

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018



### RC FERN TREE GULLY SPONSORS AN INTERACT CLUB AT FAIRHILLS HIGH SCHOOL

What a fantastic day! on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, RC FTG members were joined by local Member of Parliament Nick Wakeling; (about to be) Past District Governor Carol Lawton; (about to be) District Governor Malcolm Chiverton, Assistant Governor Michele Oscar and District Interact Co-ordinator Salwan Shahine who gathered together at Fairhills High School to witness the inauguration of the Fairhills Interact Club.

It took two years and a great deal of effort put in by FTG Rotarians and Fairhills staff member Adrienne Tanner who worked long and hard to bring this together. But the people who worked the hardest are the students themselves—they attended RYPEN, the annual Interact Conference and other training courses all in an effort to hone their skills in leadership and make them ready to get the club up and running.

**ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY INC**  
**Registered No A0023463V**  
**2016-17**



**55th Annual Report**

**Christine Anderson—President 2017—18**

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# Rotary

## Club of Fern Tree Gully



## OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- Second:** High ethical standards in business and professions; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his/her occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- Third:** The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his/her personal business, and community life.
- Fourth:** The advancement of international understanding, good-will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

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## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

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Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIP**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Christine Anderson**

My second year as President started at a wonderful luncheon at Yering Meadows in the beautiful Yarra Valley. The peaceful unspoilt scenery was the perfect setting for all members to reflect on the previous year's outstanding achievements, and to embrace the New Year with enthusiasm, accept the many challenges and have fun, whilst embracing World President Ian Riseley's theme for 2017-2018 *Rotary Making a Difference*.

I had the privilege of presenting three Paul Harris Awards, to Enid Hughes Paul Wilson and Robert Hurst. All members very much appreciate the contribution you made and are continuing to do so for our club.

At the start of our Rotary year, we once again looked like we might become homeless when we could no longer have a Monday meal at the Bowling Club. The simple solution voted by all club members was to change to a Thursday meeting. A few date changes later on the calendar, we haven't looked back.

The beginning of our new Rotary year started with the inauguration of the Fairhills Interact Club. What a wonderful milestone for our club, and the two years of effort for our youth committee and teachers at the school, finally became real.

Again, our Knox cluster worked well together sharing ideas and giving each other support. Thank you to our Assistant Governor Michele Oscar for two years of support to our Knox Cluster.

I have had the great pleasure of inducting two new members to our Club, Rod Brown and Allan Tierney, bringing new ideas and experiences to our meetings. Both have thrown themselves into all club activities.

We were privileged to celebrate with Ferntree Gully Fire Brigade their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, some attending the celebration dinner and open day.

In the month of July 2017 we welcomed Rotary Exchange Student Maja Lowe from district 1820 in Germany. The exchange is being shared with Rotary

Club of Bayswater. Members from both clubs have had the pleasure of enjoying special times with this very bright confident young lady.

It was with great sadness that Knox Rotaract Club disbanded in October. They certainly went out with a bang when they held their last "Red Faces" and raised some \$1,300 for ovarian cancer. Well done guys.

We have been able to continue our scholarship scheme with the help of a district grant, giving two students from Mountain District Learning centre the opportunity to complete their high school studies. They are truly grateful and feel privileged for this opportunity that someone believes in them.

To continue the celebrations of Rotary Foundation's Centennial in 2017 we have eight Centurions - a fantastic percentage for a small number of members. Thank you, Mike Spark, for organising this. Our club still recognises that we have to see Polio eradicated and sustained for a few more years and we again have donated to the fund.

When I reflect over the last twelve months all the activities members have been engaged in it is truly remarkable. I would like to capture some of them, but will leave it to the individual chairs to report in more detail.

The committee structure where all members are on two committees has worked extremely well again. I am very proud to say that all the District Seminars, District Assembly and District Conference, held over the last twelve months, have had good representation at every one, and not all clubs can claim this. Thank you all.

Our **Youth Programmes** chaired by Paul Wilson is going from strength to strength.

**Interact club** at Fairhills High is flourishing, students attending the Interact training seminar in December. The **Rotary Junior Community Award** programme at Fairhills and Ferntree Gully North Primary schools; this programme was reported by



M.P. the Hon. Nick Wakeling in his Hansard report in the Victorian Parliament, with reference to our club offering the opportunity to young students. Two students participated in **Model United Nations Assembly** debating in the Victorian Parliament. A candidate spent a week at **Rotary Youth Leadership Award**.

The **fundraising** committee has been sizzling their way throughout the year, with no less than 13 Bunnings sausage sizzles; one for the Vintage Bike Club, and another for the Greek Festival.

We again participated in the **Great Community Raffle**, which not only gives us the opportunity of getting out amongst our community but is a great fundraiser.

Thank you Graeme Aspinall John Flemming and all members for your dedication to meet this huge demand.

Thank you also to John Fleming and other club members for organising and co-ordinating this year's Rotary Bowl Scan. As John says-"If one life is saved it is well worth our club's effort"

Out and about our **Community** chair headed by Ray Hollis has had a very successful year.

A huge effort by Ray to try a new approach to raising funds for the Indigenous Eye Project to eradicate Trachoma. Despite all of the work that went into the Auction it was not well attended. However, it can still be heralded as a success as the club was able to give a generous donation to the project. Thank you Ray for your tireless hours and receiving all the donated auction items.

Our Christmas themed free activity at the **Fern Tree Gully Fair**, was once again a hit with the children, and well worth sharing with the community.

The Club's International projects under the eye of Enid Hughes is taking off at a great pace. I would just like make mention of some:

Moradabad Mobile Health Camps In India, Art Building Children's Dreams in Fiji, for the Nasavusavu Special Education Students; Hatu Balico, Timor L'Este, donations to Taveuni Eye Project Fiji. ROMAC, Interplast, Operation Cleft, Rotarians Against Malaria; a pledge to Rotarians against Slavery, and a donation to Papua New Guinea Earthquake.

A big thank you Enid for getting our club into Rotary International programmes.

A special thank you to Robert Hurst, our Programme Director Extraordinaire, for the

interesting, funny, informative and enlightening guest speakers you have found us this year.

Thank you to Fran Mandergheddes and Martin Boettcher for a variety of wonderful fellowship events, to mention a few: Lunches at Martin and Emma's, home, Jazz at the Royal, and theatre treats to see High Society, and Nunsense at 1812 theatre.

Our Vocational Chairperson, Gary Braddock, thank you. We enjoyed a morning of packing at Donations In Kind, followed by lunch in Williamstown after our hard work.. Another vocational visit: members were invited by the Rotary Club of Bayswater to visit ABA 4 x 4 factory in Bayswater.

My personal thank you to someone who does all the work behind the scenes to keep our communication and form filling in order. A huge thank you to our Secretary Paul McAloney, you have done a great job for my two years as president.

Our Treasure Enid Hughes another behind the scenes job, to keep our club rolling along and our accounts balanced - a huge thank you for the amazing hours you give to the club.

We all enjoy seeing the latest pictures on our Facebook page, and our updated website bringing us into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. We have one of the best bulletins in district 9810. Thank you Ray Hollis and Enid Hughes, for keeping these updated weekly. Also to Ray as our club protection officer.

A special highlight in this special Rotary year with the RI President Ian Riseley being from our own District 9810, was to attend the reception at Parliament House in Ian's Honour. A great afternoon for four members to represent our club.

As my second year comes to an end I reflect that someone once told me "being president will be the best year you have in Rotary". I certainly feel very proud of our club's achievements over two years. We have "served humanity" and we have "made a difference". It has been an honour and a privilege to have been your president for two years, and what I can only describe as the most amazing two years any Rotarian could have. I cannot thank you and your partners enough for all your love and support. I trust that you will show your support to Ray as he embarks on his Rotary Journey as our President for the next two years.

Yours in Rotary

**Christine Anderson**  
**President 2016-18**

# CHANGEOVER 2017-18

President Christine Anderson to ....  
President Christine Anderson



# TREASURER'S REPORT



**Enid Hughes**  
Treasurer

With our membership declining, this year has not been an easy one from a financial point of view. It has been difficult to keep our head above water with regard to the Club's operating expenses. However, this problem has been addressed and has been resolved.

Thanks to the efforts of our fundraising team the numerous projects we have undertaken this year have been successfully financed.

## ADMINISTRATION

Due to a small buffer left in the account from last year we have been able to "pay our way" so to speak. However, the Board will have to look very seriously at how we finance our operations for 2018/19.

## PROJECTS

With the really excellent fundraising (sausage sizzles galore!) done this year we have been able to finance a number of important projects both in the local and wider communities.

## BENEVOLENT FUND

As always, we are very grateful to Ivan Gigovic's generosity in leaving us this bequest and because of the increase in funds drawn down from the Term Deposit this year we have been able to donate to a much greater range of international projects. I am confident that this will continue into 2018/19.

**Enid Hughes**  
Treasurer

## ROTARY CLUB OF FERNTREE GULLY INC Detailed Statement of Financial Position as at 31 May 2018

	2018	2017
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Administration	\$6,029.00	\$5,507.72
Projects	\$9,650.49	\$10,904.79
Benevolent A/c - Bendigo	\$5,752.79	\$4,414.69
Petty Cash	\$100.00	\$100.00
Sausage Sizzle Float	\$145.00	\$145.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$21,677.28</b>	<b>\$21,072.20</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
Term Deposit	\$78,000.00	\$88,000.00
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$78,000.00</b>	<b>\$88,000.00</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Gazebo	\$1,038.00	\$1,038.00
less Accum Depreciation	(\$1,038.00)	(\$930.00)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$108.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$99,677.28</b>	<b>\$109,180.20</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Centurion Funds from Prior Year	\$260.00	\$0.00
Skill Funds from Prior Year	\$33.00	\$323.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$293.00</b>	<b>\$323.00</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$99,384.28</b>	<b>\$108,857.20</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	\$108,857.20	\$109,487.23
Current Earnings	(\$9,472.92)	(\$630.03)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$99,384.28</b>	<b>\$108,857.20</b>



