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President,

RAY HOLLIS & Enid
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

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



WEEKLY BULLETIN



NEWS FROM GERMANY

During a memorable tour of England and Europe in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary, Nicole and Ian McFarlane caught up with our recent exchange student—Maja. They appear to have spent some time with Maja and her family, sightseeing and enjoying the local scenery. Lovely to keep in touch! Looking great Maja!

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

| Date & Time: | Thursday 13th Sept [6.30 for 7.00] | Thursday 20th Sept [6.30 for 7.00] | Thursday 27th Sept [6.30 for 7.00] | Monday 1st October [7.30 pm] | Thursday 4th October [6.30 for 7.00] |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Venue: | FTG Bowling Club | FTG Bowling Club | FTG Bowling Club | Jill & Paul W's | FTG Bowling Club |
| Program: | Adventures with Puffing Billy | Foothills Community Care | Committee Meetings Group A | Board Meeting | AGM / Joint Meeting with RC Bayswater |
| Speaker: | Rob Dawson | Stephen Barrington | Nisal Punchihewa | | Giulia Basini |
| Vote of Thanks | Paul W | John F | N/A | | Enid H |
| Rotary Toast | Mike S | Allan T | Enid Hughes | | Christine A |
| Cashier: | Paul McA | Paul W | Christine A | | Gary B |
| Scribe: | Graeme A | Paul McA | No Scribe | | Graeme A |
| Rotary Knowledge | | | Paul McA | | |
| Topic: | | | RAM | | |
| Sergeant-At-Arms: | Fran M | Fran M | Fran M | | Rod Brown |
| Partners' Night | Yes | No | No | | |

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



CLUB NOTICE

The Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully will conduct its Annual General Meeting on

Rotary
Club of Fern Tree Gully



| FRIDAY, 14th September | |
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| BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER | |
| 9.00—12.00 p.m. | 12.00—3.00 pm |
| Graeme Aspinall John Flemming Mike Spark | Graeme Aspinall John Flemming Ray Hollis |



"RAY'S RAMBLINGS"



It's been a little quieter this week.

Christine attended the Homelessness meeting with the rest of the local organizations to assess what options are needed to continue the ongoing assistance to our homeless population. Ferntree Gully has five registered rooming houses which are mostly used for short term accommodation. At the moment Tom, who is a Foothills volunteer visits weekly and Stephen Barrington is keen to maintain fortnightly visits; the remaining Thursdays will be filled by participants from the other organisations. The aim is to help residents of these establishments understand what services are available to them.

On Tuesday a few of our members headed to the Knox Club for a fundraising event organised by RC Knox and RC Boronia. The speaker was Iain Findlay and Simon Madden was MC. Simon Madden played 378 games for AFL club Essendon and in Simon's own words he played 300 great games and 78 exceptional games. Iain Findlay is a Vietnam Veteran and a decorated Victorian Police officer (where he had a distinguished career in various roles). Iain has also been an AFL player advocate at the tribunals. He certainly had some very interesting and at times humorous tales to tell. A great night that raised funds for Australian Rotary Health.

As Christine and Allan will be in Hobart for the Rotary Australia-New Zealand Zone Conference at the end of the week I will fill in for her at the Village Fair meeting on Wednesday. Hope they thoroughly enjoy their short break.

Friday you can find us at Bunnings Scoresby sizzling sausages. The Fern Tree Gully Bowling Club will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Saturday 15th September and Enid and I, along with Paul and Jill will be attending to represent Rotary.

Also coming up this weekend will be the four students from Fairhills High School heading to RYPEN. We wish them all the best for a rewarding weekend.

Wherever you may be, stay safe.

