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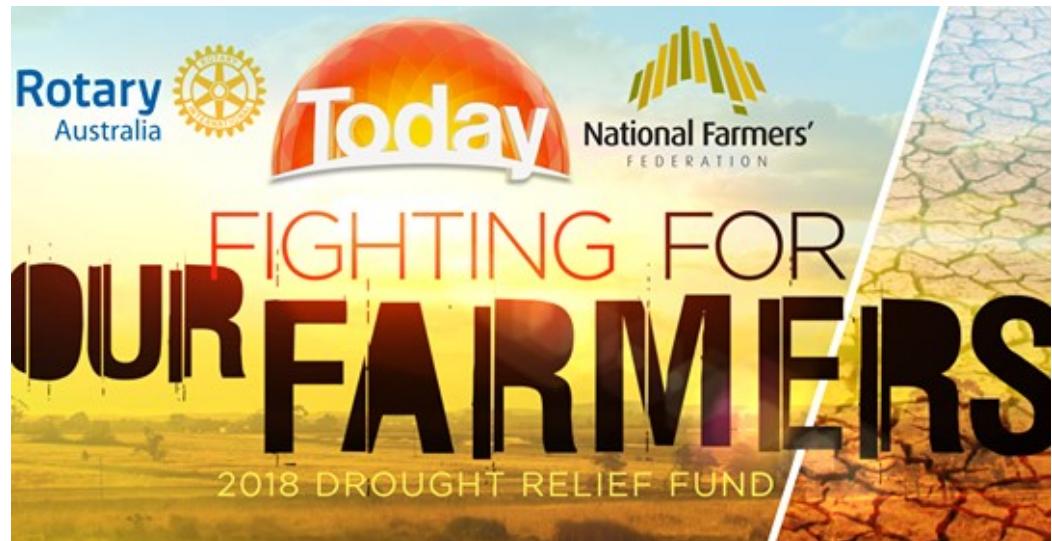
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Benefactor,

**IVAN GIGOVIC,**  
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## WEEKLY BULLETIN



Project 17 of 2018-19,  
Drought Relief Fund for Australian Farmers

Supported by Rotary in Australia, National Farmers' Federation & Channel 9

In Australia, farmers are the lifeblood of our country and they are in crisis. Record breaking heat and lack of rain means farmers are struggling to feed sheep and cattle, and keep crops alive. Families on the land are suffering and they need our help. Channel 9 and Rotary Australia have partnered with the National Farmers' Federation, launching an appeal to big business and everyday Australians, so we can provide some emergency relief. 100% of donations goes to the farmers and is tax deductible via Rotary and RAWCS.

Every dollar counts.

Note: RAWCS does not charge a service fee on these donations.

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 9th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Friday 10th August	Thursday 16th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 23rd August [6.30 for 7.00]	Friday 24th August
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club		FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	
Program:	Interact/ MUNA/ Thailand Trip	Membership	Knox Wood-workers	Committee Meetings Group B	Foundation
Speaker:	Fairhills HS students	Retention	Rodney Williams	N/A	Seminar
Vote of Thanks	Paul W	Seminar	Gary B	N/A	
Rotary Toast	Rod B		Enid H	John F	
Cashier:	Fran M		John F	Rob H	
Scribe:	Mike S		Rob H	No Scribe	
Rotary Knowledge				Christine A	
Topic:				End Polio Now	
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Allan T		Allan T	Allan T	
Partners' Night	Yes		No	No Scribe	

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RG of Fern Tree Gully</i>	14th—Allan Tierney—'14

## APPEARING IN THIS WEEK'S FERNTREE GULLY NEWS.....

The Club Board recently agreed to take on the sponsorship of the "Schools Page" of our local newspaper—*The Ferntree Gully News*. See below for our first contribution:


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In this issue we introduce Ferntree Gully Rotary as sponsors of the schools pages in *Ferntree Gully News*. We thank them for their support and look forward to reports on Rotary projects with schools – along with other articles from local schools.

### Meet the Fairhills High School Interact Club

The Interact Club at Fairhills High School has been going for just over a year now and the Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully is proud not only to have sponsored them but also to be an integral part of the club. For those who are not aware, an Interact Club is, in a way, a Junior Rotary Club, formed in the school system.

An Interact Club is a group of community minded students who get together on projects within the local community and also participate in activities to benefit international communities. The most recent venture of the Fairhills High School Interact Club was their attendance at the Rotary sponsored Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA). Two students from Fairhills Interact Club were selected to attend.

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MUNA is a Rotary program based on the United Nations Assembly. School teams are sponsored by Rotary clubs and the event is held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber at Victoria's Parliament House. Students are given a country to represent and are required to dress according to that country's culture. In Fairhill's case, it was Ireland – they chose to dress as Leprechauns\* which caused much amusement!