# **ROTARY CLUB OF FERNTREE GULLY INC**

## **Detailed Profit & Loss Statement**

**For the Year Ended 31 May 2018**

	2018	2017
<b>Income</b>		
Admin Income		
Admin Bank Interest	\$32.54	\$35.64
Annual Dues & Fees	\$4,296.00	\$4,200.00
Dinner levies - Members	\$7,207.00	\$4,299.00
Sundry Receipts	\$694.00	\$120.00
Admin - Weekly Contributions	\$1,692.00	\$1,972.00
Sergeant's Fines	\$569.60	\$650.20
Monash Children's Hospital	\$335.20	\$349.70
Member Sales	\$426.00	\$50.00
Total Admin Income	\$15,252.34	\$11,676.54
Fund Raising - Fellowship		
Theatre Nights	\$100.00	\$150.00
Dinner Functions	\$490.00	\$1,040.00
Raffles	\$120.00	\$0.00
Presidents Changeover	\$2,656.00	\$1,012.00
Total Fund Raising - Fellowship	\$3,366.00	\$2,202.00
Income - Projects		
Projects Bank Interest	\$145.08	\$151.16
Sundry Receipts (Fund Raising)	\$619.85	\$119.50
Grants-Donations Monies	\$1,350.00	\$1,100.00
Total Income - Projects	\$2,114.93	\$1,370.66
Income Projects (Community)		
Trachoma	\$950.00	\$0.00
Sausage Sizzles	\$11,984.60	\$16,042.45
Great Community Raffle	\$2,258.35	\$2,959.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$50.00	\$0.00
Total Income Projects (Community)	\$15,242.95	\$19,001.45
Income - Benevolent Account		
Benevolent Bank Interest	\$157.47	\$58.62
Interest - Term Deposit	\$2,058.63	\$2,336.93
Nasavusavu Special Ed. School	\$150.00	\$1,050.00
Total Income - Benevolent Account	\$2,366.10	\$3,445.55
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$38,342.32</b>	<b>\$37,696.20</b>
<b>Cost Of Sales</b>		
Costs re Sausage Sizzles	\$3,085.22	\$3,699.07
<b>Total Cost Of Sales</b>	<b>\$3,085.22</b>	<b>\$3,699.07</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$35,257.10</b>	<b>\$33,997.13</b>

# ROTARY CLUB OF FERNTREE GULLY INC

## Detailed Profit & Loss Statement

For the Year Ended 31 May 2018

	2018	2017
<b>Expenses</b>		
Expenses - Administration		
Bank fees	\$43.50	\$36.20
Postage	\$127.00	\$124.00
Printing & Copying	\$195.73	\$168.60
Stationery & Office Supplies	\$591.57	\$187.83
Audit fee	\$440.00	\$440.00
Rules and Bi-laws	\$0.00	\$614.30
Total Expenses - Administration	<u>\$1,397.80</u>	<u>\$1,570.93</u>
Expenses - Operating		
Weekly Member Dinners	\$7,191.00	\$4,320.00
Weekly Dinner Guests	\$500.00	\$692.00
RI Subscriptions	\$1,264.18	\$1,307.59
District 9810 Dues	\$1,986.25	\$1,806.00
"Rotary Down Under"	\$513.30	\$560.00
Badges & Pins	\$54.94	\$216.60
Membership & Marketing	\$166.10	\$260.00
Gifts and Presentations	\$608.52	\$564.85
Merchandise - Members	\$301.50	\$0.00
Website	\$725.00	\$149.95
Sundry Operating Expenses	\$126.90	\$120.06
Total Expenses - Operating	<u>\$13,437.69</u>	<u>\$9,997.05</u>
Expenses - Fellowship		
President's Changeover	\$3,286.91	\$966.00
Total Expenses - Fellowship	<u>\$3,286.91</u>	<u>\$966.00</u>
Expenses - Projects		
RI Foundation Subscription	\$1,900.00	\$1,350.00
Project Donations	\$11,591.35	\$10,852.78
Sundry Project Expenses	\$428.27	\$292.40
Total Expenses - Projects	<u>\$13,919.62</u>	<u>\$12,495.18</u>
Expenses - Community		
Greater Comm Raffle Payment	\$1,060.00	\$1,440.00
Depreciation	\$108.00	\$4,608.00
Total Expenses - Community	<u>\$1,168.00</u>	<u>\$6,048.00</u>
Expenses - Benevolent A/c		
Donations - Benevolent Fund	\$10,020.00	\$1,000.00
Nasavusavu Special Ed School	\$0.00	\$2,550.00
Total Expenses - Benevolent A/c	<u>\$10,020.00</u>	<u>\$3,550.00</u>
Youth Exchange - Bayswater	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u><b>\$44,730.02</b></u>	<u><b>\$34,627.16</b></u>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	<u><b>(\$9,472.92)</b></u>	<u><b>(\$630.03)</b></u>