Yours in Rotary

Ray Hollis

President 2018-19



Pictured:

Above: Iain Findlay, Annette Haworth, Simon Madden, Christina Chia, (Knox AG), Rod McDonald (Knox RC), Richard Kent

Left: Iain Findlay

Right: Simon Madden



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 6th September 2018

Meeting Opened: 19.05

Chairman: Pres Ray Hollis

- Last week we all attended Chicago at Fairhills High. A great night.
- The bowling club is having a 50th anniversary on the 15/9/18. Some members attending.
- Knox RC / Boronia RC are having a joint fundraiser for Rotary health 11/9/18. Some members attending.
- Next week we were to have Chris Lim, our RYLA candidate to talk to us but he has accepted a post grad position in Hobart and will not be able to come. We are now having a talk on Puffing Bully by "our own" Rob Dawson.
- Discussed Policing vehicle. Suffice to say discussion ensued. Took a vote. Carried we participate with an anticipated cost of \$2.5k.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report:

Apologies: Rob H, Rod B, Allan T, Gary B, Graham F.

- Have sausage sizzle Friday and again on the 14th. Great Community Raffle was won by one of the Co-Ordinators. Over 118 Groups participated and \$117k made.

Treasurer's Report:

The fixed term account has matured and been re-invested after taking \$10k out.

Membership:

Membership is a number one priority. We are getting older and less active so we need new blood. Paul has a plan to invoke "two up" and handed out names of pairs of members to participate in nominating prospective new members and handed out sheets.

Community:

- On Tuesday MDLC had a meeting addressing homelessness. Discussed methods of helping people in this situation. The meeting was inspiring but not sure how we can fit in.
- Steve Barrington is coming on board with the community radio program.

Fundraising:

Graeme A announced we are having another Bunnings Sausage Sizzle this Friday. And another on the 14th.

Youth:

Had Interact meeting earlier today. Main focus is a joint Quizame on 19 October. Will be holding extra meetings to organise.

Member Behind the Badge:

Graeme Aspinall was the first of our members to present "Member Behind the Badge". See below for a condensed version of it:

It all began in February 1947, born to parents who lived in Malvern. At the age of 9 years my father died. WE certainly

missed out on a lot not having a father around however Legacy was there to help Mum and guide my younger brother and myself through our early development times.

After primary school I attended Caulfield Technical College up to 4th Form (year 10). Not into playing sport I was selling papers for a number of years. This helped the family as good money could be made on race days.

I was able to start a 4 year apprenticeship in toolmaking at Kempthorne Lighting in 1965. It was during this time I met Ruby while at a dance in Morwell one weekend. As Ruby was living and working in Camberwell we started dating and later married in 1970. Not long after our marriage Ruby learned she had MS however this did not stop us having a normal life as we didn't understand what it was. MS began to take more control of Ruby after Travis was born in 1982 until she died in 2008.

In 1976 I joined Apex which was a young man's service club similar to Rotary but more focused on local community service. I was Zone President (similar to a Rotary DG) in 1985-86. After 11 years and reaching 40 you have to leave Apex. Stuart Vize invited me along to a Rotary meeting and 30 years later I'm still here. During this time I've enjoyed my time in this Club although there have been some ups and downs. My current role as an AG is one I'm really enjoying.

Other working experiences have been at Hayman Reese 19 years and Heineman Electric 10 years in Manufacturing Management roles.

Well done Graeme.

Closing Remarks

Ray closed the meeting thanking all.

Meeting closed: 20.40

Paul Wilson
Scribe



COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

September, 2018 Board Meeting

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE MONTHLY REPORT

August, 2018

Nasavusavu Special Education School.

- Several emails have been exchanged between RC Savusavu and ourselves.
- We have reaffirmed that our club intends to continue with our decision to sponsor fifteen students at Yaroi. I am awaiting confirmation of names.

Pramanit Foundation, New Dehli, India

- I have not heard from either Lorraine Young, nor Pramanit Foundation and I am recommending the club forget this project.

Rotary Club of Savusavu – Global grant project

- I have had a response from RCS and they are excited about the possibility of us joining with them in a project. A number of the members (a small club like ours) have been away on holiday but they have promised to get back to us shortly.

