

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



## FELLOWSHIP AT THE CLUB HOTEL

It was great to relax over lunch with those members who took a break from shivering through Melbourne's winter and to welcome those who have returned from warmer climes. Good to catch up and enjoy yummy food.

Lois and Rod are off again—to New Zealand this time. Wendy and Mike are already there. Marg and Rob are heading off overseas and Graham and Lindy have already gone. Graeme A returns this week (we hope!). Those of us left behind are beginning to wonder if we'll ever again have a full complement at our weekly meetings!

Have fun everyone!



## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 30th Aug [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 6th Sept [10.00 - 3.00]	Thursday 13th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 20th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 27th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	Fairhills High School	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Theatre Night	Member Behind the Badge	TBA	Foothills Community Care	Committee Meetings Group A
Speaker:	Chicago Musical	Allan T		Stephen Barrington	Nisal Punchihewa
Vote of Thanks		N/A	Paul W	John F	N/A
Rotary Toast		Paul McA	Mike S	Allan T	Enid Hughes
Cashier:		Christine A	Allan T	Paul W	Christine A
Scribe:		Paul W	Christine A	Paul McA	No Scribe
Rotary Knowledge					Paul McA
Topic:					RAM
Sergeant-At-Arms:		Fran M	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M
Partners' Night		No	Yes	No	No

# Rotary



## TOP 10 SOCIAL MEDIA TIPS

1. **TELL A STORY.** CAPTION YOUR PHOTOS.
2. **DON'T OVERLOAD.** POST LITTLE BUT OFTEN.
3. **ENCOURAGE YOUR MEMBERS TO SHARE.** POSTS/TWEETS/EVENTS ETC.
4. **INCREASE YOUR VISIBILITY.** TAG FRIENDS, VENUES, EVENTS IN YOUR POSTS.
5. **INCREASE YOUR REACH.** SETUP & RUN ACCOUNTS ON LINKEDIN, INSTAGRAM & TWITTER.
6. **BLOG.** SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES. SHARE YOUR BLOG POSTS ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS.
7. **TIMING.** MOST EFFECTIVE TIMES TO POST: TYPICALLY MEALTIMES 06:00-08:00, 13:00-15:00 & 18:00-20:00.
8. **OVERZEALOUS TAGGING.** NO ONE LIKES BEING TAGGED IN A POST THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM.
9. **STAY SAFE.** KEEP PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS PRIVATE.
10. **DOES YOUR POST PASS THE ROTARY 4 WAY TEST?** BE MINDFUL OF WHAT YOU POST.

kristoff alexander @RotaryBuzz



# "RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

Thursday, 23rd August, 2018

Although we only had a small number at our meeting this week we did have some lively discussions.

Apologies this week were, Graeme Aspinall, Gary Braddock, Rob Hurst, Paul Wilson, Mike Spark and Graham Faulkner.

Members continue to come and go on various trips while those of us who remain behind enjoyed some fellowship at a local eatery on Sunday. Good food with some wonderful company and a nice relaxing way to spend a couple of hours.

At our meeting on Thursday Christine gave us another angle on the Polio Plus campaign in her report on Rotary Knowledge. I for one was not aware that the vaccination campaign started in the Philippines. To date this year we have had only 14 reported cases of Polio but the World Health Organisation is keeping a close eye on a number of areas world wide. Some of the areas under close scrutiny include Afghanistan, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea and Lake Chad Basin in Africa. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have once again committed to back the efforts that are being undertaken and have pledged \$35 million a year.

24<sup>th</sup> October is World Polio Day and we are looking at ways to bring this more to the attention of the public.

Over the next month we have a number of events coming up starting with our visit this coming Thursday to the musical Chicago which is being put on by the students at Fairhills High School.

Also on Thursday we will be sizzling sausages again at Bunnings Scoresby. This will be followed on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> with a visit to Waterford Valley Lakes retirement village for afternoon tea.

Our article for the next edition of Ferntree Gully News is due to go to the publishers on 6<sup>th</sup> September so if anybody has an interesting article please let us know.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the local community a couple of our members will be attending the meeting to discuss what can be done to help the homelessness situation in the area. This will be attended by a number of local organisations.

On Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> we will have 8 members at the fundraising event at the Knox Club to raise funds for Australian Rotary Health. The speaker will be Iain Findlay, ex Vietnam Vet, decorated Police Officer and AFL player advocate at Tribunal Hearings. MC will be Simon Madden.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fern Tree Gully Bowling Club is being celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> September and a number of members from the Rotary Club will be attending. The Committee of the Rotary Club back in 1968 helped establish the formation of the Bowling Club and some of those members also served on the initial Bowling Club committee.

Interact is rolling along nicely and on the weekend of September 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> we will have four students from Fairhills

High School attending the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN).

That's it for this week—have a great week everyone.

Yours in Rotary

**Ray Hollis**

President 2018-19



**Thursday, 30th August**

## **BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER**

**9.00—12.00 p.m.**

John Flemming  
Ray Hollis  
Christine Anderson  
Allan Tierney  
Enid Hughes

**12.00—3.00 pm**

John Flemming  
Ray Hollis  
Fran Mandergeddes  
Enid Hughes

# A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

*The recent demise of one of our earliest members (John Richards) had me trolling through Stuart Vize's "A Potted History of the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully" and I thought some of our present day members would enjoy a few of the snippets. You'll notice that we have explored the setting up of an Interact before!*

**Enid Hughes**  
Bulletin Editor

The first milestone was reached on May 16th, when our Charter was granted by R.I., and subsequently presented to our Club by Dist. Gov. Ken Davies at Dandenong Town Hall on June 6th, before a wonderful gathering of 300 Rotarians and guests.

## 1963-64

- Initially, the dinner charge was 10/6 a head, 8/6 to the caterer & 2/- to Club funds.
- A sub committee was appointed to design a Club banner.
- Put in island lawns at F.T.G. shopping centre parking area.
- Organized BBQ for sixty boys from the Salvation Army Special School at The Basin.
- "Freedom From Hunger" campaign, £162 [pounds] collected.
- Conducted a Safety Week project involving the Police Safety Squad; short notice resulted in one week 2,250 students from 11 schools successfully moved to centres in Upper Fern Tree Gully, Boronia and Upwey.

## 1964-5

- Participated in the **Student Exchange Program** with *Dianne Martin* going to District 717, New York, USA; *Janet Gale* came from America and attended Upwey High.
- Six dozen pants & shirts provided for the T.B. Hospital, Beta Paka, New Guinea.
- Assistance given to Scouts' International Jamboree, Carols By Candlelight, Winston Churchill and Red Cross Door Knocks.
- Education Week - the Club was addressed by Mr. R. E. Thompson, Headmaster of Melbourne High.
- Ian Hibbins' wife, Francis, suggested a circle of fern leaves, after a design on a Berli box containing "Light-as-a-Feather" underwear; while Lyonel Tozer suggested our Latitude & Longitude should be included.
- Mrs. Roderiguez, of the Art Society, was asked to design a banner using a circle of fern leaves, the southern cross, lines showing latitude and longitude and a Rotary wheel.

## 1965-66

- Firewood, 8 tons, for needy pensioners, cut, bagged and delivered
- Initiated the Bowling Club of Fern Tree Gully's formation.
- Supported the formation of an Apex Club in the Fern Tree Gully area, as suggested by the Bayswater Apex Club.
- Best Garden Award (under 2 years old), perpetual Shield donated; Initiated there is a need for the establishment of "A Day Centre for Retarded Children" for the areas of the Shires of Knox and Sherbrooke; Mrs Rule and Mrs Deprader assisted.
- Meeting Venue: Regular meetings were moved from *La Danza* to the *Hotel Stamford* in December. Meal cost 15/-, Dinner Fee now 16/-.

## 1966-67

- "Day Centre Project" progressing; Keith Cathcart from Mental Hygiene involved; combined meeting with R.C. of Belgrave held 15<sup>th</sup> May, 67 - moved a Public Meeting be called; Car Raffle proposed.