So, on a more serious note, since MUNA is based on the UN Assembly, they had to argue for or against certain resolutions. This year one of the issues was the global need to strengthen laws on Violence Against Women.

These sessions at Parliament are open to the public and this year a number of members from the Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully attended to see the students in action. What a fantastic experience! To watch these young people debating, speaking, following procedures etc. was magic. We came away confident that if our future is in the hands of these young people there is certainly hope for Australia. Members of the Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully certainly plan to join with students in undertaking many more joint activities.

*Ray Hollis, President*

\* A type of fairy in Irish folklore usually depicted as little men in coats and hats who get up to mischief.

# "RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

Wednesday, 2nd August, 2018



Been a little busier this week:

- Meeting with the other groups in Ferntree Gully to bring each other up to date with what's happening.
- Board meeting Wednesday night.
- On Thursday night a number of members were down at the Knox City Council offices for their annual thank you event for all the local Community and Volunteer groups.

The biggest news of course is the collaboration between Rotary, Channel 9 and the National Farmers Federation to raise funds for the drought victims across the country. Channel 9 has the infrastructure to spread the word nation wide while Rotary has the means of collecting and distributing 100% of all donations to the people they are intended for. All donations will be collected and distributed by RAWCS. This is not just about feeding starving animals, it also impacts on the farming families in these districts. District 9810 has donated an initial 2,500 dollars but may seek to increase this.

Our efforts are also being backed up by the fantastic effort that **Bunnings are doing with the sausage sizzles** they are running at every Bunnings store right across the country.

Friday night required my attendance at the Presidents quarterly meeting where we were updated on what is happening in the Rotary world. Reported Polio cases this year have reached 13.

Glenn Tippett from Australian Rotary Health gave us an in-

sight as to how ARH got its start. It all began in 1981 when Ian Scott, a member of the Rotary Club of Mornington heard a late night interview with Professor Alan Williams about the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and decided to do something about it. Ian proposed the establishment of a national Rotary research foundation with the aim of raising 2 million dollars for research into SIDS. Thus ARH was born and has since distributed over 43 million dollars for medical related programs in Australia.

Our first article on the Schools page that we sponsor in The Gully News has been printed and we look forward to our continued association with both the paper and our programs within the schools.

On a lighter note our Past President Christine has returned home after her rehab and Secretary Graeme has headed overseas for a well earned rest, just as Paul and Kay, and Rod & Lois return.

At our meeting this week we will be entertained with a report from Noah and Matthew from Fairhills High School about their experience at MUNA. (see article on page 2). Some of the team that went to Thailand last year are also expected to be in attendance. This week is a partners night so I hope to catch up with all our partners on Thursday night.

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



## *Excerpt from DG's Communique #4*

"The Fighting for our **Farmers Drought Relief Appeal** (a partnership between Rotary Australia, Channel Nine, and the National Farmer's Federation) is only six days in, and has already raised some \$2.1M . You may all have heard the response from the NFF CEO when asked by Channel 9 interviewers "How would they ensure the funds would get to those in need?." He said that "**Rotary would make this happen!**" As is often the case, others speaking about our organisation is the most powerful testimony. "

**Russell Gurney**  
Governor  
District 9810



# COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

## August, 2018 Board Meeting

### COMMUNITY REPORT OUT AND ABOUT

#### FTG VILLAGE FAIR

Christine Anderson and Allan Tierney attended the FTG Traders Meeting Wed 11<sup>th</sup> July discussion for this year Village Fair 24th November.

General discussion to improve on last year's fair, more food stalls needed, Rotary has offered to run a BBQ and also hold a free children's Christmas themed activity. BBQ will be Hamburgers; Ray to Book the Community BBQ. This is also Election Day so everyone is out and about

Better advertising and signage to promote, . Next meeting to be held on Wed Aug 8th at 5.30 pm. Allan and Christine will be attending and anyone else is welcome.

#### COMMUNITY RADIO

Community Radio southern FM88.3

The first Rotary Programme goes to Air on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 3.00-4.00 pm. The guest of honour is Ian Riseley

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 September.

#### FTG CFA Annual Presentations

4 Members attended the CFA Annual Presentations on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July Where the keys to a new state of the art tanker were presented to the brigade.

#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS OUT AND ABOUT

Melbourne Water approached us to conduct a sausage sizzle for the tree planting at the wetlands in Bayswater 25<sup>th</sup> July

Commonwealth Bank in Ferntree Gully again approached us to assist with a BBQ to raise funds for very special kids Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July; Of course, assisted by the "Pink Pig".

