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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 26 th August [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 2 nd September [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 9 th September [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 16 th September [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	Zoom	Zoom	FTG Bowls Club ?	FTG Bowls Club ?
Program:	PACKING FATHER'S DAY GIFTS	TEAMS MEETING	GUEST SPEAKER	GUEST SPEAKER
Speaker:			Geoff Bransbury	Professor Peter G Kerr
			Touring the World on a Motor Cycle	Director of Nephrology Monash Medical Centre
Vote Of Thanks:			Fran	Paul Mc
Scribe:			Mike S	John F



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



PRESIDENTS GREETINGS AND CHATTER

Hello Everyone,

Last week's guest speaker Giles Tilley from the Rotary Club of Brookfield Qld, standing in at the last moment, delivered an inspiring talk Domestic Violence Prevention which is getting momentum from Rotary clubs around Australia. Please read our scribes report for all the details. and thank you Fran for organising Giles.

By the time you read this you will have your Father's Day kit?? to pack at Thursday's meeting. Fran and Brian, we look forward to being entertained whilst we pack and curl ribbons.

Don't forget there are some very interesting seminars coming up. Check the last edition of "Change-Maker" and you can see the dates and Zoom log in details. We have sent you the link for the Social Media 30th Aug, this will greatly assist our membership planning.

Great News the Dandenong Storm Recovery Relief Fund has now reached \$97.000. more news at our meeting, and where we could get involved.

All Stay Safe

Have a great week

Graeme and Christine



FOOTHILLS
COMMUNITY CARE

Next Deliveries

8th September Creamy Pumpkin Soup

22nd September Lemon Slice

ROTARY CLUB OF FERNTREE GULLY

MINUTES OF MEETING 19 AUGUST 2021, VIA ZOOM

MEETING OPENED: 6.30 PM

ATTENDEES: President Christine, President Graeme, Secretary Allan, Mike Spark, Paul Wilson, Gary, Paul McAloney, Fran and Brian, Rob.

APOLOGIES: John Flemming.

FRAN introduced tonight's Guest Speaker, Giles Tilley from the Rotary Club of Brookfield, Queensland, who is the driver behind his club's participation in the Global Domestic Abuse Prevention Project:

GILES:

- It took him 3 attempts to have the DA article published in RDU in June.
 - Joined other clubs in their Western suburbs for the project.
 - With the benefit of several club joining together, they were able to secure a district grant.
 - Briefly aspects of domestic abuse that were investigated led to recognition of 3 stages involved – prevention (which was largely ignored), crisis level (victims being moved to hotels, etc.), and women's empowerment.
 - It was felt that current handling of this was failing, and that could be more successful if it were to deal with perpetrators before they started the abuse.
 - They then had a lucky break, when they were approached by Police on behalf of the Vulnerable persons Unit and the use of highly trained specialists was put forward, with the Club asked to be involved to change that scenario.
 - At that stage there were 200 – 500 perpetrators in the early stages of abuse, e.g. punching walls, throwing things, etc.
 - It was felt that if these people could be kept at simply punching walls, that was a start.
 - Research was carried out with another club.
 - The Victorian State Govt provided a report on the subject, disclosing a failure rate in the training and psychology sessions that men found guilty were ordered to attend, was 97%.
 - A 2nd review by Queensland stated that the system "needs tweaking!"
 - A 3rd contact was made with the Women's Safety council in Sydney;
 - Counsellors were considered "too expensive" for community and/or state funding;
 - It was estimated that each case of abuse involving the police, refuge housing and financial support, the court system, jail, etc. the cost was \$400k plus;
 - Investigation found that abuse begins with coercion and oppression and the "Saturday night fight," before it escalates.
 - It was also connected with broken homes, youth suicide, crime and homelessness;
 - At the moment, Rotary was not being very proactive, which it was hoped would change.
 - An estimate of \$150k would fund a pilot project for a Police Violence Unit, but it needs sponsors
- Roughly \$120k would fund a specialised psychologist to deal with would-be perpetrators before abuse begins.
- Approaches have also been made to large corporations as well, many of whom have their own inhouse domestic abuse policies in place;