# DONATIONS – 2017-18

## Community Service

Foothills Community Church – Christmas Lunch	250	
Monash Children's Hospital	325	
Ferntree Gully Fire Brigade	500	
Australian Rotary Health	220	
Very Special Kids	150	
Retina Australia	250	
Ronald McDonald House	200	
Indigenous Eye Health – Trachoma	1,000	
Spectrum Journeys (autism)	500	
Relay for Life (Cancer Council)	300	
DG's Partner's Project	200	
		3,895

## Youth Service

Interact Club – Fairhills High School	66	
Rotary Junior Community Award	217	
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment	1,005	
Rotary Youth Leadership Award	800	
Model United Nations Assembly	800	
Mountain District Learning Centre – 2 scholarships	2,000	
Rotary Youth Exchange	1,500	
School International Youth Exchange	1,800	
		8,188

## International Community (Benevolent)

Fairhills HS Thailand Project	1,000	
Interplast	2,000	
Hatu Balico, Timor L'Esté	2,020	
Sungai Kolok – Rotarians Against Slavery	1,500	
Operation Cleft	1,000	
ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)	1,000	
RAM (Rotarians Against Malaria)	1,000	
Moradabad Project (India)	1,008	
PNG Earthquake Disaster	500	
Taveuni Eye Project – Fiji	1,500	
		12,528

## International Community (Projects)

Rotary Foundation	640	
End Polio Now	1260	
		1,900

**Total Donations \$26,939**

# COMMUNITY SERVICE



**Ray Hollis**

The year started with a request from a local resident enquiring whether we would be able to assist her grandson Liam with a donation to assist his School International Exchange Student trip to Germany. I am happy to say that the members agreed to this unanimously and we were able to present a cheque for \$500.00. This was followed up at a later date by another \$1,300.00 which included some personal funds donated by individual members. Also, in July we were able to present Fern Tree Gully CFA with a cheque During their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

In September some of our members, with the assistance of members from Knox Rotary Club provided a sausage sizzle at the Commonwealth Bank in Mountain Gate shopping centre to help them raise funds for Very Special Kids and the Pink Pig program.

Our major fundraising activity for the year was organising a Dutch Auction to raise funds for the treatment of Trachoma within the Indigenous Community of Australia. We spent a considerable number of hours canvassing local businesses and emailing various organisations in order to illicit donations towards our auction. While some of the large organisations were unable to come up with anything I am pleased to say that quite a number of local businesses were very generous. This then meant that I had to get out and collect them all. Unfortunately, on the day of our Dutch Auction nobody turned up despite our efforts. The day was not a complete failure as all of our members were there to lend support and we did manage to raise \$950.00 with our members buying some of the goods and a \$50.00 donation from Beth Vize.

We held another successful “Tin Rattle” at the Metro Rail Stations for Australian Rotary Health’s “Lift the Lid” project.

In March it was with great pleasure that we were able to present a cheque to Mountain District Learning Centre to help two of their underprivileged students to further their education.

Late March had us rising early to get down to the Mint St Wetlands to cook egg and bacon rolls for breakfast for the participants who fronted up for the Opening of the Wetlands event which was organised by Melbourne Water and Knox City Council.

Also in March we had the opportunity to spend an evening at a combined event organised by Rotary Club of Boronia and Boronia Inner Wheel. The guest speaker was Lyn Berry who explained how a simple project by two women to honour their father’s service in World War 2 grew in to a world wide phenomenon.

**Ray Hollis**  
**Community Chair**





# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES





# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



**Enid Hughes**

Acting on the Board of Directors decision to better utilise the funds from the Ivan Gigovic bequest, the scope of choice was greatly widened and a larger number of projects was able to be funded.

We donated funds towards :-

- Interplast,
- Rotarians Against Malaria,
- Operation Cleft, and
- Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children

In addition, we contributed to some Rotary Foundation Global Grant applications –

- RC Hampton's Hatu Balico. Timor Lesté project
- RC Manningham's Sungai Kolok (Rotarians Against Slavery), project
- RC Clayton's Moradabad project, and
- RC Boronia's Taveuni Eye Project in Fiji

We were also able to help our local Interact Club (Fairhills High School) with their trip to Thailand during which they assisted in the construction of a local school.

Unfortunately, our long association with ABC Dreams came to an end but we were able to salvage the project of supporting the Special Education Students at the Nasavusavu Special Ed. School by coming to an arrangement to deal direct with the Rotary Club of Savusavu. We now have an excellent relationship with them and hope to continue this project well into the foreseeable future.

Ivan's funds also allowed us to contribute to the recent devastating earthquake in Papua New Guinea. This was a dreadful natural disaster and we were profoundly grateful we were, in a small way, able to help.

