



# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

| Date & Time:    | Thursday<br>24th June<br>[6.00 for 6.30]      | Sunday<br>27th June<br>6.00pm – 8.30pm   | Thursday<br>1st July<br>[6.00 for 6.30]  | Thursday<br>8th July<br>[6.00 for 6.30]     |
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| Venue:          | <b>**FTG<br/>BOWLING CLUB<br/>or<br/>ZOOM</b> | <b>STAGEWORX<br/>3/21 Stud Road<br/>Bayswater</b>                                  | <b>FTG BOWLING<br/>CLUB</b>  | <b>FTG BOWLING<br/>CLUB<br/>or<br/>ZOOM</b> |
| Program:        | <b>TEAM<br/>COMMITTEE<br/>MEETING</b>         |  | <b>CHANGEOVER</b><br> | <b>T B A</b>                                |
| Speaker:        | <b>N/A</b>                                    |  |  |   |
| Scribe          | <b>?</b>                                      |  | <b>N/A</b>   |   |
| Partners' Night | <b>Welcome</b>                                |  | <b>Yes</b>   |   |

**\*\* MEETING TONIGHT WILL BE A 'FACE-TO-FACE' (or ZOOM) IN THE BOARDROOM.  
MEALS WILL BE SERVED IN THE BOARDROOM**

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

**For those who are attending "12 Angry Men" on Sunday, please arrive early in time to be seated - the show commences at 6.00 PM.**

**Please wear a mask!**



# THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 17th June 2021

Zoom Meeting opened at 6:30 PM

Apologies from John Fleming (Ann is in hospital)

With the relaxation of the Covid restrictions Ferntree Gully Bowling club will be reopening on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June. President Graeme was to check with the club regarding our changeover next week.

Due to the massive damage caused by recent storms in the hills President Graeme has been trying to contact our neighbouring clubs up there to see how we can help. Unfortunately, he has been unable to get through to anyone by phone as there obviously is no service yet due to the storm damage.

Rtn. Julianne has a friend in Olinda and was able to get a rundown on the damage caused by the storm in Olinda and Kalorama. Julianne was asked to follow-up on a contact that she had been given by her friend.

The club board met on Zoom earlier in the week, part of the agenda was a discussion on members fees for the coming Rotary year 2021/2022. It was decided that the membership fee for the 2021/2022 year will be \$270 per member.

In response to a question by Rtn Julianne as to the breakup of the fees they are as follows:

- District and Rotary International levies amount to approximately \$2,500
- Rotary Down Under Magazine annual subscription \$500
- \$300 webpage
- \$500 for marketing – Ferntree Gully News
- \$150 stationery and office supplies
- \$100 computer expenses
- \$400 dinner guests
- \$200 sundry costs
- \$100, to cover the Presidents attendance at district and other clubs

Total Administration costs per member are \$475 per annum so we are still a little short

There was a lengthy discussion around the cost of Rotary and the impact it might have on attracting new members.

A further discussion on the precarious nature of our club's membership numbers took place and how we could overcome the problem.

Some of the ideas put forward were to focus on a smaller area, and every member has to take responsibility to attract new members.

We have to come up with a strategy and plan to address this issue, if by Christmas we haven't increased membership the club might be forced to close!

For the club to survive President Graeme said "We have to give it a go"

PP Mike Spark has written an excellent article on Rotary for the interview in the Ferntree Gully News.

Rtn Paul Wilson has done a lot of work on our website which has raised our profile in the community. He also suggested that we put articles in local school newsletters about the benefits to the community provided by Rotary in the area.

Another suggestion, prepare a hit list of local members of Parliament to see if we can get some articles in their newsletters.

One of the main concerns that came out of the “Monkey Survey” was that there is a perception the club is not welcoming to new potential members.

- On other matters the Bunnings sausage sizzle held on Friday, 11 June raised \$600.
- **Youth Program:** Rtn Paul W. Is organising an Interact club at Fairhills High School.
- In future our “Club Assembly” will be referred to as “Team Committee Meetings”.
- Volunteers were asked for to formulate a vision for the next 12 months to become our “Mission Statement”. President Graeme, PP Christine and Rtn Gary put their hands up.
- It was also suggested that in addition to the two speakers per month – on the 2nd & 3rd week, that we arrange a vocational visit to some local businesses on the 4th week. The months with a 5th week will be “Entertainment and Fun” – no longer referred to as Fellowship.

All in all, this was a very productive meeting which is evidenced by the very late closure somewhere around 8 PM.

*Scribe: Rob Hurst*



### Coronavirus Humour

- I never thought the comment “I wouldn’t touch them with a six-foot pole” would become a national policy, but here we are!
- My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, “Throw this and wherever it lands – that’s where I’m taking you when this pandemic ends.” Turns out, we’re spending two weeks behind the fridge!
- The World Health Organisation announced that dogs cannot contract Covid-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out”
- Whose idea was it to sing “Happy Birthday” while washing your hands? Now every time I go to the bathroom, my kids expect me to walk out with a cake!
- What’s the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand!

