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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 25th March [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 1st April [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 8th April [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 15th 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:	End Trachoma story	CLUB ASSEMBLY	HUT GALLERY	HISTORY OF FTG/KNOX (TBC)
Speaker:	Russell Marnock	N/A	Shirley Dougan	Steve Flemming
Scribe	Mike Spark	Paul McAloney	Fran Mandergheddes	Brian Mandergheddes
Partners' Night	Yes	Welcome	Yes	Yes

<i>Birthdays:</i>	29 th March – Marg Hurst
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None

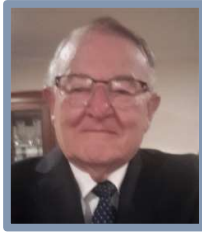
VALE

News received that sadly Fred Mason passed away recently.

Fred was a long time Rotarian, being a Charter member of the RC of Boronia (1967) and transferred and was inducted into Ferntree Gully Club on 9th May 1994. He served as Club Treasurer for many years.

R.I.P

FROM THE PRESIDENT



MARCH IS WATER & SANITATION MONTH

The Club's involvement in last weekend's Ferntree Gully's Mountain District Learning Centres market gate garden fair went down quite well. It was such a beautiful day to be out in the local community. Christine, Alan, John, Paul W. Rob and myself were cooking and handing out 100 free sausages to anyone who asked. Whilst the crowd may not have been what was hoped a few stall holders did very well with their sales. Will it be an ongoing event it will remain with MDLC to decide?



The Club formally presented its cheque for \$1,000.00 to MDLC to assist with funding of students who are disadvantaged. The Club has now been providing supportive funding for many years along with a District Matching Grant.

A District Presidents meeting was held last Friday via Zoom. A few points to come out of this meeting where:

- The R100 picnic on May 15th is still awaiting a permit from Parks Vic. Christine will be encouraging our members to attend.
- District Assembly will be online again this year on Sunday May 23rd and will continue into the following week. More details will be provided shortly.
- A Multi District Conference will be on May 1st and 2nd between 11.00am and 1.00pm with a specific focus on our District 9810 being held on the Saturday afternoon May 1st. Clubs are being encouraged to hold a Club Dinner prior to the online conference as we used to have when club members travelled to conference. I can remember some great nights we had as a club attending a conference.
- District Youth programs are still not proceeding this year as the District has not been able to form committees to co-ordinate the organising of these programs.

Graeme
President 2020/2021



THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 18th March 2021

At our Hybrid zoom meeting President Graeme Aspinall welcomed our face-to-face guest speaker Faye Kirkwood and husband Ian from the Rotary Club of Caulfield. Faye presented a very interesting talk on Rotarian for Bees ESRAG Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group. From all the questions asked of Faye we have learned much more than we thought we knew about Bees and how important they are to keep our food supply throughout the world, some interesting facts.



An Initiative of the Rotary Club of Canterbury

Rotarians for Bees is a group of Rotarians from a variety of Rotary Clubs who are very worried about the dangerous decline in bee (& other pollinator) populations worldwide and are taking action to help reverse this trend.

Without bees and other pollinators much of the world's food supply would end so it's literally a matter of life and death that these essential tiny links in our global food chain are supported and with Rotary's global reach we can do something to help!

Rotary Canterbury is one of the founding Clubs and is proud to auspice this ESRAG (Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group) project.

Bee populations are dwindling in alarming numbers globally due to:

- **Climate change**
- **Pesticides and industrial agriculture**
- **Loss of habitat & flowering plants**
- **Varroa mite & diseases**

Rotarians for Bees mission is to:-

- Build *awareness* of the need to protect & support bees amongst our 1.2 million members worldwide,
- Encourage *action* to support pollinators and their role in agriculture & horticulture around the world, thus ensuring food security.

What can Rotarians do to support bees & other pollinators?

