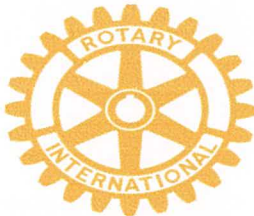


# ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY INC.



## ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020



President Rotary International

**Mark Maloney & Gay**



District Governor Dist 9810  
**Shia Smart & Duncan**

President  
**Allan Tierney & Christine**  
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor **Ivan Gigovic** Aug 2003



**Club Meeting at the Tim Neville Arboretum FernTree Gully March 2020 Social Distancing our last face to face meeting before Covid 19 Lock down**

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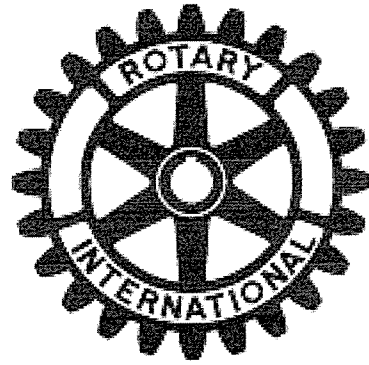


## **57<sup>TH</sup> Annual Report**

**Allan Tierney- President 2019-2020**

# 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

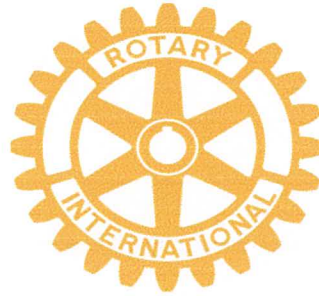
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Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

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

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



# ROTARY

**Club of Fern Tree Gully 2019-2020**

## **The Board**

|                                |          |   |
|--------------------------------|----------|---|
| <b>PRESIDENT</b>               | <b>-</b> | <b>Allan Tierney</b>  |
| <b>PRESIDENT ELECT</b>         | <b>-</b> | <b>Graeme Aspinall</b>  |
| <b>SECRETARY</b>               | <b>-</b> | <b>Fran Mandergeddes</b>  |
| <b>TREASURER</b>               | <b>-</b> | <b>Brian Mandergeddes</b>   |
| <b>PAST PRESIDENT</b>          | <b>-</b> | <b>Christine Anderson/Ray Hollis</b>  |
| <b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>       | <b>-</b> | <b>Christine Anderson</b>   |
| <b>VOCATIONAL SERVICE</b>      | <b>-</b> | <b>Rob Hurst/ Gary Braddock</b>   |
| <b>INTERNATIONAL SERVICE</b>   | <b>-</b> | <b>Paul McAloney</b>  |
| <b>YOUTH SERVICE</b>           | <b>-</b> | <b>Paul Wilson</b>  |
| <b>FOUNDATION</b>              | <b>-</b> | <b>Mike Spark</b>   |
| <b>MEMBERSHIP/ FUNDRAISING</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>All Members</b>  |
| <b>PR MARKETING</b>            | <b>-</b> | <b>Graeme Aspinall</b>  |
| <b>FELLOWSHIP &amp; FUN</b>    | <b>-</b> | <b>Kay McAloney/Jill Wilson/Marg Hurst/Fran Mandergeddes<br/>Julienne Hyams</b> |
| <b>PROGRAM</b>                 | <b>-</b> | <b>Rob Hurst</b>  |
| <b>BULLETIN EDITOR</b>         | <b>-</b> | <b>Marg Hurst</b>   |





## PRESIDENTS REPORT 2019-2020

Our Rotary Year started with a very exciting Changeover celebration at the Ferny Creek Kitchen restaurant. It was a very moving day, as we invited all our partners ex members and their partners, our District Governor Assistant Governor and Honorary Members. We inducted a new very valuable member to our club Brian Mandergeddes. The restaurant being closed to the public that day enabled us to have our own members providing some very funny entertainment followed by a party with dancing and drinking that was enjoyed by all.

We started the Rotary year with much enthusiasm as embraced the Rotary Theme "Rotary Connects the World."

