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President,

CHRISTINE ANDERSON
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

IVAN GIGOVIC,
Vale: August 2003
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN



HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our members, families and friends.

The Rotary club of Fern Tree Gully is off to a good start already having two sausage sizzles under our belt. And it's only 16th January! Well done to Graeme A and John F for organising these events. Sausage sizzles are a major source of fundraising for our club and already we have a number of them booked for the rest of 2017.

Thanks guys!

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 16th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 23rd Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 30th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 6th Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 13th Feb [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	BBQ & Bare-foot Bowls	Committee Meetings	Foundation/Centurian Club	Club Assembly - Club Rules & By-laws	Mongolia
Speaker:	N/A	GROUP B	Ian Donald	N/A	Lynette Phuong
Chair:	N/A	John F	Martin B	Ray H	Bob H
Rotary Toast	N/A	Enid H	John F	Enid H	Gary B
Cashier:	Ray H	Fran M	Mike S	Gary B	Graeme A
Scribe:	N/A	Paul McA	Ray H	Bob H	Mike S
Rotary Knowledge	N/A	Mike S	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Topic: Rotary Foundation - 2017 Celebration				
Sergeant-At-Arms:	N/A	Graeme A	Graeme A	Graeme A	Ray H
Partners' Night	Yes	No	No	No	Yes

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



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

Happy New Year to everyone

Our Rotary year is off to a fun positive start. A big thank you to Martin and Emma for your warm hospitality at last Monday's social gathering, great food and good company.

Our sausage sizzlers are off to a great start, a very successful sizzle result on Dec 30th, looking forward to hearing the result from Friday 13th

Over the next six months we have many fun celebrations and events happening.

A detailed list of dates and events will be handed out at our first official meeting on Monday 23rd Jan.

Just to mention a few:

- Our Rotary Foundation 100 year celebration end of Feb
- Knoxbrooke 50 year celebration March
- Knox Festival March
- District Conference Geelong end March/April
- District Assembly May
- Very excited that our Interact Club at Fairhills is starting in Feb
- Eight scheduled sausage sizzles booked from now till June.

So with all our other activities our small vibrant club members have some great happy events to plan and enjoy. Looking forward to seeing as many of you that can make it next Monday to enjoy our Barefoot Bowls and BBQ.

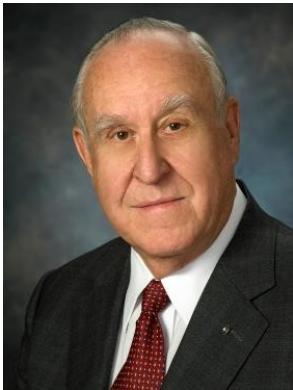
Yours in Rotary
Christine Anderson
 President 2016-2017



CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

This year we had a simple barbeque at the Ferntree Gully Bowling Club. The food was great, the company terrific and the gifts very generously donated and wrapped by President Christine generated much laughter as they were handed out by Fellowship Chair Fran.





Rotary



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Next month will mark 112 years since the first Rotary club was formed in 1905. Since then, Rotary members have worked diligently to make a difference in both local and global communities. A major reason that Rotary continues to have such an impact is our ability to grow and adapt as an organization.

One of the ways we ensure this is through the Council on Legislation. The 2016 Council resulted in many new, forward-thinking decisions, including membership flexibility. This gives your clubs more freedom to decide how they run their business, while maintaining the classification system and our high ethical standards. Clubs can now determine how meetings are held, who is invited to join, and what defines engagement.

We know that if we want Rotary Serving Humanity to become even better in the years ahead, we'll need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work forward. We'll need clubs that are flexible, so that Rotary service will be attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people. We'll need to seek out new partnerships, opening ourselves more to collaborative relationships with other organizations.

The Council also passed a dues increase that will help us provide the tools and resources you need to continue Doing Good in the World. The refresh of Rotary.org is one such resource. We listened to your feedback, and I'm pleased to announce that the newly improved Rotary.org is being launched this month.

Looking ahead, we also see a clear need to prioritize continuity in our leadership. As members of Rotary, we're all playing on the same team, working toward the same goals. If we want to reach those goals together, we all have to move in the same direction.

