas and we wish them luck with their encounter with the Danes.

I am reliably informed that Knox Nocturnals was another great success, with all who attended enjoying themselves and getting on well together. I understand that Graeme has a new career as a bus driver.

Thankyou to Rob for securing another four guest speakers.

Dates etc will be published in the bulletin.

DG Ian Ballantine has his first official visit on Thursday evening .

Can we please have as many members and partners as possible and advise Graeme if your partner is attending.

Stay well.

Regards
Gary

The Week That Was

President Gary opened the meeting at 7.37pm

Apologies-Mike Spark, graham Harrison, Rob. Dawson Fran Mandergeddes

Gary asked whether there were any queries on the minutes from the 20 July meeting.-there were not.

Incoming mail-Gary said that a letter had been received from Mike Fink re the upcoming District Governor's visit. He said that he would respond to it. Graeme mentioned a letter and badges re centurians. It had initially been sent to our old mail box. John Flemming said that Mike had asked him to arrange the resend (to Graeme's) and he had done so. REPORTS- Brian said that he would send a request that all fees be paid by the end of the month. He also reported that he had received an invoice for \$5000 from Disaster Aid and would pay it next week. Brian also said that he had made payments for District (\$1719,International (\$964.71-6 months fees) and\$686 for insurance.

Christine reported on an article in the Ferntree Gully News which had been included in spite of being lodged a fortnight late! She said that a similar article had been lodged with the Star Mail. She also reported that Knox Nocturnals had been expanded to youth living in Knox.

Christine said that there were now twenty three registrations with twenty one expected at the next meeting. It is anticipated that a group photograph to be used for publicity purposes will be taken but parental approval is required. At the moment there are just enough volunteers as a number are on holidays but Christine said that this would improve.

Christine referred to the Stringybark Festival and reported that our involvement had been approved. She also reminded the meeting about support for Bunnings Fathers Day evening.

Some discussion took place on the printing of a brochure

Rosie reported that she had purchased a camera for the Salvation Army pantry. It will be installed on 29 July. Discussion also took place re what items were needed for the pantry.

Rosie also reported on the need for food generally in Knox.

Graeme said that he would be looking for volunteers for the Bunnings sausage sizzle for 11 August and Rosie volunteered for the morning. Graeme also reported the offer of a motorised wheelchair.

Garry raised the possibility of a Saturday effort at Donations in Kind similar to a previous occasion. The idea was favourably received.

Rosie offered the use of the Salvation Army church for a trivia night if the club wished.

The meeting closed at 7.27

John Flemming

7 AREAS OF FOCUS



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Club Board 2023 - 2024

President	Gary Braddock
Secretary	Graeme Harrison
Treasurer	Brian Mandergeddes
Community	Christine Anderson
Youth	Paul Wilson
International	Martin Howard
Fundraising	Graeme Aspnall

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

THE OBJECTS OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

Second High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Third The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.

Fourth The advancement of the international understanding goodwill, through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **truth**?
2. Is it **fair** to all concerned?
3. will it build **goodwill** and **better friendships**?
4. will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?



MEMBERSHIP RESOURCE OF THE MONTH BARBARA MIFSUD, REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP OFFICER, RI STAFF – JUL 13, 2023

Just as routine doctor's visits help us identify health risks before they become serious, a club health check can diagnose problem areas and prescribe remedies.

Submitted by Barbara Mifsud, Regional Membership Officer, RI staff

When the new calendar year rolls around in January, many of us head to our local doctor's surgery to get a yearly health check-up. Even though we may not have any known health issues or complaints, regular health checks can help identify an underlying condition before it becomes serious. The same can be said for when starting a new Rotary year. It's a good idea to get into the habit of doing a routine Rotary or Rotaract club health check – or at least scheduling one in on your club's calendar.

Club Health Check is intended to help you, as club leaders assess your club. In using it, you're taking a step to maintain your club's health and preserve its value for members and the community.

It's the first step in becoming a healthier, more vibrant club, even if you think your club is in good shape already. Club Health Check is quick and easy to use. You're asked to mark the box next to a set of statements that you consider to be true, based on the past 12 months. The statements are grouped in five sections/areas:

- Your club experience
- Service and social events
- Members
- Image
- Business and operations

After that, you'll discuss the results with your fellow club officers. If you left more than five boxes in any section blank, then this is an area that needs to be addressed.

The great thing about Club Health Check is that it gives a range of suggested remedies to fix any problem areas that you identify.

Club Health Check

When you visit your doctor, you may get advice about maintaining your good health or possibly a prescription or two. If you don't follow the advice or take the prescriptions, you aren't making the most of your visit to the doctor. Similarly, to make the most of your club health check, use the suggested resources to treat your problem areas. Paul Harris said, "May our happiness increase with our usefulness." As our communities and their needs change over time, clubs have to adapt to continue to be useful. Your efforts to make changes will recharge your members and keep your club fit and relevant.

Foothills Slice & Soup Roster

Delivery: Wednesdays 2.30 - 3.00pm

9 / 8 / 2023	23 / 8 / 2023
Soup	Slice
Easy Tomato Soup	Mum's Raspberry Shortcake Slice

Club Program

Date	Speaker	TOPIC	Vote of Thanks	Scribe
Aug 3rd	DG Ian Ballantyne	DG'S Club Review	Gary B	Gary B
Aug 10th	Peter Dalwood	Club Runner Website	Rob H	Graeme A
Aug 17th	Peter Zamora	RYLA Experience	Paul W	Martin H
Aug 24th	Russell Hayes	Wheelchairs for Kids	Martin H	Rob H
Aug 31st	Murray Wilson	Rotarians Against Malaria / Experiences as a Bail Justice	Graeme A	John F



Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be held on Friday August 11th. Volunteers are required for either shift. 9.00 - 12.30pm and 12.30 - 4.00pm.

FOUNDATION MOMENTS
Quick insights into your charity — The Rotary Foundation

INVESTING IN ACTION

The Rotary Foundation plans for the future, not just for today, and helps members put ideas into action. **In the words of Arch Klumph, RI President, 1916/17:**

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Thank you for the time, energy, and financial support you give to Rotary's mission.

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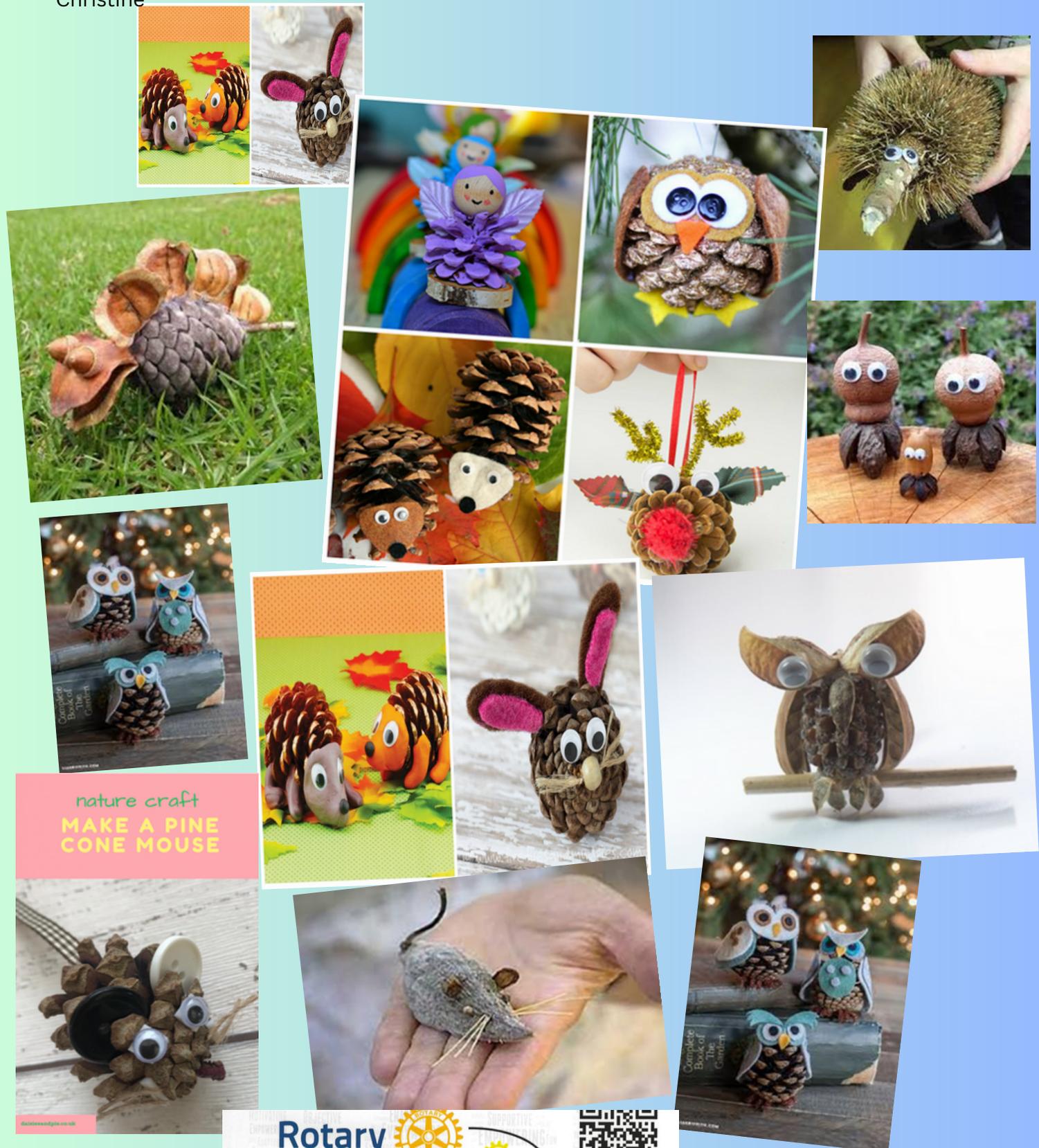
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When out on your daily walk or next adventure start to collect Pinecones, Gum Nuts, Bottle Brush, Acorns, any seed pods.
 See how these little critters look.
 ALL NEEDED BY OCTOBER 12TH AT THE LATEST for or activity at the Stringy Bark Festival.

Christine



nature craft
**MAKE A PINE
 CONE MOUSE**

Rotary
 District 9810

Mind Matters

CREATE HOPE
 in the WORLD

District Conference
 March 22-24, 2024
 Warrnambool, Vic

For more info, visit registration and accommodation booking portal, use QR code or find link to Conference webpage on the District 9810 website at www.9810rotary.org.au