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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



Rotary International President-elect Barry Rassin laid out his vision for the future of the organization on Sunday, calling on leaders to work for a sustainable future and to inspire Rotarians and the community at large.

Rassin, a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, unveiled the 2018-19 presidential theme, *Be the Inspiration*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "I want you to inspire in your clubs, your Rotarians, that desire for something greater. The drive to do more, to be more, to create something that will live beyond each of us."

Rassin stressed the power of Rotary's new vision statement, "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." This describes the Rotary that leaders must help build, he said.

To achieve this vision, the president-elect said, Rotarians must take care of the organization: "We are a membership organization first. And if we want to be able to serve, if we want to succeed in our goals — we have to take care of our members first."

Rassin asked the incoming district governors to "inspire the club presidents, and the Rotarians in your districts, to want to change. To want to do more. To want to reach their own potential. It's your job to motivate them — and help them find their own way forward."



BE THE INSPIRATION

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 25th Jan [6.0 for 7.00]	Thursday 1st Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 8th Feb 6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 15th Feb [6.0 for 7.00]	Thursday 22nd Feb [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Committee Meetings Group A	ROMAC		Recipe for Change	Committee Meetings Group B
Speaker:	N/A	Norm Casey		Christine Smith	
Chair:	Ray H	Paul W	Martin B	John F	Ray H
Rotary Toast	Enid H	John F	Gary B	Paul McA	Graham F
Cashier:	John F	Graham F	Allan T	Ray H	Fran M
Scribe:	No Scribe	Rob H	Ray H	Allan T	No Scribe
Rotary Knowledge					Gary B
Topic:					RIPPR
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Graeme A	Graeme A	Graeme A	Enid H	Enid H
Partners' Night	No	No	No	Yes	No

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



Happy New Year 2018

CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

By all accounts all members have had a good relaxing time and we are all are ready to embark on our many projects with the usual enthusiasm and vigour as we continue Rotary Making a Difference"

This coming Thursday will be our first official club meeting at the Bowling Club,

I know that some members are still on their travels, but it will be good to get back to a normal club meeting, and continue with our Group A committee meetings, We will be welcoming Rod Brown to our club, and I look forward to inducting Rod when all members are present on 8th Feb.

I look forward to seeing you all this Thursday

Yours in Rotary
Christine Anderson
 President 2017-2018



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 18th January 2018

Happy New Year to Everyone and welcome to 2018

The last bulletin was issued on 21st December and was devoted mainly to our Christmas break-up party and some Board reports. Since then we have celebrated Christmas and New Year and, for some of us—enjoyed a well earned holiday.

Our first fireside meeting was held at the home of Enid & Ray. Only a small number gathered as quite a few of our members were away. It was a warm night but we were able to barbeque in comfort.

Our second fireside meeting took place at the home of President Christine and Allan. It was a stinking hot night but the air conditioning held up. A larger gathering this time but still a fair number of our members/partners were absent. However, it was good to welcome prospective member Rod Brown and his wife Lois. We plan to induct Rod at our meeting on 8th February. Looking forward to you joining us Rod!

Enid Hughes
Bulletin Editor

In the meantime, we give a warm welcome to another future Rotarian—Introducing Toby Braddock- Johnson Arrived at 8.42 pm 15th of January. Proud grandfather Gary couldn't wait to share the first photo! Our congratulations to the family.



Pictured: L-R Pres. Christine, Allan Tierney, Jill Wilson, Graham Faulkner, Ray Hollis, Martin Boettcher, Enid Hughes, Lois Brown, Rod Brown, John Flemming and Graeme Aspinall (Paul Wilson took the photo)



EXTRACT FROM PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

HANSARD



Mr WAKELING
Ferntree Gully

MEMBERS STATEMENTS

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Wednesday, 13 December 2017

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Mr WAKELING — I was also pleased to attend the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully's annual presentation for students from both Ferntree Gully North Primary School and Fairhills Primary School who completed the Rotary junior community program. It was a fantastic event with a number of students who participated in a range of programs, and I congratulate Rotary and the schools for providing students with this great opportunity.

Hi friends,

Hope you are all well.

Well our 2017 Ferntree Gully Christmas Day Lunch has been and gone, and what a day that it was.

We had just over 250 people come through our doors on the day, to enjoy a great lunch together, and more than that, great company. This was only made possible through the dedication of a great team of volunteers who helped prepare, set up, cooked and served food, washed dishes, packed up, served tables, welcomed people, served drinks, entertained children and adults, handed out gifts and were just all around amazing.

Thankyou for your generous support to making our day possible.

We had so many individuals, groups, schools, businesses, sporting clubs, churches and other charities that contributed also in so many ways, through the donation of food, gifts, time, and funds, all of which made the day such a great success and made such a difference in the lives of many. There were so many great stories from the day of people who really appreciated the welcome they were given.

We had some great photos and memories from the day and have shared some of them in our [annual video](#).