As Paul Harris said, and just about every RI president since has repeated, these are changing times, and we in Rotary must change with them.

We understand that some of the old rules don't make sense anymore. So we've changed them. Because Rotary isn't about the rules. It's about the service we do — as in Rotary Serving Humanity.

JOHN F. GERM
President 2016-17
Rotary International



FIRESIDE/FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Monday, 9th January 2017

Held at the home of Emma and Martin Boettcher club members gathered for yet another of Emma's superbly cooked meals. High up in the hills the views are lovely and the birds obviously think the Boettcher home is a certain source of food (*see picture below*).

A very convivial evening—thanks once again Emma and Martin for hosting.





Boarding on Flight 2017 has been announced.....

Hope you have checked in only the best souvenirs from 2016 in your luggage....

The BAD and SAD moments if carried, must be thrown away in the garbage bins on arrival

The flight will be 12 months long.
So, loosen your seat belts, jingle and mingle.
The stop-overs will be :

*Health,
*Love,
*Joy,
*Harmony,
*Well-being
*Peace.
Refueling will be at
↳Giving
↳Sharing
↳Caring.

The following menu is offered and will be served during the flight.....

- ✓ Cocktail of Friendship,
- ✓ Supreme of Health,
- ✓ Grating of Prosperity,
- ✓ Bowl of Excellent News
- ✓ Salad of Success,
- ✓ Cake of Happiness,

All accompanied by bursts of laughter...
But remember, you will enjoy these meals and the journey better if you talk, share, smile and laugh together. Sitting silent will make the flight seem longer.

Wishing you and your family  an enjoyable trip on board flight 2017.....

ROTARY EDUCATION

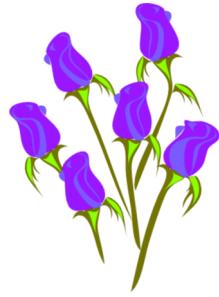
President Christine has decided to recommence the Rotary Education slots at our weekly meetings. Please see below the program for the rest of the Rotary year:-

January	Rotary Foundation Celebration 2017	Mike Spark
February	Rotary Community Corps	Graeme Aspinall
March	Rotary Youth Leadership Awards	Ray Hollis
April	Rotary Peace Fellowships	Paul McAloney
May	Rotary Fellowships	Gary Braddock
June	Rotary's 6 Areas of Focus	John Flemming



IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2017	Program.	Speaker
January	is Vocational Service month	
2-Jan	New Year's Holiday - No Mtg	
9-Jan	Fireside Meeting	Emma & Martin Boettcher's Home
13-Jan	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
16-Jan	BBQ and "barefoot bowls" night	\$20 per head for barbecue plus drinks
23-Jan	Committee's Meeting	Group B
30-Jan	Foundation/Centurian Club	Ian Donald
February	is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution month	
6-Feb	Club Assembly - Club Rules & By-laws	
10-Feb	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
11-Feb	Greek Festival - Sausage Sizzle	Ferny Creek
13-Feb	'Mongolia'	Lynette Phuong
17-Feb	Presidents' Quarterly Mtg.	Mulgrave Country Club
20-Feb	Committees' Meeting	Group A
27-Feb	Rotarians Against Malaria	Gloria Hargreaves
March	is Water & Sanitation month	
4/5th Mar	Multi Dist. PETS	
6-Mar		
10-Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
13-Mar	Labour Day - No Meeting	
20-Mar	Committees' Meeting	Group B
27-Mar		
31/3 - 2/4	District Conference	Geelong
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
3-Apr		
4-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
6-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
10-Apr		
11-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
17-Apr	Easter Monday - no meeting	
24-Apr	Committees' Meeting	Group A
May	is Youth Services month	
1-May		
5-May	Presidents' Quarterly Meeting	Mulgrave Country Club
8-May		
12-May	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
15-May	Committees' Meeting	Group B
21-May	District Assembly	
22-May		
29-May		
June	is Rotary Fellowship month	
5-Jun		
9-Jun	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
10-14 Jun	International Convention	Atlanta, Florida
12-Jun	Queen's Birthday - No Meeting	
19-Jun	Committees' Meeting	Group A
26-Jun		
Goodbye Christine, WELCOME		



Legend:	
	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