- Moral support of the project is the first goal; the more clubs, corporates, individuals, countries, etc. who join, the more pressure can be put on governments for support.
- Until now, prevention of domestic abuse before it starts has never had any focus, which has been on punishment alone; the policy of the judiciary to simply incarcerate perpetrators is not enough and will never break the cycle;
- Governments have been and still are sweeping the issue under the carpet;
- We owe it to the next generation, and those to follow, to deal with this issue now, rather than the after affects;
- The involvement of Rotary was purely in response to an approach by the police unit; it was not initiated by Rotary.
- Melbourne Rotary Club is heavily involved in the project;
- There are many large clubs in the US who are on board, with the premise that it is “up to us,” to “engage with the enemy” and “show them love.”
- It is clear the old ways don’t work
- The awful case of Hannah Clarke and her 3 young children is seen by many as the catalyst for this enormous push;
- As much moral support as possible is needed to approach the Federal Government, with the intention that they will be unable to refuse to support it.

GILES then took several questions on the subject.

Rob H then thanked Giles for his enormously informative and passionate presentation, showing great determination to do everything possible to achieve the end goal.

If just one life, one family, one woman or man, can be saved as a result, all the effort will be worth it.

REPORTS:

CHRISTINE:

- Julianne has resigned from the club.
- Foothills Father’s Day gifts; Christine has the materials and members are asked to collect a prepared bag of them and make up the gifts in their own homes, then return to her.
- Socks needs for the men’s’ Christmas gifts – ALDI has 5 pairs for \$6.00 and they are very good.

GRAEME: District Tutorial being held this coming Monday, 23rd August, on Club Runner. Login details are in the 9810 newsletters

VALE Stuart MacDonald – funeral next Thursday, 2th. A real loss to Rotary and Youth.

CHRISTINE: a Try Booking facility has been opened for bookings for the Membership Drive to be held on 21 October; it will be released in early September, and the evening is free to participants.

The chosen slogan for the club is “Make your mark in the community.”

However, other slogans will be regularly posted on our Facebook page.

BRIAN: The club business cards have been ordered and will be ready for collection in the next couple of days.

PAUL Mc: The Mentoring guidelines handbook is to be produced in hard copy and given to all members.

SOCIAL: Paul Mc: Unfortunately, the Malaria picnic has been postponed to 30 April 2022.

Possibly a restaurant visit can take place on 18/9/21 instead (subject to the inimitable lockdown, curfew, incarceration et al) – Paul would appreciate being advised of preferences by members.

CHRISTINE: The club's Annual Report is on its way.

MEETING CLOSED: 7,36 P.M.

The following article is from Rotary on the Move – August Edition

The passion of Rotarian Ray Hodgson for the people of Nepal. Together with a robust community needs assessment and multi-District funding support has resulted in a project to re-equip the Gaurishankar hospital in Nepal with much needed new functioning medical equipment.

For the past 10 years Rotarian Dr Ray Hodgson has been leading surgical teams in regional areas of Nepal to address the high infant and maternal mortality rate, along with the problem of severe genital prolapse. Following the 2015 earthquake Dr Ray was in Charikot in the Dolakha region during the aftershocks and witnessed firsthand the death and infrastructure destruction in the area, A further visit in 2017 identified no signs of improvement in the repair or reconstruction of facilities.

Most of the medical equipment was old and outdated with much being damaged in the earthquake. Patients only alternative option for good health care services would be to travel to Dhulikhel or Kathmandu which are both too far away to travel and unaffordable

District 9650 agreed to establish a Global Grant project to re-equip the hospital with new functioning equipment to meet the needs of the population in the area.

A list of needed equipment was made totalling USD\$266,000

Eight Districts from around the world have collaborated to raise the funds needed. Enabling a world grant of USD\$123,000. A Global Grant was approved with total funding of USD\$265,745.00 to be provided in two phases.

Progress has been slow due to COVID and only phase one has been completed.

The people in this region have needed a better health care system and this replacement equipment will go a long way to supporting this need. Patients can be treated in their own locality making health care more accessible. Dr Ray Hodgson will continue his efforts providing workshops to help train, teach and improve the standards of patient care and surgery in this region.

Club members will remember Dr Ray Hodgson was a guest speaker at our club last year. Following his presentation, the club made a substantial donation to this project.