

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN



President, Rotary International

**BARRY RASSIN & Esther**  
Rotary Club of East Nassau  
New Providence, Bahamas



District Governor, Dist. 9810 –

**RUSSELL GURNEY & Shelley**  
Rotary Club of Doncaster

President,

**RAY HOLLIS & Enid**  
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

**IVAN GIGOVIC,**  
Vale: August 2003  
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



*Pictured above (L-R) PDG Malcolm Chiverton, Exchange Student Giulia Baisini, PP Christine Anderson, AG Christina Chia and President Ray Hollis*

## SURPRISE, SURPRISE!

What a terrific evening! It was planned as a joint meeting of RC's Bayswater and Fern Tree Gully to enjoy listening to our Exchange Student, Giulia Baisini, give her first presentation. However, we were joined by our Assistant Governor—Christina Chia, and PDG Malcolm Chiverton also made an impromptu visit. Malcolm, as it turned out, was there to present FTG with the 2017-18 Presidential Citation certificate signed by Ian Riseley. He presented it to our immediate PP Christine Anderson, who had worked really hard last year to ensure the club earned it. What a proud moment! PP Christine was quick to point out that she hadn't done it alone. Most of our members put in the necessary work. So, well done everybody



# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 11th Oct [6.30 for.00]	Thursday 18th Oct [6.30 for 7.00]	Friday 19th Oct 6.30 pm	Thursday 25th Oct [6.30 for 7.00]	Sunday 28th Oct
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Fairhills High School	FTG Bowling Club	Wantirna
Program:	Knoxbrooke Enterprises	Vocational Services (Hat Day too)	QuizzaMe	Committee Meetings Group B	Trash n Treasure
Speaker:	Kristian Dauncey	Greg King	Fundraiser	N/A	Fundraiser
Vote of Thanks	Christine A	Fran M		N/A	
Rotary Toast	Paul W	Gary B	Interact	Rod B	Club
Cashier:	Fran M	Graeme A	&	Fran M	Funds
Scribe:	Ray H	Mike S	RC FTG	No Scribe	
Rotary Knowledge				Paul W	
Topic:				RYPEN	
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Rod B			Rod B	
Partners' Night	Yes	No		No	

<i>Birthdays:</i>	11th—Lois Brown 13th—Jill Wilson
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	17th—Mike Spark—'94



## "RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

Thursday night: What a great meeting!

Our joint meeting with Rotary Club of Bayswater was a fantastic night. Along with the members and their partners from Bayswater we also had in attendance our Assistant Governor, Christina Chia, our Immediate Past District Governor, Malcolm Chiverton, who dropped in unannounced to make a presentation to Christine Anderson on behalf of the club for our effort in achieving the Presidential Citation for the year 2017-2018. Our current exchange student, Giulia, from Italy also presented us with an insight into her first three months in Australia. The evening was rounded out with some excellent fellowship. I think this is something we should try to do more often.

We also held our AGM on Thursday which all went smoothly thanks to our Secretary Graeme Aspinall. All board positions for next year will be filled by the incumbent board members.

Our speaker this week will be Kristian Dauncey from Knoxbrooke Enterprises. Looking forward to hearing more about the enterprise which our club was instrumental in starting more than 50 years ago.

Another sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Friday.

Saturday morning Enid and I will attend the launch for next year's Multi District Conference. More about this next week.

That's all for this week.

Yours in Rotary  
**Ray Hollis**  
 President 2018-19



# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 4th October, 2018

*The meeting opened with the toast to Rotary by Christine Anderson and with President Ray welcoming all members and partners, Rotarians and partners from Rotary Club of Bayswater Host families for our guest speaker Giulia Baisini, our Exchange Student from Italy, Malcom Chiverton Past District Governor D9810 and Assistant Governor Christina Chia*

**President Ray announced:** He had received a letter from Garry Braddock outlining his current health problems. He is still undergoing treatment (dialysis) which needs to be done manually every four hours for the next 6-8 weeks. He is hoping to finish his last exchange early enough in the day so that he can attend meetings, but probably won't be really active until Dec/Jan. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him whenever he can make it.

**Chairman:** President Ray

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

**Secretary:** Graeme Aspinall

**Apologies:** Garry Braddock, Paul McAloney, Robert Hurst, Alan Tierney and Rob Brown

**Presentation:** Past DG Malcom presented Past President Christine with Rotary International's Presidential Citation Award for the year 2017 -18, and congratulated the club.

## Reports:

Treasurer Enid moved that the club ratify the \$2000 donation to the Indonesian Tsunami appeal and \$300 to past member Phil Walters who is again raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation through the Aussie Muscle Car Run. Those present all agreed.

Mike advised the next Jazz afternoon at the Royal Hotel is on October 14th, sought an expression of interest, five members have indicated their attendance.

The fines session was conducted with Mike extracting a gold coin from all. A Bayswater guest won the raffle (a bottle of wine) with F17.

**Guest Speaker:** Giulia Baisini (Exchange Student)

Giulia presented pictures of the area where she lives in northern Italy. Her town is small, some 15,000 people live in this UNESCO listed area; a very beautiful part of Italy. She thanked both clubs for giving her the opportunity and experience of Youth exchange.

Giulia has travelled throughout Europe with her parents; even travelled to Australia with her family for two week's. She is studying similar subjects to those she did back home—English, Maths, Chemistry, Physics, Biology. She told us that schooling is different here. One moves between class rooms for each subject; at home you remain in the same room all day. On being asked about wearing a uniform she said that she enjoys

as it eliminates the peer pressure of what to wear.

Giulia answered many questions.

Avery bright exchange student.

President Ray closed the meeting at 8.15pm but it was after 9.00 before the fellowship began to wane.

Scribe: Graeme Aspinall

## JAZZ AT THE ROYAL



**Sunday  
14th October  
12:00 for 12.30  
'til 3:30 p.m.  
Please let Mike Spark**



*Pictured above: IPDG Malcolm Chiverton with President Ray*



# Box Hill Rotary Whitehorse



## Art Show 2018

Fri 2 - Tue 6

Nov. 2018

5 days

10am - 6pm

(Tue close 4pm)

Beneficiaries: Whitehorse  
Community Chest & Blue  
Ribbon Foundation project for  
Box Hill Hospital

## BOX HILL TOWN HALL



## GALA OPENING NIGHT DINNER

**Thur 1st Nov.**

6pm - preview all art

7pm - 3 course dinner

\$75 inc. refreshments.

Show will be opened  
by celebrity singer

**MIKE  
BRADY**

\$10,000 awards presented to show winners.

Quality Art auction, door prizes, music,  
silent auctions, novelty prizes & much more

Details: [whitehorseartshow.com.au](http://whitehorseartshow.com.au)



# COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

## October, 2018 Board Meeting

### Youth Report as of 01/10/18

#### Interact (Ongoing)

Had meeting 27/7/18.

- Will have IDAD on December 3
- Will identify office bearers for next year to attend IDAD.
- Still working on making International project Fairhill's Thailand trip next year.
- Discussed having professional info sessions opening it up to Yr 10 on a Wed at Level Assembly.
- Continuing to organise joint Quizamy fundraiser. PAC is booked for 19 October. Money raised to be split with Rotary and probably go to Polio Plus.
- I met Fairhill's AP, Karen Dean at the Chicago evening. She has offered to come along and speak at the club.
- Next Meeting 1pm, Thursday October 11.

#### Youth Exchange (Jan)

Our new incoming exchange student has come to a meeting.

#### National Youth Science Forum

Risini Gunasekara has been endorsed.  
Sent email asking how going. No reply.

#### Rotary Junior Community Award

- Holding end of year presentations on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at Ferntree Gully Nth PS.

#### RYLA

- Chris Lim has accepted a post grad position in Hobart. We have referred him to Sandy Bay (Hobart) Rotaract.

#### ROTARACT

##### At a meeting held on 16 July 2018:

- A pathway to explore establishment of a Rotaract club in the Knox Municipality was discussed.
- Yarra Ranges Rotaract:
  - Low membership
  - Poor support from Rotary
  - Concern a Knox Rotaract Club would "poach" potential new members
  - Investigate Change of name and venue for joint Rotaract Club.
  - Irrespective of merger Knox will proceed.
  - Other sundry items discussed.

##### At a meeting held 3 September

- Yarra Ranges want to stand alone
- Function to attract new members to be held on 22 November. To be organised by Boronia RC. Held at Boronia Church, Inner Wheel to be asked to cater.
- Next meeting 8 October

**Paul Wilson**  
Youth Chair

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

### September, 2018

#### Nasavusavu Special Education School.

- Of the fifteen students to be sponsored for the 2019 school year we have eight existing and are still awaiting names for a further seven. These will be decided after the students enrol for next year.
- Quotes for the computer equipment have been received and agreed upon. Purchase and installation will commence soon.
- An additional request for help was received for us to assist with funding for the building of a garage to accommodate the van recently donated by the Fiji Department of Education. The club have agreed to fund this. The Rotary Club of Savusavu have agreed to erect a board to be placed on the garage. Wording to be of our choice: ie. "Project of the Rotary Clubs of Fern Tree Gully, Australia and Savusavu" and featuring the Rotary Wheel. To be ratified at the next Board Meeting.

#### Rotary Club of Savusavu – Global grant project

Although they are still very keen to have us join them in a global grant project it would seem that nothing is likely to happen in this Rotary year. I am therefore looking elsewhere to spend the \$10,000 set aside for use with a global grant in 2018-19.

#### TeamMed – Nepal

Nisal Punchihewa, the 4th year medical student from Monash University visited our club to give a presentation on the proposed trip to Nepal by the TeamMED – students. Club members were very impressed and we agreed to give a donation of \$1,000 to this very worthwhile project.