**Enid Hughes  
International Chair**



# YOUTH SERVICE



Paul Wilson

## FAIRHILLS HIGH

Following the inauguration of an INTERACT club last Rotary year (27 June 2017) we are continuing our exciting relationship with Fairhills High School, focusing, (where appropriate), our Rotary Youth Programs on them per below:

- **INTERACT**

A school interact club of 14 to 18 year olds is sponsored by a Rotary club to work with the school to form, develop and support the club which involves itself in local community, develops skills, and make a difference locally and globally.

This year we have furthered Interact with Fairhills High having virtually re-formed with a new supervising teacher (Susan Harris) and predominantly new students (approx. 12 students and growing). We are already off to a flying start having hosted a Pizza movie night for the Year 7s and about to present pins to this year's participants.

- **RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment).** Is a residential experience, where participants are involved in a variety of sessions, workshops and activities, which provide an opportunity for them to personally develop, challenge themselves, build friendships with like-minded people, and build life skills and / or awareness in areas such as leadership, working in a team, communication, goal setting, public speaking, contributing to the community, growing up in a digital world; and safe driving. This year we sent three candidates from Fairhills High, to the RYPEN camp in anticipation of them becoming future office bearers in Interact.
- **MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly).** Is a two day program which simulates sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations. A team of two students is allocated a country

to represent. They adopt that country's dress and represent their country in the Legislative Assembly Chamber of Parliament House.

This year, for the first time, we sponsored two students from Fairhills High. Thanks to the Rotary members who made their way in to support them over the two days. They had a visibly great time, just grinning when asked how it was!

- **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)**

Is an intensive six-day training program held at YMCA Lake Dewar Lodge, Myrniong, for young people aged 18 to 30. The program covers fundamentals and ethics of positive leadership, communication skills, problem-solving and conflict management, Rotary's purpose and service to the community, building self-confidence and self-esteem and elements of community and global citizenship. Our candidate, Stephen Robertson told us RYLA had changed his life.

- **RJCA (Rotary Junior Community Award)** Is an exciting and innovative program initiated by the Rotary Club of Mitchell River which aims to assist children in the final year of primary school gain a more informed and balanced view of our community. It offers children the opportunity to develop personal skills that can be used both for themselves or shared more widely with community members or organizations. It introduces young people to a very necessary aspect of our communities – the work of the volunteer and can be thought of as a mini Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We had sixteen students from Ferntree Gully North Primary and three from Fairhills Primary School participating in the program under our sponsorship.



## ROTARACT

Is a community service organisation for 18 to 30 years old people which provides them with an opportunity to enhance knowledge and skills in personal development, community activities and international understanding.

Unfortunately, the Knox Rotaract Club sponsored by our cluster was not able to gain enough numbers to qualify and finished up. On a positive note, we have recently been made aware of another group starting up in the Knox area. We wish them luck.

## YOUTH EXCHANGE

This year we again partnered with RC Bayswater sponsoring Maja - a delightful young girl from Germany. In January FTG members Enid and Ray

Hollis took Maja on a trip to Phillip Island. She had expressed an interest in seeing the Penguins, in particular, so they made a day of it and also visited the Koala Reserve and Seal Rocks. She must have been worn out as she slept all the way home. This was followed by a visit to Bayswater Rotary Club to listen to Maja tell us all about her adventures over the Christmas school holidays. A delightful and at times humorous account by a wonderful young lady.

**Paul Wilson**  
**Youth Chair**





# VOCATIONAL SERVICE



**Gary Braddock**

My second year as Chair Person of Vocational Service has been an interesting one. Still a lot to learn though.

There were two activities I can report on:

## **ROTARY LOW-LEVEL SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Martin & Barbara** (*names have been changed to protect privacy*)

### **Martin:**

Martin has been at MDLC since 2015 completing his Secondary Schooling. Martin was disengaged from his mainstream school due to academic concerns and with the smaller classes and individualised learning, has been able to succeed at MDLC. He spent two years completing Intermediate VCAL and successfully achieved this in 2017. As Martin is still unsure of what he wants to do for his future, completing his Senior (Year 12) VCAL certificate was something that he wanted to do. Martin's family has experienced some financial hardship and Martin shares his bedroom with his brother who has a disability which does present problems at times. Martin is a good candidate for this scholarship as it will allow him to not struggle to pay for his education and will allow him to purchase a laptop which he would not be able to afford otherwise.

### **Barbara**

Barbara is one of six children with a single mother who is on a parenting pension. The family does have financial hardship and Barbara shares a room with her mum and 4year old sister. Barbara was enrolled at Scoresby Secondary College in 2017 to

complete Year 10 but suffered from anxiety and depression which saw frequent absences during the year and she did not successfully complete the level. She has come to MDLC to complete her year 10 equivalent (Foundation VCAL) in a supportive environment. This scholarship will allow Barbara to attend MDLC without having any financial burden to pay her fees. I am under the impression that her older brothers have had to pay for their own TAFE courses which means they have had to work a number of jobs to do so. Barbara is unsure of what she wants to do in the future but is interested in exploring options through her studies.

## **BOWEL SCAN**

Last year the club again took part in the sale of bowel scan test kits as it has over a number of years. Our four participating pharmacies located at Stud Park, Scoresby Village, Mountain Gate and Upper Ferntree Gully sold a total of ninety-one kits in the month of June.

The club again undertook the sale of the kits. John Flemming who continued to head up this project, predicted, correctly, that the sales figures would probably be lower this year as the Government scheme continues to build

However, we again acknowledge this is an extremely worthwhile activity and if our club saves only one life it is well worth supporting.

**Gary Braddock**  
**Vocational Chair**

# FELLOWSHIP



**Fran Mandergeddes**

This year we have had a varied mix of events, including theatre shows, jazz afternoons, dinners, 10 pin bowling and of course the Fellowship lunches hosted by Martin and Emma. However due to a seemingly endless lack of attendance due to members going on holiday or, as in my own case, leave of absence, our list of Fellowship events has unfortunately been shorter than usual.

However, my long tenure as Fellowship Chair is coming to an end as I hand over to a new member, Allan Tierney for the 2018-19 year. I wish Allan well and will endeavour to give him my full support in his plans for our club's future activities.

**Fran Mandergeddes**  
**Fellowship Chair**



# CLUB SERVICE



**Ray Hollis**

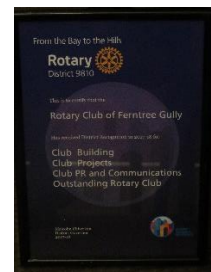
Once again, the Rotary year started with a plethora of seminars.

- July got us off to an early start with the Membership Seminar which was then followed by a “Club Visioning” mentored by Lachlan Fennen, giving all club members the opportunity to share their vision for our club for the next three years.
- August saw an opportunity for me to sit in on a Presidents Quarterly Meeting as all PE’s were invited.
- Also during the month of August we were advised that the kitchen at the bowling club would no longer open on a Monday evening. So, after making a number of enquiries at other venues it was decided that we wanted to stay in the Ferntree Gully area and we changed our meeting night to Thursday.
- Next in line was the International Seminar and this was followed in October by Community and Vocational seminars.
- During the month of November members were invited to a light luncheon at Monash Children’s Hospital to give the Hospital management the opportunity to thank the many volunteer organisations that support them.
- A short break for Christmas and then back on the job again.
- February saw 7 of our members namely

Christine Anderson, Allan Tierney, Paul Wilson, Enid Hughes, Ray Hollis, Mike Spark and Rod Brown together with our Interact contact - Sue Harris at Fairhills High School - attend the youth forum at the Kilsyth club. A very informative and information packed evening, especially for Sue and our new member Rod.

- March had us off to Bendigo to attend District Conference. Once again a great opportunity to catch up with Rotarians we had not seen for a while and listen to some very interesting and thought provoking speakers interspersed with some wonderful entertainment on Saturday night.
- March was rounded out by my attendance at President Elects Learning and Development seminar in Ballarat. A weekend I found both interesting and informative.
- Our truly exciting finale for the year was District Changeover where President Christine had the honour of accepting a District Award for Club Building, Club Projects, Club PR & Communications, And last but not most important (one of only three clubs in the District to attain it) Outstanding Rotary Club!

**Ray Hollis  
President Elect.**



*Pictured (L-R) Allan Tierney, Christine Anderson, Ray Hollis, Enid Hughes and centre – Graeme Aspinall*



# MEMBERSHIP



**John Flemming**

Membership is without doubt both the major problem facing our club and the key to its survival. The past year has been one where our numbers really remained almost static in that we gained two members but lost one.

Recently we have had a visit from a potential new member and a previous member has indicated that she will re-join the club, so hopefully we will go into the 2018/19 year in a positive situation. It is difficult however to see just what might attract new

members to what is both a friendly and active club other than continuing to advertise. I wish the incoming Membership Chair – Paul McAloney - a successful year however and will support him as much as I can.

**John Flemming**  
**Membership Chair**

*President Christine inducting  
Allan Tierney (right)  
And  
Rod Brown (below)*





## PR & MARKETING



**Enid and Ray Hollis**

We started the year by updating our cover photo on facebook - the Rotary plaque under the Rotary tree at the Arboretum. We now change this every 3 months Some of our other cover photos included the Lyrebird, Mount Dandenong, and Dandenong Ranges Botanical Gardens. (see photos below).

Our club activities were posted on Facebook most weeks with varying results. This involved relating some of the interesting subjects that were presented by our guest speakers over the year. Along with this we also posted some of the activities in which we took part.

The Ferntree Gully News made a contribution towards our Trachoma fundraiser by providing an ad for this event at no cost. We also advertise 3 times a year in this publication which services the local community with an excellent (award winning) newspaper.

**Enid & Ray Hollis**  
**PR & Marketing**

## FACEBOOK & BULLETIN MASTHEADS 2017-18



# PROGRAM REPORT



**Robert Hurst**

The program Chairman's task would be much harder without the assistance of other members, particularly those who are or have been involved in one way or another in district activities and come across interesting speakers in their travels.

