

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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Rotary Club of Sandringham  
Victoria, Australia



District Governor, Dist. 9810 –

**MALCOLM CHIVERTON & Karen**  
Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

President,

**CHRISTINE ANDERSON & Allan**  
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

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



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



## PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

District Governor Malcolm Chiverton made his annual DG's visit to our club last week. He showed great interest in what our club was currently doing and the projects we proposed to do in the future.

Unfortunately, with falling membership it seems future plans for District 9810 will almost certainly be to merge with another District. Malcolm urged us all to look to increasing membership as this is the only way we can survive as a district. RC FTG have a couple of possible candidates for membership in the pipeline but it will take more than that to save us.

Apart from that, with PE Ray Hollis prepared to take the position of President for two years (2018-20) it seems that RC FTG are looking good for a while yet.

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 30th Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Sunday 3rd Dec 12.00	Wednesday 6th Dec [6.00 pm]	Thursday 7th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 14th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	1812 Theatre Upper FTG	Martin & Emma's	TBA	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Fellowship Evening	Fellowship	RJCA Presentations	On-to-Conference	Sport & Life Training (SALT)
Speaker:	"Nonsense"	Lunch		TBA	Dave Burt
Chair:				Mike S	Paul W
Rotary Toast				Enid H	Graham F
Cashier:				Gary B	Ray H
Scribe:				Ray H	Gary B
Rotary Knowledge					
Topic:					
Sergeant-At-Arms:				Paul McA	Paul McA
Partners' Night	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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



## CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

What a busy but great week for most of our members.

Our visit from District Governor Malcolm Chiverton and Karen was a good night, and we as a small club are certainly heading in the right direction to receive a Rotary International Presidential Citation at the end of this Rotary Year,

Friday night I attended the quarterly District Presidents' meeting. By now you will have received an email from me, it is crucial you read and make your decision for the future of District 9810. This will be discussed at our next club meeting 7<sup>th</sup> Dec but for those of you that may not be able to attend, we do need in writing your vote, as this is our cut-off date.

Friday evening I did hear that those who attended the FTG Cemetery Tour, found it very interesting and enjoyed themselves, despite the terrible storm, and the drenching (that what makes it more memorable)

What a wonderful magical time we had on Saturday, so many happy, happy little faces creating their own Christmas logs at the Ferntree Gully Fair. It is a very rewarding experience for all that helped thank you to you all., and spreading the great community spirit that Rotary gives back at no cost.

Looking forward to seeing you all this Thursday at the 1812 Theatre, the reviews indicate it is going to be hilarious with good music we oldies can relate to.?

Have a great week

See you all this Thursday

Yours in Rotary  
Christine Anderson  
President 2017-2018



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# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 23rd November 2017

*The meeting opened at 7 PM after which President Christine welcoming all members, partners, Jill Wilson and Emma Boettcher, visitor Rod Brown and special guests for the evening District Governor Malcolm Chiverton and his wife Karen.*

## **President Christine:**

- Informed members that Assistant District Governor Michele Oscar was an apology due to a death in the family.

President Christine and President-elect Ray were invited to attend a thank you presentation at the Monash Children's Hospital for the clubs support to that institution. It has now become one of the largest of its kind in the country, equalling if not surpassing the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne.

**Chairman:** President-elect Ray called for reports, which were fairly brief; (no doubt a result of the board having met with the District Governor for several hours prior to the meeting and being pretty much reported out!!)

**Also President-elect Ray:** announced to the club the Committee Chairs and Board Members for the 2018- 2019 Rotary Year. (Board members are noted with an \*)

Secretary: \* PP Graham Aspinall

Treasurer: \*PP Enid Hughes

Community: \*Immediate PP Christine Anderson

International: \*PP Enid Hughes

Vocational: \* Rtn Gary Braddock

Youth: \*Rtn Paul Wilson

Membership: PP Paul McAloney

Fellowship: Rtn Alan Tierney

Fundraising: PP Graham Aspinall

Foundation: PP Mike Spark

Program: PP Rob Hurst

**Rotary Knowledge:** refer to the District Governor's notes elsewhere in this bulletin

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:**

**Secretary: (Paul McAloney):** Short and Sweet  
(correspondence has been distributed)

**Apologies:** Received from PP Fran Mandergeddes

**Treasurer: (Enid Hughes):** 'The Club Is Still Solvent'

**Vocational: (Gary Braddock):** Reminded those attending the Fern Tree Gully Cemetery visit (tour) of the arrangements for the following evening Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> November

**Community: (Ray Hollis)** Poor old President-elect Ray, has been tasked with the unenviable job of having to visit all the wineries up and down the Yarra Valley seeking donations to help fund next years Dutch Auction for Trachoma. Unfortunately, he was (hic) unsuccessful but was (hic) happy nevertheless.

