

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN



President, Rotary International

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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



Pictured above (L-R), *Graham Faulkner, Kay McAloney, Giulia Baisini, Fran Mandergeddes and Marg Hurst*

## GIULIA MAKES HER FIRST VISIT TO RC FTG

Julia Baissini, our incoming Youth Exchange Student (shared with RC Bayswater) made her first visit to our club last Thursday and was made warmly welcome. It was a great meeting; this week's speakers were students from Fairhills High School some of whom spoke about their trip to Thailand last year and a couple who regaled us with their experiences as the Irish delegates of MUNA. (see more on page 3)

We hope Julia enjoyed the evening as much as we did and we look forward to welcoming her again in October when she's scheduled to give her introductory presentation to a joint meeting of the members of both Bayswater and Fern Tree Gully.

We're all looking forward to it Giulia!

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 16th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 23rd August [6.30 for 7.00]	Friday 24th August	SUNDAY 26th Aug 12.00 Noon	Thursday 30th Aug [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club		Club Hotel FTG	Fairhills High School
Program:	Knox Wood-workers	Committee Meetings Group B	Foundation	Fellowship	Theatre Night
Speaker:	Rodney Williams	N/A	Seminar	Lunch	Chicago Musical
Vote of Thanks	Gary B	N/A			
Rotary Toast	Paul McA	John F			
Cashier:	John F	Rob H			
Scribe:	Rob H	No Scribe			
Rotary Knowledge		Christine A			
Topic:		End Polio Now			
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Allan T	Allan T			
Partners' Night	No	No Scribe			

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



## "RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

What a great week we have had. Members returning from travels in warmer climes arrived home in time to hear our speakers on Thursday night. First off we had Noah and Matthew who were our two representatives at Model United Nations Assembly, the fact they dressed as Leprechauns to represent Ireland was probably appropriate as these two lads do have a bit of the mischievousness associated with Leprechauns. While performing their tasks as required it came across that they also introduced a certain amount of humour into their delegates contributions. Overall an informative, inspirational and humorous presentation. Well done lads.

The three girls, Erin, Linda and Emily, giving us an insight into their trip to Thailand last year were equally as impressive. Living and working in a remote village presented certain challenges which the girls had not faced before; challenges such as showering and (non-existent) toilet facilities and a whole range of other things which we take for granted every day. Although they were there to help improve certain facilities for the villagers they did manage to get some time off to explore Thailand and enjoy themselves. Having said that the three day trek they undertook certainly sounded like a formidable challenge.

Sunday, what a great effort—43 volunteer hours, 900 sausages, 15 kgs of onions, extra shopping trips to buy more serviettes, sauce and mustard, then more sausages and finally we ran out of Coke. For a small club we can certainly punch above our weight when we work as a team. Congratulations and thanks again to all the members for a great effort which means we can donate \$2,250 to the drought appeal.

On a more mundane but important note we have the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Fern Tree Gully Bowling Club coming up on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. If any member would like to attend please let me know and I will make arrangements with the Bowling Club. Cost is \$25.00 each. As RC FTG were instrumental in the formation of the Bowling Club back in 1968 it would be nice if we could be a part of their celebration—as we were with Knoxbrooke last year.

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



# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Wednesday, 9th August, 2018

The meeting was opened at 7.00pm by President Ray

## Announcements:

President (and Chairperson) Ray welcomed everyone, including Susan Harris of Fairhills (Interact), Giulia Baisini (our new YEP student), and partners Jill Wilson, Marg Hurst and Kay McAloney.

- Ray announced that he had been to yet another Presidents meeting, and District 9810 will stay as is, having achieved more than the required membership cut-off number.
- Bunnings have reallocated our 10 Aug date to Thursday 30 Aug, but later asked us to step in on this Sunday to replace another team.
- IF anyone can attend a Foundation seminar on 24 August replacing Chair Mike Spark, it would be appreciated – please see Ray for details.

## Reports

**Secretary:** No report as Graeme Aspinall was still swanning around overseas.

**Apologies:** John Flemming and Gary Braddock

**Treasurer:** Enid advised that \$670 had been received from SE Water for our banger-burning efforts. \$600 for our tree-planting event efforts is still to come.

**Community** – Christine and Alan had attended the FTG Traders planning meeting for this year's fair, and advised that this year's event on 24 November will see us not only repeat our past activity of making Xmas decorations from pine cones and bits of branches, but also a Sausage sizzle (shall we use the FTG Auto Group trailer again?).

**Fellowship** - Alan advised that:

- A social get-together will happen soon – more details to come by email.
- there would be a return of the fellowship dinners (twice a year - 3 couples to decide whether to eat in or out).
- he's looking at doing a wine tasting in some format in the near future.

(PS - Mike will organise a Jazz lunch in September or October - more later)

**Youth:** Paul Wilson reported

- that the Fairhills Interact kids had decided that the proceeds of their Interact Pizza night were going to the drought relief appeal – great work, guys!
- Knox and Boronia Clubs were having a Footy speaker night at the Knox Club on Tuesday, 11 September – let Ray know if you are interested.

**Sergeant-at-arms.** Alan had a very shortened version of the Sergeant's session (No joke!)

**SKILL** - Jack of Hearts was drawn by Enid (2<sup>nd</sup> Jack in a row for her) , so we live again still!

**Guest Speakers –**

**First**, Noah and Matthew from Fairhills High School had the room in stitches outlining what they did (and didn't do) at MU-



NA (Mini United Nations Assembly) recently. They approached the weekend where they represented Ireland in the United Nations with flair and pizazz, even putting up a resolution by Ireland to swap potatoes for nuclear bombs with North Korea – it was not successful, unfortunately!

They were mentioned in dispatches by the "UN Secretary-General" in his summing-up of the weekend's debating efforts for "being funny".

*A great effort and a big learning experience to this talented duo with what I recall is a "down-to-earth FTG" approach to life matters.*

**Next**, Stewart MacCartney and three young ladies (Erin, Linda and Emily), from Fairhills High again, recounted some of their experiences when they spent time in the north of Thailand providing better facilities and resources for



a school and its village again. The party included ten students and three staff.

They also saw a lot of the country that tourists would miss out on, including white-water boating and "walking up and down mountains".

They "got out of their first world "bubble", had a lot of "missions" to fulfil during the visit, were challenged - physically by the work they did and culturally, as expected - but "felt like they accomplished something", and "became closer as a group - for the first time ever". They home-stayed in the village (complete with language barriers, but the personal communications were "OK"!), and experienced real life with real families (one host Mum had lost three kids to the Burmese Army in an attack!), and contributed back by buying chickens out of their own savings to give the people more eggs. The people were lovely, they said, and the little kids were especially amazed by the bubble-making toys they gave them



*They had us rapt with their commitment and flexibility to go with the flow in a totally new and "strange" environment. An incredible effort by the future leaders of our communities.*

President Ray read out next week's housekeeping duties and closed the (very busy) meeting at 8-45pm.

**Scribe/Editor/ typist: Mike Spark**



# COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

## August, 2018 Board Meeting

### PR and Marketing Report July 2018

Our Facebook postings started the month with, Happy new Rotary year.

Early in the month I was selling raffle tickets at Maxi's in Upper Gully and took the opportunity to post it on Facebook in an effort to get more people down to buy tickets. That didn't work but it may have been the cold weather that kept them away.

July 7<sup>th</sup> saw Enid and Ray out at Tullamarine Airport to farewell Maja on her journey back home to Germany. There were 5 or 6 exchange students leaving on the same flight and it turned into quite a teary farewell.

This was followed on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> July by Changeover. Following on Christine's example of holding changeover off site I think we all had a wonderful afternoon. Having our local MP Nick Wakeling in attendance along with District Governor Russel Gurney and wife Shelley helped round off what I believe was a good event with the right amount of formality interspersed with some fellowship.

The CFA held their annual awards ceremony mid month which was attended by Ray, Enid, Christine and Allan. Once again a great afternoon with the CFA acknowledging the efforts put in by all their volunteer crew members.

Towards the end of the month I posted an article about Rotary's efforts to end Polio which I copied from an RI publication.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> will see the next edition of the Ferntree Gully News and the beginnings of our new collaboration with our sponsorship of the schools pages and our first article under the new arrangements. Will be interesting to see the outcome.

**Ray and Enid**

PR and Marketing.

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE MONTHLY REPORT

July, 2018

### Nasavusavu Special Education School.

- Several emails have been exchanged between RC Savusavu and ourselves.
- We have agreed to fund the rental of an off-site storage container for a period of one year at a cost of F\$900 (approx. A\$580. This to be renegotiated after this period.
- We have agreed to purchase 3 PC's and 2 32" monitors (the school already has one)

### Pramanit Foundation, New Dehli, India

- Lorraine Young again visited the club and gave a presentation on the project she herself is doing and again outlined what the Pramanit Foundation is doing/hoping to do. However, none of the questions that David Alexander/ Vinod Bansal posed have yet been answered. I feel uneasy about pursuing this project but will wait to see if we hear more when Lorraine returns to India.

### Rotary Club of Savusavu

- I have approached this club with the suggestion that if they are looking to partner in a global grant project in Fiji we would be interested in discussing it further. They advise they are involved in various projects - village infrastructure, hospital/health projects, environmental etc. etc. I am awaiting further details and will keep the Board / International Committee advised.

**Enid Hughes**

International Chair



**Thursday  
30th August**

Adults \$22 Concession \$17 Family 2+2 \$60, tickets available through Tri Bookings

Or

Members can advise Pres. Ray and he will make a group booking

(30th August is the 5th Thursday of the month and therefore a Fellowship night  
—no meeting at the Bowling Club)

**Fellowship  
Lunch**

**CLUB HOTEL**  
**Cnr Ferntree Gully Road**  
**&**  
**Burwood Highway**

**Sunday  
26th August**

**12 Noon**

***Please let Allan Tierney know so he can make a booking***

# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2018	Program.	Speaker
16-Aug	Knox Woodworkers	Rodney Williams
23-Aug	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>
24-Aug	The Rotary Foundation Seminar	
26/-Aug	Theatre Night—Chicago	Fairhills High School
30-Aug	Fellowship Night - Chicago	Fairhills High School
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	AGM / Joint Mtg with RC Bayswater—YEP Presentation	Giulia Baisini
5-Oct	Community Service Seminar	
10-Oct	Australian Rotary Health Hat Day (Shining a light on	
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

Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change. We are People of Action! 😊

