

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 21st November [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 28th November [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 5th December [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 12th December [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	THAT LITTLE BREWERY 12 Edina Road	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Vocational Visit	CROWN CURRENCY	AGM – Plus On-to Conference (TBC)	INA PROJECT
Speaker:		David Hockley	John Lambert	Amanda Croucher- Southwell
Chair:		Allan Tierney	Allan Tierney	Allan Tierney
Rotary Toast		Fran M	Rob Hurst	Mike Spark
Cashier:		Paul Wilson	Paul McAloney	Paul McAloney
Scribe:		Mike Spark	Christine A	Graeme Aspinall
Sergeant- At-Arms:		Paul Wilson	Paul McAloney	Paul McAloney
Partners' Night	Yes	Welcome	Welcome	Yes

Birthdays:	None
Anniversaries:	None
Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully	None

CLUB NOTICE

The Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully
will conduct its Annual General Meeting
on
Thursday 5th December, 2019
6.30 p.m.
Ferntree Gully Bowling Club



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ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

NOVEMBER IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to our missing Rotary members, Graeme enjoying the treats of the UK and France sounds like a great wine tasting trip and Mike who was discovering the Mighty Murray for the past couple of weeks – we have missed you both

Last week our speaker was Gabe Denmark from the NBN. A great insight into the National Broadband Network, Gabe gave us a very informative insight into the day to day implementation of the roll out and the problems of the project. Members had all their questions answered in a professional manner, a great speaker.

We welcomed a potential new member Julianne officially to last week's meeting. Julianne is known to many members and partners and has been attending meetings and social events over the last couple of weeks. We know that she will bring her enthusiasm and new ideas to our club and will become a very valued member.

For those of you that enjoyed the 1812 production of Leading Ladies hope it was a very great evening.

A huge THANK YOU to those members and partners that assisted at the Sunday Trash and Treasure market. Sales were slightly down on last year but weather and crowd numbers is always an important factor. But a great effort by everyone who attended.

We have 3 stalls planned for the FTG Village Fair on 30th November –Hamburgers/Sausages, Trash & Treasure and of course the free craft Christmas themed activity for the children.

This week's vocational visit (following our clubs theme this year) will be at That Little Brewery in Edina Rd FTG and afterwards at our place for a pizza supper, don't forget to **BYO drinks**. Look forward to seeing you all including partners on Thursday.

Yours in Rotary
Allan Tierney
President
2019-2020

"That Was The Week That Was"

Thursday 7th November 2019

*The meeting opened at 6.30 PM with the toast to Rotary by Rtn Brian Mandergeddes followed by **President Allan** welcoming all members, Partners; Jill, Kay and Margaret, visitor Julianne Hyams and the guest speaker for the evening Gabe Denmark.*

President Allan's announcements:

Reminded members of the upcoming trash and treasure stall that the club is holding on Sunday 17th November, logistics were discussed as to how things should unfold with members gathering at the stall holder's entrance area at 6:30 AM. The trailer loaded with the contents of Past President Brian Adams garage was to be collected from PP Mike Spark's place (Mike still being on the wallaby) while the utility loaded with the contents of the storage container would be driven to the market place by Rtn Brian M.

Secretary: (PP Fran Mandergeddes)

Read the correspondence amongst which was a letter from Knox Council (copy attached) requesting nominations for Australia Day awards which close on 27 November. Partner Kay McAloney suggested we should put forward the name of one of our students who spoke with such aplomb at one of our meetings for the Young Citizen of the year award, Paul Wilson undertook to follow this through.

Apologies Received from: Mike Spark, Gary Braddock and Graeme Aspinall.

Treasurer Rtn Brian Mandergeddes: Suggested to Members that we re-invest \$5,000 of our funds into an investment account at 1.45%. This was agreed by all members. The recent sausage sizzle realised a profit of \$474, (considering the totally inclement weather this was a marvellous result). Our cup day, fun day event at the McAloney's realised \$106 for the admin account.

Youth: (Paul W.): Rotary junior awards will be held on 3 December at the Gully North primary school and members are invited to attend.

Community service PP (Christine Anderson): PP Christine has arranged for out of date stock from Kmart Croydon given to the City Mission is to be provided to the disadvantaged.

Our application for involvement in the Knox Festival being held from 29 February to 1 March has been given approval.

FTG Village Fair conducted by the Ferntree Gully Traders Association to be held on 30 November, the club's involvement will be a trash and treasure stall and running a sausage sizzle. There appears to be an issue with some of the apparatchiks at the municipal authority who insist that we are classified as "Street Traders" therefore we will require a "Statement of Trade" !!!!.

The program chairman is to invite the "Apparatchiks" to attend the club as guest speakers so they can gain an understanding of just what Rotary is about

Sergeant-At-Arms: (Rtn Paul W) Gave us all an agonising presentation of "play on words" only comment the scribe can make is "corny corny corny corny", members couldn't wait to pay quick enough to get it over with.

Skill: won by: 'The Scribe' who drew the 5♥ - so no cigar!!!!

PROGRAM:

Gabe Denmark from the NBN explained the process of the NBN. It is a Government business enterprise, i.e. a wholesaler. The workforce carrying out the installations etc. is all external contractors who must be accredited by the NBN. They are provided with an ID badge "enAble", every worker must have one.

There are 100 Retail Providers, some offer top quality service and there are some cheap and nasty ones. If you are not happy with your provider you can simply change to another.

Each Provider buys a capacity so the quality of access to NBN depends on the capacity that is spread over the number of subscribers to that Provider. The ACCC is the mediator for the quality of service. You must switch to the NBN if you use a landline phone and or internet.

Connection – different speeds depend on usage – how many devices you have running at once determines speed. Biggest data user is streaming (ie Netflix)

If you have a Seniors card – check for discounts offered by Providers.

The Provider is responsible for arranging NBN technicians. Visit the NBN website for tips. Or telephone them on 1800 OUR NBN.

Be aware of scams, NBN will not phone you and tell you that you must connect or your phone will be cut off.

Gabe ably responded to the many questions on the subject, all in all a very informative session.

Meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Scribe: Robert Hurst

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE

2019	Program.	Speaker
October is Economic and Community Development month		
November is Rotary Foundation Month		
21-November	Vocational Visit – That Little Brewery	
28-November	Crown Currency	David Hockley
5-December	AGM and On-to Conference (TBC)	John Lambert
8-December	JAZZ at the Royal	
12-December	INA Project	Amanda Croucher-Southwell
13-December	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
19-December	Christmas Break-Up	

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



22 October 2019

Mr Graeme Aspinall
Secretary
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Dear Mr Aspinall

2020 Knox Local Australia Day Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Knox Local Australia Day Awards. These awards are held in conjunction with the National Australia Day Council and provide an opportunity for public recognition of the many people who have made a valuable contribution to the Knox Community.

The categories for 2020 are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Elder Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Environmentalist of the Year
- Local Hero

I hope that you will join with Council in promoting this event by nominating a valued member of your community for one or more of these prestigious awards.

Online nominations are available on the Council website <http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/ausday>. For further enquiries or to receive a hardcopy nomination form please contact the Governance Team on 9298 8000 or email AdministrationSupport@knox.vic.gov.au.

Nominations close on Wednesday, 27 November 2019 at 5.00pm, we'd welcome your support. I hope you will join council in celebrating Australia Day and honouring inspirational people within our community.

Yours sincerely

Tony Doyle
Chief Executive Officer