Scribes note: Isn't that strange!

Ray also informed members that Interact are to be involved in packaging kits for "Days for Girls" to tie in with the 'Timor-Leste' project.

**International: (Enid Hughes):** Made mention that the club had donated \$2000 to the Timor-Leste project

**Youth: (Paul Wilson):** Advised That the Fair Hills High School interact club members who were heading to Thailand were going to help build a school in a disadvantaged area of the country.

**Fellowship: (Fran Mandergeddes):** although Fran was an apology members were reminded that next Thursday (30 November) was a fellowship night being held at the theatre In Upper Ferntree Gully with a live stage show called "Nonsense" which Fran has been heavily involved in producing.

**Fundraising: Graeme Aspinall:** Graeme reminded members of the upcoming fundraising sausage sizzles at Bunnings hardware stores and gave us some of the future dates.

**Foundation: (Mike Spark):** Mike informed us that the Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully, now having 8 "Centurions", is one of the leading clubs in District 9810 with the percentage of "Centurions" in the club.

**Other:** Mike Spark put forward an idea to assist with the eradication of trachoma, the subject of last week's speaker Dr Alex Ioannidis, that the club donate \$25 per member per year to the Fred Hollows Foundation as part of a Focus Program.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Paul Wilson got us all to a hilarious start with a joke about 2 medical students and their attempts to guess why an ailing old man was walking funny? As we found out it wasn't because of "GAS".

Also informed us of an extension to Murphy's Law known as O'Shannassy's Law which states that Murphy was an optimist.

**Skill:** won by John Flemming (again, I'm beginning to think he bribes the cashier to somehow make the ticket attach itself to the fingers of whoever is drawing it out) fortunately it didn't work again with the 2 of clubs.

## **PROGRAM:**

Reproduced on the following page is a copy of the talk presented to the club by District Governor Malcolm Chiverton.

In addition to District Governor Malcolm's talk his wife Karen gave a very passionate presentation of her concerns with the education of indigenous children in the far north-west of Australia, Primarily in the Bungle Bungle Region in an area known as the Purnululu National Park. District 9810 has donated \$200 towards year 7 children in order to get them ready for private school in year 8, she outlined a very extensive program to assist these children.

**Meeting Closed at 8.50 p.m.**

**Scribe: Robert Hurst**

## **District Governor Malcolm Chiverton's Club Visit to RC Ferntree Gully**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

In 2017-2018, we will answer the question "What is Rotary?" with the theme Rotary: Making a Difference, however each of us chooses to serve. We do it because we know our service makes a difference in the lives of others. Whether we are building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people's lives – in ways large and small – for the better. Whatever motivation each of us had for joining Rotary, it is the satisfaction we find in Rotary that causes us to remain, the satisfaction of knowing that week by week, year by year, we are part of Rotary: Making a Difference.

This year Rotary International President Ian Riseley has made it reasonably easy for every Club in the District to achieve a Presidential Citation. Ian is asking all Clubs to Support and Strengthen Clubs, Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service and enhance Rotary's Public Image and Awareness.

This year's Rotary Citation will recognise clubs that complete activities that support these priorities. Clubs will have the entire Rotary year – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 to 30 June 2018 – to achieve the citation's goals. Like Ian, I too would encourage your club to achieve this Presidential Citation.

Rotary will be able to verify your club's completion of most of the goals using the RI database. For others, RI will confirm your club's achievements through information you enter in Rotary Club Central, Rotary Showcase and Rotary ideas.

I believe the document is well thought out and you can use it as a roadmap for membership, service and the profile of your Club.

