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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 22nd September [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 29th September [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 6 th October [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 13th October [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	NO MEETING	THAI RESTURANT	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
&Program	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	SOCIAL NIGHT	MAKING YOUR MARK IN THE COMMUNITY	HOME SEC FINANCE TBC
Speaker:			Alma Reynolds	Paul Stone
Vote Of Thanks		N/A	Allan.T	Paul.Mc
Scribe:		N/A	<u>Paul. W</u>	M. Spark

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



FROM THE PRESIDENT

FRAN'S FAIRYTALE

15/9/2022

Greetings all

Wasn't the presentation by Ben Hughes of The Men's Table not only inspiring, but to me at least, exciting as well!

It is a well-known and documented fact that men think it "weak" for them to admit they, too, like women, have problems and worries in life, sometimes so concerning their mental health becomes very badly affected, with potentially dangerous consequences.

The Men's Table provides a safe, secure, and non-judgemental place for them to (perhaps?) really be themselves, let their hair and their emotions down, with the result that, often, *a problem shared is a problem halved*.

*The fact that the organisation has now grown to **75 Tables Australia Wide, speaks for itself**, and I was thrilled to learn that they are now initiating the service in Victoria, with two delegates chosen and in the process of taking prompt action, leading a meeting at the Dandenong RSL in October.*

We wish them well and are sure this will result in more men finding a safe refuge where they need not "fear" being thought weak – but simply being human, with every understandable and common fault and foible that is the human condition.

I hope we can learn more about The Men's Table's progress in Victoria and that it brings comfort and peace to our men.

As I have advised everyone previously, we have a *majority* of members voting "YES" to the Regionalisation trial. Therefore, that will be my vote to the district on the subject.

Finally, I encourage EVERYONE to get behind our October "Make your mark" event, to make it a success.

And I congratulate and thank John, Martin and Mike for their invaluable guidance and advice on this venture; it is invaluable.

Don't forget to attend our meeting tomorrow night (Wednesday) where we hope to put to bed our publicity brochure – a critical component of our efforts.



MAKING SURE YOU GET THE BEST DEAL TO REGISTER FOR THE RI MELBOURNE CONVENTION

If you have not yet registered for the RI Convention in Melbourne in May 2023, **here's how to get the lowest price possible:**

1. Book as soon as possible and before 15 December, when the cost to register increases by US \$100
2. Make sure that you select the option when you come to pay with your credit card (preferred option) that you **select AUD** from the **dropdown menu**. This will ensure that you do not pay with credit card fees, commissions or incur a poor exchange rate. You will be billed at the "Rotary" exchange rate for that month, which will be better than the rate offered by your credit card provider
3. In the circumstance that you do need to cancel your booking it will also ensure that you get the best exchange rate on your refund and avoid other costs
4. If you or your partner or other guest are **under the age of 30**, you can access a great registration rate of only **US \$125!**
5. Children are welcome too for a very nominal fee

If you are still uncertain about your payment, or if there seems to be no option to pay in AUD choose the payment option of "Pay Later" and then contact the Rotary Office in Sydney at risppo.finance@rotary.org, providing your registration ID so they can assist you to complete the registration.

How to register:

Go to: [Melbourne | Rotary Convention](#)

Please **follow the step-by-step instructions below** if you need assistance with the process to register.

At the same link you can also reserve **accommodation** from a range of price options.

Other Conference Opportunities:

To reserve a spot at **Signature events** and **host hospitality** events or to arrange a **tour** in conjunction with your visit to Melbourne please visit the Host Organization Committee website at: [Rotary International Convention, Melbourne 2023 \(27-31 May\) \(rotarymelbourne2023.org\)](http://RotaryInternationalConvention,Melbourne2023(27-31May)(rotarymelbourne2023.org))

THE WEEK THAT WAS

15TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Meeting 15th Sept2022

President Fran opened the meeting at 6.30pm. She welcomed attending members, soon to be inducted member Martin Howard and belatedly our guest Ben Hughes from the Men's Table.

President Fran then proposed a toast to Rotary, Australia, our late Queen Elisabeth 11 and our new King Charles 111

Apologies – Paul M, Rosie M, Gary B.

President Fran advised that **Make your Mark Project** was now underway and needed all hands-on deck if it is to be a success. She reminded all members of the tight deadlines involved and asked that businesses to be targeted be identified **urgently** to enable the next phase to get underway.

A Zoom meeting has been set up for Monday the 19th of September for an update and allocation of tasks going forward

An email regarding Rationalisation of Regions has been sent to all members by the Rotary Committee in charge of this matter. Fran requested we read the information, decide on how we feel regarding the matter and advise her by 22/9 so that she can register the Club's Vote.

President Fran then apologised to our guest speaker for not acknowledging him at the start of the meeting.

Ben Hughes is the Co-Founder of the Men's Table which started in 2011 in Sydney. Their 1st meeting began with 12 men who have met once a month for dinner ever since.

The Men's Table creates a unique environment for men to share openly about their lives, their challenges, and the high and lows of other men who they have learned to trust and respect, with absolutely no judgement at any time.

The organisation has now expanded to 75 tables overall with new ones being initiated for Victoria.

Ben, who now resides in Launceston, Tasmania, advised there will be a Men's Table meeting at the Dandenong RSL on the 18 of October. Everyone is encouraged to attend and to other men in the community of this worthwhile organisation.

Ben was thanked by John F and congratulated for realising because of his own experiences the urgent need for a safe environment for men to be themselves, in the safe company of others.

Fran also invited Ben to keep in touch with our club and to ask the New Victorian Facilitators to let us know of their progress, and to share the news with us as a speaker.

Finally, Fran told Ben that we will make The Men's Table a topic of conversation with other organisations whenever the opportunity arises.

Everyone then adjourned to the Bistro for friendship and a meal.

Meeting closed 7.30 pm.

Scribe: Brian Mandergeddes

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

MONDAY 30th October 2000

The Meeting commenced at 7. pm with President Sandy welcoming members

President Sandy announced—

- Mental Health Seminar at Ringwood, some members attending this tonight
- Four containers of furniture for overseas, asked all clubs in district for \$100 each. Peter Wylie has asked for help

Chairman: Robert Hurst called for our Secretary's Report

Secretary John Flemming called for -

Apologies: John Gerrard, John Richards, Graeme Aspinall, Peter Wylie, Ian McFarlane, John O'Connor, Stuart Vize & Roger Cochrane

Make-Ups: Hilton Edmunds x 2

Chairman's Reports:

Community Service: John Mason – Plum Puddings, cartons of 6 back to 8

Vocational Service: No report

International Service: No report

New Generations: No Report

Club Service: Chairman Marilyn Hall

- Youth Exchange Night Friday 10/11/00 at 7.15 pm Knox Spastic Centre

Fellowship: Chairman Robert Hurst

- Calcutta Night – around 50
- The Basin Theatre Night \$15 p/head
- Bowling Night at Boronia - Friday 8th December
- Red Faces - all co-opted

Sergeant's Session: Paul fleeced everyone with great pleasure although the jokes are getting ordinary (that will cost me!)

"What's New" John Mason

John has been retired for 5 years, was pro bank (ex NAB) lamenting poor service, training not career people, everything now black & white, no grey areas. Helped daughter with home, too old for loan [Ed. who John or daughter?], had to go thru' back door to get loan, now all okay. Bowls (has been for 5 years) "suffering bowl rage" besides this, good game to play. Bookkeeping taking longer due to GST.

Program:

Chairman Robert Hurst introduced our speaker for the evening – Doug Kollmorgan on the subject "How Drugs Affect Salvation Army in FTG"

Endured Hurtle Lupton's comments some 5/6 weeks ago. FTG-Rowville Corp have a caravan to 3.00 am Sunday morning. After midnight – 3.00 am hordes of children 8-13 year old. Staff spend the night helping. The kids say that parents don't care. Major problem is boredom, peer pressure, hopelessness. Does not take kids long to get into downhill spiral. Lots of people referred for drug problems. They have a crisis line and drug detox. A person has to want to kick the habit to succeed. A lot are happy as is. Without better options, why change. Crisis Centre refers people with food, accommodation problems. Dorset and Burvale Hotels have allocated rooms (if available) for emergency accommodation. These people also have social/drug problems. Refuge needs to know by 4.00 pm to place people. Doug has even put people up at home due to lack of space.

Welfare is another area of concern through people spending monies on drugs. Has to defend themselves against unfair criticism. Nowhere to send people to. People ensconced in drug use, choosing to live that way. Doug agrees with Hurtle Lupton that a major problem exists, parents need to know where their kids are. The Community cannot hide from this issue.

Meeting closed 8.45 p.m.

Scribe: Tony Ogle

Footnote: Apologies from editor's assistant if some of the above is not correct, scribe's writing a little difficult to read, at times.