

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 3rd September [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 10th September [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 17th September [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 24th September [Kick off at 6.30]
Venue:				
Program:	CLUB ASSEMBLY	Women in Information Technologies	"Club Runner" Program	Rotary Foundation
Speaker:	N/A	Anita Wadhwa	Peter Dalwood	Mark Anderson
Partners' Night	Welcome	Yes	Yes	Yes

## National Wattle Day – Tuesday 1 September

The first celebration of wattle day in more than one state on the same day took place, on 1 September in 1910 in NSW, Victoria and South Australia.

And then with the First World War (1914-1918) and the desire to sell wattle sprigs to raise money for the troops overseas and later for maimed soldiers and women and children's charities, the date was changed to 1 August in NSW and other dates elsewhere to coincide with the best flowering of their local wattles from July (Qld) to late September (South Australia).

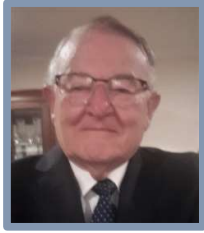
In 1992 as a unifying gesture for this particular celebration, the first day of spring - 1 September - was proclaimed by the Governor-General, Sir Ninian Stephen, to be Australia's National Wattle Day for everyone across Australia to celebrate at the same time.

This has yet to be celebrated as a national holiday.

Wattles have long had special meanings for Australians and in 1988 the Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*) was officially gazetted as Australia's national floral emblem.

<i>Birthdays:</i>	8th September – Ann Flemming
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



### SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

The storm that ripped through the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne last Thursday caused us to cancel due to power outages and no internet services. I lost power for one hour only while Christine and Allan lost theirs for 21 hours. How did the rest of our member's fair? I believe Bob has been able to reschedule our guest speaker who was to talk on Stroke Safe to later this month.

Christine, Fran and Allan completed a fantastic job last weekend in packing the Father's Day gifts our Club is providing to Foothills Community Care for distribution on Father's Day this Sunday and once again thankyou to those members who provided the soup for Ferntree Gully Community Kitchen.



Congratulations to the Club and Past President Allan on receiving an award from Rotary International. The Platinum Rotary Citation with Presidential Distinction was awarded to only five other clubs in the District also.

Other level awards can be seen in the latest edition of the Districts newsletter Open Doors.

STAY SAFE

Graeme Aspinall

President 2020/2021



# THE WEEK THAT WASN'T

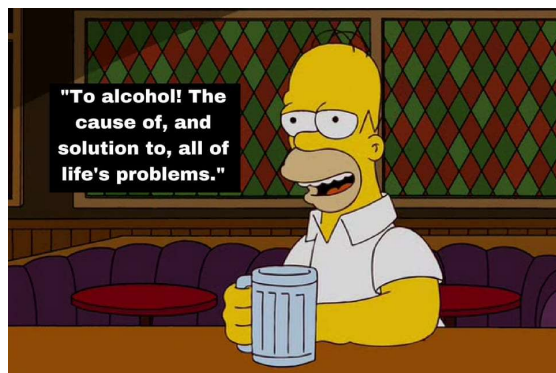
Thursday 27th August, 2020

*What a wild and windy night it was. Lights flickering, power on-power off, power on again (for us – only lost power for about 1 ½ - 2 hours). So out came the oil lamp and candles and a re-think about dinner, no oven but fortunately gas stovetop.*

*Sadly, some households are still without power a week later! Then to add insult to injury – we had to boil our water for a few days due to a failure at Sylvan Dam. Now we know what it feels like to live in a Third World Country!! Hopefully, this week will not see a repeat performance. (Although, at the time of writing, its blowing hard again)*



*From the Hurst's on the Hill.*



## DATES TO DIARISE

2020	Event
10-Sep	Women in Information Technologies - Anita Wadhwa
17-Sep	Club Runner Program - Peter Dalwood
24-Sep	Rotary Foundation - Mark Anderson
1-Oct	District Governor's Visit
8-Oct	Hat Day Lift the Lid for Australian Rotary Health
15-Oct	Volunteer for Knox - Sally Dusting-Laird
22-Oct	Stroke Safe Talk - Kevin English
29-Oct	East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid - Peter Sindrey
6-Nov	CLUB ASSEMBLY
12-Nov	Melbourne Cup - Oaks Day
	District event
	Club event



***"This week Great Aunt Ethel is concentrating on that slippery little sucker - the banana.***



Bet you didn't know there are many more uses for those yellow-skinned beauties than adding them to your Weeties!

(Or perhaps encouraging your significant other to put one foot down a deep hole and the other on a carefully prepared banana skin)

Girls, I think the tip I like best is the one that you can ask your beloved to help you test - by getting a big splinter in a finger and wrapping banana skin around it to see if that will allow for the easy removal of said wooden wonder!

Just thought it would be good to know girls!

### **Banana peels for gardening**

Many organic gardeners recommend putting banana peels to use in the garden, rather than wasting them. They suggest:

- adding them to soil as worm food
- mixing them with water to make plant fertilizer
- putting them under rose bushes as a deterrent to aphids
- using them to attract butterflies
- composting them

### **Banana peels for first aid**

- The antimicrobial, antioxidant, and anti-inflammatory properties in banana peels lead some proponents of folk medicine to suggest:
- pressing the peel against sunburn, poison ivy rash, or bug bite to provide relief from itch
- reducing headache pain by placing one frozen banana peel on your forehead and one frozen banana peel on the back of your neck
- placing a banana peel on a splinter in the skin for 15 minutes to help draw it to the surface

### **Banana peels for household cleaning**

- Instead of putting them directly into your trash or compost, many people have found household uses for banana peels, including using them to polish and brighten:
- houseplant leaves
- leather shoes
- silverware

*Great (of course!) Aunt Ethel.*