

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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19th November 2020

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 19th November 6.30 pm	Thursday 26th November [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 3rd December [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 10th December [Kick off at 6.30]
Venue:	FTG Thai Restaurant Station St			
Program:	Fellowship Night	T B A	CLUB ASSEMBLY	T B A
Speaker:	-	-	N/A	
Partners' Night	Yes	-	Welcome	

*We have 16 members booked into the FTG Thai Restaurant for 19<sup>th</sup> –  
please note it is BYO Wine only*

<i><b>Birthdays:</b></i>	None
<i><b>Anniversaries:</b></i>	None
<i><b>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</b></i>	10 <sup>th</sup> November 1988 – Graeme Aspinall

## 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*  
Mark Donald McLean  
President, Rotary International

## NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is returning. We have accepted their offer to participate at their opening sizzle since they stopped back in March. **Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>** is our allocated date and we will be required to be there from 9.00am to 4.00pm as a minimum.

New protocols have been issued to ensure volunteers are aware of Bunnings requirements for the fundraiser to run smoothly. I will forward a copy of these to each member. You will see there are some new roles.

**BBQ Captain** is the key volunteer to ensure the fundraiser runs smoothly. **The Greeter** is focused on assisting the customer, by providing a friendly welcome, explaining and providing assistance with the new process. **The Order Taker** will take the payment for orders and serve the drinks if ordered. **The Cook**, cooks' sausages and onions places sausage and onion on the bread provided by the collect member. **The Collect** volunteer collects the sausage in bread from the cook adds the sauce if required and places it in the holder for the customer to collect. There will be additional protocols with timely hand washing/sanitising and cleaning of surfaces.

As you can see the process may be slower than we have been used to, but working as a team will ensure things will run smoothly. The club will have EFPOS facilities available to ensure those who only pay by card are catered for.

John and I will be meeting with Bunnings prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> so to be more familiar with their protocols. At our meeting on November 26<sup>th</sup> I will be calling for volunteers.

At the District Presidents meeting last Friday, Alma advised the membership in the District is now below 1100 for the first time currently being 1098. A new District Membership strategy was announced with five parts to the strategy, establishing new Rotaract Clubs, encouraging clubs to start a satellite Club, Master Class the district working with clubs to grow their membership, Passport Clubs and Community Corps groups. More details will be in the next District's Open Doors newsletter.

Graeme Aspinall  
President 2020/2021



# THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 12th November, 2020

Welcome to our Guest Speaker tonight - Dr Ray Hodgson from Australians for Women's Health (A4WH) and to our visitor Karen Dean, Associate Principal of Fairhills High School.

A4WH provides medical and surgical treatment to underprivileged women and training to local doctors, nurses and midwives in Nepal. Dr Ray is a dedicated Gynaecologist Obstetrician. In describing his experiences in assisting women in giving birth, he provided some very confronting photos which showed in detail the appalling outcome for these young women.

There are two problems in Nepal –

1. Genital Prolapse – in the thousands, 200,000 needing urgent surgery
2. Mothers were dying – 80% trying to give birth at home, hemorrhaging, limited equipment

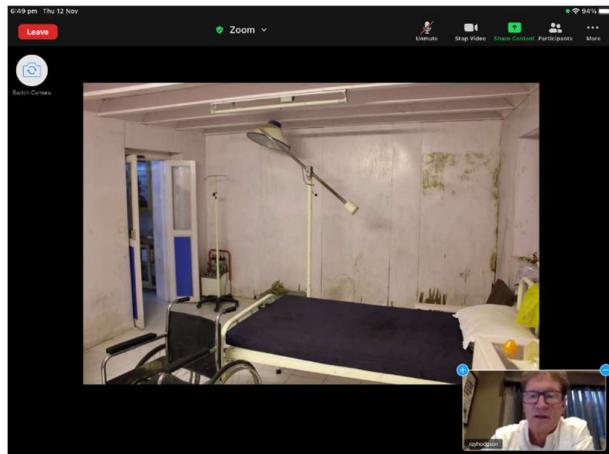
Maternal mortality / 100,000 live births

Causes –	Haemorrhage }
	Hypertension }
	Infection }
	Obstruction }

All preventable

Because there were no volunteer organisations operating in Nepal, he formed **Australians for Women's Health** and is now raising funds to build a Mothers and Babies Hospital.

- The leading cause of death in women in Nepal aged between 15 – 50 is suicide.
- The Rotary Foundation has provided a grant to completely fit-out the hospital, once it is built. Operational costs will be covered by Nepalese system.
- Hospital cost is \$900,000 and they have raised \$500,000 so far.



