

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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**RAY HOLLIS & Enid**  
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

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**IVAN GIGOVIC,**  
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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



Pictured above, the new team: (L-R) Bob Hurst, Allan Tierney, Graeme Aspinall, Christine Anderson, Ray Hollis, Enid Hughes, Mike Spark and Paul Wilson

## CHANGEOVER 2018-19

Held at the Churchill-Waverley Golf & Bowls Club in Rowville, Rotarians, partners, family and friends gathered to celebrate President Christine's year of achievement and to toast President Ray's forthcoming year of hard yakka!

We were honoured to have District Governor Russell Gurney and Shelly, local MP (and Honorary Member of RC FTG) Nick Wakeling and Levili with us as well as both our outgoing and incoming Assistant Governors—Michele Oscar and Christina Chia.

The food was superb, the conversation stimulating and was interspersed with much laughter. (see pictures on page 4)

The weather didn't particularly favour us but the view of the golf course was green and beautiful. Hope everyone enjoyed the day and the setting as much as we did.

Thank you Christine and welcome Ray

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 12th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Friday 13th July [8.00 - 3.00]	Thursday 19th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 26th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Friday 27th July [10.00 - 3.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	Bunnings	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Mountain Gate Shop.Ctr
Program:	Pramanit Foundation	Sausage	Knoxbrooke Enterprises	Committee Meetings Group A	Very Special Kids
Speaker:	Lorraine Young	Sizzle	Kristian Dauncy	N/A	Sausage
Vote of Thanks	Enid H		Graeme A	N/A	Sizzle
Rotary Toast	Graeme A		Gary B	Enid H	
Cashier:	Fran M		Paul W	Graeme A	
Scribe:	Mike S		John F	No Scribe	
Rotary Knowledge				Allan T	
Topic:				Empower Leaders	
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Rob H		Rob H	Rob H	
Partners' Night	Yes		No	No	

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RCT of Fern Tree Gully</i>	14th—Enid Hughes—'08

## MAJA GOES HOME

Her year with us is finally over and Maja had to go home. A large number of friends and Rotarians gathered at Melbourne Airport to see her, (and several other Exchange Students who were also going home), and say goodbye. Very predictably, it started off with smiles but ended in tears. Maja definitely *DIDN'T* want to go home! Of course, by the time the long plane trip is nearing its end Maja will be looking forward to being with her family again. Settling back into her German school and lifestyle will be another thing. A problem that most Exchange Students have. It takes time but I'm sure Maja will begin a new page of her life and forge ahead with whatever she decides to do.

Good Luck Maja! Have a wonderful life and may you find happiness wherever you go.

Thank you for sharing your year with us. We won't ever forget that bubbly enthusiasm of yours.

**Enid Hughes**  
Bulletin Editor





# "RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

Wednesday, 10th July, 2018



A rather busy few days starting with my first meeting on Thursday night:

- During the normal round of reports Christine reminded us of the upcoming one hour Rotary program on Southern Radio 88.3FM to begin later this year. Twelve Rotary Clubs have been offered the opportunity to take part over the course of the year ahead and I am sure Christine will have more information in her report later this month.

Following a short break Enid and I gave the members an overview of our trip to Canada and our attendance at the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto. Although parts of Australia has some great scenery I think it is outdone by Canada. The Lakes, The Mountains The Rivers and the Forests are spectacular. Although the trip on the Rocky Mountaineer was terrific, in my opinion it didn't quite live up to the hype. Having said this it does take you past some fabulous sights which are not accessible by any other means. Once off the train and on to the coach section of the tour it was much more enjoyable because it was possible to get off the coach and get out amongst all the fabulous scenery.

**Toronto—** We had the first couple of days to our own devices and managed to have a look around before we got down to the Convention. Enid also caught up with one of the friends she lived with in Canada many years ago.

**The Convention.** We started at 6.30 on Sunday morning with a special Down Under breakfast for all the Aussies and Kiwi's. This was followed by the opening ceremony. There was a welcoming speech by International President Ian Riseley, the flag ceremony which presented the flags of every country where Rotary exists and some spectacular entertainment. Session two of the Opening Ceremony also had a presentation by Princess Anne.

Over the course of the next three days we attended Plenary sessions and breakout sessions and also dropped in to the house of Friendship.