Shade Trees for the Low Cost Housing Playground, FTG: A quote received from the gov department. They supply trees, do the soil test and plant the trees. Club has passed this for payment.



Christine Anderson

Community Chair 2018-2019

### Youth Report

#### Interact

Had meeting 27/7/18.

- Moving to Students doing their own agenda and minutes.
- Discussed RYPEN Camp. Want younger years to participate: two places for Yr9 Jesse Alderhorst for one and consult teacher for recommendation on other.
- Discussed having professional info sessions opening it up to Yd 10 on a Wed at Level Assembly.
- Stewie and Susan confirmed they are attending Rotary Meeting August 9. Students yet to confirm.
- Ray suggested a joint fundraiser. All think it is a good idea. Money raised to be split with Rotary and to go to as yet unidentified overseas cause.
- Debated what to do with local money raised at Pizza night. Students to think about options and decide next meeting.
- Next Meeting 1pm, Thursday August 9.

#### Youth Exchange

- Our new incoming exchange student has landed and was met at the airport by Ray and Enid. We look forward to meeting her at a meeting in the future.

#### National Youth Science Forum

- Risini Gunasekara sent us an email asking for endorsement to NYSF. She stated she understands we are not in a position to sponsor her. It was agreed at a meeting to say yes and she has subsequently been endorsed.

#### Rotary Junior Community Award

- We were contacted by Ferntree Gully PS for help identifying community service placings. Canvassed ideas and history and submitted to Fairhills and Fern Tree Gully. Ferntree Gully Nth have now responded, providing feedback on successes to be used in aiding next years participants.

#### Camp Awakenings

- Ray replied (to Rotary) saying not this year. But most likely next year.

#### RYLA

Chris Lim has completed his camp and judging by his face on the Saturday at the presentations he had a wonderful time. We look forward to hearing about his experiences on September 13 when he will present to the club.

#### RYPEN

- Fairhills Interact are in the process of fielding four candidates. See Interact notes..



Paul Wilson  
Youth Chair

Recently it was decided that Board Meetings should be held offsite and on a different date to the weekly meetings. (First Monday of the month.) President Ray would also like each of the Committee Chairs to occasionally attend a Board Meeting. Therefore, please see below the (revised) dates and the names of the Committee/Attendees.

The offsite address TBA.

Board Meeting	Committee	Attendee
3rd Sept	Membership	Paul McAloney
1st October	PR & Marketing	Enid & Ray H
5th November	Fundraising	Graeme Aspinall
3rd December		
4th February	Fellowship	Allan Tierney
4th March	Membership	Paul McAloney
1st April	Foundation	Mike Spark
6th May	Fundraising	Graeme Aspinall
3rd June	Transition - All Incoming/Outgoing Chairs	

## NOTE TO MEMBERS:

It has been pointed out that those members who did not attend Changeover, nor the first club meeting are not aware of a small change in the conducting of weekly meetings.

So to ensure everyone is fully informed: President Ray announced that for the coming Rotary year he would be chairing club meetings himself. However, another member would be allocated the duty of giving a Vote of Thanks whenever we have a speaker. In the event that President Ray is not in attendance at a meeting he will ensure someone else is allocated to chair it.

Hope this makes everything clear for everyone.

Enid Hughes  
Editor

### 2018-19 COMMITTEES

#### GROUP 'A'

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

### 2018-19 COMMITTEES

#### GROUP B

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

# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2018	Program.	Speaker
9-Aug	Interact/MUNA/Thailand Trip	Fairhills HS students
10-Aug	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
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 -	
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	
15-Sep	<b>Bowling Club's 50th Ann.</b>	\$25.00 per head
14-16 Sep	Rotary Youth Program of Enrichments (RYPEN) Camp	
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	A.G.M. / 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	Knoxbrooke Enterprises	Kristian Dauncey
12-Oct	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
18-Oct		
25-Oct	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>
26-Oct	Vocational Service Seminar	
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
1-Nov	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Rod Brown
8-Nov	DG's Club Visit	Russell & Shelley Gurney
9-Nov	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
9-Nov	Presidents Elect Pre-PELDS workshop	
15-Nov	Caltoria Brewery	Lien Jenkins
16-Nov	International Service Seminar	
22-Nov	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>
23-Nov	President's Quarterly Meeting / AGM	
24-Nov	<b>Ferntree Gully Traders Fair</b>	
29-Nov	BBQ - at the club	Fellowship
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
6-Dec	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Graham Faulkner
13-Dec	FTG Bowling Club / RC FTG	Ken Miller
13-Dec	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
20-Dec	<b>Christmas Break-Up</b>	
27-Dec	<b>Christmas Break - No Meeting</b>	

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



If we're not meant to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge?