

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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President,

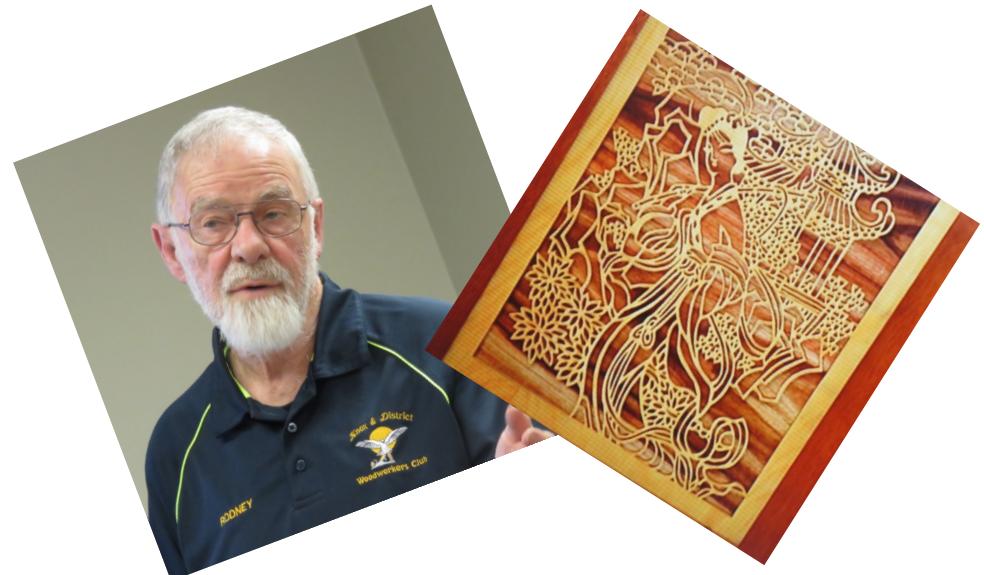
**RAY HOLLIS & Enid**  
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

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



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



Pictured above Rodney Williams

## KNOX WOODWORKERS

What a terrific presentation! Rod was interesting and informative. His presentation so well put that at the end there were few questions—he'd covered it all!

Thanks Rod—loved your toys. Well done for all the great work you do in the community!

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

| Date & Time:      | Thursday<br>23rd August<br>[6.30 for 7.00] | SUNDAY<br>26th Aug<br>12.00 Noon | Thursday<br>30th Aug<br>[6.30 for 7.00] | Thursday<br>6th Sept<br>[10.00 - 3.00] | Thursday<br>13th Sept<br>[6.30 for 7.00] |
|-------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Venue:            | FTG Bowling Club                           | Club Hotel FTG                   | Fairhills High School                   | FTG Bowling Club                       | FTG Bowling Club                         |
| Program:          | Committee Meetings Group B                 | Fellowship                       | Theatre Night                           | Member Behind the Badge                | RYLA                                     |
| Speaker:          | N/A  | Lunch                            | Chicago Musical                         | Allan T                                | Chris Lin                                |
| Vote of Thanks    | N/A  |                                  |   | N/A                                    | Paul W                                   |
| Rotary Toast      | John F                                     |                                  |   | Paul McA                               | Mike S                                   |
| Cashier:          | Paul McA                                   |                                  |   | Christin A                             | Allan T                                  |
| Scribe:           | No Scribe                                  |                                  |   | Rod B                                  | Christine A                              |
| Rotary Knowledge  | Christine A                                |                                  |   |  |  |
| Topic:            | End Polio Now                              |                                  |   |  |  |
| Sergeant-At-Arms: | Allan T                                    |                                  |   | Fran M                                 | Fran M                                   |
| Partners' Night   | No Scribe                                  |                                  |   | No                                     | Yes                                      |

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|---|-----------------|
| <i>Birthdays:</i>                         | 29th—Ray Hollis |
| <i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>             | None            |
| <i>Induction to RG of Fern Tree Gully</i> | None            |



## "RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

Enid and I spent Thursday afternoon at the 2018 Victorian Disability Awards in Federation Square where Knobrooke Enterprises had been nominated for an award in the section "excellence in employment outcomes". They were nominated for this award by Mountain District Learning Centre for the work that they do in employing and training handicapped and disadvantaged people at their wholesale nursery in Mt Evelyn.

