

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 3rd June [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 10th June [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 17th June [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 24th June [Kick off at 6.30]
Venue:	ZOOM	ZOOM	??????	FTG BOWLING CLUB
Program:	CLUB ASSEMBLY	Painting the Clouds with Sunshine	DOBSON WARD COUNCILLOR T B C	CHANGEOVER
Speaker:	N/A	Norma Seip	Meagan Baker	
Scribe	?	TBA	TBA	N/A
Partners' Night	Welcome	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Here's hoping that the so-called "Circuit Breaker"  
Lockdown is not extended again !!!  
and our Changeover can still proceed on  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June*

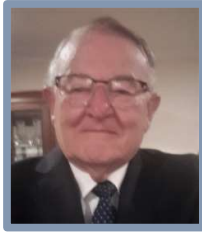
*THEME is -*



*Blues & Swing*

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None

## ***FROM THE PRESIDENT***



### **JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH**

By now I trust you have taken the time to read the results of our Monkey Survey that I forwarded to all members earlier in the week. In the answers there are many interesting thoughts that members have on the direction of the club. This week's meeting being a club assembly format I would like to devote the time we have to discuss the results and lock in the direction we need to take in the new Rotary year for our club. The results as presented have been transcribed into a compressed form from a very lengthy report provided by monkey survey and all members responses have been included.

I am starting to become concerned should the current restrictions being continued for our planned changeover dinner on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Another zoom changeover is something I'm personally not looking forward to, but if it has to be it will be, or we postpone it to another date with no restrictions in place.

The club's new Web Manager has been working through the learning curve of developing our Web page. Our weekly bulletin has now been posted. Paul W is endeavouring to have past bulletins as far back as 2011 posted also. We all need to thank Paul W for taking on the task of bringing our Web page up to date without any outside support at this stage.

On Monday evening four clubs from the Knox Cluster - Fern Tree Gully, Boronia, Knox and Rowville-Lysterfield meet with Foothills Community Care to review their proposal for an Op Shop in the Ferntree Gully Area. Clubs supported the need for Foothills to have a business that gives them an income stream that supports the work they do in our area. It has been established that \$65,000 would be needed to set the business up. The clubs agree that amount of money was beyond the reach for cluster clubs to raise. Two groups were formed, to investigate what seed funding is available and the process of applying for a grant and the other to draft the background information for a grant application. Applying for a seeding grant was seen to be the way for this project to get off the ground.

Graeme  
President 2020/2021



# THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 27th May 2021

*It appears that last week's scribe (who shall remain nameless!) was unaware that he was the designated scribe. (He apologised and threw himself on the mercy of the court.)*

*Thanks to President Graeme for supplying this short summary, from memory of the meeting.*

**Apologies:** received from Paul McAloney, Fran and Brian Mandergeddes.  
Gary Braddock joined us via zoom.

Bernadette Vanderwolde [Boronia Rotary Club President] accepted at short notice to be our Guest Speaker following the late withdrawal of local councillor Megan Baker.

Bernadette informed club members on what Boronia Rotary has been doing over the past twelve months. Like all Rotary clubs during lockdown, conducted their meetings via zoom. Members donated their dinner fees to a fund set up to donate to Info Link which they used to provide vouchers for the needy in Boronia.

They also provided funds to a number of Primary Schools in Boronia for school fees for those unable to pay and assist children to attend a school camp.

Fundraising has been difficult but managed to have their annual golf day which was very successful.

For their R100 project the club received approval from Knox Council to have a water fountain with dog bowl installed in a local Boronia park. The club will fund the purchase of the fountain with council funding the installation. "They have had more luck dealing with council than us".

The club has been able to grow its membership following a barrage of Facebook posts and a number of business targeted and invites sent to attend a meeting with lots of follow up received positive results. Given the year the club has had, she is pleased with what the club has achieved.

Given the uncertainty of the length of the lock down the planned theatre night at Stageworks to see 12 Angry Men will not be going ahead.

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**Reminder for our Soup Makers – Wednesday 9th June  
is Tomato Soup**