TeamMed – Nepal

- Nisal Punchihewa is a 4th year medical student from Monash University and he is reaching out for our help as a member of TeamMED - a university club for Monash medical students. He is hoping that we will provide his team with support for their upcoming volunteering trip to Nepal in December.
- The project involves the setting up of temporary medical clinics in rural Nepal to provide much needed medical care to locals. TeamMed are in need of funds to buy the medications and to pay local Nepalese translators who will join them.
- I have replied to Nisal indicating there is a strong possibility we will support him and have arranged for him to give us a short (10 min) presentation on 27th September at which time I plan to give a donation from our Benevolent Fund.

Enid Hughes

International Chair

PR and Marketing Report

August 2018

This month we have had four posts on Facebook.

On 9th August we had the two teams from Fairhills High School accompanied by teachers Susan Harris and Stewart MacCartney. First to report on their experience were Noah and Matthew who were our representatives at Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA). Not only did they regale us with an informative and often humorous account of their weekend, they gave the impression that although they took their task quite seriously they also tried to instil a bit of fun into the proceedings.

Following the above, we had three of the female students who went to Thailand last year. I think it is fair to say that along with the fact that they did quite a bit of work in improving some conditions for the inhabitants of this remote village, they also had to overcome some situations with which they were quite unfamiliar. However, Erin, Emily and Linda gave us the impression that even though conditions were not what they were used to they did manage to enjoy themselves. The girls also had an opportunity to see a bit of Thailand before heading back home.

Our big one for this month was of course the bonus sausage sizzle that we were able to do at Bunnings on 12th August.

Even though we didn't have a lot of notice we did manage to get organised and have a very successful day. Because this was an event that came out of the blue at short notice we decided to give all funds raised to the "Buy A Bale" fundraising

campaign organised by Channel 9, Rotary and the National Farmers Federation. I am pleased to say we were able to raise \$2,250.00 for this cause.

On 17th August we had Rodney Williams from the Knox Woodworkers Club come along to give us an insight into what members accomplish at their club meetings. Suffice to say there are some very talented craftsman in this group.

Finally, on 30th August we replaced our normal Thursday night meeting and went along to Fairhills High School to witness their production of the musical CHICAGO. All members who attended expressed their view of what a terrific performance it was. A fantastic show which was performed by some very talented students.

Ray and Enid

PR and Marketing.

Club Service Report August 2018

Only one item to report for Club Service this month and that was our visit to Waterford Valley Lakes Retirement Village which contributed a nice little \$500 donation to club operating expenses.

Ray Hollis

Club Service



District Governor's Message

August, 2018

Welcome to the first newsletter for the 2018-19 Rotary year.

I am grateful that Gordon Pyke has agreed to continue as editor of this key member publication, and for Communication / Public Image Chair Ken Miller's support with content. This is a bumper edition which highlights the level of activity in our "gem of a District".

Many members have recently returned inspired from the hugely successful RI Convention in Toronto. There are some terrific initiatives being shared, as well as reports of Ian and Juliet being seen around the District. PDG Juliet was our special key note speaker at the recent Foundation Seminar. It is so nice to have them back, even though it may be for a little while.

Shelley and I really enjoyed being part of 30 Changeover celebrations. I congratulate all Clubs on their achievements and extend best wishes with the plans for the year ahead. The entire 2018-19 District Support Team is at your service.

I also congratulate PDG Malcolm, Membership Chair PDG Jenny, and the 2017-18 District Support Team for the fine work that resulted in our District growing last year; the first time in over 20 years. Let's all keep up the momentum as we still have some work to do to achieve our 1,200 target.

Most would be aware by now that our 2018-19 Rotary International President Barry Rassin has asked us to "Be the Inspiration". During my Club visits to date, I have spoken about aspects of this in relation to ourselves; how we can be the inspiration in our Communities, in our Clubs, and at home; how we can strive to be that person that inspires someone else to join us in our Rotary work. I am certain that we have all been inspired by someone during our lives, so let's all take this message on board and share our passion for service and tell our personal story and share the "gift of Rotary."

