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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

21st Sept Club Meeting G Speaker
28th Sept Club Meeting G Speaker
5th Oct Club Forum & Hat Night
12th Oct Club Meeting G Speaker
13th Oct Bunnings BBQ
16th Oct Stringy Bark Festival
19th Oct Club Meeting G Speaker
26th Oct Club Meeting G Speaker
2nd Nov Club Forum

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Presidents Message

Hello All,

Once again I hope that everyone is well and enjoying life. We had another busy weekend with two BBQ's – Bunnings on Friday and R.U.O.K. on Saturday morning – which was well attended by club members.

I was not able to do my shift at Bunnings due to a nose bleed that started at 8am on Friday continued all day and restarted Saturday afternoon. I ended up in William Angliss for an overnight stay as result. I was very nearly treated for kidney stones – which I don't have!

I told the nurse that she had the wrong patient. Thankfully I had enough wits not to take the medication she insisted was for me.

I enjoyed our guest speaker on Thursday night and suggest we should invite him back to speak to us further.

Thank you to Brian for attending the D.G.'s meeting on my behalf.

I'm not sure what the return was from Bunnings but Graeme will report on Thursday.

That's about it from me. Stay well and enjoy the weather.

Regards,

Gary



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

The Week That Was

President Gary opened the meeting at 6.30pm . He welcomed attendees and introduced Murray Wilson our speaker.

Murray congratulated the Club on the success of Knox Nocturnals and indicated that he would speak on the subject of Rotarians against Malaria (RAMS) and on his role as a Bail Justice.

He told the meeting that in 2020/21 there had been 619000 deaths with 75% children under the age of five. He said that the fight against malaria was likely to be Rotary's next major project after polio. Papua New Guinea the Solomons, Vanuatu and Timor Lesta were he said real problem areas close to home with PNG being a major problem area but the other countries have growing problems.

Murray said that there is research going on but the use of mosquito nets is a problem as people get rashes when they touch them . That said even when washed the nets are still effective.

He said that he is trying to get young people involved in the fight against malaria and is organising a fun run for 2024 with awareness of the problem being the major aim.

Donations can be made on the RAMS website. Murray said that the Gates Foundation was supporting RAMS. He then called for questions and answered a number relating to the project.

Murray then turned to the subject of his work as a Bail Justice and explained that the role was basically that of an out of hours Magistrate. This meant that he could be called out at all hours, particularly in cases where a child was at risk. He said that there had been 455 Bail Justices but now there were 61 in Victoria but that recruiting was being conducted at the moment. He explained that at a hearing where children were involved a parent or trained person had to be in attendance. At the moment there are changes proposed to the Bail Act and Murray said that in his view some were crazy. He explained that police

and the Sheriff can remand prisoners and commented that there are attempts to codify crime into levels of seriousness. the medium level being the problem area. He indicated that he had written a submission on the matter of making youths responsible. He also indicated that the Parkville facility was the only remand site available for children but the difficulty was in being able to separate hardened offenders from the others. Murray said that in the juvenile cases the focus had to be on the child not the parent. Murray was thanked for his presentation.

The meeting resumed-Christine reported that she is taking steps to try to get funding for Knox Nocturnals to continue following the period for when the present funding expires. She said that she would hold a meeting at the Bowling Club on Monday at 5.30pm to discuss this. She also referred to the involvement in the Stringybark festival and the requirement for volunteers. Christine reported also that she had attended a Village Traders meeting and that a number of things are projected. They include ,six markets, sixty street parties and decoration of the Village for Christmas.

Paul reported that Ferntree Gully North Primary had almost completed their projects.

Martin said that he was attending an International seminar on Monday evening.

Graeme reported on the Bunnings sausage sizzle at Bayswater, the need for another assistant for the following day's BBQ and the regionalisation upgrade so that Rotary will have regions rather than districts. He said that initially there would be District 9815 for two years then there would be fifteen regions.

President Garry closed the meeting at 7.35pm

John Flemming



Lift the Lid On Mental Illness

Lift the Lid On Mental Illness is Australian Rotary Health's national fundraising initiative for mental health research. We can support the Lift the Lid initiative by hosting a Hat Day,

Thursday 5th Oct at our club meeting, a donation would be wonderful.

Decorate a hat that reminds you of your favourite holiday.

Bring along a photo, so we can guess the destination.(so keep your hat a secret until disclosed)

Let's have a fun evening- would love to see all partners join us.