Although they were a finalist they were unsuccessful as the award was won by Scope Australia for their Accessible Information Services. However, on Tuesday Knobrooke were at "Social Traders" awards where they won the award for "deal of the year" for the contract they had to supply the plants for the Mernda rail extension.

Stephen Robertson, who was our candidate at RYLA last year is still employed as a teacher at Mountain District Learning Centre and was recently nominated for the Knox Adult Learners Week Award. Currently, he is studying for a Bachelor of Education to become a qualified secondary teacher.

Our recent RYLA participant, Chris Lin has accepted entry into a course at Hobart University. Unfortunately for us, this means he now won't be available to present to the club on his RYLA experiences. However, we congratulate him and wish him well in his studies and hope to keep in touch.

Our members continue to disappear on holidays, Mike is off to New Zealand and will be followed by Rod, (not sure who is checking on who); Graeme continues to enjoy himself in Europe and Paul W is up at Mt Hotham (as if it isn't cold enough down here). The rest of us will keep the club going until they return.

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



# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Wednesday, 16th August, 2018

## Meeting opened at 7pm

**Sargeant-at-Arms, Allan Tierney** welcomed speaker and handed over to the president

**Apologies:** Graeme Aspinall, Graham Faulkner, Rob Hurst, Enid Hughes.

**President** Ray Hollis welcomed our speaker. Rodney and his wife Pat and welcome back Gary and District Governor Nominee for 2020-21, Alma Reynolds.

- Sunday BBQ a great day and \$2,250 was raised for the drought appeal. Christine made a special thanks to Ray and Mike for shopping and organising with little notice. Bunnings through its "one day of sausage sizzles" throughout Australia has raised 2.5 Million.
- On the 4<sup>th</sup> October we have a joint meeting with Bayswater here and the new Exchange student will give a presentation.
- Eight people have agreed to attend the Knox Club on the 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- We are invited to Waterford Valley Lakes Retirement Village on the 31<sup>st</sup> August. In return we have been asked to share what Rotary does and they will introduce the Village to us and donate to Rotary \$500 for attending. Please advise Ray those who can attend.

## REPORTS:

### Community:

- **Christine** advised she could not attend the meeting re the Rotary Radio Program on Southern Radio 88.3 Bayside Station. This is a great opportunity for Rotary and one our club should avail themselves of.
- Attended the Rotary Membership Meeting and reported it to be a good meeting and Allan distributed the Survey taken on the night.
- Village Fair. Now doing both the Children's Stall and also running the barbecue. Have managed to rescue some of the pine cones that Rob was burning(!)
- Make sure you go to the website for the "Pick a Project" for the Low Cost Housing. Leave a comment for why you are voting for it.
- We have paid the money for trees to be planted around the playground. (also Low Cost Housing)
- A meeting to be held with St V's and Salvos to talk about strategies to tackle the homelessness in Ferntree Gully.

### Fellowship:

- Allan reminded us of a fellowship meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> Aug Club Hotel 12oclock.
- On the 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. we are at the Trash and Treasure and we need a lot more stock. Please remember to phone Allan and bring your stuff. We will need to pay \$40 as the funds are to be used for Administration fund.

### Youth:

- **Paul W** announced he is not available for next Interact meeting but Ray will be able to attend.

- On the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> RYPEN is coming up and we need to get the paper work finalised.

**Membership:** **Paul McA** asked to leave till next week when there will be more time.

**Foundation:** **Mike** an apology for next week.

- All contributions are made for the Centurion club.