Our weekly meeting format was changed so all members and partners, could contribute and enjoy fellowship and fun that our club is renowned for, also to keep us continuing to be a vibrant club. We introduced a new meeting format, a one hour business meeting, followed by dinner in the restaurant at the Bowling Club. This gave everyone the choice of their own meal, we had more time to spend with our guest speaker, and enjoying fellowship together. I introduced "Open Board Meetings" monthly. Being a small club I thought it was paramount that all members make joint decisions for the club. We also decided to have vocational visits arranged by our programme director Rob Hurst These seemed to have a distinct theme Breweries, Gin Joints etc, all of which were great fun and followed by a fellowship evening including all partners.

When I reflect over the last twelve months, all the activates members have been involved in is truly remarkable, even with the uncertainty of going into lock down in March that didn't stop us meeting on Zoom and having fun.

We have again been able to continue our low level scholarships with the help of a District Grant, giving three students from Mountain District Learning Centre the opportunity to complete their high school studies.

We were privileged to support our FTG CFA and present a donation from our club, we also provided a free sausage sizzle for local Residents at their Bush Fire awareness information evening.

I am proud to say that all the District Seminars, District Assembly and District Conference (although it was cancelled some Rotarian's still enjoyed a weekend at Echuca) we have had representation at them all. Thank you to you all. My self and Christine attended the District Rotaract Changeover in July

I had the pleasure of inducting Julianne Hyams to our club at the beginning of 2020. Julianne is showing her enthusiasm as an active member.



## PRESIDENTS REPORT 2019-2020

We nominated a candidate (thank you Kay McAloney) for the Shine on Awards. To recognise persons who do amazing volunteer projects in our community despite having a disability. Unfortunately the presentation ceremony had to be cancelled at the beginning of March

Our Youth programmes chaired by Paul Wilson are going from strength to strength despite being challenged this year.

Our Interact club although small in numbers and a change in teaching staff, still provided the students leadership and community involvement. We supported their Trivia night raising funds for their trip to Cambodia. We presented a cheque to assist in the building of a home by the students built in Cambodia.

A very active Interactor Sam Heydon was nominated by our club and won Knox Council "Young Citizen of the Year" 2020. What a wonderful recognition for Sam, and thoroughly deserved.

We again sponsored three students and a leader at the weekend camp at Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment.

Our Rotary Junior Community awards Programme was again embraced by FTG North and Fairhills primary schools with 20 students completing the programme.

The Model United Nations Assembly to be held in May (we had sponsored two students) unfortunately was cancelled. Well done Paul though a challenging Youth Year.

This year again our Community Project's chaired by Christine Anderson has given us a lot of exposure in our local community. Just to list a few

Commonwealth Bank Very Special Kids BBQ,

The Knox Toy Library Cataloguing toys, building new shelving

Interchange to support family camps for persons with Disability

Foothills Community Care. Working with the committee for the Winter Sleep over Programme (on hold this year) giving a donation for the Christmas Day Lunch and providing Men's Christmas presents.

The Ferntree Gully Fair in November, providing a free Christmas themed craft activity for children.

The Knox Festival held over two days providing a free Easter themed craft activity for children.

Donating 300 Easter decorations to Bunnings for their Easter Children's Show bags

Laying a Wreath on Anzac Day at the Tim Neville Arboretum. Thank you Christine



## PRESIDENTS REPORT 2019-2020

Fundraising events organised by Graeme Aspinall and John Flemming.

We were able to achieve eight Bunnings sizzles before lock down, one of which at the beginning of the dreadful Bush Fires we raised \$2000.00 in one day to give to the Rotary East Gippsland Bush Fire Relief programme.

Other fundraising events The Vintage Bike Club, The Greek Festival, FTG Village Fair.

We once again participated in the Great Community Raffle.

We held another successful Trash and Treasure stall at the Wantirna Market.

As we are in uncertain times during Coronavirus Pandemic we are very grateful to have had so much success with our fundraising, however this could be challenging in future months.

