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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 17th December [Arrival at 6.30]	Thursday 7th January [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 14th January [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 21st January
Venue:	UPWEY RSL 1 Mast Gully Rd Upwey	<i>The Wilson's</i> <i>18 Frederick Street, FTG</i>	T B A	WATCH THIS SPACE !
Program:	CHRISTMAS BREAKUP  Last meeting for 2020	<i>Fellowship/ Fireside Meeting</i> <i>BBQ</i> <i>BYO</i> <i>everything</i>	<i>Fellowship/ Fireside Meeting</i> <i>BBQ</i> <i>BYO</i> <i>everything</i>	T B A
Speaker:	-	-	-	
Partners' Night	Yes	Yes	Yes	

<i>Birthdays:</i>	16th December – Paul Wilson 24th December – Allan Tierney
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



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

DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Another calendar year has almost come to an end. What an impact 2020 has had on us all. The spread of the virus throughout the world has had a profound impact on the world's population.

We in Melbourne have come through one of the longest lockdown periods of anywhere in the world. Hopefully this will never be repeated.

Having just a few opportunities for members to gather face to face be it for social events our club has continued to be together through weekly Zoom meetings. Speakers have been of interest and planning for ongoing projects has been able to happen. But it hasn't been the same as our normal meetings pre lockdown.

The support given to Foothills Community Care by the Club and individual members has been thankfully received.

To all members of the Fern Tree Gully Rotary Club and your families I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a safe and prosperous New Year of good health and happiness.

Thank you all for 2020.

Graeme

President 2020/2021



THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 10th December, 2020

Guest speaker, Glen Tippett the Districts representative gave the Club an insight on the projects the Australian Rotary Health are providing funds for.

Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest independent funder of mental health research within Australia. Also providing funding for general health research, funding for scholarships for rural medical and nursing students as well as indigenous health scholars. Funding is focused into areas of health that do not readily attract funding.

Since the year 2000 the ARH has focused its funding on Mental Health Research and in 2013 focused on research projects in Prevention of Mental Health.

Funding allocations in 2020:

27 Research Project Grants	\$ 1.6 mill
9 PhD Scholarships	\$ 120 K
4 Post Doctoral Fellowships	\$ 277 K
53 Partner PhD Scholarships	\$ 642 K
1 Rural Medical Scholarship	\$ 5 K
7 Rural Nursing Scholarship	\$ 50 k
80 Indigenous Health Scholarships	\$ 400 K



Since the fund was established in 1981 by a Rotarian from the Mornington Rotary Club (Vic) \$47 Mill has been raised. Research into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome became its first research project. Today SIDS has been reduced by 80%.

Rotary Clubs are now able to nominate the area of research they wish their funds go towards. Our club's donation from Lift the Lid will be directed towards MMND research.



FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Our final bake for the year – we delivered Lemon Coconut Slice.



CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

'Tis the season to be jolly and gather with our Rotary friends for our Christmas Breakup for 2020.

Let the Christmas lights shine and the tinsel twinkle and Jingle all the way to The Upwey RSL who is providing the venue, food and drinks - we will provide the FUN!!!

Be ready for some Christmas Cheer to celebrate our last meeting for 2020. Don't forget to wear some Christmas Sparkle and join in the festivities.

Also, you will need to bring along a Pen.