Whilst from time to time we have speakers from outside the Rotary family (some of whom have interesting stories to tell) often the most compelling speakers are those Rotarians who have been involved in Rotary or Rotary sponsored projects in overseas countries, many of them Third World.

It's these speakers that are effectively reporting back to Rotary club's on where the monies raised from their many and varied fund-raising activities have been spent.

Rotarians put in so much time and effort in raising those funds not only from minor activities such as sausage sizzles but also in organising major events where thousands of dollars are often raised.

It is gratifying to be able to see and hear from these speakers the benefits that less fortunate communities are able to enjoy not only in quality-of-life through access to better education, greater health through improved living conditions but an overall increase in happiness with life in general.

**Robert Hurst**  
**Program Chairman**



*Dr Alex Ioannidis, Pres. Christine and DGE Shia Smart*



*PP Paul McAloney and Kate Johnson*



*Pres. Christine, Tony and Robyn Stokes*



*Jeff Steele*

# SPEAKERS – 2017-18

Topic	Presenter
Rotary Conoco Phillips Science Experience	Hayley Matuschka
Days For Girls – Malawi	PDG Carol Lawton & Frank
Life as a Councillor	Karin Orpen
Aboriginal Eye Health – Trachoma	Dr. Alex Ioannidis
RYLA Experience	Stephen Robertson
ROMAC	Norm Casey
Recipe For Change	Christine Smith
Dog Control/Training	Ruth Elliott
Recipe for Change	Christine Smith
Wellness & Longevity	Yang Xu
World Cruise of the Orion	John Liddell
Spectrum	Kate Johnson
Taveuni Eye Project	Peter Malden
Sungai Kolok Project - Against Slavery	Robyn & Tony Stokes
Operation Cleft	Bruce McEwen
Interplast	Liz Guiver
Youth Safety Policy	Merv Erickson



DG Carol & Frank Lawton



Ruth Elliott



Christine Smith





# BULLETIN REPORT



**Enid Hughes**

To (mis)quote John Lennon – “Another Year Over; a new one about to begin”. I first took over the bulletin from Stuart Vize in 2010-11. Stuart had been doing it for about twenty years. I stated emphatically that I certainly wouldn’t be doing it that long. Hmm.... We’re about to commence the 2018-19 Rotary year and I’m still doing the bulletin!

I have to admit that this year the bulletin has been a little easier to put together due to the fact the club has been very active, both in donating funds overseas and in the local community. Our gazebo and flags have been seen in the community on quite a few occasions this year. Our sausage sizzles are becoming quite well known! President Christine has generated a lot of

enthusiasm in the club during her two years stint. And we’ve had some really interesting speakers – all making great reading.

With PE Ray Hollis about to take on the role of President I am confident the level of enthusiasm in the club will be maintained if not increased. So, I’m looking forward to another year of being Bulletin Editor. May it be a great one!

**Enid Hughes**  
**Editor**





# PAST PRESIDENTS

1963-64 **HALL** Frank

1964-65 **THOMSON** \* Ken

1965-66 **CLARKE** \* Harold

1966-67 **MARTIN** Laurie

1967-68 **ELDRIDGE** Jeff

1968-69 **RUSSELL** Harry

1969-70 **CHAPPILL** Geoff

1970-71 **COOK** Duncan

1971-72 **CASTRICUM** \* John  
and **MILLER** Ken

1972-73 **LANGFORD** \* Greg

1973-74 **de JONGE** Lawrence

1974-75 **CRANE** \* Reeve

1975-76 **BROWN** John

1976-77 **FOSTER** Ken

1977-78 **CALLAHAN** \* Jack

1978-79 **MILLER** Ken

1979-80 **RICHARDS** John

1980-81 **BEASLEY** \* Royce

1981-82 **SHORTER** Barry

1982-83 **BOSCOTT** Bob

1983-84 **BARUDAY** George and  
**DASBOROUGH** Don

1984-85 **MITCHELL**\* Ron

1985-86 **HURST** Robert

1986-87 **GLADWIN** Bill

1987-88 **ELLIOTT** John

1988-89 **GUINEY** \* David

1989-90 **FREGON** John

1990-91 **VIZE**\* Stuart

1991-92 **ADAMS**\* Brian

1992-93 **WYLIE** \* Peter

1993-94 **ASPINALL** Graeme

1994-95 **MOORE** Robert

1995-96 **WILLINGHAM** Ed

1996-97 **EDMUNDS** Hilton

1997-98 **SPARK** Mike

1998-99 **FLEMMING** John

1999-2000 **OGLE** Tony

2000-01 **YEATS** Sandy

2001-02 **HALL** Marilyn  
(First Woman President).

2002-03 **McALONEY** Paul

2003-04 **DAWSON** Rob

2004-05 **MANDERGEDDES** Fran

2005-06 **WALTERS** Phil

2006-07 **GOODCHILD** Julie

2007-08 **ASPINALL** Graeme

2008-09 **FAULKNER** Graham

2009-10 **LINCOLN** Merv.

