

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 7th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 14th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 21st Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 28th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 4th Apr [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Fiji Taveuni Eye Project	Bridges Connecting Communities	Eastern Emergency Relief Network	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE
Speaker:	Peter Malden	Charles Carew	Christine Bogart	GROUP B	Rob Hurst
Chair:	Mike Spark	Paul Wilson	John Flemming	Christine A	Rob Hurst
Rotary Toast	Gary Braddock	Paul McAloney	Mike Spark	Paul Wilson	Christine A
Cashier:	Graham Faulkner	John Flemming	Rob Hurst	Fran Mandergeddes	Paul McAloney
Scribe:	Fran Mandergeddes	Graham F	Paul Wilson	N/A	
Rotary Knowledge		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Topic:		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Allan Tierney	Allan Tierney	Allan Tierney	Allan Tierney	Paul Wilson
Partners' Night	Yes	No	No	No	No

Birthdays:	10 <sup>th</sup> March – Paul McAloney
Wedding Anniversaries:	None
Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2002 – Fran Mandergeddes



# CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

## ***March is Water and Sanitation Month***

Hello all,

What a resilient bunch, we are enduring searing temperature's over the weekend, at the Knox Festival, but all that is forgotten when we saw the big smiles on the children as they walked away from us with their own special decorated bunny. The beautiful people we all got to meet and hoping we will see some of them at one of our meetings very soon. I am sure all members and partners who assisted over the weekend would say it was a great success and our Gazebo represented what Rotary really is all about, we felt very proud to

Our big success was participant's, one of whom take part in their April where the remaining taken home and loved, and story to the community. everyone over the past event.

This coming week's speaker Club of Boronia who will be wonderful inspiring Tavenui Eye Project in Fiji.



showcase the successes of our club.

recognised by many other festival was Bunnings who have invited us to Community Easter evening on 11<sup>th</sup> bunnies will find another child to be we can continue to sell our Rotary Well done and a huge thank you to weeks for your contribution to this

is Peter Maldon from the Rotary giving us the update on the

Partners are again most welcome to join us, we always have a fun night with your company. Until Thursday keep cool enjoy your week PS (hope the weekend aches and pains are subsiding)

Yours in Rotary  
Christine Anderson  
President 2016-2017



*Special thanks to the following Interactors from Fairhills High who ably assisted us with bunny making at the Knox Festival on the weekend in the heat. Imogen Rhodes, Nekia Thomson, Jesse Elderhorst and Sam Heyden.*

***Rotarians and Partners relaxing after a weekend of heat, bunnies and promoting Rotary***



# Knox Festival 2nd & 3rd March 2019



## "That Was The Week That Was"

The meeting opened at 7.04 PM with the toast to Rotary by PP Fran and acting President Christine welcoming members and partners Jill, Kay, and Brian. As this was a club assembly night there was no Guest speaker.

### **President Christine's report:**

Everything is ready for our club's participation in the Knox Festival over the coming weekend, volunteers required to assist with the putting up the gazebo on Friday evening, and to person/man the stall over Saturday and Sunday from 10 AM to 5 PM each day. Also, to dismantle the gazebo on Sunday at 5:30 PM. Pres Christine attended the district Presidents quarterly meeting together with Graham Aspinall as an Assistant Governor. Highlights of the meeting was a report on Rotoract activity, Rotarian involvement in the environment, and "Domestic Violence" the next steps?

The district changeover will be on 22 June next, the DGN Alma Reynolds is seeking expressions of interest from members in the district to form a committee to plan the district participation in 100 years of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand program to be celebrated in 2021.

Also, in 2023 the Rotary International Conference Will Be Held Here in Melbourne this is a huge event that will bring thousands of Rotarians to Melbourne from around the world there is no doubt that all Rotarians in Victoria will be called upon to assist.  
*(As an aside the scribe and Margaret hosted a couple from Wisconsin USA to dinner the last time it was held here)*

Rotary district membership is at critical levels, it is hovering around 1100 Rotarians in the district, if it falls below this number under Rotary International rules the district will have to merge with another district to maintain district membership requirements.

The club board met on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February, items discussed:

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Fellowship until the new Rotary year, commented on the wonderful midweek movie night commencing with a meal at Zagame's in Boronia followed by a movie at the Boronia Theatre complex the award-winning the 'Green Book'.

There is a cheque to be presented to the Mountain District Learning Centre, PP John Flemming and PP Graham Aspinall will present the cheque to them on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March.

There were quite a number of issues discussed at the board meeting, acting Pres Christine made it very clear that the board does not dictate to the members how the club operates. The reverse is the case, members are to tell board what they would like to see occur and the board is to implement the members wishes.

There were a number of housekeeping matters that were addressed at the club assembly:

- Nominations required for Club President 2019 (Rotarian Allan Tierney was nominated by PP Paul McAloney and elected unopposed).
- Nominations required for President-elect for 2019 – 2020 (members to consider)
- P. P. Fran's Partner Brian is to act as an interim Treasurer.
- Rotary scholarship application from Timo Este to study nursing.
- A Club Protection Officer to be appointed to conform with "working with children requirements" and develop a register of members who hold the relevant qualification.
- Lengthy discussion around meeting arrangements weekly, fortnightly, types of meetings should they be compressed into one hour, followed by a meal in the restaurant or elsewhere to promote fellowship and to minimise costs of attending Rotary.
- Additional types of membership such as Partner Membership etc.