As you know, Rotary is only one of many charities. However, the strength of Rotary is in its members, all are volunteers and 100% of money raised goes into projects. No matter what title or role we have or aspire to become, at the end of the day we are Rotarians working to do good in the world, whether that be in our local community, or our region, or around the globe. When you become a Rotarian, you become part of something bigger than yourself.

How can we all make a difference at our club and individually? How can your club make a difference? How can you make a difference?

This leads us to a Rotary moment. What was your Rotary moment? What was my Rotary moment? Being the District Governor, I have had many Rotary moments, more often sharing in someone else's moment. However, I would like to share one of my special moments with you.

As you may or may not know, I have been the Rotary/Rotaract Chairman for District. In this role, I was working with young people supporting, them in their Club activities and trying to grow the number of Rotaract Clubs in the District.

About 7 years ago, a few weeks after the RYLA camp – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (which took place at the YMCA camp at Lake Dewar near Myrniong in early July this year), the District Rotaract Representative and I had the idea to start another

Rotaract Club of past RYLA members. The District Representative had recently just presented at the camp about Rotaract. We knew, that soon after every RYLA camp, there was always a reunion of the participants, so instead of leaving it up to them, we organised the reunion. It took place at my baseball club in Box Hill on a Friday night. We had approximately 20-30 young people turn up. We provided a supper and not too long into the night there was a buzz of energy and excitement in the room which was amazing. You could have cut the air with a knife! Again, we presented them with the benefits of becoming a Rotaractor and how they, with their new-found skills would make a difference in their community. Well this sent them off again. Eventually the night wound down and we went home.

Well the seed was sown, and within 6 months a new Rotaract Club was chartered in the District with 22 members. Like Rotary Clubs, the membership fluctuated, but I can attest they are now a vibrant club with 26 members.

This is one of my favourite Rotary moments as the process of engaging with young graduates from RYLA, bought their experiences together and through that, created a new shared experience which became Rotaract. This is how Rotary made a difference in their lives and through the projects that they have created.

I would like to share my visions for 2017-2018 Rotary year with you. They are grouped under the following four areas.

- Membership and Public Image
- Projects and Planning
- Giving
- Training and Development

Now for some more details about each of these areas

### **Through Membership and Public Image,**

**I would like to see a nett increase of 2 members per Club (one to be a female) and 3 members for Clubs with over 50 members**

I would encourage your club to:

- improve member retention. Encourage members in your club to engage particularly with the longer serving members and to engage with your Cluster Clubs,
- set up a mentor program, either with other Club members or Rotaractors / Interactors
- engage in Rotary Club Central (explain
- promote membership diversity in your Club, reflecting the communities in which you are located. (The District will hold a Community Seminar in October.)
- make better use of the extensive membership and marketing material available from Rotary International
- hold membership seminars either by itself or as a Cluster project. (The District will hold a Membership Seminar in July.)
- promote the great work of your club and Rotary International to your community. Make use of social media and the Internet. (The District will hold Social media seminars in October.)

### Through Projects and Planning,

I would encourage your club to:

- have a strategic plan
- participate in Cluster projects
- become more involved with Rotaract and Interact and boost the Rotary profile
- partner with other organisations for local and international projects
- focus on programs and activities that support youth and young leaders and through the Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus strategy i.e. peace, disease, water and sanitation, health and education, and economic and community development. Apply for District and Global grants.

### Through giving,

I would encourage your club to:

- continue your club's contribution to the Rotary Foundation
- continue to support the eradication of Polio. (It involves the first 20 Clubs that contribute a minimum of \$1000 US will see their donation grow to \$7500 with matching grants from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and District 9810 (Finishes 2018).

### Training and Development,

I would encourage you to:

- develop your Future Leaders through Rotary Leadership Institute and Vocational Services. (The District will hold sessions for Rotary Leadership Institute early in the new Rotary year and a Vocational seminar in October.)

If we can achieve these goals we will grow our District. Our profile will have increased in our communities because of better marketing and improved public image, we will have more sustainable projects that will benefit the community, and we will have greater engagement of our members and better friendship.

I know with your help, your passion, your energy and your love of Rotary, we can really Make a Difference in our Community, in our District and in our World! Will you join me to make that difference?

