

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 10th February [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 17th February [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
Program:	Team Meeting	Guest Speaker	Guest Speaker	TBA
Speaker:		Angelique Edwards	Marlene Sinclair	
		Tamminya House	Junior Speech Competition	
	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	
Vote Of Thanks		John F	Christine A	
Scribe:		Alan T	Fran M	

### Future Diary Dates

Friday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Bunnings BBQ  
Sunday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Greek Picnic BBQ at Ferny Creek Reserve  
Sunday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Rotary Storm Relief Festival at Monbulk  
Saturday Mar 5<sup>th</sup> Knox Festival  
Friday Mar 11<sup>th</sup> Bunnings BBQ



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



## February Rotary International Theme is "Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution"

Hello Everyone,

Well good to be back in touch with you all. After my fall and hospital stay, I am back in action, learning to stay upright with a lot of nerve pain, (but hey only the good die young)

I hear that the guest speaker was very enlightening at last week's meeting, you will have to reads the scribes report, if like me you missed hearing Kevin Bridle's talk on Community Policing.

Graeme and Paul are trying to sort out the Bowls club Wi Fi problems so apologies to those that may have experienced difficulties trying to get on to the Hybrid Zoom last week.

This week's meeting is out first teams meeting for the year, agenda will be emailed out, several items for discussion, partners are also invited we value your support and ideas.

Take Care and Stay Safe

Graeme and Christine



## **Minutes of Weekly Meeting of 27 January, 2022**

*The meeting was opened at 6-30pm by President Graeme.*

*Present – in person – Graeme A, John F, Paul M, Paul W, Rob H, Alan T, Mike S, and a potential member, Graeme Harrison.*

*– online – Gary B, along with Brian and Fran M from Way Down South.*

### **Announcements:**

*He welcomed partners Kay M., Marg H. and Jill W, as well as the speaker, Leading Senior Constable Kevin Bridle, Crime Prevention Officer at the Knox Police station.*

### **Reports**

***Apologies:*** *Christine Anderson – in Knox Private Hospital for some testing. Alan will continue to keep us in touch with her progress.*

***Treasurer:*** *Brian M asked about the status of the \$5 weekly Administration contribution. It appears many members had not known what was required or had forgotten about it. Members are requested to either pay Graeme at the meeting (and he will accumulate the funds for later banking), or pay by direct transfer into the Admin account (that we pay our subs into).*

***Community :*** *We have had a request for more funds from the Foothills Community, and it was agreed to contribute \$500 and stay involved as needed, much as we have in the past. Christine was an apology, as mentioned above.*

***Fellowship : no report..***

***Youth:*** *Paul Wilson. RYLA – Covid19 has reared its ugly head again, and delayed this year's event until the June/July timeframe.*

***Foundation:*** *Mike forewarned that renewal of 2021/2022 Centurion donations in person would re-commence next meeting and full and part-payments of the AUS\$100 can be made to Mike, leading to a cut-off by 30 April. We did brilliantly last year, with eight club members becoming or remaining as Centurions – let's see if we can improve on that!*

*President Graeme closed the meeting at 7-30 pm, after which we had dinner in the dining room while having even more questions answered by the very interesting speaker.*

***Speaker - Leading Senior Constable Kevin Bridle, Crime Prevention Officer at the Knox Police station, on Community Policing***

*Kevin started his working life as a “chippy” carpenter, but has been a policeman for over 23 years. He lives in Ferntree Gully (and bought his house from Rob Hurst's brother Neville for \$55K (“Too much”, he said), in the days when the Hurst family ruled the FTG Residential Real Estate empire).*

*Kevin remarked that the FTG area is fairly average in terms of crime types and rates, with common forms being theft from cars and of tradie's trucks tools. Both tend to be opportunistic events, and would be much less if we did not leave valuables in view – and locked our vehicles!*

*Shop stealing mainly occurs at Knox S/C (but CCTV helps to allow later capture). Drink driving numbers are going down generally in the area.*

*THE BIG ISSUE! Family violence (FV) and mental health issues tend to take up to 80% of the seven or so members of Kevin's community policing team at the Knox police station – and, by the way, the car donated by Rotary is used often and usefully for community policing (Kevin drove it to the meeting, and Graeme got a photo as evidence!).*

*Family violence is headed by a unit at Croydon, and is not only about physical bashing but more about loss of power by the victim . The controlling attitudes and actions are worse and have longer-lasting effects than the physical violence we normally associate with FV. Police efforts now try to break the “cycle of power”, and recent changes to police powers have resulted in them finally being able to enter the house and engage with the parties to defuse the situation. They can now take the threat out of the house, and get counsellors to help all concerned – kids and adults alike need assistance to help change the very negative attitudes normally encountered, and often passed on down through the family. They also have to report every call-out now, so that ongoing situations can be tracked better.*

*Eight years ago, the government shut down the “Police in schools” program, but Kevin's team and others are starting to get it back in action, particularly in primary schools. Intervention with young people who are going off the rails is needed, and appreciated later by the recipients (Kevin gave an example of a message of thanks from an older Nick Cave who had been talked to at a critical time in his life by a caring policeman).*

*In many situations, the problem is “who do you believe?”. And social media is a big problem with that (while it provides good solid evidence of wrongdoing on one person's part, the danger is the breadth and speed of the allegations being loosely and/or maliciously proclaimed at someone else's expense.*

*Kevin answered many questions and stayed for dinner to chat with members (and in some cases help them with queries and contacts). He has promised to return on an annual basis if we wish – and we should take him up on that!*



*I'm impressed by what they do, and how they now do it – I believe they deserve our ongoing assistance where we can, and moral/financial support where appropriate ( PS - they will continue to use our “Rotary” car for a couple more years!)*

**Scribe- Mike Spark**



**Ferntree Gully Community Voice**

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Since its inception, Ferntree Gully Community Voice has strongly advocated the need to improve OUR VILLAGE.

Welcome to FTG signs adjacent to the cemetery on Forest Rd and on Station St near Victoria Street could make a huge difference.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

(Thanks to Erin Killingback for the graphics)



*Members will recall Graham Crichton (FTGully CFA) raised the matter of having notice boards at entry points of the FTGully Village to install pride in our village with our club recently. Graham published this article on facebook last week to seek public interest. What do members think.*



Photos of the Knox Community Policing vehicle which four of the Rotary Clubs in Knox provided funds for. Not seen in the area for many years.



# District Conference 2022

The theme behind this Conference will be

**HEALTHY WORLD and HEALTHY PEOPLE.**

and the theme for the gala Dinner

**'FAMOUS FAMILIES'**

*Please contact Colin with your costume ideas.*

*See the program and other relevant links at*

<https://dg9810for2021-22.org/conference-program/>

- at the Caulfield Racecourse on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
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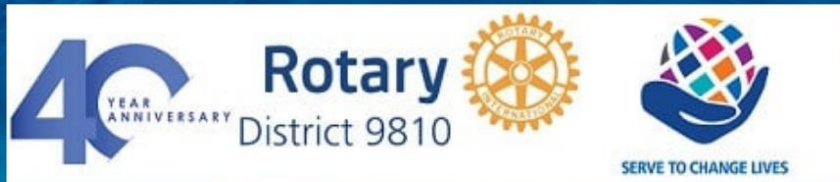


## February Milestones

*Wedding Anniversary: February 12<sup>th</sup> Paul & Jill Wilson*



*Volunteers are required for our next sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Friday February 11<sup>th</sup>. Four members are required for each shift 9.00 – 12.30pm or 12.30 – 4.00pm*



## Rotary Storm Recovery Festival



**SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2022**

**10.00am - 4.30pm**

Monbulk Recreation Reserve, Moore's Rd, Monbulk

*'A Time to Heal - A Time to Thank - A Time to Help'*

### **STALLS. AMUSEMENTS. FOOD. PLANTS. DISPLAYS.**

Food Stalls. Crafts and Gifts. Ice Cream. Coffee. Devonshire Teas. Live Music. Petting Zoo. Plant sales. Kids Zone. Amusements. CFA and SES Displays. Give-Aways.

**Proceeds Directed to Rotary Storm Recovery Projects.**

### **THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S FOUR CHALLENGES**

I would encourage all members to join in rising to meet the **FOUR CHALLENGES** I have posed for your Presidents and Clubs.

1. **CLUB EXCELLENCE** – How are YOU making YOUR club and its activities attractive to potential members and also retaining your current Rotarians?
2. **CLUB INNOVATION** – How are YOU building a culture of innovation and willingness to take safe risks in YOUR club?
3. **ROTARY FAMILY** – How is YOUR club maintaining, nurturing and extending our Rotary 'Family?'

**ROTARY SUPPORT** – Is YOUR club doing all it can to support the work of Rotary in YOUR community and the wider world?