

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

INCORPORATED REG. No. A0023463V  
DISTRICT 9810 VICTORIA AUSTRALIA  
CHARTERED: 16<sup>th</sup> May, 1963  
Postal Address: P. O. Box 164 FERN TREE  
GULLY, VIC 3156  
Website: [www.ferntreegullyrotary.org.au](http://www.ferntreegullyrotary.org.au)  
Facebook: [/www.facebook.com/ferntreegullyrotary1](https://www.facebook.com/ferntreegullyrotary1)

Vol 56 Issue No 5

2nd August, 2018



President, Rotary International

**BARRY RASSIN & Esther**  
Rotary Club of East Nassau  
New Providence, Bahamas



District Governor, Dist. 9810 –

**RUSSELL GURNEY & Shelley**  
Rotary Club of Doncaster

President,

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

Benefactor,

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



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



Pictured above (L-R), *Stuart McDonald, Ray Hollis, Host Dad David, Giulia, Host Mum Merrin and Barrie Vickers*

## ARRIVAL OF OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT

Having only said goodbye to Maja a couple of weeks ago we had little time to prepare ourselves for the next round of incoming students. However, unlike some of our previous Exchange Students, Giulia arrived at the reasonable hour of 6.00 p.m. So, despite battling rush hour traffic we were all there to welcome her.

After a session of greeting, photo shoots and introductions host parents Merrin and David took Giulia home and settled her in. She won't have long; it's off to school on Friday for the start of her year with Tintern College.

We wish you welcome Giulia and hope your year long stay in Australia is a memorable one.

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Wednesday 1st August (7.30 p.m.)	Thursday 2nd August [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 9th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Friday 10th August	Friday 10th August
Venue:	Enid & Ray's Home	Knox Council Offices	FTG Bowling Club	Bunnings	
Program:	Board	Knox	Interact/ MUNA/ Thailand Trip		Membership
Speaker:	Meeting	Council	Fairhills HS students	Sausage	Retention
Vote of Thanks		Reception	Paul W	Sizzle	Seminar
Rotary Toast		for	John F		
Cashier:		Volunteers	Fran M		
Scribe:			Mike S		
Rotary Knowledge		No Meeting			
Topic:		at the Bowling Club			
Sergeant-At-Arms:			Allan T		
Partners' Night		No	Yes		
<i>Birthdays:</i>		None			
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>		9th—Wendy & Mike Spark—'86			
<i>Induction to R.G. of Fern Tree Gully</i>		8th—Paul Wilson—'05			



## "RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

Another productive week with two sausage sizzles completed successfully.

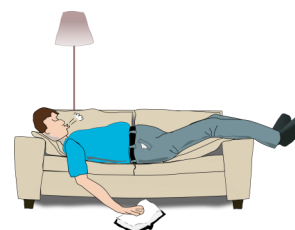
Wednesday we were down at the Dandenong Creek rehabilitation project that Melbourne Water had undertaken at the end of Armstrong Street Bayswater. A large Section of Dandenong Creek which was at one stage turned into a barrel drain has now been turned back into an open waterway. With students from a couple of local schools and some employees of Melbourne Water and Knox Council involved in the planting of native plants and grasses they invited us to provide a sausage sizzle for all these industrious people. We got fortunate with the weather and it turned out to be a profitable few hours. Thanks to Mike, Graeme, John and Allan for their assistance.

On Friday we were off to assist the Commonwealth Bank at Mountain Gate to help raise funds for Very Special Kids. The Big Pink Pig was in attendance and this, along with our sizzling sausages, helped to raise some funds. Thanks again to all those club members involved.

Wednesday evening, Enid and I went out to Tullamarine Airport to welcome our incoming Youth Exchange Student. Guilia is from Italy and will be making regular appearances at the club over the coming year as well as joining in some of our activities.

No meeting at the Bowling Club this week as we are attending the Volunteers thank you evening at Knox City Council on Thursday Night.

Yours in Rotary  
**Ray Hollis**  
 President 2018-19





# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Wednesday, 26th July, 2018

## COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY—BREAKFAST CATERING

On Wednesday several of our members were up and out early doing breakfast for the Community Planting Day put on by Melbourne Water and Knox City Council.



## VERY SPECIAL KIDS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On Friday we were out again—this time doing the ComBank's Very Special Kids sausage sizzle. Again, this year the Pink Pig was very much in evidence!



Pictured above (L-R) Ray Hollis, Graeme Aspinall, John Flemming and Mike Spark

## SkyHydrants Fight Poverty

The overall cost of water from a SkyHydrant™ is less than 1 cent per litre over the life of the system.

This compares with 50 cents per litre for a small bottle of water bought locally.

This doesn't seem much to Australians, but in the Philippines the minimum daily wage is around \$7.

If a family buys drinking water from the supermarket that may be almost a third of someone's wage.

