



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

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

Cheers all

Hope that this greeting finds you all well.
Hopefully you have all picked yourself up from the floor after
Dan's resignation !

I spoke with Steve Barrington on behalf of our club , and
wished him good luck and sent him our best wishes with his
trek to Everest base camp.

I also invited him back to speak with us about his experience.
Probably in the new year , as I suspect that Rob's calendar is
filling up.

I had a chat with Kevin Morgan about becoming a member of
our club.

He has many other activities that he is involved with , and is
not able to commit at this stage , but will consider it in the
future.

I have a cluster meeting in a week or two TBA , and I will report
back after the meeting.

Do not forget lift the lid day on 5th of October.

Wear a hat that reminds you of your favorite holiday , or bring a
photo of a holiday that you enjoyed , so that we can guess
where it was.

We will be rattling the copper pot at the meeting and hope for
a gold coin donation in support of Australian Rotary Health.
We will not be able to do zoom this week , as Christine will be
attending another meeting with KNYP via zoom on the same
evening.

That's it from me, stay well and hope that your footy team wins
on Saturday.

Yours in Rotary
Gary



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

The Week That Was 21.9.2023

President Gary Braddock opened the meeting at 6.30 pm

Present

President Christine A, Graeme A, Rob D, John F, Graeme H, Martin and Joan Howard, Robert H, Rosie M, Allan T, Paul and Jill Wilson, Guest Kevin, and on ZOOM Brian Mandergeddes, and our guest speakers Glenda and Arnold Chivers.

Apologies

Mike Spark, Fran Mandergeddes

Opening of meeting and welcome

President Gary welcomed members and guests, especially guest speakers, Glenda and Arnold Chivers from the Vintage Drivers Club.

Guest speaker

Glenda Chivers spoke for about 30 minutes on the Vintage Car Club and vintage cars, also presenting many fine photographs, and Glenda and Arnold then answered many questions from members (reported separately in this bulletin). The information they provided was very interesting and well presented. John Flemming in proposing the vote of thanks commented that this was the first time in all his years in Rotary that cars (a great interest of John's) were the subject for the guest speaker. The vote of thanks was enthusiastically supported by the gathering.

Reports

President Gary expressed his regret that he had been unable to attend the recent Rotary clubs' Presidents meeting owing to a health issue and thanks Brian for attending;

Treasurer Brian delivered a brief treasurer's report.

He also summarised the Presidents' meeting, mentioning that we could expect progressive announcements about proposed changes emerging from the restructuring of Rotary. Other matters arising from this meeting were:

Changing structures were likely to lead to clubs more often working co-operatively on joint projects (similar to the Nocturnals model), and Rotary clubs in Australia being able to conduct larger and more ambitious projects. Clubs in Australia would be able to "speak with one voice" in negotiations with governments and non-government organisations (e.g. in seeking funding for initiatives from philanthropists and other funding bodies.) This would encourage "thinking big".

It was intended that My Rotary and Club Runner would be integrated with Club Runner to be the main communication link.

In many of the longer-standing Rotary nations, there had been a trend in recent years for membership decline, around 25% in the last ten years. More flexible regions and more collaboration were seen as appropriate responses to address this trend.

Some club or cluster groupings might be based on face-to-face, others electronic. Some groupings may have greater emphasis on local community projects, others concentrating on international work.

There would shortly be regional elections and a number of surveys – further information to come.

An international projects database was also to be created, with links and information on contacts.

Fund-raising

Graeme Aspinall advised that the latest Sausage Sizzle had made about \$846 profit.

Graeme advised that Bunnings had offered Saturday 23 December for the club's Sausage Sizzle and members agreed to take this up even though so close to Christmas.

Community Chair

Christine reported on the Knox Nocturnals project, which now had 35 people registered and had been enthusiastically received by attendees. Indications are that the program is achieving its aims in providing meaningful activities for youth and contributing to a better and safer community.

Youth workers and volunteers had all done an excellent job. Christine reported that the steering group were now working on ways to fund the continuation of the program in Knox from July 2024 onwards. The grant used for the current program would not be available for later years so alternative funding (perhaps from funding organisations or philanthropists) must be obtained to enable continuation of the program.

There would be a busy time until year-end including Stringybark Festival (Sunday 15 October), CFA Open Day (Saturday 25 November), Bunnings Sizzle and Craft night (Thursday 7 December), Ambleside (Sizzle and Craft) in daytime this year (Saturday 9 December).

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Foothills' Steve Barrington is to visit Nepal and go to Everest Base Camp, part of a fund-raising effort. It was agreed that the club would make a donation, the amount to be decided at the next meeting.

Youth Chair

Paul raised for discussion the future relationship with Fairhills High School which, unfortunately, had been unresponsive to approaches to run further Rotary educational programs. It was concluded that the club would be better to redirect its efforts to other local schools such as St Josephs.

Paul and Jill had offered already to host the club's Christmas Party and this has now been set down for Tuesday 19 December.

International Chair

Martin reported that he had attended the International and Foundation Professional Development Seminar. His findings somewhat replicated the sort of information that Brian had already reported on.

Close of meeting

President Gary closed the meeting at 7.35pm. Members and our guests adjourned to the dining room.

Guest speakers Glenda and Arnold Chivers

Topic – Vintage Drivers Club (VDC)

Glenda and Arnold gave a brief history of the club and its growth from being founded in 1958 as a club (at first for Morris car owners and initially in Toorak). Through years of good financial management the club fully owns its own clubrooms in Norcal Road, Nunawading. It grew to 1400 members by 1970. Since then separate clubs have been established in other parts of Victoria such as Ballarat and Bendigo, and the present VDC membership is 539.

An aim of the club is to get out into the Victorian countryside, often for tours by groups of drivers going for about ten days. The cars generate much interest wherever they go. Every two years there is a 1000 Km rally. Ballarat attracted an estimated \$950,000 to local business when a car rally was centred there.

Glenda explained that veteran cars are those made before 1913 and vintage cars were made from 1913 to 31 December 1930. Many roads were unsealed when these cars were built and many had solid tyres. Terms of their insurance or registration inhibit commercial use of the vintage cars.

The club is trying to attract younger members. On-road drivers must be over 21 for insurance reasons.

The club liaises closely with RACV and VicRoads. There are Safety check officers to ensure safe usage.

The excellent slide show depicted the following vintage vehicles:

1926 Packard	1923 Elite	1928 Alfa Romeo	1928 Chevrolet
1948 Jaguar	1929 Reo	1928 Dodge	
1928 Hupmobile (Detroit)	1928 Delage (French)	1928 La salle (Chev)	
1924 Dodge	1928 Fiat	1921 Volvo	
1921 Steady Steamer	1927 Rolls Royce	1923 Galloway	
1925 Ford model A	1928 Packard	1923 Cadillac	
1927 Reo	1926 Avil	1924 Moon	
1934 Chevrolet	1929 Dodge	1926 Chevrolet	
1928 Ford model A	1927 Chrysler (Butcher's van)		

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.

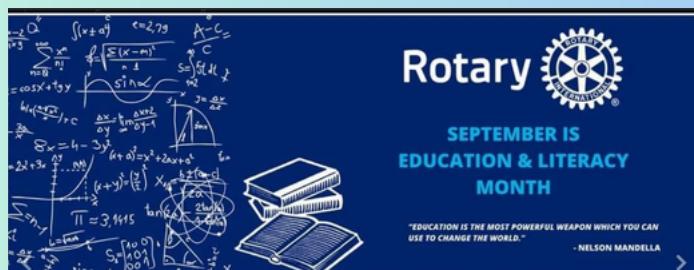
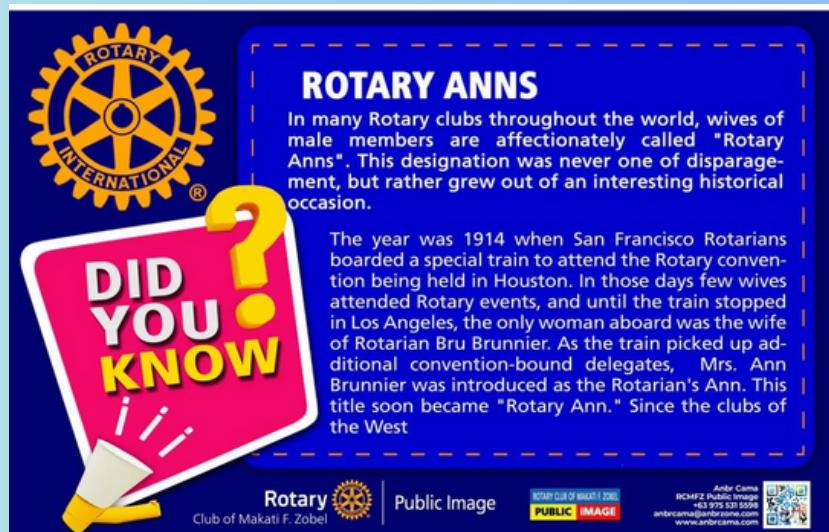
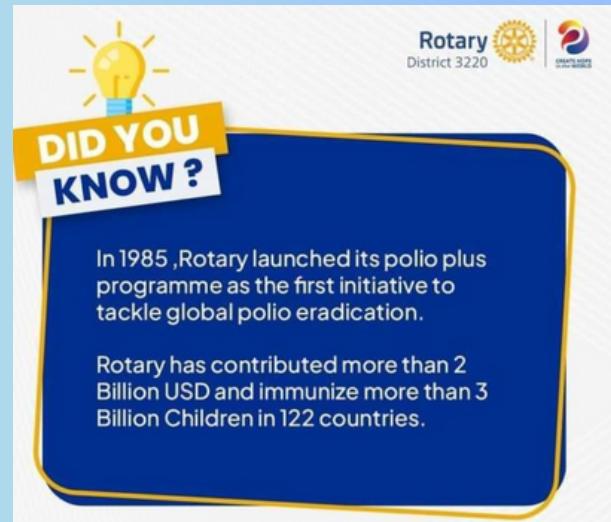
Fourth The advancement of the international understanding goodwill, through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Bunnings BBQ's



Our next Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Scoresby will be on Friday October 13th. Volunteers will be sought at our next meeting.

The club has received a donation from the Bayswater Rotary Club for the assistance we gave Bayswater for the two BBQ's they had at Bunnings Bayswater. I will relieve the amount at our meeting



Foothills Slice & Soup Roster

Delivery: Wednesdays 2.30 - 3.00pm

4 / 10 / 2023

18 / 10 / 2023

Soup

Slice

Easy Curry Carrot Soup

Lemon Slice

Club Program

Date	Speaker	TOPIC	Vote of Thanks	Scribe
Sept 28th	Kevin Morgan	Philatelic Experiences	Christine A	Graeme H
Oct 5th		Club Forum		
Oct 12th	Angela Lindsay	Dialysis & Transplants	Gary B	Rob H
Oct 19th	Ann Grant	Shelter Bags	Christine A	Brian M
Oct 26th	Tom Mason	Internet Scams	Graeme A	Paul W
Nov 2nd	Knox SES	Alan Richmond		
Nov 25th		CFA Open Day - BBQ		

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