2010-11 **LINCOLN** Merv

2011-12 **HUGHES** Enid

2012-13 **ASPINALL** Graeme

2013-14 **WALTERS** Phil

2014-15 **SPARK** Mike

2015-16 **McALONEY** Paul

2016-17 **ANDERSON** Christine

2017-18 **ANDERSON** Christine

\* Have "Passed on" to meet Paul HARRIS

# Rotary

## Club of Fern Tree Gully



**2017-18**

### The Board

PRESIDENT	-	Christine Anderson
PRESIDENT ELECT	-	Ray Hollis
SECRETARY	-	Paul McAloney
TREASURER	-	Enid Hughes
PAST PRESIDENT	-	Christine Anderson
COMMUNITY SERVICE	-	Ray Hollis
VOCATIONAL SERVICE	-	Gary Braddock
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	-	Enid Hughes
YOUTH SERVICE	-	Paul Wilson

### Office Bearers

FOUNDATION	-	Mike Spark
MEMBERSHIP	-	John Flemming
P.R & MARKETING	-	Enid Hughes / Ray Hollis
FELLOWSHIP	-	Fran Mandergeddes
PROGRAM	-	Robert Hurst
BULLETIN EDITOR	-	Enid Hughes



# PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

<u>Presented</u>		<u>FELLOWS</u>	<u>President.</u>
<b>1963 to 1980</b>		No Awards Made	
03:9:1981	to	MILLER Ken P.P.	by Barry SHORTER
<b>1982 –1985</b>		No Awards Made	
03:4:1986	to	RICHARDS John P.P.	by Robert HURST
<b>1986-1987</b>		No Awards Made	
17:6:1988	to	THOMSON Ken P.P.	by John ELLIOTT
26:6:1989	to	COOK Duncan P.P.	by David GUINEY
	to	VIZE Stuart Rtn.	
22:6:1990	to	HURST Robert P.P.	by John FREGON
16:6:1991	to	MITCHELL Ron P.P.	by Stuart VIZE
19:6:1992	to	CRANE Reeve P.P. *	by Brian ADAMS
	to	GUINEY David P.P. *	
28:6:1993	to	BOSCOTT Bob P.P.	by Peter WYLIE
1993-1994		No Awards Made	
26:6:1995	to	THOMSON Ken P.P. [Sapphire to Ken's PH]	by Bob MOORE
3:6:1997	to	FREGON John P.P.	
	to	ASPINALL Graeme P.P.	
	to	MASON John Rtn. *	
29:6:1998	to	THOMSON Bett 1 <sup>st</sup> Lady	by Hilton EDMUNDS
28:6:1999	to	EDMUNDS Hilton P.P.	by Mike SPARK
	to	WYLIE Peter P.P. *	
26:6:2000	to	MASON Fred P.P.	by John FLEMMING
25:6:2001	to	FLEMMING John P.P.	by Tony OGLE
19:5:2003	to	WYLIE Cheryl	by Sandy YEATS
	to	VIZE Stuart P.P.	
		[Sapphire to Stuart's PHF]	
2004-05	to	SPARK Mike P.P.	by Paul McALONEY
2006-07	to	BENCH Cass Rtn.	by Fran MANDERGEDDES
	to	FLEMMING John P.P.	
		[Sapphire to John's PHF]	
2007-08	to	DAWSON Robert P.P.	by Julie GOODCHILD
	to	Beth VIZE	
2008 –09	to	McALONEY Paul P.P.	by Graeme ASPINALL
	to	GOODCHILD Julie P.P.	
2009-10	to	MANDERGEDDES Fran PP	by Graham FAULKNER
2011-12	to	SMITH, Peter Captain – CFA	by Merv LINCOLN
2012-13	to	HUGHES, Enid P.P.	by Enid HUGHES
2015	to	ASPINALL, Graeme PP [Sapphire to Graeme's PHF]	by Graeme ASPINALL
2016-17	to	WILSON, Paul HURST, Rob PP (Sapphire to Rob's PHF) HUGHES, Enid PP (Sapphire to Enid's PHF)	by Paul McALONEY Christine Anderson

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# ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY

2017-18

## CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	Date of Induction
ANDERSON, Christine	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2014
ASPINALL, Graeme	1 <sup>st</sup> November 1988
BRADDOCK, Gary	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
BROWN, Rod	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
FAULKNER, Graham	16 <sup>th</sup> February 2004 (30 <sup>th</sup> October 1986)
FLEMMING, John	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1993
HUGHES, Enid	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2008
HOLLIS, Ray	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
HURST, Robert	1 <sup>st</sup> July 1982
MANDERGEDES, Fran	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2002
McALONEY, Paul	15 <sup>th</sup> March 1999
SPARK, Mike	1 <sup>st</sup> November 1994
TIERNEY, Allan	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
WILSON, Paul	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2005



*Pictured Back Row L-R Rod Brown, John Flemming, Paul Wilson, Allan Tierney, Paul McAloney, Graeme Aspinall and Ray Hollis. Front Row: Graham Faulkner, Fran Mandergeddes, Christine Anderson and Enid Hughes*