Honey Bees Live in hives with a queen, protect their territory (& sting!), but setting up a hive of your own can support the bee population, improve vegetable garden yields and produce delicious honey. Once a bee stings you it will die
Faye and Ian have two hives which they look after on behalf of the Rotary Club of Caulfield, from the honey produced they give jars away to guest speakers what a wonderful initiative.

Did you know that many of the crops and fruit trees rely 100% on bee pollination such as Almond, Apple, Avocado, Blueberry Cucumber, Pumpkin Rockmelon, whereas cotton only relies on 10% pollination?

Thank you to Faye and the wonderful work that "Rotarians for Bees" are doing around the world to help ensure our food supply will remain sustainable.

If anyone would like to join this Action Group:

1. Join ESRAAG (Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group) & become part of the Rotarians for Bees project! <https://www.esrag.org/rotarians-bees>
2. Join the Facebook page to learn more, share ideas and make global connections for pollinator projects! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/395777217740428/>

President Graeme announced that Bunnings Scoresby has allocated us 25th April for a sausage sizzle. This will be a very busy weekend for club members and partners as we have our R100 baton Relay on Saturday 24th and Fellowship BBQ, and Anzac Day wreath laying at the dawn service. But we pride ourselves as being people of ACTION so no problem to fit it all in.

Meeting concluded at 7.30 pm followed by dinner in the restaurant.

Scribe: Allan Tierney

Dates to Diarise

2021	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

Community News Update

On a glorious autumn day last Saturday, the club participated in the Mountain District Learning Centre "Garden Gate Market".

Free sausages provided to all were a great hit and a welcome surprise to the visitors.



A beautiful setting in the garden at MDLC provided the perfect spot for a small community market. So, from little things big things grow, discussions are going to take place with the vision that our Club along with MDLC may hold a monthly market. Watch this space during the next few months.

Does anyone know a person who may have had Newspaper Editorial Experience who could assist or run (along with a band of volunteers) the Fern Tree Gully Newspaper? The paper is owned by Mountain District Learning Centre and run by volunteers. The paper as you know is a vital connection for our community. If you know of a person please contact myself or Anne Boyd for further information.

Next Sunday 28th we are celebrating **World Water Day** including cleaning of rubbish around Fern Tree Gully Village.

We will meet at the car park of the Uniting Church, The Avenue at 11.00am. You will be given a Fern Tree Gully Village History Trail so we cover all areas of the village. Please wear Rotary clothing (we can provide you with a Rotary apron) if you don't have any Rotary clothing. Gloves and bags will also be provided we will then gather at 1.00 pm at the Quarry Reserve for a fellowship BBQ, maybe some of you may like to try your hand at some fishing as there are plenty of rainbow trout in the lake. This is open to all Rotarian's partners, friends, grandchildren etc. Regardless of the weather this event will go ahead.

Christine Anderson Community Chair



ROTARY CENTENARY CELEBRATION

PICNIC IN THE PARK

**HAVE FUN WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS
PICNIC IN SCENIC JELL'S PARK
B.Y.O EVERYTHING!**

**PRACTICE THE WAGGLE DANCE NOW!
INSTRUCTIONS ON WEBSITE BELOW!**

<https://www.worldbeeday.org.au/waggle/>

**DO THE WAGGLE DANCE
WORLD RECORD
CHALLENGE 15 MAY**

**FLY KITES
AND MORE...**

DATE: 15 MAY

TIME: 10.00AM-3.00PM

VENUE: JELL'S PARK

(OFF WAVERLEY RD
WHEELER'S HILL)

**JOIN
BUZZ
AND BEE
THERE!**



**FEATURING THE WAGGLE DANCE
WORLD RECORD CHALLENGE**

**TWO PRACTICES AND THE MAIN EVENT
BETWEEN 10.00AM AND 2.00PM**

**WAGGLE
DANCE
WORLD
RECORD
CHALLENGE
15 MAY 2021**



ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities; report any suspected harassment; and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment

