

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 18th March [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 25th March [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 1st April [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 8th April [Kick off at 6.30]
Venue:	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM
Program:	Rotarians for Bees	End Trachoma story	CLUB ASSEMBLY	HUT GALLERY
Speaker:	Faye Kirkwood	Russell Marnock	N/A	Shirley Dougan
Scribe	Allan Tierney	Mike Spark	Paul McAloney	Fran Mandergeddes
Partners' Night	Yes	Yes	Welcome	Yes

<i><b>Birthdays:</b></i>	18 <sup>th</sup> March – Julianne Hyams
<i><b>Anniversaries:</b></i>	18 <sup>th</sup> March – Rob & Marg Hurst
<i><b>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</b></i>	None

## Dates to Diarise

2021	Event
Sat 20/03/2021	MDLC Garden Gate Market Sausage Sizzle - 9.00am-1.00pm Fundraising Event
Sun 28/03/2021	World Water Day and Clean up - Venue and time TBA Community Project and Fellowship Event
Sat 10/04/2021	Upper Ferntree Gully Market booked 7.30am -3.00 selling 2nd Hand goods. More Treasures Needed - Fundraising Event
Sat 24/04/2021	R100 Baton Relay Walk Rotary FTG and BBQ at Quarry Reserve - Community and Fellowship Event
Sat 01/05/2021 & Sun 02/05/2021	District Conference On-line all members
Sat 15/05/2021	District 9810 - R100 celebration at Jells Park including going for the World Record for the Waggle Dance - District Fellowship Event for all Rotarians

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



## MARCH IS WATER & SANITATION MONTH

The article below has been taken from the March edition of Rotary On The Move.

### PRESIDENT ELECT'S POWERFUL VISION TO GROW ROTARY

Article by RI Director-Elect Jessie Harman

Rotary's incoming President Shekhar Mehta has a powerful vision for Rotary membership - 1.3 million members by 1 July 2023. The President-Elect laid out his plans for membership growth to incoming District Governors at the recently held virtual International Assembly.

Members are Rotary's biggest asset according to President-Elect Shekhar. It is members who do the good, who raise funds for Rotary's Foundation and who have put Rotary 'this close' to eradicating polio. More members will mean that Rotary can serve more and change even more lives.

Underpinning his vision for growth is a straightforward strategy, 'Each One Bring One'. President-Elect Shekhar is asking Rotarians to recognise that growing Rotary is an individual responsibility - to share the gift of Rotary with one new person. He encourages members to focus on increasing diversity; to attract more women, more young people, more Rotaractors. He encourages clubs to make every new induction a celebration and to recognise the Rotarians who sponsor new members into the club.

Alongside his plan for 'Each One Bring One', President-Elect Shekhar is asking clubs to also focus on engaging and retaining members. He encourages clubs to hold tight to the innovations which have occurred during the pandemic and to adopt other new ideas to create strong and vibrant clubs. Engagement of new and existing members is just as important as attracting new members, according to President-Elect Shekhar.

The third plank in President-Elect Shekhar's membership plan is forming new and different types of clubs. Whilst there are still ample opportunities to create new conventional clubs – especially in underserved areas – there are even more opportunities to create new types of clubs, according to the President-Elect. These new club models, like virtual, hybrid, satellite, cause-based and passport clubs are an essential avenue for growth, making Rotary more accessible and inclusive. New types of clubs will also underpin the growth of Rotaract and the President Elect urges Rotaractors to have similar plans.

Strong leadership is key to achieving the target of 1.3 million Rotarians according to President-Elect Shekhar. District Governors have a vital role to ensure that every Rotarian hears the call to share the gift of Rotary with one new member. District Membership Committees are also important. They should be led by a proven Membership champion and

comprise three sub-committees: one each for attracting new members, retaining members and forming new and different club models.

President-Elect Shekhar is determined to Grow Rotary membership in the upcoming Rotary year. He is urging Rotarians and clubs to implement his vision for attracting new members, engaging new and existing members and forming new and different types of clubs. He is also confident of success. "Together we can and together we will" he says, "so that Rotarians can serve to change even more lives in future".

See you all on Thursday.

Graeme

President 2020/2021



#### VALE

*Michael Koopman – Sadly passed away 6<sup>th</sup> March. Michael was inducted into Ferntree Gully Rotary Club on 21/10/2002 After several years he and his family relocated to Ballarat.*



#### Foothills Slice Roster

Delivery: Wednesdays 2.30 to 3.00pm  
Ferntree Gully Girl Guide Hall, Lot 65 Underwood Rd FTG.

	24/03/2021	21/04/2021	19/05/2021	16/06/2021	14/07/2021
Slice	Hedgehog	Fruit Slice	Mum's Raspberry Shortcake Slice	Chocolate Brownies	Easy Chocolate Slice

#### HEDGEHOG

125 grams butter  
½ cup sugar  
3 tbsps cocoa  
1 egg  
250 grams plain biscuits (eg arrowroot) - crushed

#### ICING

1 ½ cups icing sugar  
2 tbspsn cocoa extra  
boiling water

Place butter, sugar and cocoa in saucepan over low heat. Stir occasionally and when sugar is dissolved take off heat and add beaten egg.