**Fran** was concerned that a member's mother passed away and there was no notification or card sent. The President noted the problem. The question was asked, is there any value in having a Welfare Officer? A past member's funeral was being held on Friday and only the Secretary has the details of the history. Discussion took place resulting in a motion as follows.

- It was put to the meeting "**that Fran Mandergeddes be appointed as our Welfare Officer and in conjunction with the Secretary, respond to welfare situations of both present and past members and their families.**" It was carried without opposition.

**Alma Reynolds** introduced herself and explained that she was visiting all clubs so people will get to know her and that she is also doing some talent scouting for the time she is Governor.

**Ray** has arranged for us to use RC Knox's BBQ trailer for Village Fair for a contribution of \$100.

**Secretary:** No Report or correspondence.

**Sargeant-at-Arms,** Allan Tierney collected the fines and the 8 of spades was drawn by Fran who won the draw.

**Speaker:** Mike welcomed Rodney Williams of the Knox Woodworkers.

Knox Woodworkers began in 1988 in Ferntree Gully Tech school. Alf Stephens was the founder and they are now located in FTG next to the power station. They have started a "BE IN IT" comp. The open day for this comp. is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August, and all are welcome when it opens at 2.30pm. Fellowship and improving skills are an important part of the club. There are many different groups in the club. The Toy Group make the toys and make 300 to 500 toys a year. They sell the toys to the kids for \$5, sell at carnivals and fairs and festivals. They are also given to charities.

They have a Wood Carving Group who make pictures in 3D, Furniture Makers, Wood Turners and a Rocking Horse Group. Other activities include projects such as repairing furniture. They made 14 Easels for the Boronia Art Group, possum boxes for Council, mobile walls etc.

They have 190 members both Men and women. Fees \$100 per year. They pay a peppercorn rent to Knox Council for their rooms. Finances come from what they sell, grants from Knox Council, Bendigo Bank, raffles and other grants.

**Mike thanked Rodney** and presented him with an RC FTG pen.

The President closed the meeting at 8.37pm

**Rod Brown**  
Scribe



# VALE

## JOHN RICHARDS

31 July 1941—9th August 2018



I had known John for a very long time. We met when I was appointed Registrar at Burnley Horticultural College in early 1959. John was at the time this fresh faced member of the student leadership group. I transferred from Burnley to Lengerong and later Dookie Agricultural Colleges in early 1961 and did not see John for thirty-two years when a mutual friend asked me to speak to the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully about my then position in the Victorian Ombudsman's Office. When my friend introduced me to John we just laughed. In spite of the years we recognised each other instantly.

My role today is to speak of John's involvement in Rotary which was a very big part of his life. For those perhaps not familiar with Rotary I should explain that it is a worldwide service and social club. The clubs have committees for each of their areas of service (Vocational, Community, International, Youth and cCub Service). In addition, there are often minor committees for interests such as membership or social.

John's connection with Rotary started very early for in 1965 he was selected as a member of a Group Study Exchange Team to travel to Pennsylvania in the US. I should explain that the role of the teams is to expose the members to international examples of bodies that operate in their areas of business. In John's case perhaps a horticultural research institute, an orchard or plant farm.

In July 1973 John joined the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully. I am not sure if the club immediately recognised John's ability or whether it took advantage of the "new boy" because the following year John was appointed Secretary of the club. This is not the most sought after role in any group and I doubt that there was a queue lining up to take on the role. If the latter reason was why John became Secretary it did not take him long to wake up because after two years he moved to chair of the Community committee then in 1979 he took over the presidency of the club and in the following year became the District Governor's Representative.

In 1986 John was the second member of the club to be

awarded the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship.

When speaking of John's involvement in Rotary it would be wrong of me not to also acknowledge Anne and their girls for between the years 1987 and 2000 the Richards family hosted eight youth exchange students. Believe me this is no small feat as they must make them part of their family must show them our country and look after their general wellbeing. Whilst most of these secondary school students are good such is not always the case as Anne can attest for I am aware that one student was a real trial.