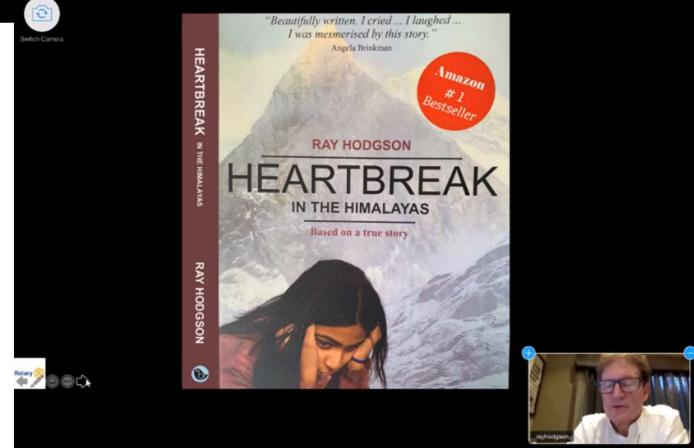
Example of existing hospital conditions





**TO PURCHASE DR RAY'S BOOK – GO  
TO – [www.A4WH.org](http://www.A4WH.org)**

**All profits from the Sale of  
Heartbreak in the Himalayas will  
fund the construction of a Mothers  
and Babies Hospital in rural Nepal**



**Other Business:**

John Flemming advised that Bunnings are resuming the Sausage Sizzle from 5<sup>th</sup> December. If the scheduled group are unable to do it, asked if Rotary can do it. Some of the new procedures are:- 5 people will be needed for the whole time, hands will have to be washed or sanitised after each handling of money.

Initially starting with weekends only, before doing weekdays.  
We will need to supply District with a Risk Assessment.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

Minutes for the 2019 AGM – moved by Mike Spark, seconded by Allan Tierney

Annual Report – Auditors report to be inserted. Treasurer advised he has letter from auditor to say that they are happy with the information provided.

**President for 2021/2022**

President Graeme advised that we will have a Dual President Role next year with Christine and Graeme jointly sharing the role.

In the future we will have to reassess the club continuing is there is no President to take over.

AGM closed at 7.49pm

Following the topic of tonight's guest speaker, many were of the opinion that funds from International could be utilised for Nepal – this will be discussed at next board meeting.

Ferntree Gully Thai Restaurant has been booked for 6.30 for next week's Fellowship night.

**Community:**

Foothills Christmas Lunch will be on Christmas Eve this year (see attached flyer for more info)

Next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> a Zoom meeting will be held for the Australia Day Project. Christine will email invitations.

Fran reminded us about the Christmas gifts for men – seeking donations of razors, soap, toothpaste, tissues, socks, jocks, T-shirts etc.

## FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY KITCHEN

This week we delivered Fruit Slice

<b>Foothills Slice Roster</b>						
Delivery: Wednesdays 2.30 to 3.00pm						
Ferntree Gully Girl Guide Hall, Lot 65 Underwood Rd FTG.						
Date	18/11/2020	25/11/2020	2/12/2020	9/12/2020	16/12/2020	23/12/2020 ?
Slice	Fruit Slice	Mum's Raspberry Shortcake Slice	Chocolate Brownies	Easy Chocolate Slice	Lemon Slice	Foothills closing over Xmas

Recipe for next week:

### Mum's Raspberry Shortcake Slice

#### Base:

125gms butter  
½ cup sugar  
1 egg  
1 ½ cups S.R. Flour

#### Layer:

Raspberry Jam

#### Topping:

1 egg  
½ cup sugar  
1 cup coconut

#### Method:

Cream butter and sugar together, add egg, beat well.  
Mix in sifted flour and knead to a dough.  
Press into 2 small slice trays or one large.  
Cover with jam, (I use a cheap jam and warm it in the microwave for a few seconds – easier to spread).

Mix lightly beaten egg with ½ cup sugar and 1 cup coconut. Spread over the top, (I use a fork and spread roughly).

Bake in moderate oven, (175-180) for approximately 15 minutes.

Article reprinted from the Boronia & The Basin Community News

What a great initiative by the Rotary Club of Boronia.

Boronia & The Basin Community News November

## Meal Vouchers for the Unemployed

The Rotary Club of Boronia has come up with a great idea to help those in their community who have lost their jobs because of the pandemic.

The Rotary Club usually meets on Tuesday nights for dinner at a local club which had to close as part of the lockdown, so they now meet weekly via Zoom. The members decided to donate the money they would otherwise be paying for a meal to help feed those who have lost their income. With the help of Knox Infolink, a not-for-profit organisation in Boronia run by volunteers, the Rotary Club has turned the funds raised by its members into Dinner Vouchers for those in need.

Infolink distributes the vouchers to selected recipients. The Rotary Club has arranged for two local restaurants to supply meals, which may be ordered by phone for pick up. The restaurants are then reimbursed by Infolink for the cost of the meals they have supplied each month. Vouchers come in two denominations of \$30 and \$50, depending on the size of the household. The vouchers

cannot be redeemed for cash or alcohol at the restaurants. This project not only provides food for the unemployed, but also assists the participating restaurants to continue to operate in these difficult times for the hospitality industry, as they both employ local people of the Boronia community.

For the past six years the Rotary Club has run a successful Anzac commemoration service for local Primary & Secondary schools, supported by annual grants from The Rotary Foundation. This year the Anzac event was cancelled due to the lockdown so the Club, with support of their District, redirected the allocated funds to the Dinner Vouchers project. To date, the funds raised by Rotary club members together with this grant from The Rotary Foundation have enabled the Club and Infolink to produce vouchers to the value of \$5000.

The project will continue until the end of 2020.



Which FTG Rotarian thought they had secured a "bargain" when they purchased a bottle of Gin for only \$20? After having a couple of drinks decided to read the label - SHOCK-HORROR only to discover that it was **Alcohol Free!!!!**

The first person to correctly identify the mystery Rotarian can win the said bottle of Gin (partly consumed) together with some tonic water and lemons to accompany it.

Send your guess to the Bulletin Editor.





Dear friends,

It is hard to believe that it is only a few weeks until Christmas.

For many people we see regularly, this Christmas will be a difficult one with all of the added stress of COVID restrictions.

Since 2002 we have been hosting our Ferntree Gully Christmas Day Lunch on December 25th. The day has been open to anyone in our local community, particularly to those who would normally be spending the day alone.

This year we have been very keen to again host our day and like everything, due to COVID restrictions we have had to change and adapt what we can offer.

So we are pleased to announce that our 19th annual Ferntree Gully Christmas Lunch will still be going ahead in a COVID restricted format, **this year on Thursday December 24th, Christmas Eve, not on Christmas Day.**

We are able to offer 2 sessions, with limited capacity at each session.

- Session 1: 10.15-12.45pm
- Session 2: 1.30-4pm

Each session will feature our traditional Christmas day fare, including a main meal with all the usual Christmas goodies. There will be plenty of entertainment on the day, including face painting, kids activities, a Christmas photo booth, a nativity play and of course a visit from our very own Christmas angel with gifts for all.

The meals are free but bookings are essential. Apply early as we have limited capacity due to COVID restrictions. Preference will be given to local residents of Knox and the Dandenong Ranges.

Unfortunately this year, due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to offer transport for any guests.

To apply to come to one of our sessions, [please fill in this online guest form here.](#)

If you are interested in applying to volunteer with us, [please fill in this online volunteer inquiry form here.](#)

Please note, we receive many more applications to volunteer than vacancies we have. We will endeavour to get back to you shortly.

If you would like to donate to the meal or any of our Christmas activities, supporting our local community please [go to our donations page here.](#) Or contact us at [contact@foothillscare.org.au](mailto:contact@foothillscare.org.au) to discuss any other questions.

We trust that you all have a safe next few weeks in the lead up to Christmas.

Warm regards

Stephen Barrington  
CEO Foothills Community Care Inc.



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*Our Vision: A community free from  
family violence, where everyone feels safe.*

**Please donate to the [EDVOS Toy Appeal by 30th November](#) so we may provide gifts  
to the many children and their families experiencing family violence this year.**

**EDVOS  
Toy Appeal**

End-of-Year is often the most difficult and stressful time for women and children experiencing family violence.

In 2020, there have been enormous challenges for Victorians and our clients due to the collective consequences of bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic.

For many years EDVOS has asked for a donation of toys which are then in turn displayed at our offices for clients to make a selection in person. However this year EDVOS seeks your support to provide a **financial donation** due to our need to follow state government health protocols and physical distancing.

Your financial contribution will assist us to support our clients to purchase gifts for their children.

[www.givewell.com.au/edvostoyappeal](http://www.givewell.com.au/edvostoyappeal)

We would deeply appreciate your generosity by making a financial donation by **30 November**

Last year, as a result of your generous donations, EDVOS was able to provide gifts to almost 300 children.

Thank you for helping us make sure we leave no one in need this Christmas.

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