The Convention organising committee had managed to secure some terrific speakers, among them were Laura Bush, former First Lady of the USA, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. There was a talkback session with three Rotaractor's, one of whom was our own Rebecca Fry from the Rotaract Club of Sydney City. Other interesting speakers included Caryl Stern, President and CEO of UNICEF USA, Xavier Ramey, CEO Justice Informed USA, (who can trace his ancestry back to the days of American slaves,) and also Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada. The closing session mainly revolved around speeches by Barry Rassin and Ian Riseley followed by some more entertainment.

Back in Oz, last Saturday night saw us out at Tullamarine Airport to farewell our exchange student Maja who was heading back home after her year long visit to Australia. There were 5

or 6 exchange students all leaving on the same flight and after many goodbye's and a few tears they were off to board the plane.

Sunday of course saw us celebrating our Changeover. This gave me the perfect opportunity on behalf of all the members to thank Christine for the wonderful job she has done over the past two years. After she had handed me the President's Collar it was my pleasure to present Christine with a Paul Harris Fellow which was certainly well deserved.

While some of our members were not able to attend due to vacation or other commitments I feel sure that all those who were there had an enjoyable day. Our guests included local MP Nick Wakeling and his wife Levili, District Governor Russell Gurney and his wife Shelley, Assistant Governor Christina Chia and her husband Roger and past Assistant Governor Michele Oscar.

One of our special guests was Beth Vize, wife of one of our past members Stuart. I, personally, only got to meet Stuart once but I am sure a lot of our members enjoyed some reminiscing with Beth.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank John Fleming for doing the Invocation, Rob Hurst for his toast to Rotary International and DG Russell Gurney for his response to the International toast. I also owe a vote of thanks to our MC Allan Tierney who did a wonderful job and last but not least to my wonderful wife Enid who took care of all the organizing to make this day a success.

Monday afternoon saw my attendance at our first cluster meeting and there will be more about this at our meeting on Thursday.

In line with our new sponsorship of the Schools page in the Gully News we have submitted our first article about our involvement with the Interact student's participation in Model United Nations Assembly.

Please check the back page for upcoming events, and don't forget the Youth Exchange Program Training at Rotary Club of Bayswater clubrooms at 7pm to 9.30 this coming Friday night. Any interested person is welcome.

A meeting to discuss the formation of Rotaract in our area will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>. I will have more information regarding location shortly.

Yours in Rotary

**Ray Hollis**

President

2018-19



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# CHANGEVER

## PRESIDENT CHRISTINE TO PRESIDENT RAY



# COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

## July 2018 Board Meeting

### COMMUNITY REPORT JUNE 2018

#### FTG VILLAGE FAIR

Allan Tierney attended the FTG Traders Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June discussion for this year Village Fair 24<sup>th</sup> November. General discussion to improve on last year's fair, more food stalls needed, Allan offered Rotary to have a BBQ. Better advertising and signage to promote, also working around state election date. Next meeting to be held on Wed July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 pm. Allan and Christine will be attending and anyone else is welcome.

#### COMMUNITY RADIO

Community Radio southern FM88.3 Allan and Christine attended the first meeting for twelve rotary clubs who are going to participate meeting held on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June. The station has a Rotary Hour 3-4 pm every Tuesday, our club will be hosting an hour show once every twelve weeks, the programme is entirely up to us as to the content, e.g. pre-recorded interviews (our guest speakers) i.e. Kate from Spectrum Journeys Steve Flemming on his historical subjects, our choice of music, events our club is having etc.

Every week on a Monday we can submit any event that our club is having that week and it is advertised for us. The Community Radio is no cost to our club, and Christine is happy to give it a go, but with everyone's input. Our first programme will go to air during late August. Various projects at the Low Cost Housing Complex in Burwood Highway will come to fruition over the next 12 months beginning with the planting of some shade trees and to be followed at a later date with the shade sails project. The shade sails project may take 12 months or more depending on finance as we are going to put in grant applications with various organisations. The projects at this facility will possibly be a joint effort between Community and the Presidential Project. We have yet to be in touch with Dianne Lagerwey at Mountain District Learning Centre to find out the latest news but I will have more information by the time we have our board meeting.

**Christine Anderson**

Community Chair 2018-2019

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE MONTHLY REPORT

June, 2018

#### Nasavusavu Special Education School.

I have emailed the RC Savusavu committee requesting an update on the purchase of the computers/monitors for the Special Ed. Students attending Yaroi but am still awaiting a reply. I will keep the Board informed.