Low cost safe water means that more money is available for food, clothes and other necessities.



San Ramon Student,

## Safe Water - A Basic Human Right



Rotary International Convention in Toronto, manning the stand; Disaster Aid Australia, Malaysia, Brazil

Disaster Aid Australia led a 'Breakout Session' at this years Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada on 'Safe Water – A Basic Human Right'.

Several of our board members, and partners (pictured here) travelled to Toronto to work on our stand in the International House of Friendship.

## MEMBERSHIP RETENTION & GROWTH STRATEGIES SEMINAR

This seminar will be held at the MCC Baseball Pavilion, Surrey Drive, Box Hill. (enter off Canterbury Road, east of Elgar Road on left side of Surrey Drive as you drive down) on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August 5.45 pm for 6.00 pm when light refreshments will be served and the Seminar to start at 6.30 pm and finish at 9.00 pm.

Membership teams are encouraged to attend along with any other members of your club who might be interested.

Regards,

Alma Reynolds  
District Governor Nominee &  
District 9810 Secretary 2018/19



# Why and how to host a Rotary Day

In an effort to increase membership and highlight Rotary's inspiring work, RI President Barry Rassin is urging clubs and districts to organize fun, informal community events called Rotary Days.

"Rotary Days events will offer you the chance to have an impact in your community, build long-term partnerships, increase interest in membership, and improve Rotary's image," Rassin said.

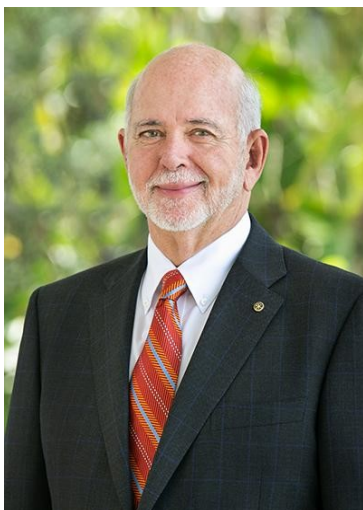
Any club, big or small, can host a Rotary Day. Neighboring clubs can pool their resources and co-host an event, and entire districts can come together for a large-scale Rotary Day.

## Tips for planning a Rotary Day:

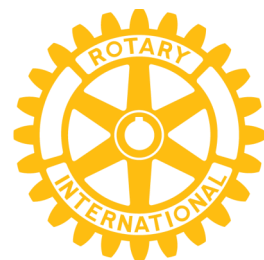
- Consider including a hands-on service project as part of the event to let visitors see for themselves how Rotary benefits the community.
- Feature guests that appeal to a non-Rotary audience. Consider young leaders, inspirational speakers, celebrities, musicians, or other public figures.
- If the event will offer food, keep it simple — for example, a self-service buffet rather than a formal, sit-down meal.
- Advocate on local issues related to Rotary's areas of focus by calling attention to challenges that affect people in your area.
- If you charge admission, keep prices low. Ask local businesses to sponsor your event.
- Welcome families and make the event enjoyable for them.
- Present Rotary as an appealing opportunity for potential members to make new friends, exchange ideas, and take action to improve their community and the world. Avoid using Rotary jargon or referring to club traditions.
- Highlight the work of local Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Community Corps members, and other community members who do extraordinary humanitarian work.
- Recognize non-Rotary community members who demonstrate Rotary's service ideals.
- Sponsor an event with a partner organization to show that, by working together, we make a deeper and more lasting impact on communities.
- Ask local news media to cover the event.
- Collect participants' contact information, and invite them to future club events.
- Partner with local civic groups, service organizations or local businesses.

During and after your event, post photos and videos with the hashtag #RotaryDay to social media. We'll collect photos of Rotary Day events around the world and show them at the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. Some may also appear in Rotary media throughout the year.

"Imagine the collective impact we can have if all 35,000 Rotary, 10,000 Rotaract, and 22,000 Interact clubs engage their neighbors, friends, young people, and organizations," Rassin said.



# Rotary



# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2018	Program.	Speaker
August	is Membership & New Club Development month	
1-Aug	BOARD MEETING	Enid & Ray's home
2-Aug	KNOX COUNCIL RECEPTION - VOLUNTEERS NIGHT	
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	Committee Meetings	GROUP B
24-Aug	The Rotary Foundation Seminar	
30-Aug	Fellowship Night	
September	is Basic Education and Literacy Month	
6-Sep	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Allan Tierney
13-Sep	RYLA	Chris Lin
14-Sep	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-16 Sep	Rotary Youth Program of Enrichments (RYPEN) Camp	
20-Sep	Foothills Community Care	Stephen Barrington
27-Sep	Committee Meetings	GROUP A
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	Committee Meetings	GROUP B
26-Oct	Vocational Service Seminar	

Legend:

	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event



BE THE INSPIRATION

May you live to  
be so old that  
your driving  
terrifies people.