To that point, in the August edition of the Rotarian, Barry mentions many things, including thought provoking words "that to do our work effectively, we need to keep our own house in order." He continues that in Rotary, that means conducting ourselves in accordance with the principles of Rotary, treating others with respect, maximising our impact by planning carefully and "stewarding our resources wisely. And that means looking after the long-term health of our organisation by ensuring that our membership is strong, engaged, and healthy."

As August, Rotary's *Membership and New Club Development Month*, draws to a close, I ask that you consider every day of every month an opportunity to secure **Our Future** and increase our impact by growing our organisation. The current *Fighting for our Farmers Drought Relief Appeal* on Channel 9 has placed the Rotary brand in more homes at prime times than we could ever have imagined.

As well as helping our country cousins, are we ready to leverage the benefit of all this publicity? Some food for thought for all our Club leaders:

1. Is your Club's "house" in order?
2. How does your Club look to the outside world? Your

local community?

3. Are you ready for enquiries from the public?
4. Are you clear on your Club's "value proposition" and what we do to help make the world a better place?
5. Are you doing enough to ensure your Clubs are not only relevant in the local community, but indeed represent the diversity of that community?
6. Are we doing enough to be "the organisation of choice for women" as Barry Rassin asked in the *Rotarian* magazine?

One of my objectives this year is to streamline and modernize some aspects in our District. Earlier this month, we released our new digital presence powered by Club Runner. Our District Technology Team [TechCom], lead by Peter Dalwood and Gus Rozicki, did some excellent work and there is still much to do to add more value to our Club members. They welcome any feedback as this is your resource.

Whilst the outward view is a refreshed website, and smart phone app, the underlying members database is key to District and Club administrative efficiency. Over the next month, our TechCom will be liaising with all Clubs to help permanently synchronize our District member database with Rotary International; effectively one source of the member truth and streamlining information from one Club admin entry point.

The TechCom will then focus on other pressing governance matters. If you have an interest in helping the team, please see a specific note elsewhere in this newsletter.

In closing, it has always been a great time to be part of Rotary, and to share what we do. It is a unique organisation and there is always so much going on. To highlight just a few: there are new and existing projects making a difference, new Rotaract, Interact and Earlyact Clubs in progress, new members to get to know, Rotaractors to partner with, community Rotary Day events being planned, international exchange students here, lots of learning, development and networking opportunities, and lots of fundraising, fun and fellowship!

On top of that, we have the Australia New Zealand Conference coming up in September, as well as our Victorian Multi-District Conference (Australia's first, [click here](#)) planned for February 15-17. This will be formally launched in October, but more on that another time.

Shelley and I look forward to continuing to serve the District, and to meeting as many members and partners as possible during our Club visits.

Take care and **Be the Inspiration**.

Best regards,

Russell



IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

| Date: 2018 | Program. | Speaker |
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| September | is Basic Education and Literacy Month | |
| 13-Sep | Adventures with Puffing Billy | Rob Dawson |
| 14-Sep | Bunnings Sausage Sizzle | |
| 15-Sep | Bowling Club's 50th Ann. | \$25.00 per head |
| 14-16 Sep | Rotary Youth Program of Enrichments (RYPEN) Camp | |
| 20-Sep | Foothills Community Care | Stephen Barrington |
| 27-Sep | Committee Meetings / Nisal Punchihewa | GROUP A |
| October | is Economic and Community Development month | |
| 1-Oct | BOARD MEETING | Jill & Paul's Home |
| 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 | QuizzaMe | Fairhills HS |
| 25-Oct | Committee Meetings | GROUP B |
| 26-Oct | Vocational Service Seminar | |
| November | is Rotary Foundation month | |
| 29-Oct | BOARD MEETING | Graeme A's home |
| 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 | Committee Meetings | GROUP A |
| 23-Nov | President's Quarterly Meeting / AGM | |
| 24-Nov | Ferntree Gully Traders Fair | |
| 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 | Christmas Break-Up | |
| 27-Dec | Christmas Break - No Meeting | |

Legend:

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| Partners' Night |
| Fundraising Event |
| District Event |
| Fellowship Event |
| Community Event |