Thank you Graeme and John

International Projects chaired by Paul McAloney has made significant donations to Rotary Overseas programmes.

The Tavenui Eye Project in Fiji, Operation Toilets in India. Thank you Paul

Our programme Director Rob Hurst has again found very interesting motivational and entertaining guest speakers.

Just to mention a few: - Eastern Domestic Violence- Interchange Disability - 1812 Theatre-

Group Hug- Knox Councillor- Interact Students- NBN Explained- Crown Currency - INA Project - Operation Toilets- Forensic Lab Testing- Bendigo Bank.- Knox Council Events organisers. Thank you Rob

This year all members agreed that all the hard work we achieve, we need to have great fellowship and fun along the way. Our very special partners took this on board and have delivered over and above. A Huge Thank you to Kay McAloney, Jill Wilson, Wendy Spark, Marg Hurst. We have been entertained in such a variety of events Also Thank you to Fran and Julianne for arranging theatre nights and dinners out, and Mike Spark for the Sunday Jazz afternoons

Mystery Dinner at Fonzie's Diner- Spring Racing Melbourne Cup- Aussie Christmas Breakup - 2 fireside meetings, theatre nights have included "Exit Laughing-On Golden Ponds-The Full Monty-Leading Ladies- Sunday afternoon Jazz- Live bands at Knox Club and The Bowling club. A face to face dinner at Star one Vietnamese Restaurant, when restrictions were lifted.

Community Bowls x 3 arranged by FTG Bendigo Bank

I would like to thank all members and partners who have so kindly opened up their homes for many of these wonderful fun events.





## PRESIDENTS REPORT 2019-2020

Another special person has done an amazing job in producing our weekly bulletin, something that is very important to keep us all connected. A Huge Thankyou Marg Hurst.

Thank you to Fran Mandergeddes for taking on the role as Club Secretary this year. This position is vital for our club to function and so often no one is aware of the time spent outside meetings.

Thank you to Brain Mandergeddes whom we inducted in July and was thrown straight into being our Club Treasurer. This is another vital role for our club to function and I truly appreciate your time spent keeping us all honest.

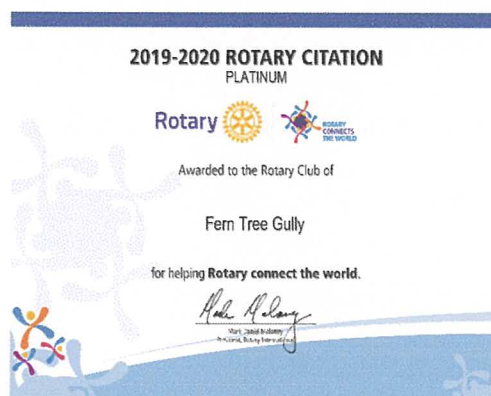
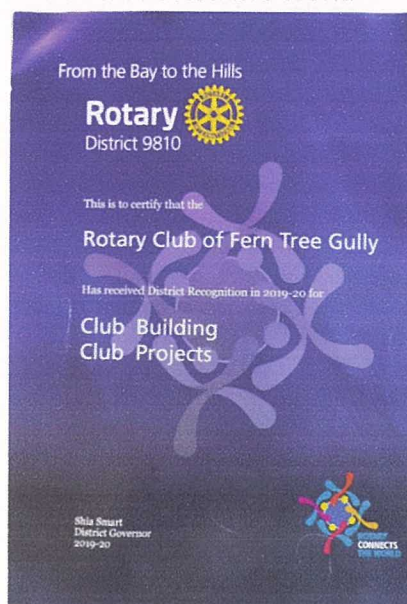
When the world changed forever in March, we embraced the change in the way we held our weekly meetings, and despite all being in lock down, we have held a weekly Zoom meeting ever since. To keep us all engaged and wonderful that Gary Braddock could join us whilst having a good laugh, we have interesting guest speakers, and fun nights which have included Bogan Trivia- Cocktails with Julianne, Arm Chair Travel Show, Two Truths and a Lie, our last meeting was a murder mystery party "Good Food Good Wine and a Wicked Murder"

A special thank you to our clubs support team, District Governor Shia Smart, our Assistant Governor Christina Chia their support along with all District 9810 has been truly valuable.