**Enid Hughes**  
International Chair



As September draws to a close, our collective efforts in Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month, continue to be a source of inspiration and another area where we truly make a difference.

In addition to some existing local and overseas programs championed by our Clubs, two District Grants have recently been approved to support new Club initiatives and programs both here and in Laos.

On the subject of education, the inaugural Australia New Zealand Conference (formerly the Zone Institute) was held in Hobart and was attended by some 600 Rotarians, including 34 from our District alone. Lots of ideas and information was exchanged and many new friendships and contacts were made. More will be shared in due course.

Linking education to youth, our 2018 Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment [RYPEN] has been successfully held, the 2018 Four Way Speaking Contest is in progress, our successful 2019 National Youth Science Forum [NYSF] candidates have had their orientation, our inbound Youth Exchange students are getting about the District, and some new Earlyact, Interact and Rotaract Clubs are in various stages of progress. There's a lot going on and I congratulate everyone involved. Maybe engage with our Program Chairs to discuss potential Club speaker opportunities.

On the Drought Relief front, the efforts and generosity of our Clubs, Rotarians, and friends of Rotary has been truly amazing. There are just so many inspiring stories and we will gather these to share another time. Whilst the Channel 9, National Farmers Federation and Rotary Australia appeal has closed, \$10.2M was raised and \$4.5M has been expended at the time of writing.

I know we have more initiatives in progress, and our District efforts are being focused on District 9650 in NSW, in a point-to-point relationship with people we know there. This challenge will take some time to ease.

Past District Governor Malcolm Chiverton recently shared news that 11 Clubs and two Rotaract Clubs in our District had achieved a 2017-18 RI Presidential Citation. ([click here](#)) Congratulations on this outstanding achievement, and in a very special year where our own Ian Riseley was RI President!

October is Rotary Economic and Community Development Month, and contains some important dates and events to note in your diary:

- Oct 5 - Community Service Seminar .... Lead by Chair, Craig Kendall.
- Oct 10 - Australian Rotary Health [ARH] Hat Day ... [click here](#) for more information.
- Oct 24 - World Polio Day ... a great opportunity to engage with the community as RI President Barry Rassin suggests ... [click here](#) for more information.
- Oct 26 - Vocational Service Seminar .... Lead by Chair, Greg King.
- Oct 29 - Membership Planning Workshop - aimed at Clubs with less than 25 members ... lead by PDG Jenny and PDG Malcolm... [click here](#) for more information.

On behalf of everyone in the District, I would like to extend a collective welcome to the 15 new Rotarians who have joined us so far this year. Please show the hand of friendship to anyone you may not know when next you are at a multi-Club, or District event. On a less positive note, we have farewellled 20 colleagues during this time.

To this point, securing Our Future, through Club growth, member and community engagement, and sustainable and relevant projects, remains our #1 priority. Our District target is 1,200 members and we are offering the special Membership Planning Workshop on Oct 29 to assist all Clubs, but particularly those with less than 25 members. Watch for the next Towards 1200 Newsletter that will be issued shortly.

We need everyone to "Be the Inspiration" to someone in your network, or your community, to invite them to one of our local activities to see Rotarians in action. They will be impressed, and inspired, when they see first-hand why we do what we do!

See you around the District.

Inspiring regards,

**Russell Gurney**  
**Governor 2018-19**

# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2018	Program.	Speaker
October	is Economic and Community Development month	
11-Oct	Knoxbrooke Enterprises	Kristian Dauncey
12-Oct	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-Oct	Jazz at the Royal	Mike Spark
18-Oct	Vocational Services	Greg King
19-Oct	QuizzaMe	Fairhills HS
25-Oct	Committee Meetings	GROUP B
26-Oct	Vocational Service Seminar	
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
29-Oct	BOARD MEETING	Graeme A's home
1-Nov	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Rod Brown
8-Nov	DG's Club Visit	Russell & Shelley Gurney
9-Nov	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
9-Nov	Presidents Elect Pre-PELDS workshop	
15-Nov	Caltoria Brewery	Lien Jenkins
16-Nov	International Service Seminar	
22-Nov	Committee Meetings	GROUP A
23-Nov	President's Quarterly Meeting / AGM	
24-Nov	Ferntree Gully Traders Fair	
29-Nov	BBQ - at the club	Fellowship
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
3-Dec	BOARD MEETING	
6-Dec	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Graham Faulkner
13-Dec	FTG Bowling Club / RC FTG	Ken Miller
13-Dec	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
20-Dec	Christmas Break-Up—Glengollan Clubrooms	
27-Dec	Christmas Break - No Meeting	

Legend:

	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event

## Memories of Old England (Aussie too)

My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died in December) and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle.

In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to 'sprinkle' clothes with because we didn't have steam irons.

Man, I am old!

I miss the good old days...  
When you could actually  
have an opinion without  
Offending somebody.

