

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 25th November [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 9th December [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 16th December [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	Upway RSL
Program:	Packing Hampers	Team Meetings	Guest Speaker	Christmas Breakup
Speaker:			Alex Valadica	
			Web page Host	
	<b>Partners Welcome</b>	<b>Partners Welcome</b>	<b>Partners Welcome</b>	<b>Partners Welcome</b>
Vote Of Thanks			A T	
Scribe:			P W	

December 10th	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
December 16th	Christmas Break-up Function
January 20th	Resume Rotary



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



## PRESIDENTS GREETINGS AND CHATTER

### Novembers Rotary International Theme is “The Rotary Foundation”

Hello Everyone,

Well as the saying goes” no news is good news,” but despite all of that, our club is still humming long and certainly doing our bit for our local community.

Thank you to all the slice makers this week, your dedication to slices and soups over the past many months is certainly something to be proud of.

Thank you to our shoppers who have been out and about getting hopefully all the bargains to make up some amazing Christmas hampers for the FTG Salvation Army we will be making the hampers up at this week’s meeting, for delivery on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Looking forward to discovering your packing talents.

Behind the scenes our Youth Team leader Paul Wilson and Gary Braddock are interviewing our 3 yes 3 RYLA candidates. Fantastic that we are giving 3 young adults of a life changing opportunity next January.

Our guest speaker last week Judi Vanerheiden enlightened us all on the history of “Oz Children” what an amazing history and the wonderful work that Judi does to help so many Children find THEIR story. More details in the scribes’ notes.

Anzac Day Dawn Service 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the Quarry reserve a joint project with RC FTG and FTG CFA is starting to take momentum. Watch this space. More great updates happening are in the rest of this bulletin

Have a great week keeping laughing and smiling.

Graeme and Christine

# That Was the Week That Was

## Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> 2021

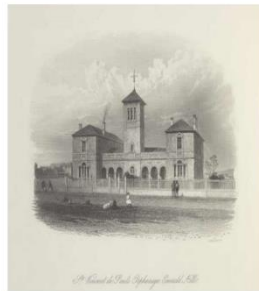
We don't have a written scribes report due to sound problems during our hybrid meeting. A number of screen saves will give us the presentation given by Judi Vanerheiden. Judi has been with OzChild for 16 years, now as an Administration Officer

### OzChild History



OzChild is the longest serving Victorian charity for children and families in Victoria (2<sup>nd</sup> in Australia)

- Although Melbourne Orphan Asylum was officially established in 1851, we actually started in 1842/43 when a small group of women associated with St James Old Cathedral in the city provided shelter and care for children
- In 1854, 10 acres situated at Emerald Hill, South Melbourne was purchased (bordered by Clarendon, Dorcas, Cecil and Park Streets) and on 6 September 1855 the first stone of the main building was laid.
- In 1857 there were 149 children in care
- At the end of 1858 there were 308 children in care



Melbourne Orphan Asylum, South Melbourne - 1876

- In 1877, 12 acres was bought in Brighton for 1150 pounds
- On 4 April 1878 the children were moved from Emerald Hill to Brighton
- In 1879 a further 5 acre block adjoining, with frontage to Dendy and Whyte Streets, was purchased for 550 pounds. In subsequent years, frontage to Windermere Crescent was purchased and the property then comprised over 20 acres
- The cottages, were each able to hold 30 children under the care of Cottage Mothers and Fathers
- Also in 1879, an arrangement was made that children living in the neighbourhood could attend the new school, Brighton Beach PS, situated in the grounds.
- 1915 saw the bare floors covered with lino at a cost of nearly 300 pounds
- In 1917 electric lighting was installed



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- In 1926 Melbourne Orphanage Asylum officially becomes known as the Melbourne Orphanage
- In 1954 there was an average of 53 children in each of the 9 classes at the school and as many as 66 in Grade 1
- In 1956 a commitment was made to move out of the orphanage into family group homes
- By 1963, 14 family group homes had been established
- On 3 May 1963, the central spire of the main orphanage building, a landmark for nearly 90 years, was demolished
- In 1965 Melbourne Orphanage becomes the Melbourne Family Care Organisation (MFCO) – Family group homes
- Between 1984 and 1987 MFCO establishes the following:
  - Mallee Family Care
  - Upper Murray Family Care
  - Bayside Foster Care (later known as Windermere)
  - National Children's Bureau of Australia
- In 1993 OzChild is born, with the following merging together to become OzChild
  - Family Action
  - National Children Bureau of Australia
  - Family Focus



Demolition of orphanage administration tower

## Club Updates



Our next Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings will be on Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>. At our next meeting I will be seeking volunteers to work one of two shifts 9.00-12.30pm or 12.30-4.00pm.

Our Greek friends are planning their annual picnic once again to be held at Ferny Creek on Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup> 2022. I have confirmed with them we will be involved as in previous years. More details to follow.

Our club has been successful in receiving a \$400 grant to purchase additional equipment to enhance our hybrid meetings. With the grant we will be able to purchase a suitable camera, a tripod and blue tooth speakers.



A booking has been made at the Upway RSL for our Clubs Christmas Breakup Dinner on Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup>. Christine and I are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Packing of Christmas Hampers for the Ferntree Gully Salvation Army will be the focus of this week's meeting, with delivery to them by Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Now that many Covid restrictions have been lifted our club is partnering with Ray White Ferntree Gully with their "Little Ray of Giving Project" as we have done for many years now. Their office at Ferntree Gully is now collecting gifts. John and I will be collecting them on December 13<sup>th</sup> for distribution.



Paul W and Garry have conducted interviews with the three candidates our Club has put forward via zoom. They have found the quality of each candidate to be most suitable to participate in the program. RYLA will be conducted in January from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> at Rawson as a combined activity with District 9820. We look forward to hearing from them at a club meeting in the new year.



## REVERSE Advent Calendar

Make a difference this Christmas!

1 PASTA	2 TINNED FRUIT	3 BISCUITS	4 CEREAL	5 HONEY
6 GRAVY	7 COFFEE	8 PASTA SAUCE	9 TINNED TOMATOES	10 MINCE TARTS
11 CHOCOLATE	12 LONG LIFE MILK	13 CHRISTMAS PUDDING	14 RICE	15 TINNED VEGETABLES
16 TINNED SOUP	17 TEA BAGS	18 VEGEMITE/ SPREAD	19 TINNED TUNA	20 TOILETRIES
21 DESSERT MIX	22 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS	23 DONATE TO FOOTHILLS	24 CHRISTMAS CAKE	25 A LITTLE SURPRISE

Simply place an item each day in a box and donate to  
**FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE**  
Any Non-Perishable food items are welcome, please ensure they are  
within their best before dates.  
ABOVE ARE IDEAS ONLY  
We are unable to distribute medications or alcohol in hampers

[FOOTHILLSCARE.ORG.AU](http://FOOTHILLSCARE.ORG.AU)

Following the great success of last year, Foothills Community Care again invites you to partner with them this Christmas by hosting your very own Reverse Advent Calendar.

Unlike a regular Advent Calendar where the focus is on receiving a treat every day, the Reverse Advent Calendar takes the focus off receiving and places the focus on giving.

A Reverse Advent Calendar begins as an empty box or bag. For 25 days during November, you place one item into the box each day [non perishable food, toiletries, Christmas treat]

At the end of the month, your filled Reverse Advent Calendar is donated to Foothills and then distributed by Foothills to people in our Dandenong Rangers and Knox community who are in of some special love and an extra hand up this Christmas time.

Why not invite your friends to be part of this as well, as we care for others this Christmas

### THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S FOUR CHALLENGES

I would encourage all members to join in rising to meet the **FOUR CHALLENGES** I have posed for your Presidents and Clubs.

1. **CLUB EXCELLENCE** – How are YOU making YOUR club and its activities attractive to potential members and also retaining your current Rotarians?
2. **CLUB INNOVATION** – How are YOU building a culture of innovation and willingness to take safe risks in YOUR club?
3. **ROTARY FAMILY** – How is YOUR club maintaining, nurturing and extending our Rotary 'Family?'
4. **ROTARY SUPPORT** – Is YOUR club doing all it can to support the work of Rotary in YOUR community and the wider world?