#### Pramanit Foundation, New Dehli, India

Neha Kalia, President of the Rotary Club of Capital City New Dehli advised that he would ensure he contacted me during the Toronto Convention as both he and Brijesh Mathur of the Pramanit Foundation were attending. This did not happen but is not surprising considering there were 24,000 people attending. However, I did speak with Vinod Bansal who is both a Rotarian and a highly influential business man in Dehli. He is of the opinion (as is David Alexander) that the costs quoted are very high. Vinod has promised to speak with Brijesh and get back to me.

As I have spent most of the past month attending the Toronto Convention, I don't have a lot to report this month.

**Enid Hughes**

International Chair

### VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

As Gary Braddock was absent due to illness there was no Vocational Service Report this month.



## CLUB MEMBERS—INFORMATION

Below are lists of the various committees together with the Board Meeting dates for the rest of the Rotary year. Committee chairs please note those Board Meetings at which you will be invited to attend and report to the Board.

<b>2018-19 COMMITTEES</b>	
<b>GROUP 'A'</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY:</b>	<b>Christine Anderson</b> Allan Tierney Rod Brown Graeme Aspinall
<b>INTERNATIONAL:</b>	<b>Enid Hughes</b> Rob Hurst Mike Spark
<b>VOCATIONAL:</b>	<b>Gary Braddock</b> Graham Faulkner Fran Mandergeddes
<b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>	<b>Paul McAloney</b> John Flemming Paul Wilson

<b>2018-19 CCOMMITTEES</b>	
<b>GROUP B</b>	
<b>YOUTH</b>	<b>Paul Wilson</b> Paul McAloney Rod Brown Gary Braddock
<b>FUND RAISING</b>	<b>Graeme Aspinall</b> John Flemming Enid Hughes Mike Spark
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>Allan Tierney</b> Christine Anderson Fran Mandergeddes Graham Faulkner Rob Hurst

Group	Board Meeting	Committee	Attendee
A	2nd August	Foundation	Mike Spark
B	6th Sept	Membership	Paul McAloney
A	4th October	PR & Marketing	Enid & Ray H
B	1st November	Fundraising	Graeme Aspinall
A	6th December		
B	7th February	Fellowship	Allan Tierney
A	7th March	Membership	Paul McAloney
B	4th April	Foundation	Mike Spark
A	2nd May	Fundraising	Graeme Aspinall
B	6th June	Transition - All Outgoing/Incoming Chairs	



# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2018	Program.	Speaker
July	is the start of new Rotary officers' year of service	
12-Jul	Pramanit Foundation - Dehli, India	Lorraine Young
13-Jul	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
13-Jul	Youth Protection Seminar	Bayswater Club Rooms
19-Jul	Knoxbrooke Enterprises	Kristian Dauncey
22-Jul	Rotaract Changeover	
25-Jul	Melbourne Water Sausage Sizzle	H E Parker Reserve - TBC
26-Jul	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>
27-Jul	Very Special Kids - Sausage Sizzle	ComBank
August	is Membership & New Club Development month	
1-Aug	BOARD MEETING	Enid & Ray's home
2-Aug	<b>KNOX COUNCIL RECEPTION - VOLUNTEERS NIGHT</b>	
3-Aug	President's Quarterly Mtg	
9-Aug	Interact/MUNA/Thaland Trip	Fairhills HS students
10-Aug	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
10-Aug	Membership Retention & Growth Strategies Seminar	
16-Aug	Knox Woodworkers	Rodney Williams
23-Aug	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>
24-Aug	The Rotary Foundation Seminar	
30-Aug	Fellowship Night - Crazy Whist?	
September	is Basic Education and Literacy Month	
6-Sep	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Allan Tierney
13-Sep		
14-Sep	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-16 Sep	Rotalry Youth Program of Enrichments (RYPEN) Camp (14-16th Sept)	
20-Sep	Foothills Community Care	Stephen Barrington
27-Sep	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>
October	is Economic and Community Development month	
4-Oct	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Gary Braddock
5-Oct	Community Service Seminar	
10-Oct	Australian Rotary Health Hat Day (Shining a light on mental health)	
11-Oct		
12-Oct	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
18-Oct		
25-Oct	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>
26-Oct	Vocational Service Seminar	

Legend:

	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event



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