

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 8th April [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 15th April [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 22nd April [Kick off at 6.30]	Sunday 25th April ANZAC DAY
Venue:	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM	BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Program:	HUT GALLERY	HISTORY OF FTG/KNOX	Short meeting to finalise details for Relay & Anzac Day BBQ	11.00 am to 4.00 pm  (See roster on Page 5)
Speaker:	Shirley Dougan	Stephen Flemming	No Speaker	
Scribe	Fran Mandergheddes	Brian Mandergheddes	Rob Hurst	
Partners' Night	Yes	Yes	Welcome	

<i>Birthdays:</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> April – Fran Mandergheddes
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> April – John & Ann Flemming
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 – Gary Braddock 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2014 – Christine Anderson

## Dates to Diarise

2021	Event
Sat 10/04/2021	Upper Ferntree Gully Market booked 7.30am -3.00 selling 2nd Hand goods. More Treasures Needed - Fundraising Event
Sat 24/04/2021	R100 Baton Relay Walk Rotary FTG and BBQ at Quarry Reserve - Community and Fellowship Event
Sat 01/05/2021 & Sun 02/05/2021	District Conference On-line all members
Sat 15/05/2021	District 9810 - R100 celebration at Jells Park including going for the World Record for the Waggle Dance - District Fellowship Event for all Rotarians

# THE WEEKS THAT WERE

Thursday 25th March 2021

The meeting was opened at 6-30pm by President Graeme.

## **Announcements:**

He welcomed the speaker, Russell Marnock, a member of Doncaster Rotary Club.

He noted that member support will be needed at the special Bunnings Scoresby sizzle on ANZAC Day that we have been offered since another Club pulled out.

Also, on ANZAC Day, we will be placing a wreath, made by Christine, at the Arboretum at 10am.

## **Speaker – Russell Marnock, on THE END TRACHOMA story**

(Side note – Our Club sponsored Russell's daughter as a Youth Exchange student to Germany many years ago)

The Rotary Club of Melbourne started the whole project, and it grew to be international – Our RI president endorsed it during his presidency, as an Australian-born project. The Melbourne Eye and Ear Hospital has been involved since the early days of the project.

Trachoma is a bacterial infection, and young kids are most susceptible to it.

World Health organization (WHO) aimed for an end to trachoma by end 2020, with their **SAFE** program.

**Surgery**

**Antibiotics**

**Face cleaning, and**

**Environmental.**

These cover most of the Rotary International focus areas, so it made sense to look at Rotary supporting them.

Regrettably, Australia is the only developed country which still has a trachoma problem, mainly in the remote Indigenous communities.

A conference was held in Alice Springs in 2019, with 120 attendees from all over the country – a great effort, given the distances that needed to be travelled.

The project now aligns its efforts with those of the WA and NT Departments of Health, getting them to distribute their Eye Health kits to the (mainly) aboriginal communities, and assisting them with the educational efforts where possible and where needed.

There was even a national “Mirror” project, where non-glass mirrors were supplied by Bunnings and installed AT KID HEIGHT in local facilities.

Russell noted that they have found that the traditional Aboriginal concepts of “all is for the use of all” can hinder the introduction of some of our western approaches (where singular-person-only usage is required)– they are adapting their implementation procedures and practices as required to get around the conflicts that inevitably occur.

He used a video which looked very interesting – *but we could not hear it* – we'll get there in the end!

## Reports

**Apologies:** *Gary Braddock (still on LOA).*

### **Community –**

The Bunnings sizzle - we have a big one on the ANZAC DAY – Graeme A. has it all under control. He got support from the members, but may have to take up Boronia Club's offer of additional staff.

The MDLC market day was a great success, and they are considering a joint MDLC/ROTARY market on a monthly basis – more to be advised later after consideration of our available resources.

Christine informed us of the “Food Connects Us” promotion using a passport ticket scheme that the FTG Village Traders are putting on over the next few weeks – we will donate Easter eggs to be given out to the shoppers.

### **Fellowship –**

There was no funeral for Fred Mason at his request. **Vale, old friend!**

### **Youth:**

Graeme and Paul W delivered books from ex-DG Shia's project to Wattle View Primary School, much to the great delight of 48 kids, who were all very well behaved, to Paul's surprise (Oh ye of little faith!).

President Graeme closed the meeting at 7-40 pm.

***Scribe- Mike Spark***



Last weekend's initiative by Christine for the Club to be involved in **World Water and Clean Up** was well supported by six members and Gill in a well-co-ordinated attack on picking up any rubbish around the Ferntree Gully Village shopping area.

Three groups headed off in different directions to return one hour later, each group with a bag or rubbish.

Using extended hand grippers, the task was effortless with no reported back soreness upon completion. This effort helped to lift the area that will be seen by those who participate in the Ferntree Gully Village Food Trail which we as a Club are supporting.





Last Friday President Gramme and Paul Wilson attended Wattle View primary School to present parcels of books to 50 students from grades one to six. The school also received an additional 48 high quality books for its library.

This book project, **Rotary District 9810 Books for Kids** was promoted throughout the District by Past District Governor Shia Smart. Following discussions with the Assistant Principal we now could have another school willing to participate in our Junior Community Awards Program. Paul has already provided them with a kit of information and will follow them up shortly.



## ***Club Assembly – Thursday 1st April***

**Guests attending:** Kaye Sharman Ex Belgrave Rotary

**Members attending via zoom** - Paul McAloney, Fran and Brian Mandergeddes

**Members in attendance** - Christine Anderson, Alan Tierney, Graeme Aspinall, Paul Wilson, John Flemming, Mike Spark, Julianne Hyams, Rob Hurst.

**Bunnings:** The arrangements for the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> are. Free sausages will be available at Bunnings expense from 11.00 – 1.00pm from then selling will begin. The day will split into two shifts 11.00 – 1.30pm and 1.30 – 4.00pm. Members available are:

11.00 – 1.30pm Graeme, John, Mike, Alan

1.30 – 4.00pm Graeme, John, Christine, Alan, Mike, Paul W

We need to have a minimum of six people for each shift. This will be confirmed at our next meeting.

Trash & Treasure Members required to help in sorting out what we have in the container over Easter for our stall at the Ferntree Gully Market on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>. Stall be set up by 8.00am and removed at 3.00pm. Christine asked members if they had anything at home to contact her to arrange for it to be collected. Names will be sought next meeting as to who is available to attend the stall.

R100 Banner Parade: The club needs to finalise its plans as to how the banner is going to be used whilst in Ferntree Gully on Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Christine would like some guidance and support from club members

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***Look who won an Easter Basket in the Bowling Club's Easter Raffle.***

**Rotary Club Of Fern Tree Gully  
Is having a Trash and Treasure Stall at the Gully Market**



**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Set up at 8.00 closes at 3.00pm**

**We need as many volunteers to assist on the day**

**We have loads of Treasures to sell you name it we have it all sorted and ready to go**

**See you all there in Rotary gear, we have aprons for non-Rotarians to wear**

**A great opportunity for our project fundraising and advertising the great Vibrant Club we are**

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