

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 12th November [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 19th November [Kick off at 6.30?]	Thursday 26th November [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 3rd December [Kick off at 6.30]
Venue:		T B A		
Program:	<b>Australians for Women's Health</b> followed by A G M	<b>Fellowship Night</b> Details TBA	T B A	<b>CLUB ASSEMBLY</b>
Speaker:	<b>Dr Ray Hodgson</b>	-	-	<b>N/A</b>
Partners' Night	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	-	<b>Welcome</b>

### CLUB NOTICE

The Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully  
will conduct its Annual General Meeting on  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2020  
7.00 p.m.  
To be held on ZOOM  
All members are requested to attend



Apologies if I have missed any birthdays, anniversaries or inductions this week, but this bulletin is coming to you from Ballarat and I don't have the book. Will amend next week. Ed.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



2019-2020 ROTARY CITATION  
PLATINUM



Awarded to the Rotary Club of

Fern Tree Gully

for helping Rotary connect the world.

*Mark Donald McLean*  
President, Rotary International

### NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH

November being Foundation Month I am continuing to provide our members information on the Rotary Foundation.

#### PolioPlus Fund

The PolioPlus Fund has always been invested only in fixed-income securities [i.e. bonds] because of the need to protect the funds contributed towards the effort to end polio.

In the past when the time horizon for both investment and grant making was longer, the investment portfolio held longer term bonds that generated higher yields.

The PolioPlus Fund portfolio benefited from the long cycle of declining interest rates.

Today the investments are limited to short-term fixed-income securities because the Foundation is raising and disbursing funds within a short time frame as we get closer to reaching our goal.

The returns over the past few years reflect the low interest rate environment and the lower-risk short term nature of the investments.

#### Rotary International

Rotary International holds a portfolio to ensure that Rotary is financially stable and can cover its obligations in unforeseen circumstances.

These funds are invested in a conservative strategy that emphasizes liquidity and income over capital appreciation.

The Rotary International portfolio is 100 percent invested in fixed income assets.

The Rotary International portfolio earned 2.3 percent in 2019.

Over the past five years the Rotary International portfolio generated an average rate of return or 1.9 percent.

This article was taken from the Rotary Website.

Graeme Aspinall  
President 2020/2021



# THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 5th November, 2020

Minutes of F T G Rotary Club Assembly 5<sup>th</sup> November zoom meeting.

- Discussions had been held with the Ferntree Gully CFA to see if the CFA Hall could be used for a planned Australia Day function which would involve the community. The CFA was happy to allow the club to use their hall for the function, a committee and subcommittee are to be formed to organise the day.
- As part of the arrangements our Federal member Allan Tudge and State member of Parliament Nick Wakeling should be contacted to see if they would be available and the Mayor of Knox and local Councillors be invited to participate.
- As part of the proceedings a “Welcome to Country” ceremony should be held to recognise the local indigenous population.
- The Baton relay in Knox to celebrate Rotary’s 100 years is to be held on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> April. (The day prior to Anzac Day) The route that the baton is to take needs to be worked out, PP Christine suggested that a wheelbarrow be decorated with Rotary paraphernalia as a donation collection vehicle inviting the public to contribute along the way. An EFTPOS machine could be organised from Bendigo bank to assist with donations.
- As Gary Braddock is unable to talk to the club about CKD on 19 November it was suggested that a fellowship dinner be organised at a local restaurant in place of the Zoom meeting, this was agreed to and details will be provided once organised.



## FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY KITCHEN

This week we delivered Hedgehog Slice

<b>Foothills Slice Roster</b>						
Date	21/10/2020	28/10/2020	4/11/2020	11/11/2020	18/11/2020	25/11/2020
Slice	Chocolate Brownies	Easy Chocolate Slice	Marbled Chocolate Cheesecake Slice	Hedgehog	Fruit Slice	Mum's Raspberry Shortcake Slice

Recipe for next week:

## Fruit Slice

### Ingredients:

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar  
1 egg  
1 tbspn Golden Syrup  
125gms melted butter  
1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups Self Raising Flour  
1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups Mixed Fruit

### Method:

Cream sugar and egg.  
Add golden syrup, butter, flour and fruit.  
Spread into a swiss roll tin.  
Bake in a moderate oven for approx. 30 minutes.

