

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	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]	Thursday 11th Apr [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Bridges Connecting Communities	Eastern Emergency Relief Network	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Operation Toilets
Speaker:	Charles Carew	Christine Bogart	GROUP B	Rob Hurst	Mark Balla
Chair:	Paul Wilson	John Flemming	Christine A	Fran Mandergheddes	Gary Braddock
Rotary Toast	Paul McAloney	Mike Spark	Paul Wilson	Christine A	Graeme Aspinall
Cashier:	John Flemming	Rob Hurst	Fran Mandergheddes	Paul McAloney	Mike Spark
Scribe:	Graham F	Paul Wilson	N/A	N/A	Fran Mandergheddes
Rotary Knowledge	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Topic:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Allan Tierney	Allan Tierney	Allan Tierney	Paul Wilson	Paul Wilson
Partners' Night	No	No	No	No	Yes

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> March – Fran & Brian Mandergheddes 18 <sup>th</sup> March – Rob & Marg Hurst
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> March 1999 – Paul McAloney



## CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

Hello all,

Our Youth programs for this year are being enthusiastically embraced by students. The Rotary Junior Community Awards at both FTG and Fairhills year 6 students, embark on the challenges over the course of their final year in Primary School. Community Service, Social Experience, Physical Recreation, and Developing a New Skill. We wish them all a fun time, and we look forward to seeing the achievements at the end of term 4.

Our Interact members, at Fairhills high school are very well organised, and getting their Local Community and International projects well underway.

Thank you to our members who have been attending the fortnightly meetings and encouraging the students.

Two students have applied to take part in MUNA – **Model United Nations Assembly**. This will be held at Parliament House Melbourne 4-5<sup>th</sup> May.

For those members that haven't experienced and seen this Rotary Programme in action, we will be organising a club visit over the weekend. You will truly be blown away.

To the sausage sizzler helpers last Friday, thank you, I hear it was a good day. This coming weekend is the Relay for Life, giving our club another great opportunity for fundraising, and being out in our community.

Allan and I will be attending the Multi-District Presidents Elect Leadership Seminar at Ballarat this Saturday and Sunday.

Don't forget to ask  
and Treasure we still



your friends for their Trash  
need a heap more to sell.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday.

Christine Anderson  
President



## *"That Was The Week That Was"*

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

*The meeting opened at 7.00 PM President Christine welcomed Peter Malden and Eddie Post as well as the partners of members.*

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

Thanked all those who assisted at the club stand at the Knox festival and advised that there were some membership prospects from the effort. Christine also reported that the girls on Bunnings stand had approached her to see if we could repeat the "bunnies" children's activity at their Easter family night.

Finally, Christine reported that the proposed inter church proposal to help those living rough during the winter had received universal support from the churches and that Steve Barrington had indicated that the required seven churches had come forward to cover each night of the week in providing safe, warm shelter for the homeless.

**Apologies Received from:** Gary Braddock, Rob Hurst and Graham Faulkner

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Secretary/Treasurer: (PP Graeme Aspinall:**

Reported that there had not been any postal mail but that he had received an email from Donations in Kind advising of an open day on 23 March (10am-3pm).

Graeme also reported that he, Paul Wilson and Brian Mandergeddes had met to go over the club banking and funds. Everything had reconciled and they were now to go to the bank to discuss the mechanics of transfer of funds etc.

**Youth: (Paul W.):** Paul Wilson spoke of the Fairhills Rotaract members helping at the club stand at the Knox Festival and just how good their effort had been. He also advised that there were nineteen starters for the Rotary Junior Community Award project and that the Monbulk club is now taking on that program.

### **Fundraising:**

Alan Tierney reported that we need more items for another Trash and Treasure sale so it may be that we may have to conduct the proposed sale later if we do not have enough material for the date intended.

**Sergeant-At-Arms: (PP Fran)** Fran had the meeting in fits of laughter as she told a swag of Irish jokes whilst ripping our dollars off us. I don't know what it is that justifies the poor Irish being so constantly the butt of jokes most of which put them in the dumb category. In our skill contest John Flemming drew the eight of diamonds.

### **SPEAKER:**

Peter Malden has spoken to the club on a number of occasions about the Boronia club's activities in Taveuni. The club has been involved in water and building projects there as well as eye health and it was this subject that he informed us about on this occasion. Peter emphasised the lack of medical care on the outlying Fijian islands and in particular that relating to eye health and cataracts in the young. He supported his talk with a couple of videos which in addition to providing statistical information showed graphic depiction of some of the problems being experienced by patients. One of the major supports of the activity is that it provides a full service in that patients are transported from their homes or villages to Taveuni hospital, treated or operated on and returned to their home. Clearly a fairly costly exercise but in a poor community one that is essential for the success of the project. Each year the project operates for two weeks when it is provided with the hospital facilities and the overall impact of it can be gauged by the fact that last year three 328 procedures were carried out.

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Peter indicated that there had been a constant move to involve local people in the project and now 66% of staff were local, many trained as assessors.

The talk concluded with a question time the result of which was I think that our club is now well informed about what is a remarkable and so worthwhile project. Peter indicated that he must raise \$5,000 to receive a matching grant so that the project can continue. Clearly this project is so good that our club must consider supporting.

Mike Spark thanked Peter on behalf of the club and I think echoed the thoughts of our members in expressing the view that we were better informed than before about the project and its worth.



**Meeting closed at 8.36 pm** President Christine thanking Peter and those attending the meeting and giving her thought for the week.

**Scribe: John Flemming**



# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE

2019	Program.	Speaker
<b>March</b>	<b>is Water &amp; Sanitation month</b>	
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	<b>is Maternal &amp; Child Health month</b>	
1-Apr	BOARD MEETING	
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	<b>is Youth Services month</b>	
6-May	BOARD MEETING	
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	Mental health – anxiety	David Donahoo
19-May	District Assembly	
23-May	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>
30-May	Knox Toy Library	Melissa Bell
June	<b>is Rotary Fellowship month</b>	
3-June	BOARD MEETING	
6-June	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	John Flemming
13-June	Ray White Community Projects	Aaron Clarke
14-June	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
20-June	TeamMed Nepal	Nasil Punchihewa
27-June	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>
29-June	District Changeover	
30-June	Changeover Lunch	

Legend:	
	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event