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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 25th August [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 1 st September [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 8 th September [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 15 September [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
&Program	UPDATE ON KNOXBROOKE	TEAM MEETING	MAYOR OF KNOX	THE MENS TABLE
Speaker:	Christian Dauncey - CEO		Cr Susan Laukans	Ben Hughes
Vote Of Thanks	Rob. H	N/A	Christine A	John. F
Scribe:	Paul. Mc	Graeme. H	<u>Paul. W</u>	Rob. H

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



FROM THE PRESIDENT

FRAN'S FAIRYTALES

Greetings All

Our speaker last week, Amy Yuen, presented a very interesting view on ways to achieve some peace and serenity in our lives.

It seemed that her programme grew from things she had learned through her own experiences in life, some joyful and others completely the opposite.

Her programme certainly consisted of many subjects that seemed quite unusual to the way most of us think when considering the topic, but overall, they did create a far more holistic way to assist people in dealing with the trials and adversities of life and how to not only cope with them, but to change them for the better. Thank you, Amy!

And many thanks to those members and supporters who attended Bunnings Scoresby last Saturday to run the Father's Day gift making function for children. **A fun time was had by all, in fact I think we had at least as much fun as the children, aided admirably by musical entertainment by a very talented musician, and the strong support of Bunnings' staff.**

And I hope all remembered my project about assessing how many toilet facilities in our public institutions, e.g. pubs, public toilets, councils, restaurants et al, contain bins in each cubicle for men to dispose of male continence products.

Of course, the emphasis has always been on providing these facilities for females as an essential service at all times, there are many men who, for various reasons, may need them as well. That is a fact of life.

I hope all the men in the club have taken up my challenge to visit as many toilet facilities as possible, in order to assess the need for this service to be provided to both sexes without discrimination.

I shall be pleasantly surprised if anyone reports that these facilities for men DO exist. If they do not, or they do but are few and far between, then I propose we start to lobby the "powers that be" to change this and to do so as quickly as possible.

Let's work together to make this project a reality and remove any stigma and embarrassment men may experience in having the need but nothing to assist them to maintain their dignity.

Looking forward to this week's meeting!

THE WEEK THAT WAS 18TH AUGUST 2022

ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY

MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 18 August 2022

TIME: 6,30 pm

WELCOME – To all members by President Fran

Attendees -Christine A ,Allan T ,Graeme A, Mike S,Graeme H,Paul W, Paul M,John F.

Zoom-Brian M, Fran M, Rosie M,Gary B,

Partners - Jill W, Kay M

Visitor - Martin & Guest - Amy Yuen

ROTARY TOAST - BY president Fran to ROTARY and AUSTRALIA

Apologies Rob H. interstate

Christine A, introduced our guest speaker Amy Yuen whom she met at a Knox Council Forum recently

Amy is originally from Hong Kong but is now living in Australia.

Amy has had a history in the welfare system in areas of mental health and domestic violence for 15 years which she has put to good use since she set up her own business which now operates as a company

Three cases Amy gave us examples of what she has been able to do for clients

The 1st was of a female who had emigrated to Australia and settled in Doncaster. The client ran into financial difficulties which resulted in losing her business, home and marriage.

Next was a young man from China who was lonely and had mental issues.

Finally a young Malaysian woman who had lost her husband and child.

In all these cases Amy was able to assist with help from various organisations that she was able to contact and work with.

Amy then ran a video from her website explaining the structure and the packages that they can assist with. This was very interesting as it showed the help available and groups she assists

Serenity Life Balance Advisory Pty

Due to time constraints because of technical difficulties we were unable to have a question time however Christine gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Club

Reports-

Fran introduced to everyone a new project she is keen to undertake. It is based on a New Zealand Rotary project named "Bins for Blokes," which addresses the lack of bins in toilets for men to dispose of continence products. It is a known fact that men do suffer from this issue for various reasons, yet a facility for their disposal seems few and far between (if any) to be provided in such venues as hotels, clubs, public toilets, Councils, libraries and other institutions.

Therefore Fran has asked the males at the meeting to carry out a reconnaissance of those areas and report on their findings.

CHRISTINE: In spite of Fairhills Church saying we were not to provide Fathers' Day gifts this year, a request has come through for 40 such gifts to be given away on 31/8/22. Due to lack of notice, it was decided we would purchase 40 blocks of chocolate, wrapped and donated.

Our Community Information and Membership Drive on 27 October is going ahead with PP Alma Reynolds requested to MC the event. Alma will be coming to talk to the club in due course about that important event.

No other reports were tabled

Meeting was closed at 7.30 pm

Scribe -Brian Mandergeddes

To all Rotarians

A word from your DG

Please don't miss this opportunity to hear from Dr. Sujit Brahmochary

He is a humanitarian of the highest order. You will listen in awe of his achievements and his needs and vision for the future.

I have no doubt that you will be inspired and you may see an opportunity to be involved in an overseas project. But most importantly he is an outstanding example of what Rotary stands for. "Service above Self", in helping the "Women and Children" that are most at risk.

I assure you, that putting aside this hour of your time on Monday 29th August will be well worth it.

I hope to see you on screen

Regards

DG Ken

This is a rare occasion for our Rotary Districts to learn about Rotary International global support offered to assist the 'Institute for Indian Mother and Child' (IIMC), an initiative carried out by Dr Sujit Brahmochary in Kolkata, India. Dr Sujit is visiting Australia for the Global Health Conference in Melbourne in August this year and is available for one presentation only on Monday 29 August. He has an incredible record of achievement, starting his career as Mother Teresa's medical advisor; and is now an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta.

While relying on the global support from under-graduate medical students to volunteer their effort to assist in an expansive and multi-dimensional project that has been his life's work, addressing health, education, a thriving microcredit lending program, Rotary is a valued partner to raise awareness of the program and encourage participation of under graduate medical students in each country.

Dr Sujit will outline how IIMC now encompasses 8 medical outreach clinics seeing (approx 50,000 patients per year), hosting medical student volunteers every month, 30 schools plus an orphanage for boys, a handicapped residential centre, and a daycare centre supported by Australia, Italy, Spain, Belgium, and many other countries; a Microcredit finance program with 7 community banks, supporting >30,000 women to start small businesses of their own; an NGO network linking small NGOs throughout rural India; and

a crisis aid response to major disasters including severe monsoonal flooding and the COVID pandemic. **IIMC greatly relies on the support of undergraduate Medical student volunteers.**



Learn how your Rotary District or Club can collaborate with IIMC that relies on support from many countries, to encourage the exchange of Medical Students between Australia and India and contribute to fulfilling the mission of the 'Institute for Indian Mother and Child' (IIMC) Kolkata India.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Aug 29, 2022 05:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney
Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZEsf-zojE9SeKlfQPVP0E0mtpxLIIM9>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Regards,

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GIRLS NIGHT OUT

IN SUPPORT OF THE FIONA ELSEY CANCER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield is once again holding a Girls Night Out to raise funds for research into the causes of and treatments for cancer. This year the funds will go to the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute.

This research centre, located in Ballarat, is non-government funded, and relies on the generous support of the community to continue research into more effective ways to diagnose and treat cancer.

Their research team continues to learn how the immune system can fight cancer, with this approach becoming the future treatment alternative to chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Their key projects are in Immunology, Breast cancer, Bowel cancer, Brain cancer, Ovarian cancer, Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia and Langerhans cell histiocytosis.

The Guest Speaker at the Girls Night Out will be Dr Aparna Jayachandran, Head of Breast Cancer Research at the Institute. Dr Jayachandran and her group have published reports of their work which is a world first relating to aggressive triple-negative breast cancer, that, it is hoped, will lead to potential therapeutic targets that will improve treatment.

Get a group together

WHEN
Wed 14th September 2022
@ 6:30 pm

COST
\$60 pp - Includes welcome drink & 2 course dinner

WHERE
TOSARIA'S RESTAURANT
60 Henderson Road
Rowville (off Kelletts Road)

DIRECT PAYMENT
BSB: 633 000
ACC: 149 618 571

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JUST FOR FUN

A teacher was complaining of a headache. His colleague said, "Do what I do, I rest my head on my Wife's chest and the headache goes away." The next day he asked the teacher, "Did you do what I Told you to do?" "Yes, I sure did he said. "By the way you have a nice house."

FOOTBALL

What an unbelievable performance by Collingwood last Sunday. Watch out Geelong we are coming For you.

I know Past DG John Glen will be looking on from up above with delight.



2022 – SEASON FOUR

A Flea In Her Ear

Venue: The Lowe Auditorium
Dates: 18th August – 3rd September, 2022

Director: Malcolm Sussman
Adapted by: Andrew Upton

A Flea in Her Ear is world-renowned as the funniest and most famous of all French farces. It's perfectly formed in its comic timing, shamelessly saucy and completely bonkers. We're in Paris, 1908. After years of married bliss, Madame Raymonde Chandeise suspects her husband is having an affair. In an effort to catch him in the act she causes a lot more trouble than she bargained for.

Spiralling into a high-octane storm of sexual intrigue, mistaken identities and bed-revolving mayhem, a cavalcade of characters get in on the act. Some want sex and revenge, several want to preserve their honour. All want to avoid being shot. Nobody gets any sleep. You will laugh out loud.

FATHERS DAY EVENT

Our club in partnership with Bunnings held a Father's Day event last week at the Bunnings store in Scoresby. We constructed toolboxes and key ring holders and then invited children to paint them, And enable them to have a present for Dad on Father's Day. Not only did the children have a great Time, but the Rotarians did as well. Karen who was the Bunnings representative brought her brother In law along to provide musical entertainment. Not only was he a great musician but he looked a lot Like Sir Paul McCartney.

Our thanks to Christine, Fran and Brian, Paul and Kay, John Fleming and Mike Spark, for their help And support. Below are some photos of the event. It will be on again this Saturday from 10am to 2pm. All are welcome.



