

Pictured: Ambleside Homestead, FTG

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 16 th September [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 23 rd September [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 30 th September [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 7 th October [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	ZOOM	ZOOM	ZOOM	???????
Program:	GUEST SPEAKER		District Governor Visit	Team Meetings
Speaker:	Professor Peter G Kerr		Dr Daryl Moran and Jenney Moran	
	Director of Nephrology Monash Medical Centre			
	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	
Vote Of Thanks	Rob H		Graeme A	
Scribe:	Paul W		Mike S	



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



PRESIDENTS GREETINGS AND CHATTER

September Rotary International Theme is
“Basic Education and Literacy Month”

Hello Everyone,

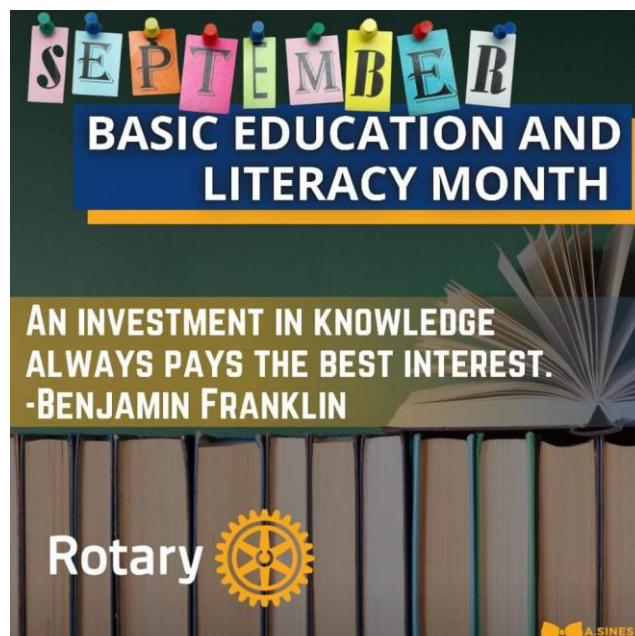
As we all survive lockdown fatigue, we are reminded by the five-minute YouTube we sent you all from District Governor Daryl Moran last week, that as Community leaders we need to stay positive and optimistic and continue planning our club projects. So despite some of our great plans are now on hold at some time we will be able to carry them out and we will be ready. Also, we will be needed more than ever by our local community and schools, and to assist where we can in uplifting and “serving to change lives”

Our entertaining guest speaker last week Geoff Bransbury certainly took us on a journey of his travels on a motorcycle around South America, don't know about you but it certainly gives us all itchy feet to want to travel again.

This week's guest speaker is Professor Peter G Kerr the Director of Nephrology at Monash Medical Centre. This will be of interest to all so please if you would like to invite any friends please do.

All Stay Safe Keep Laughing
Have a great week

Graeme and Christine



THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

The meeting opened at 18.35. President Christine welcomed everyone to the meeting including our guests, Joel Mileto and Sheren.

She also welcomed our partners, Jill, Kay and Marg. She then handed over to Rob Hurst to introduce our guest speaker, Geoff Bransbury, who is going to talk to us about touring South America on a motorbike. Rob gave a very informative introduction (the beauty of the internet).

Geoff had spoken to us some time ago about his motorbike ride from Mongolia to Eastern Europe so we decided to get him back to tell us about his first trip to South America. After starting at Buenos Aires, he headed south to Ushuaia on the Cape of Good Hope. From there he headed north up through Chile and Peru. Continuing up the road he came to Damien Gap where you are not allowed to go (drugs cartel country). So he had to catch a yacht to Panama and then on through Central America. This in itself was a major exercise getting the bike on and off the yacht.

He found the roads very bad, most of them were gravel roads and they were very rough on the tyres. Fortunately, the bike stood up well and he only had to replace a couple of tyres. Also there was a shortage of petrol stations, in fact in Argentina there was no petrol available for 650 kms so it meant filling up plastic water bottles with petrol. The danger with this is of course he was riding a travelling time bomb. In Peru there were doggy police who would pull you up and say you were speeding and demand a fine which would then go into their pocket. He found out later that you don't stop, you just wave and keep going.

