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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

31st Aug Bunnings Fathers Day BBQ
7th Sept Club Forum
29th Aug Cluster Meeting Knox Club
12th Sept Club Board Meeting
14th Sept Club Meeting G Speaker
15th Sept Bunnings BBQ
15th Sept Dist Presidents Meeting
16th Sept Foothills RUOK BBQ
21st Sept Club Meeting G Speaker
28th Sept Club Meeting G Speaker
5th Oct Club Forum

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CREATE HOPE
in the **WORLD**



Presidents Message

Hi all

Hope that you are well and enjoying the early spring weather. It's good to hear that you are home again Ann , and we wish you well with your continued recovery.

Likewise to you Mike , we look forward to seeing yourself and Wendy again soon.

We have our first get together / joint meeting with our cluster group Tuesday tonight , with 9 of us attending.

I will report further at our next meeting.

Christine and co had their 4th Knox Nocturnals get together on Friday 25th August .

I am hoping that it went well and that they enjoy continued success.

I am sure that Christine will give an update at our next meeting. Can I ask that the readers among us to save the books that we have read , so that we can stock our street library when that gets going

If possible , can we each provide a couple of non perishable food items so that we can build up a stock of items for Rosies food pantry.

Don't forget the Bunnings Fathers day sausage sizzle this Thursday 31st of August from 6.00pm – 8.00pm

If you are scribe for the evening , and not able attend the meeting , can you please let Graeme know so that he can reassign this.

Take care and will see you on Thursday if you are coming to Bunnings.

Gary

The Week That Was

Meeting 24TH August 2023 @ Ferntree Gully Bowling Club

President Gary Braddock opened the meeting at 6.30 pm and then proposed a Toast to Rotary and Australia.

All members present except for apologies

Apologies - M Spark, R Hurst, Fran M. (Zoom not available), Kevin Morgan (Guest)

President Gary introduced guest speaker for the evening Russell Hayes from Wheelchairs for Kids

Russell advised the project commenced in 1996 and now and operates from a factory in Scarborough in WA (Perth Suburb) with the help of 300 volunteers from components imported from China.

The finished product has a steel chassis with wide puncture proof tyres and incorporates special posture seating and an activities tray and costs \$275

Our 1st video showed the children of the countries supplied and how these fit for special wheelchairs help many who have extreme mobility problems and live areas where with poor or no roads. Without the wheelchairs the children do not get to school or integrate with the community,

Russell showed 2 videos the first showing the difference they made to the recipients of the wheelchairs and how they are now able to get around their community and changes their life.

The second video showed the assembly plant and also how Rotary Clubs fundraise by partnering with schools to buy the wheelchairs including the school children testing the wheelchairs

The wheelchairs are packed in cartons along with a waterproof cushion, soft toy and knitted blanket.

A container of 50 wheelchairs is then sent overseas with the aid of industries and expats of the countries involved in the project

During questions we pointed out we were looking a project to get soft toys and blankets with the aid of local aged care communities in the near future

President Gary then asked Martin to thank Russell for his presentation on behalf of the Club,
Secretary - Graeme

No correspondence

Community- Christine

Christine proposed we start a Tasty Thursday where we supply a small donation of non-perishable food to help top up Salvo pantry. Rosie confirmed initial problems with Pantry are being resolved on an ongoing basis.

Finance -Brian

Profit for Bunnings BBQ \$100 less than reported due to incorrect figure on weekly Bulletin.

Youth- Paul

No Report

International - Martin

Mention of Shelter Bags -Ann Grant Mt Waverly Club

Fellowship /Fundraising – Graeme

Cluster meeting- Tuesday 29th Knox Club 6.30 for 7.00 PM meal \$25

Bunnings – Father's Day BBQ Thursday 31st 5.00 pm for 5.30 pm

Fellowship Dinner- Saturday 2nd Ferntree Gully

Centurion Certificate & Badges presented B & F Mandergeddes & G Harrison

There being no other business, Gary closed the meeting at 7 30pm.

Scribe B Mandergeddes

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?



Bunnings BBQ's



Change of Date - Our next Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Scoresby will be on Friday Sept 15th.

On Sunday September 10th we will again helping Bayswater with their Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Bayswater. Shift times and numbers required are yet to be received.

Family Father's Day Promotion Thursday August 31st

The Club has been asked once again by Bunnings Scoresby to run their BBQ with free sausages and provide an activity for the kids which Christine has in hand. Club members attending are asked to be there by 5,30pm to assist in setting up for a 5.30pm start.