For those of you who are new to us, Foothills Community Care also run weekly meal night in Upwey on a Monday night and Ferntree Gully on a Wednesday night, these will both be recommencing in February. As well as this we also run our Community Casseroles Co-op.

Between all of these we serve around 9,000 meals a year, with around 200 volunteers.

We are also looking to commence our hospitality training at Upwey in March 2018.

We also have fundraising opportunities during the year including serving suppers at Knox City Council Citizenship Ceremonies, our annual cafe at Surrender Weekend in Belgrave Heights (March 23-25) and our Scoresby Bunnings BBQ (Sat July 14). These are important times to raise funds for our ongoing work.

Again thankyou for your great support of our community on Christmas Day this year in Ferntree Gully.

kind regards

Stephen

Stephen Barrington
Foothills Community Care
Team Leader
2015 Knox City Council Citizen of the Year



NEWS FROM THE TRAVELLERS

The quiz out of the paper, drinks, coffee and fun around the bbq area before a hot night followed by a hot day. Heat has not bothered us today as we've been entertained in so many ways indoors, lots of great music, lots of laughs.



In Rotary,
our diversity is our strength. This idea dates back to the earliest years of our organization, when the classification system was first proposed. The idea behind it was simple: that a club with members who had a wide variety of backgrounds and abilities would be capable of better service than one without.

In the years since, the idea of diversity in Rotary has come to be defined more broadly. We have discovered that a club that truly represents its community is far better able to serve that community effectively. Looking ahead, it is clear how essential diversity will remain in Rotary: not only to strong service today, but to a strong organization in the future.

One of the most pressing aspects of diversity to address in our membership is the age of our members. When you look around at almost any Rotary event, it becomes obvious that the age range in the room does not promise a sustainable future for our organization. Our membership is near a record high, and we are bringing in new members all the time — yet only a small minority of those members are young enough to have decades of Rotary service ahead of them. To ensure a strong and capable Rotary leadership tomorrow, we need to bring in young and capable members today.

We also cannot discuss diversity in Rotary without addressing the issue of gender. It is difficult to imagine that just three decades ago, women could not join Rotary. Although we have come a long way since then, the legacy of that misguided policy is still with us. Far too many people continue to think of Rotary as an organization only for men, and that idea has had a detrimental effect on both our public image and our membership growth. Today, women make up just over 21 percent of Rotary's membership. While this is certainly a great improvement, we have a long way to go to meet what should be the goal of every club: a gender balance that matches the balance of our world, with as many women in Rotary as men.

Whatever brought each of us to Rotary, we stay because we find value in Rotary membership and believe that our service has value to the world. By building clubs that reflect that world in all its diversity, we will build even more enduring value in *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

Ian H S Riseley
President 2017-19
Rotary International



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**



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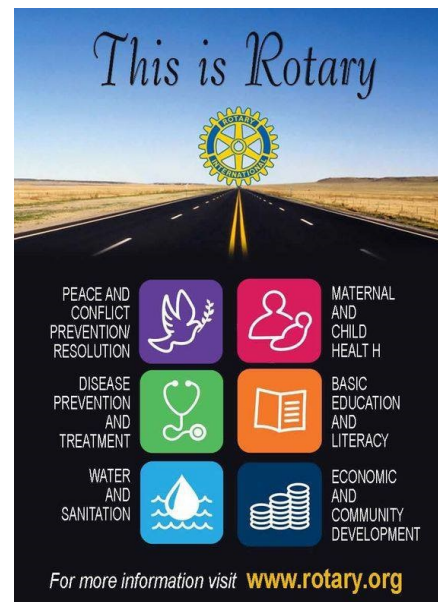
PUTTING YOUR DUES TO WORK

You may have noticed your membership dues this year are slightly higher than in years past. This increase is a result of the 2016 Council on Legislation, which approved raising dues by \$4 to meet members' growing needs for improved products and services from Rotary.

Thanks to your support, we're able to better serve you in a more comprehensive, technology-driven way. Here's how we've already used those funds to invest in our membership:

- We redesigned Rotary.org to make it more intuitive, easier to navigate, and provide direct access to resources.
- We completely overhauled Rotary Club Central so it is faster and easier to use, streamlining the process for clubs to track yearly goals, even on mobile devices.
- We simplified the process of completing and tracking a global grant application.
- Behind the scenes, we improved customer service support, expanded automation efforts, increased our compliance to changing security and privacy regulations, and invested in new technology.

We'll make even more enhancements to our products and tools in the coming year, like improving the functionality and speed of My Rotary, introducing a new financial system with greater data integrity and security, and making it easier to contribute online to The Rotary Foundation.



IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2018	Program.	Speaker
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	
10-Feb	Bikies Sausage Sizzle	
11-Feb	Greek Festival Sausage Sizzle	
15-Feb	Recipe for Change	Christine Smith
22-Feb	Committees' Meeting	Group B
March	is Water & Sanitation month	
1-Mar		
8-Mar		
9-Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
11-Mar	Fellowship Lunch	Martin & Emma's
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, WELCOME RAY		

Legend:	
	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	Community Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event