In his years of membership John chaired each of the club's major committees and most of the minor ones.

If what I have described was all that John had done in Rotary I would describe his contribution as distinguished however I have only described his club activities but John also contributed to the Rotary District. (Our District covers a quite large area—from Wandin to Monbulk to Emerald, towards the city as far as Mont Albert and south to the bay). From 1977 to 1980 John served on the District Youth Exchange Committee and chaired that committee in 1980.

From 1980 to 1985 John served on the Group Study Exchange Committee and together with Anne led a team to Sweden (there were five members in that team).

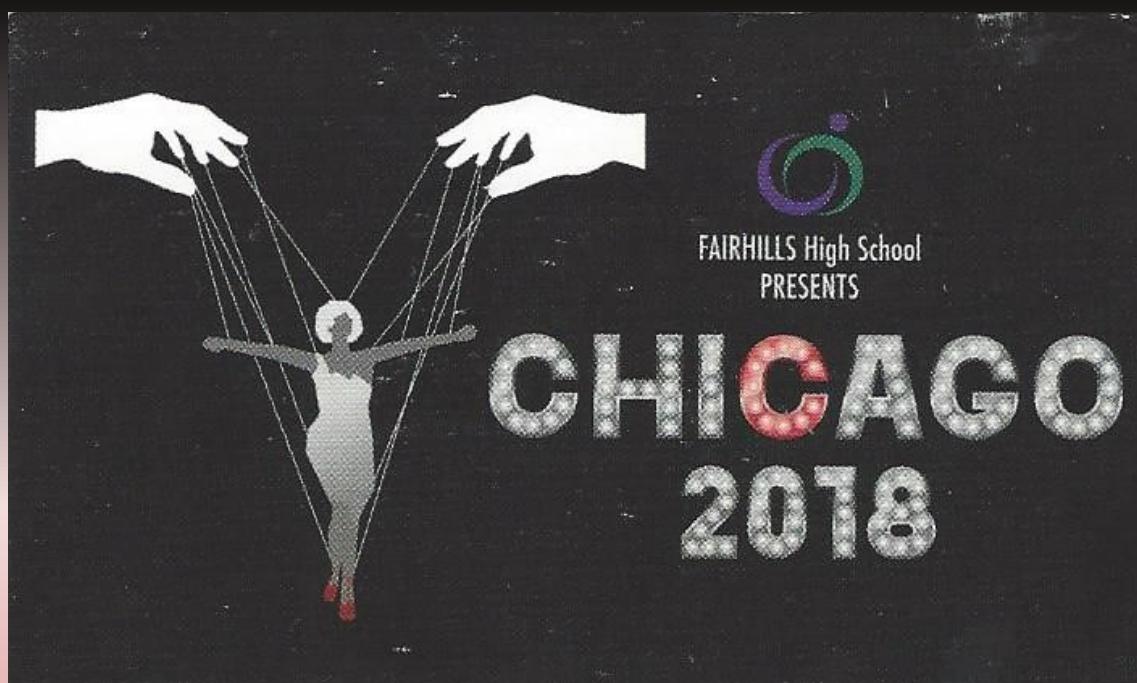
In 1984 John received the Rotary Foundation District Service Award.

You can see why when I became club president in 1998 John was one of three experienced members that I asked to help steer me through the year.

John's record speaks for itself and when he left Rotary in mid 2001 after twenty-eight and a half years service clearly his contribution could only have been described as magnificent and one which Anne, Carolynne and Susan must be very proud of particularly as they were so part of it.

John was the head of a Rotary family which as you would understand is held in the highest regard particularly in the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully. Few have contributed as much.

John Flemming



**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                  |
|------------|---|--------------------------|
| 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 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   |



**Old age used to be  
all in my head,  
Now it's in my  
joints too.**