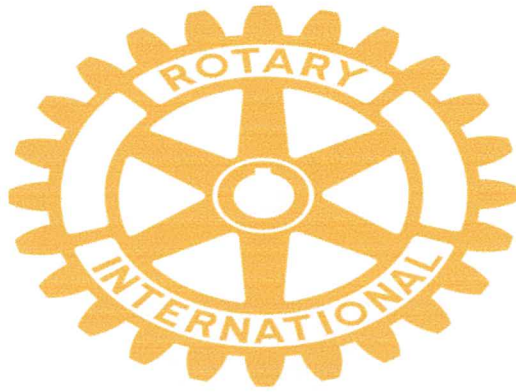
We should feel extremely proud of this year's achievements

It has been a privilege and honour to be your President we have had an amazing time together I cannot thank you enough. I entrust you will all continue to give all your support to our incoming president Graeme Aspinall

We have "Connected the World "







**ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY INC**

**Registered No A0023463V**

## **TREASURERS REPORT 2019-2020**

Prepared by : Brian Mandergeddes

**BALANCE SHEET 2019-2020**

**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT 2019-2020**



**Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.**

4 Cherrington Square  
WANTIRNA VIC 3152

**Balance Sheet**

As of June 2020

| <b>Assets</b>            |  |              |              |             |
|--------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Current Assets           |  |              |              |             |
| Administration           |  | \$9,020.25   |              |             |
| Projects                 |  | \$14,621.01  |              |             |
| Benevolent A/c - Bendigo |  | \$1,071.77   |              |             |
| Petty Cash               |  | \$100.00     |              |             |
| Sausage Sizzle Float     |  | \$145.00     |              |             |
| Total Current Assets     |  |              | \$24,958.03  |             |
| Investments              |  |              |              |             |
| Term Deposit 139347843   |  | \$60,000.00  |              |             |
| Term deposit             |  | \$5,055.79   |              |             |
| Total Investments        |  |              | \$65,055.79  |             |
| Fixed Assets             |  |              |              |             |
| Gazebo                   |  | \$1,038.00   |              |             |
| less Accum Depreciation  |  | (\$1,038.00) |              |             |
| Total Assets             |  |              |              | \$90,013.82 |
| Liabilities              |  |              |              |             |
| Net Assets               |  |              |              | \$90,013.82 |
| Equity                   |  |              |              |             |
| Retained Earnings        |  |              | \$95,438.56  |             |
| Current Earnings         |  |              | (\$5,424.74) |             |
| Total Equity             |  |              |              | \$90,013.82 |

**Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.**4 Cherrington Square  
WANTIRNA VIC 3152**Profit & Loss Statement**

July 2019 To June 2020

| <b>Income</b>                     |             |             |             |  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Admin Income                      |             |             |             |  |
| Admin Bank Interest               | (\$352.75)  |             |             |  |
| Annual Dues & Fees                | \$3,125.00  |             |             |  |
| Sundry Receipts                   | \$1,789.35  |             |             |  |
| Skill                             | (\$44.00)   |             |             |  |
| Admin - Weekly Contributions      |             | \$530.00    |             |  |
| Sergeant's Fines                  |             | \$240.60    |             |  |
| Copper Pot                        | \$125.85    |             |             |  |
| Total Admin Income                |             | \$4,643.45  |             |  |
| Fund Raising - Fellowship         |             |             |             |  |
| Theatre Nights                    | \$96.00     |             |             |  |
| Raffles                           | \$900.60    |             |             |  |
| Presidents Changeover             | \$1,330.00  |             |             |  |
| Total Fund Raising - Fellowship   |             | \$2,326.60  |             |  |
| Income - Projects                 |             |             |             |  |
| Projects Bank Interest            | \$57.43     |             |             |  |
| Sundry Receipts (Fund Raising)    | \$10.00     |             |             |  |
| Grants-Donations Monies           | \$1,000.00  |             |             |  |
| Total Income - Projects           |             | \$1,067.43  |             |  |
| Income Projects (Community)       |             |             |             |  |
| Sausage Sizzles                   | \$12,420.25 |             |             |  |
| Trash & Treasure Stalls           | \$447.35    |             |             |  |
| Great Community Raffle            | \$1,370.00  |             |             |  |
| Miscellaneous Donations           | \$700.00    |             |             |  |
| Total Income Projects (Community) |             | \$14,937.60 |             |  |
| Income - Benevolent Account       |             |             |             |  |
| Benevolent Bank Interest          | \$705.54    |             |             |  |
| Interest - Term Deposit           | (\$1.55)    |             |             |  |
| Total Income - Benevolent Account |             | \$703.99    |             |  |
| Total Income                      |             |             | \$24,449.67 |  |
| Total Cost Of Sales               |             |             | \$0.00      |  |
| Gross Profit                      |             |             | \$24,449.67 |  |
| <b>Expenses</b>                   |             |             |             |  |
| Expenses - Administration         |             |             |             |  |
| Bank fees                         | \$36.00     |             |             |  |
| Postage                           | \$134.00    |             |             |  |
| Printing & Copying                | \$33.88     |             |             |  |
| Stationery & Office Supplies      | \$92.15     |             |             |  |
| Knox Festival                     | \$35.14     |             |             |  |
| Total Expenses - Administration   |             | \$331.17    |             |  |
| Expenses - Operating              |             |             |             |  |
| Weekly Dinner Guests              | \$252.80    |             |             |  |
| RI Subscriptions                  | \$1,267.23  |             |             |  |
| District 9810 Dues                | \$1,757.00  |             |             |  |
| "Rotary Down Under"               | \$520.00    |             |             |  |
| Membership & Marketing            | \$735.35    |             |             |  |
| Website                           | \$225.00    |             |             |  |
| Sundry Operating Expenses         | \$184.90    |             |             |  |



|                                 |            |             |              |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Total Expenses - Operating      |            | \$4,942.28  |              |
| Expenses - Fellowship           |            |             |              |
| Knox Festival                   | \$94.88    |             |              |
| President's Changeover          | \$1,255.00 |             |              |
| Total Expenses - Fellowship     |            | \$1,349.88  |              |
| Expenses - Projects             |            |             |              |
| RI Foundation Subscription      | \$1,650.00 |             |              |
| Project Donations               | \$9,455.58 |             |              |
| Rypen                           | \$1,140.00 |             |              |
| Total Expenses - Projects       |            | \$12,245.58 |              |
| Expenses - Community            |            |             |              |
| Greater Comm Raffle Payment     | \$1,370.00 |             |              |
| Total Expenses - Community      |            | \$1,370.00  |              |
| Expenses - Benevolent A/c       |            |             |              |
| Donations - Benevolent Fund     | \$6,000.00 |             |              |
| TeamMed Nepal                   | \$500.00   |             |              |
| Sausage Sizzle expenses         | \$3,135.50 |             |              |
| Total Expenses - Benevolent A/c |            | \$9,635.50  |              |
| Total Expenses                  |            |             | \$29,874.41  |
| Operating Profit                |            |             | (\$5,424.74) |
| Total Other Expenses            |            |             | \$0.00       |
| Net Profit/(Loss)               |            |             | (\$5,424.74) |

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The Rotary year of 2019 – 2020 began in the routine fashion of weekly meetings, interesting presentations, and monthly meetings of the Board, fellowship and fun and getting stuck into projects.

The fact that, during that year, Board meetings became open to all members was appreciated by all club members, as it was a previously unheard of practice, certainly since my membership of the Club, which began in 2002. They were unquestionable evidence of openness and transparency on all club matters.

They also gave an opportunity for all members to be able to put their point of view on club matters, both positive and negative.