- The club's continuing involvement with social media needs to be considered, and to determine who is going to take over the role of maintaining the various activities previously performed by former members PP Enid and Pres Ray. Graeme Aspinall has undertaken to maintain the Facebook site. There is a pressing matter in regards to the website page which the club has an invoice for \$72 from district which must be paid by 1st March.
- International Projects: PP Rob Hurst has undertaken to be the contact point for the Fijian projects currently on foot which were previously handled by PP Enid.

**Secretary: (PP Graeme Aspinall):**

Correspondence received from Australian National University regarding the upcoming Science Forum.

There is a Bunnings sausage sizzle next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, apparently there are enough members available to cover the morning and afternoon shifts.

**Apologies Received from:** Gary Braddock and Mike Spark (Mike and Wendy are enjoying life on the ocean waves)

**Treasurer** (report tending) :



**Reports:**

**Youth:** (Paul W.): The very enthusiastic Interact club have met and elected a treasurer and secretary. Discussed the manufacturing of bandannas and T-shirts with motives, one of the members, Susan Harris is a screen printer which should come in very handy. M.U.N.A. (Model United Nations Assembly) is also under control.

**Fellowship:**

P P Fran informed the club an enjoyable fellowship dinner at Zagame's followed by a movie "The Green Book" was held last Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. 12, members and partners were in attendance and \$26 was raised for fellowship activities. The next movie will be "Stan & Ollie" so stay tuned.

**Sergeant-At-Arms: (PP Fran)** regaled us with misquotes from former president George Bush jnr. Leaving us in no doubt that to hold the highest political office in the USA you have to be a MENSA!!!!

**Skill:** Won by acting Pres Christine with number 63 however she drew the 6 of diamonds **so no cigar!!!!**

**Meeting closed at 9.15 pm**

**Scribe: Robert Hurst**

**Turn your "Trash" into someone else's "Treasure"**

*Clean out the garage, cupboards and the spare room and get rid of that stuff you have been hoarding for our **Trash & Treasure** tall on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.*

*Contact Allan to arrange collection.*

# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE

2019	Program.	Speaker
<b>March</b>	<b>is Water &amp; Sanitation month</b>	
7-Mar	Fiji Taveuni Eye Project	Peter Malden
8-Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-Mar	Bridges Connecting Communities	Charles Carew
16-17 Mar	Multi-District Presidents Elect Leadership Seminar	
21-Mar	Eastern Emergency Relief Network	Christine Bogart
24-Mar	<b>TRASH &amp; TREASURE</b>	
28-Mar	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
1-Apr	<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	
4-Apr	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Rob Hurst
11-Apr	Operation Toilets	Mark Balla
12-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
18-Apr	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>
25-Apr	<b>No Meeting - ANZAC DAY</b>	
May	is Youth Services month	
6-May	<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	
2-May	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Fran Mandergeddes
3-May	Presidents Quarterly Mtg	
4-5 May	Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)	
9-May	About Kidney Disease	Gary Braddock
10-May	The Rotary Foundation Grants Seminar	
10-May	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
16-May		
19-May	District Assembly	
23-May	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>
30-May		
June	is Rotary Fellowship month	
3-June	<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	
6-June	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Rob Hurst
13-June		
14-June	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
20-June		
27-June	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>
29-June	District Changeover	
30-June	Changeover Lunch	

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## FRIDAY, 8th March

### BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

**9.00—12.00 p.m.    12.00—3.00 pm**

Graeme Aspinall  
John Flemming  
Allan Tierney

Graham Faulkner  
John Flemming  
Paul McAloney  
Fran Mandergeddes

# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

## MONTHLY REPORT

December, 2018 / January 2019

- **Nasavusavu Special Education School.**

Due to the holiday season there is nothing to report on this project. Continuing sponsorship will need to be confirmed mid year and the funds transferred around October.

- **District/Global Grants**

- **Sungai Kolok project:** David Alexander has returned from Thailand but as yet I haven't heard anything on this project. \$1,500 is earmarked in the Benevolent account for this project.
- **2019 Matadalan Ba Malu Scholarship Applications – Lidia Gomes:** This program has been running since 2005, and each year accepts two women from Timor Lesté into a 10 week intensive language course. I have obtained verbal consent from Club Board members (to be ratified at our February Board Meeting), to commit to \$2,000 which will enable Lidia to complete this course offered by RMIT English Worldwide. RC Melbourne and Family Violence Action Group are also involved. I will advise David Alexander to contact Secretary Graeme Aspinall with the requisite bank details.
- **Harmony Project – Nepal** I was still investigating this possibility as I think it is well worth supporting. If the club are interested in pursuing this the contact is Tony & Robin Stokes. Email: [robyn.stokes@optusnet.com.au](mailto:robyn.stokes@optusnet.com.au). She is a Rotarian and a member of RC Box Hill Central.

There are many grant opportunities available. I would suggest contacting the District International Chair, David Alexander, for assistance in selecting one or more. There is more than \$8,500 available for spending this Rotary year with another \$908.97 due in February - interest from the Term Deposit which is paid into the Benevolent account.

I have enjoyed my time as International Chair and will be sad to sever my relationship with the members of RC Savusavu, Fiji.

**Enid Hughes**  
International Chair