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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 18th November [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 25 th November [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 2 nd December [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 9th December [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
Program:	Guest Speaker	Packing Hampers	Team Meetings	Guest Speaker
Speaker:	Judi Vanerheiden			TBA
	Oz Child			
	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome
Vote Of Thanks	Paul Mc			
Scribe:	Fran M			

December 10th	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
December 16th	Christmas Break up – Venue TBA
January 20th	Resume Rotary



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



PRESIDENTS GREETINGS AND CHATTER

Novembers Rotary International Theme is “The Rotary Foundation”

Hello Everyone,

A big thank you to everyone who braved the Antarctic weather conditions last Friday at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. Despite the wind and rain, we had a pretty good outcome so a huge thank you including John a friend of Pauls who did a great job cooking all afternoon.

Our guest speaker last week Bob Glindemann from Donations in Kind certainly enlightened us with the facts and figures on what would have to be the best recycling business around Melbourne I think he has made us all excited to re-visit and conduct another working bee in the not-too-distant future, knowing that Rotary is doing magnificent work with the distribution of so much Medical and School equipment to those countries that need it most.

Our Christmas Hampers for the Foot Hills Community Care and Salvation Army FTG are all under way, thank you everyone for your generosity.

Look forward to seeing you all including partners and friends of Rotary at this week's meeting either via Zoom or in person

Have a great week

All Stay Safe Keep Laughing and Smiling

Graeme and Christine



That Was The Week That Was

Thursday November 9th 2021

The meeting opened at 6.32pm.

Co - President Christine welcomed those attending and requested a minutes silence for Remembrance Day.

Apologies –Mike Spark, Brian Mandergeddes and Fran Mandergeddes

Christine welcomed the members and the guest speaker Bob Glindermann also the partners attending-Jill Wilson Kay McAloney, Anne Flemming and Marg Hurst.

Co - President Graeme thanked the guest speaker for agreeing to address the meeting at short notice and passed to him for his address.

Bob explained the role of Donations in Kind. He said that its store was located in Footscray and had been a very large wool store. He said that at present it was absolutely full of goods waiting to be sent overseas.

Referring to the history of the organisation Bob explained that the idea for it followed a visit by a West Footscray Rotarian to Fiji in the mid 80's. Observing the health and education situation there he realised that there were used materials available in Australia which would be invaluable for use in Fiji and other Pacific areas. He collected goods and stored them initially on his own property and subsequently on other properties until a large wool shed was rented and it remains the storage centre in Footscray.

Apparently other Rotary districts also appreciated the value of the program for there are sheds now at Pakenham, Essendon and Geelong in addition to some in Brisbane, Adelaide and Sydney.

Bob explained that the main items sent by Donations in Kind were either medical or educational and in each case covered a very broad range of items ranging from sophisticated diagnostic and treatment

machines to medical supplies and educational items such as desks, chairs etc. He said that recently a container of such items was sourced from Scotch College and sent to Timor and another shipment went to Tanzania.

Medical and health equipment is sourced from all Melbourne hospitals and apart from used items, he said, there is a considerable quantity of new goods. He also indicated that at present there is a large quantity of instruments in the store. He made the point that whenever a shipment of medical equipment was sent he always ensured that some instruments accompanied the material.

In recent times Bob said there had been many more sophisticated machines becoming available so they have an officer who checks each item to ensure that it is operative prior to despatch and a testing machine is available to help in this activity.

At present said Bob there is a big problem obtaining shipping and containers. He said that there has been a reduction in the number of shipping lines operating from Australia to the Pacific islands and that the cost of both containers and shipping had risen enormously. Clearly this has impacted upon the operation. He said that a number of Rotary clubs wanted to take up projects but the costs were beyond them. He said however that in recent times the Rotary Club of Footscray had raised \$38000 by crowd funding.

Turning to the financial operation of Donations in Kind, Bob said that rental of its store cost \$130000 per year but fortunately that had been reduced to \$1000 per month during Covid and that no rent would be charged during November, December and January. Turnover he said is \$250000 per year. Last year the business had a \$8000 surplus. He added that 23 clubs pledged to pay \$3500 for two years to maintain the operation.

Members asked questions relating to what materials were acceptable, if one off items could be sent, pick up/delivery of goods, sizes of containers and the situation relating to materials which our club has been approached about.

Co - President Graeme thanked Bob for what was a most interesting and informative talk (from a man who clearly had a real grasp of the detail of his operation).

Paul Wilson reported that the club had three applicants for RYLA and that he and Garry would be interviewing two of them shortly (the third is already well known to the Club).

Christine reported that she had been in touch re Christmas hampers and that it had been discussed along the lines of the Club providing 10 hampers to the total value of \$500. This proposal was approved. She also said that she wanted the hampers to be in boxes and intended to take photos for possible use with a newspaper article. It was decided that items for the Foothills community should be lodged by 3 December.

The meeting concluded at 7.40pm



Six Rotarian's and two friends of Rotary braved the cold, wet and windy conditions at Bunnings last Friday.

The light rain started as we set up and continued throughout the day until we finished at 4.00pm. The wind blew the light rain into the marque, all our serving areas became wet. As the wind gusts increased throughout the afternoon all hands were required to hold the marque down. By the end of the day the Marque had move nearly a meter from its original position. The weather conditions didn't deter customers coming to Bunnings and buying a sausage or two. Profit for the day was \$470. A good outcome for the conditions. Many thank's to all who volunteered throughout the day.

District Funding for Hybrid Meetings

The District has is making fund available in two options to facilitate, encourage and support Rotary and Rotaract clubs in the operations of their hybrid meetings.



Twelve \$800 Hybrid Meeting in a Box packages and eight \$400 grants are available to clubs to help them supplement and upgrade their current equipment.

Our club has applied for a \$400 grant for additional equipment being a camera, a tripod and Bluetooth speakers. With the projector and screen we already have, this additional equipment will allow us to conduct our meetings in the larger room without the worry of not being able to connect into the TV located high up on the wall as we outgrow the board room at the Bowls club.

We should know if our application has been successful by our next meeting.

The
Rotary
Foundation



Doing Good In The World





Following the great success of last year, Foothills

Community Care again invites you to partner with them this Christmas by hosting your very own Reverse Advent Calendar.

Unlike a regular Advent Calendar where the focus is on receiving A treat every day, the Reverse Advent Calendar takes the focus off receiving and places the focus on giving.

A Reverse Advent Calendar begins as an empty box or bag. For 25 days during November, you place one item into the box each day [non-perishable food, toiletries, Christmas treat]

At the end of the month, your filled Reverse Advent Calendar is donated to Foothills and then distributed by Foothills to people in our Dandenong Rangers and Knox community who are in of some special love and an extra hand up this Christmas time.

Why not invite your friends to be part of this as well, as we care for others this Christmas.

FOOTHILLS
COMMUNITY CARE

REVERSE Advent Calendar

Make a difference this Christmas!

1 PASTA	2 TINNED FRUIT	3 BISCUITS	4 CEREAL	5 HONEY
6 GRAVY	7 COFFEE	8 PASTA SAUCE	9 TINNED TOMATOES	10 MINCE TARTS
11 CHOCOLATE	12 LONG LIFE MILK	13 CHRISTMAS PUDDING	14 RICE	15 TINNED VEGETABLES
16 TINNED SOUP	17 TEA BAGS	18 VEGEMITE/SPREAD	19 TINNED TUNA	20 TOILETRIES
21 DESSERT MIX	22 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS	23 DONATE TO FOOTHILLS	24 CHRISTMAS CAKE	25 A LITTLE SURPRISE

Simply place an item each day in a box and donate to
FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE
Any Non-Perishable food items are welcome, please ensure they are
within their best before dates.
ABOVE ARE IDEAS ONLY
We are unable to distribute medications or alcohol in hampers

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THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S FOUR CHALLENGES

I would encourage all members to join in rising to meet the **FOUR CHALLENGES** I have posed for your Presidents and Clubs.

1. **CLUB EXCELLENCE** – How are YOU making YOUR club and its activities attractive to potential members and also retaining your current Rotarians?
2. **CLUB INNOVATION** – How are YOU building a culture of innovation and willingness to take safe risks in YOUR club?
3. **ROTARY FAMILY** – How is YOUR club maintaining, nurturing and extending our Rotary 'Family'?
4. **ROTARY SUPPORT** – Is YOUR club doing all it can to support the work of Rotary in YOUR community and the wider world?