Apart from those issues, the Club chugged along in its usual manner, with correspondence etc received from the District, Rotary International and District Governors and Assistant Governors being forwarded to members for their consideration, action and/or interest and, where needed, discussion.

Fairly early in 2020, like the rest of the world we were impacted by the arrival of the Covid-19 virus and, in March we were like most States and Territories forced to enter into lockdowns as a result, in an effort to deal with the virus.

The lockdowns prevented us from entering into our usual club activities – face to face meetings were disallowed, as was visiting friends and family, and the ensuing result was a heartbreaking disaster for businesses and the provision of services, dining out was forbidden, along with a myriad of other facilities.

In order to deal with the disastrous consequences of the lockdowns so far as it affected our club activities, we opted to begin having meetings on Zoom, tentatively at first, but subsequently realizing that such online meetings could be informative, we could still have speakers and also have some fun in our physical isolation from one another.

Whilst it has not been perfect, it has at least been an opportunity to be together in spirit and make the most of our time in isolation.

Unfortunately many Rotary activities such as the Annual Conference were cancelled due to the virus, which was very disappointing to say the least, but understandably required for everyone's safety.

At the time of writing this Report we have been put into severe lockdown again; therefore we will have no choice but to continue to be active Rotarians in this most unusual way, with the hope that it will not be too much longer before we can once again be physically face to face.

Apart from the serious affect of Covid-19, the year has otherwise been largely uneventful from this Secretary's point of view.

I wish our new Club Secretary all the best for this Rotary year.

Fran Mandergeddes

Secretary 2019 - 2020







## COMMUNITY REPORT 2019-2020

Our approach to our local community projects was changed slightly this year, we wanted to Show Case what Rotary is all about, speak to local resident's and find out where we can assist in FTG.

We are working in partnership with support groups locally which will be ongoing

The Dandenong Ranges Winter Sleep Over, a program for homeless men sleeping rough.

FTG Community Support Program to advise people who need assistance with local services, meals etc. We gave a donation to the Foothills Community Church Christmas Lunch along with Christmas presents for MEN.

We again supported the Ferntree Gully CFA, not only with a donation, but we held a free sausage sizzle for about 130 local residents at the CFA's Bush Fire awareness information session.

The FTG Commonwealth Bank approached us to assist in a sausage sizzle to raise monies for "Very Special Kids" Pink Pig Cancer campaign, members assisted and all funds raised went to the cause.

The Knox Toy Library whom our club has been supporting now for two years. we were able to assist in computer cataloguing the toys, also rebuilding existing shelving, and attending the opening of the upgraded Toy Library Center.

Interchange Disability Services in FTG we made a generous donation, for families to attend the annual camps run by volunteers enabling families to spend some much needed time away for a short break holiday.

Our Christmas Themed Free activity at the FTG Village Fair was once again received well by the participants making decorated salt dough Christmas decorations. This year the weather was perfect and by far the best Fair Village in many years. The club also ran the BBQ so it was all hands on board.

We had another free activity at the Knox Festival held over two days. We showcased our Club with our gazebo displaying very large colourful pictures of our Rotary projects with the aim to attract new members. Children participated in decorating Easter themed salt dough shapes and judging by the smiles and reactions we received, a very well worth community project.

We were asked by Bunnings to participate in their Community Easter Family Evening where we were going to hold a free Easter themed craft stall for children, unfortunately this event was cancelled, however we donated 300 Easter Bunnies with a message from the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully, and these were distributed by Bunnings in show bags for the children to paint at home.

The District Governor's Partners program this year was "Books In the Home" Our contribution was directed to Fairhills primary school who would distribute books to children to keep at home.

We once again were able to secure a District Grant for Low Level Scholarships for students at Mountain District Learning Centre. Despite schools going to On Line schooling I have been assured the students will continue their studies.

Six members attended the Knox Council "Thank You" reception thanking us for volunteering in our local community.



## COMMUNITY REPORT 2019-2020

We nominated a candidate for the "Shine On Awards" to recognise the volunteering contribution made by persons with a disability. Unfortunately the night before the presentation it had to be cancelled due to Covid 19 lock down. A presentation to our candidate will be made at a later stage.