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

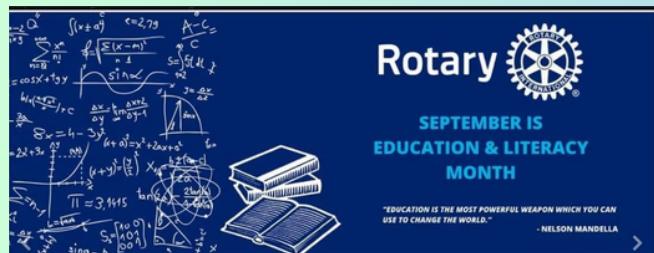
Of the things we think, say or do

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



With the help from everyone that helped out at our Bunnings BBQ last Friday. A profit of \$846 the club made.

From a Facebook Posting re the RUOK event last Saturday.

Thursday 14 September was R U OK day and on Saturday I was honoured to attend and speak at Foothills Community Care's event to highlight the importance of mental health and checking in on those around you.

Held at the Ferntree Gully CFA, it was a great day for the community to come together and learn how to ask those around them "R U OK?" There was even a petting zoo and a sausage sizzle supplied by Fern Tree Gully Rotary - all the good things!

ALEC is the acronym to remember:

- *Ask
- *Listen
- *Encourage Action
- *Check-in

Thanks Foothills for a great day highlighting such an important cause. ❤

Foothills Community Care - Community Meals
Ferntree Gully CFA
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



Foothills Slice & Soup Roster

Delivery: Wednesdays 2.30 - 3.00pm

20 / 9 / 2023

4 / 10 / 2023

Slice

Soup

Easy Chocolate Slice

Easy Curry Carrot Soup

Club Program

Date	Speaker	TOPIC	Vote of Thanks	Scribe
Sept 21st	Glenda Shivers	Vintage Cars	John F	Martin H
Sept 28th	Kevin Morgan	Philatelical Experiences	Christine A	Graeme H
Oct 5th		Club Forum		
Oct 12th	Angela Lindsay	Dialysis & Transplants	Gary B	
Oct 19th	Ann Grant	Shelter Bags		
Oct 26th	Tom Mason	Internet Scams		

Stringybark Festival | Knox - Knox City Council

Stringybark Festival is a free community event that has been running for over 30 years, and celebrates all things home-grown, sustainable, playful, educational and creative in Knox.

Sunday 15th October- Rowville Community Centre 10am-4pm
40 Fulham Road Rowville.

Our clubs free themed activity “ SEED POD CREATURES”

As spoken about at our last meeting we need 3 volunteers at any one time, to assist the younger children with their seed pod creations mainly with gluing the bits together.

Can you please advise what times you are available?

8.00- 10.00 am set up, 10.00-12.00pm, 12.00-2.00pm, 2.00- 4.00pm & 4.00-5.30pm Clean up

Steve Barrington's next adventure

Exciting fundraiser announcement.

Our very own Stephen is heading off to Nepal in early October to trek to Everest Base Camp over 14 days. That's around 140km and with elevations of over 5,500 meters to the base of the top of the world!

He has paid all of his own expenses and hopes to raise \$10,000 for our meals program which will enable us to provide an additional 12,000 meals to keep up with the high demand that we are currently experiencing.

We would love you to get behind him and us by sponsoring him on his epic adventure.

Please consider donating and please share widely around your networks, cheers.

To donate, please click on this link below, and remember, all donations are fully tax-deductible.

<https://barros-trek-for-a-cause-au.raisely.com/>



Regional Council Election

We strongly encourage you to actively discuss what opportunities your club would like to explore. It is not about taking club activities or projects away, but the Pilot is a chance to expand your reach and increase your impact.

Regional Council Election

Next month, Rotary and Rotaract clubs will be able to cast a preferential vote for each of the nine Regional Council positions they are eligible to vote for. The Regional Council will represent and support clubs at a regional level, so it is important that you and your fellow club members consider which candidate will be best for each role.

Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers will receive further emails in the coming weeks about the election process, and will soon need to confirm the correct email address to which the ballot should be sent. This is an essential step to ensure all clubs have their say.

You can view the candidates for each Regional Council role on the Creating Tomorrow website from Tuesday 3 October 2023.

Voting opens on Tuesday 17 October 2023 and closes on Tuesday 31 October 2023, with votes to be submitted by each club's designated Club Officer.

Please note the above dates are in Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT).

Upcoming Webinars on proposed Regionalised Pilot Project

We look forward to seeing you at our September webinars via Zoom to answer questions on the Pilot, including about Rotary Community Groups, which Club Presidents and Secretaries will receive more information on this week. These sessions will be held on:

Monday September 25 at 12.30pm AEST
Wednesday September 27 at 6pm AEST
Thursday September 28 at 6pm AEST

We encourage you to register to attend one of the above sessions [via this link](#), and consider meeting up with your fellow club members to watch together and discuss. If you cannot attend a live webinar, you will be able to view a recording of one of the sessions on the Creating Tomorrow website.