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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

16th May Club Meeting Guest Speaker
23rd May Club Meeting Guest Speaker
30th May Fellowship Night
6th June Club Meeting
13th June Club Meeting Guest Speaker
20th June Club Meeting
27th June Club Chang Over TBC
29th June District Changover

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Presidents Message

Hi all , hope that this finds everyone well and enjoying the crisp mornings and beautiful sunny days as well as the glorious colours.

Hopefully all of the mothers had a relaxing and enjoyable day on Sunday and received something special.

For those who witnessed Aurora Australis , I envy you. From what I have seen and read , it would have been quite spectacular.

A number of members have already , or will be attending one or more of the avenues of service sessions.

I will be attending a combined district leaders / Presidents meeting on Friday 17th of May.

Jenny Moran from Rowville / Lysterfield will be doing a presentation to the group on Knox Nocturnals.

I will report anything relevant in the next bulletin.

That's all from me , have a great week.

Yours in Rotary.
Gary



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



Thanks to the members who gave their time at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle last Friday. A slow day gave us a profit of \$627.

Our next sizzle will be Friday June 9th

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.

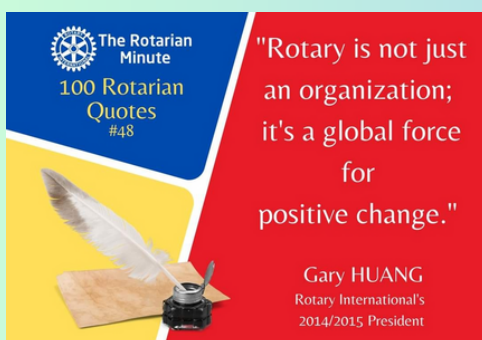
Third The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.

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?



An Email received from Fairhills High School

My name is Erin McGillicuddy. I am a teacher at Fairhills High School.

I work with students studying the Vocational Major subject, which is a applied learning VCE course.

Our major project in term 2 is called 'Voices of Knox'. The aim of the project is interview and document people's stories who live, work or volunteer in Knox. We would love to have people from Rotary involved in the project. We would love to be able to interview some of your Rotary Club members as a part of the project.

Please let me know if this is something that Rotary Ferntree Gully could be involved in, and we can start to work on the details.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call on 0400 179 547.

Thanks for your time,

Erin McGillicuddy

Literacy Leader

The above is reprinted as there was no time last week for it to be discussed and a decision made. We need to respond back to Fairhills Secondary College.

The Week That Was



Different Journeys

Last week's Speaker, Mel Spencer had the Members rapt attention detailing her story and journey in dealing with, not only her own autism but those of her children. Together with another mum whose children also suffered from autism, they co-founded in 2016, an organisation to provide social platforms that connect autistic youth, autistic adults and their families in an inclusive and supportive environment.

It was an overwhelming and immediate success. 'Different Journeys' has continued to grow and evolve to meet the needs of our Autistic community from that day on. They have organised a talented pool of volunteers, peer mentors, Board members, partners and professional supporters that together have positively changed many lives, in most cases forever.

They are not medical professionals and do not attempt to take the place of medical professionals, however by working together with these professionals, they enhance the lives of those members of our community suffering from autism.

Autism sufferers have difficulty with many functions most of us find no problem with some of these include social and emotional exchanges, communication, developing and maintaining relationships, managing sensory input /environment.

Reality to an autistic person is a confusing interacting mass of events, of people, places, sounds and sights. It's only by having set routines, times and particular routs and rituals that get order into an unbearably chaotic life. By keeping everything the same reduces some of the terrible fear an autistic person can sometimes feel. Those suffering from autism in our community have an unemployment rate of 31.6%.

Mel pointed out that there is a lot of information about autism "out there" and most of it comes from non-autistic people. So, we should whenever possible, choose an autistic person as our source of information.

The member's interest in what Mel had to say was born out by the large number of questions that were asked following her talk.

Club Speaker Program

Date	Speaker	Topic	Vote of Thanks	Scribe
May 18th	Eve John	World Vision - Climate Change	FM	BM
May 23rd	Gail White	Family History Connections	MH	JF
May 30th		Fellowship Night- Hard Rd Brewing		
June 6th		Club Forum		
June 13th	Jasmine Scampton	Haedspace - Knox		
June 20th	Hamish Reid	Acupuncture		
June 27th		<i>Club Changeover</i>		



Roster - Woolworths Mountain Gate

	Thursday 23rd May	Friday 24th May	Saturday 25th May
10 am - 12 noon	John Flemming & Brian Mandergeddes	Gary Braddock & Kay McAloney	Graeme Aspinall
12 noon - 2 pm	John Flemming & Brian Mandergeddes	Martin Howsrd	Rob Hurst
2 pm - 4 pm	Graeme Aspinall & Rob Dawson	Paul & Jill Wilson	
4 pm - 6 pm			