A donation that was made to us from Hope Mission 2 very large boxes of ladies new undies, we donated to Eastern Domestic Violence, this was during lock down. They were extremely well received at this time of uncertainty.

We participated in the FTG Bendigo Bank community Bank Bowls evenings Our team of four was at the top of the ladder when the event had to be postponed, nevertheless most members spent three very enjoyable evenings cheering on our team with an ale or two.

Although Anzac day this year was "like no other" a wreath was made and laid on behalf of all our members at the Anzac Memorial in the Arboretum.

Our Community Activities were certainly curtailed due to Coronavirus. We were very fortunate that we could achieve so much in the first nine months of this Rotary Year.

I would like to thank all member's for their wonderful support and enthusiasm in all our community events where we show cased to our local community "Rotary Connects the World"

Christine Anderson

Community Chair 2019-2020





## INTERNATIONAL REPORT 2020-2019

Our projects this year were cut short by the arrival of the Coronavirus. Up to that time we donated \$3000.00 to the Taveuni Eye project. This project

gives sight to children and adults from the more remote and rural areas of Fiji. For just \$300.00 the project will restore the sight in both eyes for one Fijian.

We also donated \$3000.00 to Operation Toilets. This operation began when Rotarian Mark Balla who learned during a visit to India that many children did not attend school because there were no toilets, or the toilets that were there were so disgusting that they couldn't be used. To date this project has reached out to 30,000 children with projects over the next 18 months expected to lift this figure to well over 100,000.

Our further projects that we were going to donate to but did not present as we like to have a representative from the organisation attend our meeting and give us an update on the project, and present them with a cheque. These were:  
Rotarians Against Malaria. We continue to support this project in honour of one of founding members Ken Thompson.

Operation Cleft. This project we continue to support in honour of the loving memory of Cass Bench, who contributed so much of her time and effort to the project.

As these two projects were budgeted for they must be honoured in the new Rotary year and I ask whoever is going to be responsible for International to make sure this is carried out.

Yours In Rotary  
Paul McAloney





# Youth 2019/20

This (Rotary) year everything was going along “swimmingly”, and then CORVID-19 struck. On 21 March 2020 District cancelled all youth programs till March 2021. Notwithstanding up to that date we still achieved a lot as outlined below.

## **FAIRHILLS HIGH**

We continued our exciting relationship with Fairhills High School, focusing, (where appropriate), our Rotary Youth Programs upon 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.

After holding elections for office bearers for the (school) year, the club held a member pin presentation to the 5 new students on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2019 with many Rotary members in attendance.

For an International project, the club chose to hold a Trivia night on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2020 where they raised just short of two thousand dollars for the school's upcoming Cambodia aid trip. The event was a great success and was subsequently published in the Knox news. Great publicity for the club and students.

For a Local Project they were tossing up between a bottle top recycling program or the “Solar Light Challenge” where they would assemble solar lights for communities in New Guinea.

In November 2020 we nominated Sam Heydon, our 1919 president, for Knox Council Junior Citizen of the Year; which he subsequently won and was presented with his award at an official function at Knox Council on Australia Day 2020. Congratulations Sam.

December 2019 heralded disappointment in the form of our host teacher, Susan Harris informing us she was leaving for another school. Being the trooper she is Susan arranged for a replacement, Karen Dean, one of Fairhills Assistant Principals. Karen subsequently took over the reins early 2020. Karen proved a great ambassador for the club and was supporting attendances at MUNA and an upcoming Interact Conference just out of Shepparton when COVID struck and everything stopped till further notice.

### **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.

We already had one candidate and were in the process of selecting more for the RYPEN camp in September. And yes, we shut down due to the virus.

**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 (our third), we had selected two students from Fairhills High and had application forms ready to go when, once again everything ground to a halt.

**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.

Cancelled.

**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 Edenborough Award.

This (school) year we had 22 students from Ferntree Gully North Primary and 6 from Fairhills Primary ready to go. In addition to this we had brought The Basin PS on board for the first time and were in the process of finalizing numbers, when, yes COVID struck and shut everything down.