## Summary Statistics

Contribution summary	2018-19	Cumulative
Annual Fund	\$126.1 million	\$2.8 billion
Endowment Fund	\$26.3 million	\$374.5 million
PolioPlus Fund	\$128.7 million	\$1.6 billion
Other*	\$40.8 million	\$235.3 million
<b>Total outright contributions</b>	<b>\$321.9 million</b>	<b>\$5.0 billion</b>
Total new commitments to the Endowment Fund	\$58.4 million	\$828.9 million
Polio transfers**	\$14.9 million	—
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$395.2 million</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Program awards &amp; operations</b>	<b>\$301.4 million</b>	<b>Since 1947: \$4.57 billion</b>

\* Includes cash contributions to global grants, directed gifts, and the donor advised fund

\*\* District Designated Fund transfers and the resulting World Fund match to PolioPlus, affinity card royalties, and donor advised fund transfers to PolioPlus

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# Program Expenditures

(All figures are as of 30 June 2019 and in U.S. dollars.)

**PolioPlus.** Since 1988, Rotary and its partners have immunized more than 2.5 billion children against polio. As of June 2019, Rotary had committed \$2 billion to global polio eradication. The goal is to eliminate the virus in the last three countries where it remains endemic and to keep it from returning anywhere else. **In 2018-19, program awards, including PolioPlus Partners grants, totaled \$151.2 million.**

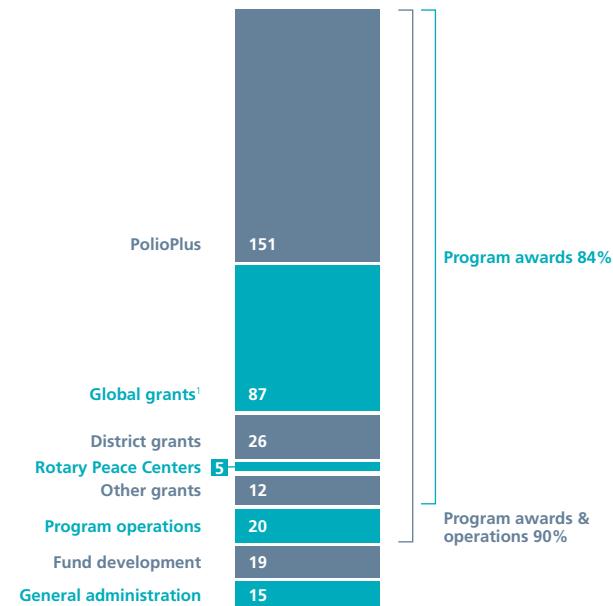
**Rotary Peace Centers.** Each year, the Foundation supports the training of peace fellows at six Rotary Peace Centers, where they earn master's degrees or professional development certificates. Since 2002-03, 1,284 fellows have graduated from the Peace Centers and are working in more than 116 countries. **In 2018-19, 94 fellows from 43 countries began their studies at the Rotary Peace Centers, and program awards for the fellows and centers totaled \$5.0 million.**

**District grants.** District grants support small-scale, short-term projects related to the Foundation's mission. **In 2018-19, the Foundation approved 494 district grants, and program awards totaled \$26.3 million.**

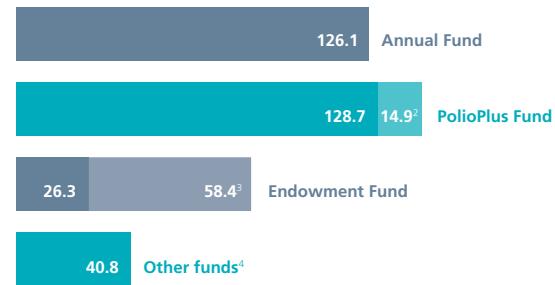
**Global grants.** Global grants fund large-scale international activities with sustainable, measurable results that support Rotary's six areas of focus. Activities include humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams.

**In 2018-19, the Foundation approved 1,403 global grants, and program awards totaled \$86.6 million.**

## 2018-19 Total Expenditures: \$335 (in millions)



## 2018-19 Total Contributions: \$395.2 (in millions)



<sup>1</sup> Net of returned funds and other adjustments

<sup>2</sup> Polio transfers

<sup>3</sup> Total new commitments to the Endowment Fund

<sup>4</sup> Includes cash contributions to global grants, the donor advised fund, and directed gifts