A poster for R U OK? Day. The top half is yellow with black text. It says 'R U OK? DAY', 'Saturday 16th September', '9.30am - 11.30am', '@Ferntree Gully CFA', 'BBQ, Petting zoo, Face painting, Special Guest Speaker - Chelsea Frawley', and 'And, It's ALL FREE!!'. The bottom half is white with black text. It says 'Special Guest Speaker - Chelsea Frawley' and 'After losing her father to suicide in 2019, Chelsea made a career move to the St Kilda Football Club to help bring to life a focus on Mental Health. Chelsea played a pivotal role in the development and creation of an AFL's first mental health initiative in Spud's Game which looks to raise funds for Mental Fitness programs at the Danny Frawley Centre.' There is a photo of Chelsea Frawley on the right. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'FOOTHILLSCARE.ORG.AU' and 'EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES'.

The aim of R U OK? Day is to engage Australians to connect with people in the community they may have concerns about, encourage them to seek further help and to follow up to ensure support is being provided. R U OK? Day encourages responsible public discussion of social isolation and its negative consequences such as suicide. The key message is that social connectedness and positive help seeking can assist people in crisis and is a whole of community responsibility.

Foothills Slice & Soup Roster

Delivery: Wednesdays 2.30 - 3.00pm

6 / 9 / 2023	20 / 9 / 2023
Soup	Slice
30min Frozen Pea Soup	Easy Chocolate Slice

Club Program

Date	Speaker	TOPIC	Vote of Thanks	Scribe
Aug 31st		Bunnings Fathers Day BBQ & kids Activities 6.00-8.00pm		
Sept 7th		Club Forum		
Sept 14th	Murray Wilson	Rotarians Against Malaria & Role of a Bail Justice	Christine	John F
Sept 21st	Glenda Shivers	Vintage Cars	John F	Martin H
Sept 28th	Kevin Morgan	Philatelical Experiences	Christine A	Graeme H

From DG Ian Ballantyne

Here's a chance for District 9810 Rotarians to help one of our Clubs win a grant of \$20,000 to help further develop a fantastic community project.

Mark Smith of the Rotary Club of Boronia has developed the "Knox Rocks" music program for a group of young people from the local area.

Westfield are running a "Local Heroes" program where they are awarding grants to further foster successful community projects.

Mark is one of the three finalists, thus already guaranteeing a grant of \$5,000.

The winner, however will receive a grant of \$20,000 which will be awarded to the Rotary Club of Boronia to and allow Mark to continue to develop and run this program.

All members of District 9810 are being called upon to cast your vote in support of Mark.

Westfield are fully encouraging members of groups associated with nominees to vote – so here's our chance! It will only cost you a few minutes of your time.

According to the page, Westfield are assuring us that our email addresses are only being collected for the voting process.

1. Take the link –

https://www.westfield.com.au/knox/news/6GBXkQ6pUuA6Ev94KlqqQj/local-heroes-2023?utm_source=local-heroes-finalist&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=local-heroes

2. This takes you to the page “Voting for your Westfield Local Heroes”

3. Go down the page to second candidate, Mark Smith, Rotary Club of Boronia.

4. Have a read of the project then

5. Click on VOTE NOW>>>>

I have attached a flyer with more information and a QR code so feel free to distribute or further promote.

Thank you, fellow Rotarians, for your support and hopefully we'll get some good news in a few weeks.

And a big congratulations to Mark and the Rotary Club of Boronia.


Regards,

Ian Ballantine,

District Governor 2023-24

KNOX ROCKS
SONG WRITING WORKSHOPS

Knox Rocks is a Rotary driven, youth focused initiative serving the local community to provide a program that provides opportunities for youth to learn about song writing. The project vision is that youth engaging in the Knox Rocks program will gain a sense of personal mastery, increased confidence, a sense of achievement, develop music skills and gain an enhanced sense of empowerment. Critically, we recognise the challenges that youth in our communities have faced over the last couple of years in light of the pandemic. This program's purpose is to address some of these challenges.



Westfield
Local Heroes
Vote for me

Westfield Local Heroes are nominated and voted for by their communities. The finalist with the most community votes will become the Westfield Knox Local Hero for 2023, receiving a \$20,000 grant for the organisation they represent. The remaining finalists will receive a \$5,000 grant for their organisation.