On the South American trip Geoff travelled 25,000 kms. making it 95,000 kms he has travelled so far on his trips. He really enjoyed the country the scenery was spectacular, and the food was good and apparently safe. Geoff showed us a few pictures of him and all these lovely ladies. Is this the reason he keeps doing all these trips.

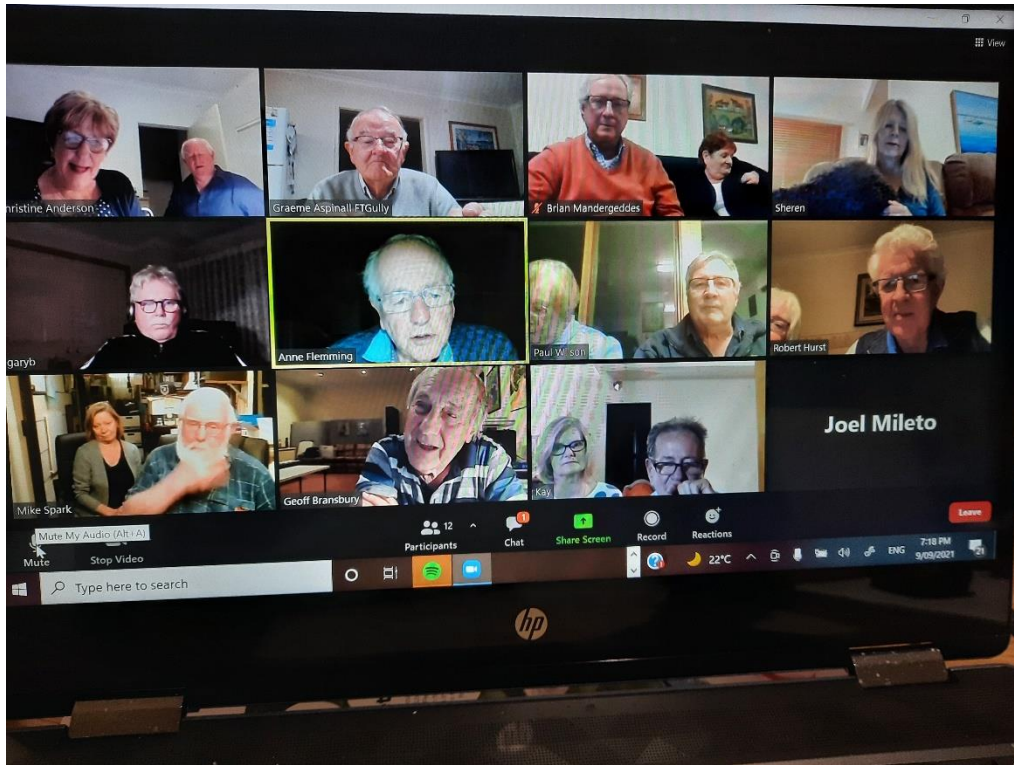
Mike Spark gave a vote of thanks and thanked Geoff for his wonderful stories and his sense of humour, and because we all enjoyed it so much that we will have to get him back and have him talk about another ride.

General Business:

Christine advised that the Stringybark Festival has been cancelled, and the FTG Fair has been postponed till March next year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.40.

Scribe: Paul McAloney



LOCKDOWN LOOT - 4 SEPTEMBER 2021

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Saturday night for a bit of fun. Gary, we missed you but we are hoping that the dialysis is now sorted.

Graeme Aspinall created the most laughs with his bedside table contents although Paul W and Robs undercover view attracted plenty of attention. There was some very lateral thinking by the Flemmings to secure them an animal on a book cover, while Fran sported some very striking headgear, just pipped at the post by a sporting Mike and Wendy. Sue and Graeme turned out to be very nutty.

Scores

<i>Hursts</i>	19
<i>Mandergeddes</i>	18
<i>Wilsons/Harrisons</i>	17
<i>Graeme</i>	16
<i>Sparks</i>	15
<i>Flemmings/Anderson/Tierney</i>	14.



Apologies to Paul for the late inclusion of Lockdown Loot.