Malcom Chiverton  
Governor 2017-18  
District 9810



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

## DON'T FORGET!

### FELLOWSHIP LUNCH AT EMMA & MARTIN'S HOME



SUNDAY  
3rd December  
12.00 noon

**\$20.00 per head**

*(Funds go towards the club's operating expenses)*

**(BYO Drinks—Emma & Martin generously contribute the food)**

COMING UP..... We need more helpers. Please see Graeme, John or Ray if you can assist.

## BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

9.00—12.00 p.m.	12.00—3.00 pm
<b>Friday, 8th December</b>	
Graeme Aspinall	Graeme Aspinall
John Flemming	John Flemming
	Ray Hollis

## PLEASE NOTE:

This week we're having a fellowship evening—attending the theatre so there will be no meeting on 30th November and no bulletin issued next week.

Enid Hughes  
Bulletin Editor





**RC FTG's  
"Red & Green"  
CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP PARTY**  
(Wear your best Red/Green outfit)



**MONDAY  
18th December 2017  
6.30 for 7.00 p.m.**



**GLENGOLLAN CLUB ROOMS  
HUTTON AVENUE  
FERNTREE GULLY**

**SELF CATERED BARBEQUE  
BYO EVERYTHING!**



# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2017 / 2018	Program.	Speaker
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
3-Dec	Fellowship Lunch	Martin & Emma's
6-Dec	RJCA Presentation	TBA
7-Dec	On to Conference Presentation	TBA
8-Dec	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-Dec	Sport & Life Training "SALT"	Dave Burt
18-Dec	Christmas Break-up	
28-Dec	Christmas Break - No Meeting	
January	is Vocational Service month	
4-Jan	Christmas Break - No Meeting	
12-Jan	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
11-Jan	Fireside Meeting	
18-Jan	Fireside Meeting	
25-Jan	Committees' Meeting	Group A
February	is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution month	
1-Feb	ROMAC	Norm Casey
8-Feb		
9-Feb	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
15-Feb	Recipe for Change	Christine Smith
22-Feb	Committees' Meeting	Group B
Bobby Darin		
March	is Water & Sanitation month	
1-Mar		
8-Mar		
9-Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
15-Mar		
22-Mar	Committees' Meeting	Group A
29-Mar		
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
5-Apr		
12-Apr		
13-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
19-Apr		
26-Apr	Committees' Meeting	Group B
May	is Youth Services month	
3-May		
10-May		
11-May	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
17-May		
24-May	Committees' Meeting	Group A
31-May		
June	is Rotary Fellowship month	
7-Jun		
8-Jun	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-Jun		
21-Jun		
28-Jun	Committees' Meeting	Group B
30-Jun	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
Sun 8/7	Changeover - Goodbye Christine—Hello Ray	

## Legend:

Partners' Night
Fundraising Event
Community Event
Fellowship Event
Community Event



**Karen Chiverton** held us riveted with her passionate presentation of her DG's Partner's project—a continuation/extension of the Purnululu Independent Aboriginal Community School project started by Alison Tolstrup a couple of years ago.

Thanks Karen—a wonderful insight into the plight of this Aboriginal Community.



## DON'T TRY TO OUTSMART A WOMAN

A MAN CALLS HOME TO HIS WIFE AND SAYS, "Honey, I have been asked to fly to Canada with Norm and several of his friends for fishing. We'll be gone for a long weekend. This is a good opportunity for me to get that promotion I've been wanting so could you please pack enough clothes for a 3 day weekend"...

And also, would you get out my rod and tackle box from the attic?

We're leaving at 4:30 pm from the office and I will swing by the house to pick up my things. Oh! And please pack my new navy blue silk pajamas."

The wife thinks this sounds a bit odd, but, being the good wife, she does exactly what her husband asked.

Following the long weekend he came home a little tired but otherwise looking good. The good wife welcomes him home and asks if he caught many fish? He says, "Yes! Lots of Wall eyes, some Bass and a few Pike.

He said, "But why didn't you pack my new blue silk pajamas like I asked you to do?"

The wife replies, "Oh! I did – they're in your tackle box".

Never, never, never try to outsmart a woman!!!