Combine with crushed biscuits.

Press into greased, paper lined tin. - 16cm x 26cm approx. I use back of spoon to flatten into tin

When cool ice with chocolate icing and place into foil tray provided.

Refrigerate until needed.

# THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Our Second meeting at the Bowls Club since COVID.

President Graeme opened the meeting at 6.30pm, introducing PDG Russell Gurney who joined us via Zoom.

Russell's address was "Building Rotary's Future", a crusade he is on after discovering missed major sponsorship opportunities offered to Rotary at a national level due to lack of a suitable governance structure. He has since discovered similar initiatives at an International level and is working with them to affect change. But due to the democratic/voluntary structure of Rotary sees this taking time..... Very thought provoking for the future of Rotary!

Graeme then welcomed the "strangers". Viz. Brian and Fran who were up from the "Island".

Bunnings have offered us a Sausage Sizzle for Anzac Day, Sunday 25 April. Details to follow. It was openly acknowledged that a couple of members were not only not expected to be in attendance but were asked not to attend!

Graeme reported that due to time constraints and the relatively small amount of money collected, we would suspend the Sergeants Fine Session and Copper Pot for now and re-visit at the end of the Rotary Year.

**Christine reported:**

- We will be laying a wreath on 25 April. Destination TBA.
- The Baton for the R100 celebration has been booked and is still going ahead. Details to follow.
- We had a meeting with Nick Wakeling & Megan Baker to discuss what we can do for the R100 project. Nick backed it heavily and Megan is referring it to Council.
- MDLC are having an Artisan Market on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March and have asked us to conduct a Sausage Sizzle for them. We will organise a "presentation" cheque from the Bendigo bank to present our \$1,000 student sponsorship on the day.
- The Gully News have received a \$14k grant to conduct a "Food Connects Us" program over 3 weeks and have asked us to be involved.
- The Village Fair will be going ahead this year. COVID allowing.

**Julienne reported:**

Dinner has been booked for 6pm at the Royal followed with the "War of the Worlds" play by the 18212 theatre promptly at 8pm this Saturday.

The "Full Monty" has been booked for Sat 1 May. She will follow up via email.

Paul W reported he had been in touch with the three schools who participate in RJCA and all confirm their commitment but concede we will not be able to conduct the program till next year.

Meeting Closed, then we all supped.

*Scribe: Paul Wilson*



26 February 2021

Donor ID: 900132662  
Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully  
Attn: Robert Hurst  
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Dear Robert and Members

Thank you for inviting Tammy Shepherd to present to Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully about the work of Mercy Ships.

Since 1978, our hospital ships have provided free surgeries and medical treatment for hurting people who have no other hope for medical care. Our in-country teams also train local health care workers and teach farming techniques, as well as health care and sanitation skills.

The medical care our volunteers provide is life-transforming for...

... the malnourished baby born with a cleft palate that obstructs adequate nutrition  
... the man or woman struggling with a painful, disfiguring tumour  
... the severely disabled child who has never known the joy of running or jumping.

But as you can imagine there is much more to do. The need is overwhelming. Nearly half of Africa's population has little to no access to a hospital or doctor. More than 6 million children die each year from preventable causes. It is heartbreaking, but together we can do something about it. We can impact even more lives through the work of Mercy Ships.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share the story of Mercy Ships. It is only through the compassion of friends like you that we can continue providing hope and healing to those who need it the most.

Mercy truly makes a difference!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan B." followed by a surname.

Alan Burrell  
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# MERCY SHIPS LATEST NEWS

15 February 2021



## DIACKO'S FULL POTENTIAL

Diacko was brimming with confidence after his final appointment on the *Africa Mercy*, where he was given the all-clear to return home. Nothing can stop him now! He's using his newly straightened legs to their full potential.



## FEEDING OUR CREW

Feeding a crew of hundreds takes coordination from several different departments. Before the Galley Crew can cook delicious meals, or the Dining Room Crew can serve food to our community, we need our Supply Team to make sure we're stocked with all of our fresh ingredients! Now that's what we'd call a food chain.



## THANK YOU, PHILIPS!

Thanks to our partnership with Philips Foundation and generosity of the Rotary Global Grant, a 2,000 kilogram CT scanner was recently installed on the *Global Mercy*! Computed tomography (CT) is a technique that allows the user to see inside the body without the need for intervention. Tools like this on board are a huge reason why we can provide quality surgical care.



## VOLUNTEER WITH MERCY SHIPS

Welcome to a hospital like none other, where our volunteer crew celebrate alongside our patients and know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that they're making a life-saving difference. We're thankful for our volunteers who travel from around the world to share hope and transform lives.

Are you ready to use your skills to make a difference? Visit [www.mercyships.org.au/volunteer](http://www.mercyships.org.au/volunteer) now!

The Surgery Ship director's cut is now streaming on 7Plus! Watch now at  
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