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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 17th March [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 24 th March [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 31st March [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 7th April [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	Paul & Kay McAloney's 16 Fredrick St FTGully	No Meeting	No Meeting	FTG Bowls Club
&Program:	St Patricks Day Social			TBA
Speaker:				
	Partners Welcome			
Vote Of Thanks				
Scribe:				

Future Diary Dates

Saturday April 2nd Craft Activity at Bunnings 11.00-2.00pm
Sunday April 10th Car Rally
Monday April 25th Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Quarry





PRESIDENTS GREETINGS AND CHATTER

March Rotary International Theme is

“Water and Sanitation Month”

Hello Everyone,

It always amazes me when you get to find out about volunteers doing amazing projects, and that is what we heard about from Terry Baxter and Mal from “Mobile Mission Maintenance” read all about it in the scribes report.

We must apologise to our zoomers, but Thursday evening not being able to connect was out of our control. We have beautiful colourful brochures for those of you that weren’t able to be at Thursday’s meeting.

Are we all ready for the big St Patricks evening this Thursday at Paul and Kays home. Don’t forget we are sharing the Irish dishes you are all cooking up, get your best Irish gear on and bring your green grog. It’s going to be a great night. A big shout out to Allan for a speedy recovery after his foot operation this week.

Have a great week
Take Care and Stay Safe
Graeme and Christine



Last Weeks Meeting Report

Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM by Co-President Christine with a very depleted membership in attendance. President Christine welcomed those present and our guest speaker Terry Baxter and friend Matt who came along to support him.

Apologies received from John Flemming, Paul McAloney, Alan Tierney, our other Co President Graeme Aspinall was touring northern Victoria assisting with the Rotary bike ride.

Problems with the Internet meant we were unable to have our hybrid meeting members, Garry Braddock and Fran Mandergheddes join us on Zoom.

Without any further ado President Christine asked Rob. Hurst to introduce the speaker Terry Baxter who explained to us who and what MMM Australia is and does!

Mobile Mission Maintenance (MMM Australia) had its beginnings when a group of Christian tradesmen travelled to Alice Springs in 1974 to assist (as volunteers) in the construction of the Kramer Memorial Church.

This prompted the thought that maintenance needs for all sorts of missionary premises around Australia and overseas may well be needed so, a survey was carried out to assess the situation, particularly in isolated outback regions. It was found that although people (mostly volunteers) were serving in evangelistic ministries around Australia and the world such as medical, children's education, farming and other missionary endeavours, however these were often being carried out in poorly maintained facilities.

As a result of the survey Mobile Mission Maintenance began in 1975, initially from its first headquarters or base on a farm at Whittlesea in Victoria until 2009, the concept was that it would provide volunteer tradesmen for facilities used in missionary work wherever they were required for repairs or restoration works. Unfortunately, this base was destroyed by the Black Saturday fires in 2009.

Subsequently in 2012 a national headquarters was established in Mitcham Victoria.

MMM operates under a project charter which provides guidance as to which project requests should or should not be accepted.

As part of the growth of MMM a separate division was formed called Build- A- Bond, it was specifically established to provide Rolled Steel Framing solutions for MMM projects across Australia and other countries.

The establishment of this steel rolling mill means the organisation can provide a complete building in a box that can be delivered to anywhere in the world and will survive climate and weather conditions wherever they are located.

Enormous progress has been made, not only does MMM Australia carry out projects all around Australia but in many other countries in our region and sometimes beyond. In places such as the Solomon Islands, Thailand, Zambia, Vanuatu etc. In carrying out projects in some of these countries MMM is able to involve local people in the construction work providing training for them.

Pre-Covid 2019 some amazing results have been achieved, from 125 requests for project work, 76 were approved and completed.

Total on-site project work amounted to 28,451 man-hours with total project effort of 51,212 hours. Total project effort includes planning, project management and administration and volunteer travel.

The value of all work carried out was around \$3.84 million which was done on a shoestring budget of approx.\$380,000. Every single dollar donated to MMM is turned into \$10 worth of work.

All in all, a most illuminating presentation, at the conclusion of which President Christine invited Mike Spark to thank the speakers for their presentation which he did so most adroitly. The speakers were then invited to join us for dinner where we are able to continue with a stimulating discussion.

In closing President Christine reminded members of upcoming events such as the district 9821 Family of Rotary Conference to be held at Caulfield Racecourse on the 25th and 26th March 2022.

And not to forget Anzac Day service being held in the park at the old Ferntree Gully Quarry site.

She also reminded members that the sausage sizzle that was to be held the following day 11th of March was cancelled as Bunnings were conducting a sausage sizzle themselves with all funds to be donated to the flood victims in New South Wales and Queensland. Possibly these sausage sizzles are being held at Bunnings stores across Australia.

Bunnings has advised the club that they will replace the 11th with a Friday in the near future.

Meeting closed at 7:35 PM

Scribe: Robert Hurst

JOIN US AT A NO MOSQUITO PICNIC!

HELP US END MALARIA



Location: Six Acres Winery 20 Ferndale Road
Silvan, 3795

Date: Saturday April 30th 2022

Time: 12.00pm-4.00pm

Cost: \$50

Fun | Speakers | Auction | Raffle | Spit Roast

Book by the 20th of April 2022

All welcome to attend - Book Now !

<https://www.trybooking.com/BWGAL>





Cyclists and support crews at Devenish and a morning coffee break at Eldorado before heading along the rail trail to Beechworth.



The bike ride has raised nearly \$30,000 to date.