- "Bowls". Tender for Greens Construction advertised; commenced 8th May: Working Bee 13th and 14th May; A.G.M. 23<sup>rd</sup> May; Club House plans completed.
- Hosted G.S.E. Team from Pennsylvania, USA, on 2nd October, '66.
- Careers' Night** held 2nd November

## 1967-68

- To assist funds for the "Fern Tree Gully Bowling Club's Club House" - a Supper Dance held 26th August.
- \$700 donated at the Public Meeting called in respect of the "Intellectually Handicapped Centre"; well attended and 21 nominated to the Committee of Management.
- Ivan Southall ("I Can Jump Puddles.") guest of Club when Dr. Dax was guest speaker at a regular meeting.
- "Knoxbrooke" chosen as name for the Intellectually Handicapped Centre.
- Negotiations begun to acquire suitable land for Knoxbrooke.
- Business Men's Dinner held Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February, 1968 to launch the Knoxbrooke Appeal Month.
- Combined **Vocational Guidance Night** held 8th November.
- In conjunction with R.C. of Belgrave Conducted District Conference, at Marybrooke for District 282.

## 1968-69

- Interact Club investigated.
- Sports Parade for Knoxbrooke with 30 boys from the Salvation Army Boys Home in attendance.
- Assisted in the Barry Hanlon Appeal (Scoresby fireman killed on duty).
- Conducted the Kathy Lee Appeal - a 6 year old F.T.G. girl in need of heart surgery to remedy a congenital heart disease. \$1,900 for air fares for Kathy and one parent was required for her to have the operation in London, \$2,220:00 raised; picture on front page of The Sun. Kathy left on 8th May & was successfully operated upon on 20th May.
- Rotary Foundation, establishment of a Small Change "barrel" on the tables each meeting, with \$38 raised in the 6 months.
- Group Study Exchange: To District 686 Alabama, USA; two nominees, Rob Barfus and Neil Harrison - Neil became a team member, to visit Alabama in August, 1969. (Both later became Rotarians).
- Showed Dist.686 Team our Education with visits to Primary and Secondary Schools, Burwood Teachers' College, Mount Scopus College and Monash University.
- Organized a Careers Night at the Community Hall, U.F.T.G. Thirty Counsellors interviewed 450 in three hours.
- Classifications: During the year, the new "residential clause" came into effect.

## 1969-'70

- Meetings moved from the Stamford Hotel to Waiora Receptions as from 5th March, 1970.

# Rotary Clubs of Knox & Boronia

**Tuesday 11th September 2018**



**GO STRAIGHT TO  
THE TRIBUNAL OR GO  
DIRECTLY TO JAIL**

Iain Findlay will take you onto the streets of organised crime and behind the closed doors of the footy tribunal. Iain is a Vietnam Veteran, decorated Vic Police officer, AFL player advocate and networker extraordinaire. Iain is a proud and unique Victorian with an essence centred around integrity, respect and resilience.

We are very excited to have **IAIN FINDLAY**  
and as our superb **MC: AFL champion SIMON MADDEN**

**WHERE :** Knox Club | Corner Stud & Boronia Roads in Wantirna

**WHEN :** Tuesday 11 September **TIME :** 6:30pm for 7:00pm

**COST :** \$40 per head. This covers a 2 course dinner  
Drinks at bar prices **RSVP :** August 25, 2018

**Enquiries and RSVP** contact **Gai Williams** on **0412 661 272**

**A NIGHT OUT NOT TO BE MISSED! SEATS LIMITED. BOOK EARLY!**



The evening is proudly sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of **KNOX** and **BORONIA**. All proceeds will go to **AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH**. Supporting healthier minds, bodies and communities through research, awareness and education.



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# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2018	Program.	Speaker
30-Aug	Fellowship Night - Chicago	Fairhills High School
30-Aug	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
September	is Basic Education and Literacy Month	
3-Sep	BOARD MEETING	Enid & Ray's Home
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 / Nisal Punchihewa</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>
October	is Economic and Community Development month	
1-Oct	BOARD MEETING	
4-Oct	A.G.M. / 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	Vocational Services	Greg King
19-Oct	<b>QuizzaMe</b>	Fairhills HS
25-Oct	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>
26-Oct	Vocational Service Seminar	
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
5-Nov	BOARD MEETING	
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	
3-Dec	BOARD MEETING	
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