## FUNDRAISING 2019-2020

Until March 2020 like so many other things, fundraising had been going along very well. The lockdown however could not have come at a worse time for the club as it had both a midweek and a weekend sausage sizzle scheduled for the end of the month at Bunnings. Both of these events were cancelled. The result was a loss in excess of \$2000. There will be no more Bunnings sizzles in the near future. Having said this however the July 2019 to February 2020 period was very successful and has provided funds to help in many areas (most notably assisting in bushfire relief).

The following is a summation of funds raised in the 2019/20 year.

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Bunningssausage sizzles      | \$9910 |
| Commonwealth Bank            | \$ 359 |
| Ferntree Gully Fair          | \$1031 |
| Historic Motorcycle Club     | \$ 177 |
| Ithacan Theosophical Society | \$ 469 |

Upon deduction of costs the net result for the year was \$8175 raised

John Flemming





## **FOUNDATION REPORT 2019-2020**

### **Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully**

#### **Rotary Foundation (Centurions)**

The major activity again this year was gaining subscriptions to the Centurion Club (now called EREY – Every Rotarian Every Year) whereby Club members contributed A\$100 each over the Rotary year to support the great works of the Rotary Foundation, both in Australia and world-wide.

The members who stuck their hands into their wallets and offered cash on an occasional basis as they could afford it, at our meetings (and by cheque for Beth) were:

**Christine Anderson, Graeme Aspinall, Robert Hurst, Mike Spark, Alan Tierney, and Beth Vize.**

**Thank you all!**

That's over half our membership becoming Centurions, a proportion we believe is not seen in other clubs in the District.

I know of at least two more members joining the Centurion Club in the next Rotary year, and I ask the remainder to please consider so we can try for 100% participation by the members in 2020/2021.

#### **ROTARY FOUNDATION**

Our club made a \$1000.00 donation to the Rotary Foundation and \$500.00 to Polio Plus

Foundation Chair

Mike Spark



# Fellowship Report

What a year of fellowship that we have had; an added extra vibrancy to our already fun club.

We began President Allan's year with a very entertaining Change Over thanks to club members, who took on an additional challenge, to ensure that even on a very bleak day, there was plenty of fun to be had. We received a lot of positive feedback regarding the fun that you can incorporate into a more formal occasion.

We have enjoyed a number of performances by the 1812 theatre, sometimes with an early dinner pre show, at The Royal, and sometimes not. We have also enjoyed performances at The Athenaeum in Lilydale, once again sometimes opting for socialising over dinner beforehand.

Lunch and Jazz at The Royal was also a fabulous way to spend a Sunday afternoon throughout the year, something that I am sure that many of us have missed.

Seniors' meals at Zagames, followed by a movie at Metro Cinemas, have also dominated our social calendar, providing us with a relatively inexpensive evening out but a lot of fun and entertainment.

We've tried a couple of new venues for a fellowship outing, **some with obscure travelling directions**, but upon review, we've chosen to try something else.

Footy Days, Silly Hat nights and an invitation to attend an exclusive Oaks Day/Evening event have all resulted in a lot of laughs and great fun.

Fireside meetings have always been, and will always be, a great way to begin our calendar year, and this year was no exception with conversation and laughter flowing freely.

COVID struck, we were locked down, but that hasn't curbed our fellowship and fun.

Thank you to all who organised, and/or supported all of our fellowship events throughout President Allan's year.





## PAST PRESIDENTS

### CONTINUED

2018-2019 **HOLLIS** Ray /**ANDERSON** Christine

2019-2020 **TIERNEY** Allan



# PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

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

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## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

| <u>Presented</u> | <u>Fellows</u>              | <u>President</u> |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 2018-2019        | Anderson Christine          | Ray Hollis       |
| 2019-2020        | McAloney Kay                | Allan Tierney    |
|                  | Anderson Christine Sapphire | Allan Tierney    |

