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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 17th June [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 24th June [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 1st July [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 8th July [Kick off at 6.30]
Venue:	ZOOM	FTG BOWLING CLUB	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM
Program:	Continuing discussion on survey responses	CHANGEOVER 	CLUB ASSEMBLY	DOBSON WARD COUNCILLOR (T B C)
Speaker:	N/A		N/A	Meagan Baker
Scribe	Rob Hurst	N/A		
Partners' Night	Yes	Yes	Welcome	Yes



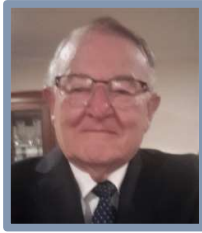
- 23rd June – for those making slices for Foothills Community Care – Raspberry Shortcake Slice
- To RSVP to Graeme for Changeover Night and make payment for the meal cost.

<i>Birthdays:</i>	17 th June (TONIGHT) – Mike Spark
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



We have been released from home detention as from midnight Thursday!!!

FROM THE PRESIDENT



JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

The Rotary year for 2020 – 2021 has come to an end. The weekly face to face meetings since we all joined Rotary ceased due to covid restrictions and were replaced with Zoom meetings. Community projects, fund raising opportunities were cancelled restricting the amount of funds we had to work with for community needs, but we prevailed as a club. Like all clubs we embraced Zoom setting up hybrid meetings to connect with our members unable to attend our face-to-face meetings when they resumed.

Members were socially involved through activities on Zoom and outings once restrictions were lifted. The year ahead will set many challenges for the club to address. Membership, Community / environment and our youth programs will be the main focus. Being a small club, we are unable to be involve in all areas of Rotary's focus, that is not to say should any member wish to undertake a specific activity please talk to Christine or myself. I am sure all members are looking forward to a rewarding new year of Rotary.

The club board met this week to review our admin budget and set the members fees for next year. After reviewing the expenditure for the current year and expected increases for next year the board set a member's per capita fee of \$270.00 for 2021-22. This is an increase of \$20 on this current year. It was also agreed that the \$5.00 weekly fee will be re-introduced to help offset some of the admin expenses.

This will be my last bulletin blurb for this Rotary year. Our changeover is planned for next Thursday. With the Bowls club still closed due to the current restrictions I have been unable to have any discussions with them re the arrangements we wish to have in place for the evening. Should we be unable to have it next Thursday it will be moved to a date in July. Only two members have paid indicating their attendance as of Tuesday, we asked that payment be made by July 20th for members attending.

I would like to say a big thankyou to Margaret Hurst who has produced this bulletin each week. Margaret will not be continuing on next year. I am sure all members have appreciated the commitment in time you have given in producing the bulletin.

Graeme
President 2020/2021



THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 10th June 2021

The meeting on ZOOM started at 6-15pm by President Graeme and a chat about the previous evening's storm damage ensued, along with a report from Allan about Christine's progress.

Present: At start: Paul and Jill Wilson, Mike and Wendy Spark, Julianne Hyams, John Flemming, Rob and Marg Hurst, Gary Braddock, Allan Tierney and Graeme Aspinall (GA) – Christine Anderson later, from Rehab.

Reports

Survey of membership

Graeme had issued a summary of the main points to be discussed at this Club meeting arising from the many diverse but similar responses to the survey.

Mike offered to draft an article for next month's Gully news and discuss it with GA.

An upcoming meeting with the editor (Ann Boyd) by GA needed an outline for the interview, and Mike's draft could be used to make one up.

It was noted after discussion that any appeal for membership should NOT emphasise fear of potential closure or excessively dwell on past contributions by the Club to the FTG community, but be positive and forward-looking.

The members generally agreed that some negatives expressed by a few members in the survey were unexpected, and should be clarified with the respondents and then discussed by the Club (at a fully-attended meeting, Zoom or in-person). How that could be done without impinging on the privacy and confidentiality of the respondents involved was a problem – Mike suggested that we each nominate the particular responses which cause concern and communicate them to Graeme ASAP so that a second survey can be distributed to all members to gather more fully their feelings and comments on the issues.

Speakers

It was agreed that, in future, speakers should be in weeks 2 and 4 each month.

Rob H needs potential speaker contacts, and the meeting chatted about gaining speakers of note about life in the FTG area, or speakers from organisations special to our area. All or any interesting topics will be considered, as usual.

A discussion of the use of speakers (even from overseas, for topics of special interest) ensued, and it was agreed that the use of Zoom has to be carefully managed as to usage by prospective members - we need to see and chat with them to assess their compatibility with our Club's needs and mode of operations, which is impossible with only Zoom contact. The future choice of member attendance (i.e., by Zoom or in-person) should always be there, to give flexibility to current and new members.

Membership

Julianne suggested that we each chat with younger family members or acquaintances to let them know about Rotary and why they should join.

Community

The Bunnings sizzle on the next day - Graeme A. has it all under control.

Youth:

Paul has made contact with two of the prior Fairhills Interactors who will canvass other students to join Interact when it restarts after COVID gets out of the way.

President Graeme closed the meeting at 7-40 pm, noting that we would continue the discussion on survey responses at the next meeting.

Fellowship

PS - The Indian dinner at Mumbai on the Sunday evening went very well.

Scribe- Mike Spark



From the Editor's Desk

After some 2½ years of temporarily filling in as a "surrogate" Bulletin Editor, the time has come to pass on the quill to a new face, someone who can bring their own style and ideas to the Bulletin.

Marg Hurst

