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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	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]	Thursday 23 rd September [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom
Program:	Team Meeting	Guest Speaker	Guest Speaker	TBC
Speaker:		Geoff Bransbury	Professor Peter G Kerr	
		Touring the World on a Motor Cycle	Director of Nephrology Monash Medical Centre	
		Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	
Vote Of Thanks		Fran	Paul Mc	
Scribe:		Mike S	John F	

September – Basic Education and Literacy Month



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



PRESIDENTS GREETINGS AND CHATTER

Hello Everyone,

Spring has finally arrived so let's start to enjoy the sunshine, new life emerging in our gardens so despite lockdown we can be thankful for the simple things that give us all pleasure.

Our 200 gifts to the Foothills Community Care will be delivered this Thursday.

Thank you to all members for your packing and to our entertainers at last week's meeting. Special thank you to Paul and Jill Wilson for delivering these for us, looking forward to the happy snaps.

For those that were able to attend the District Social Media Seminar on Monday, thank you we will share at this week's meeting as many great ideas came from clubs in our District.

All Stay Safe

Have a great week

Graeme and Christine



FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE

Foothills Slices and Soup Roster
September 8th Creamy Pumpkin Soup
September 22nd Lemon Slice

September Anniversaries John & Ann Femming Sept 9th
John Flemming Induction Sept 10th

VALE Stuart (Stu) McDonald

PP of Healesville Rotary, and “Mr Youth Exchange”.

Stu was a frequent visitor to our Club at Ferntree Gully, 'revving us up' to engage with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program (YEP) over many years (decades, in fact), and keeping us informed and committed to the welfare of our incoming and outgoing YEP students. He kept us in touch before, during and after their year overseas and at home in Australia, a year which dramatically changed their lives and made the world a smaller and better place for everyone involved.

I was Youth Chair for the club for many years and dealt with Stu often, and always cooperatively. For many years, our Club's life was brightened by contact with young people from all over the world, a couple of examples being:

Sarah Dawe came from Canada and was hosted by past members David and Nerida Gilbert – as part of her host stay, they went as a family to Wilsons Promontory for a week, after which they ended up (quite a few years later, admittedly) with her, back in Melbourne but as a daughter-in-law! Olympe Bory was from France and really enjoyed her stay and immersing herself in our Oz culture, later ending up as an executive for firms in both the U.S. of A. and France, jet setting over the Atlantic.

We also sent locals like Tegan Smith to overseas places like Hjarring in Denmark –

a bit of a climate change, but she came back much more mature, as all YEP students did.

As the Club members got older, the home hosting of the YEP students became more difficult for the members, and we eventually shared the student stays with Bayswater club - and in the process met up with Stu less and less.

Stu has a longer link with this club than just Rotary – he was on a State government vocational course with John Flemming 50 years ago, and he was with Graeme Aspinall in Apex for some time before joining Rotary at Healesville 35 years ago.

His life was spent at full pace in

- 1) Rotary YEP at district, country and international levels, tying with
- 2) Healesville Rotary (he was very active in all projects and local community fields), and
- 3) his career work in forest management, up at Toolangi,

The above are seemingly in order of priority of the available time in a day spent by Stu!

Past RI and District 9810 President Ian Riseley, for whom Stu was YEP District coordinator among a long list of other DG's, was MC at the Zoom funeral.

We have lost a terrific Rotarian, and a good friend of the Rotary club of Fern Tree Gully. VALE!

Mike Spark – 27/8/2021

