

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May (6.00 for 6.30)	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May (6.00 for 6.30)	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May (6.00 for 6.30)
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	Eastwood Golf Club
Speaker	Ron Brooks	Linda Black	Brian Ashworth	
Program	Foreign Coins for UNICEF	Psychotherapist	Disaster Aid Australia	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner
Vote Of Thanks	Alan T	Graeme H	Rob D	
Scribe:	Martin H	Rob H	Gary B	



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## FRAN'S FAIRYTALES

Hello everyone,

A fascinating presentation last Thursday by Ray Peace about the history of the 1812 Theatre – a venue most of us know and love very well.

And what a history it was! Going back to its very beginnings and evolving over many years to become the icon it is today, and where so many have had the privilege of being a part of it, from appearing in their excellent productions, working behind the scenes or at front of house, and also as a member of the audience at many shows, whose loyalty and appreciation never waivers. Long may she stay in Rose Street – and thank you, Ray!

It was also lovely to have Rotarian Malcolm Chiverton attend our meeting, accompanied by visitor Karen and her 10 year old daughter, who, may I say, behaved impeccably and didn't fidget once! I hope we can welcome Karen (and Lily) many more times so she can get to know us and our involvement in the community.

*This (very early) morning, some of the Club were up with the birds and hosting our second Anzac Day ceremony at the FTG Quarry Reserve, jointly with our local CFA Brigade. Whilst it was of course still pitch dark, the weather was kind and stayed mild and dry.*

*Just as it was last year, the ceremony was carried out without any real hitch or hiccup, thanks to the brilliant members of our Club who took its management on with great pride, the ever-ready members of the CFA, other volunteers from many different service organizations and schools, the presenters, technicians, the fine bugler, and of course the members of the public who joined us in this very special annual memoriam to remember those to whom we owe our freedom.*

I encourage all club members to take part in this important event-every year - you will not regret it.

And finally, a quick word about our Knox Nocturnals Youth project. Please get involved with this vitally important task that is being undertaken to help improve the lives and futures of our local young people. You will find there is something you can do to help, no matter how small you may view your job. ALL tasks are vital to the project, so please contact Christine and put your name down to help. Show the members of other clubs in our cluster who have put THEIR hands up to help just how committed FTG is to ensure it is a rounding success.

Have a good week.

Fran



*Estimated crowd 800-900*

## **Rotary - Minutes of Weekly Meeting of 20 April, 2023**

The meeting was opened at 6-35pm by President Fran.

Present in person – Gary Braddock, Brian Mandergeddes, Christine Anderson, Graeme Aspinall, Graeme Harrison, Martin Howard, Rob Hurst, Mike Spark, Alan Tierney, Rob Dawson and Paul Wilson.

Present on Zoom – Fran Mandergeddes.

Guests – Joan Howard, Malcolm Chiverton along with potential member Karen (?) and daughter Lily

Speaker – Ray Peace (Knox Historical Society), again.

Apologies – Rosie Murray and John Flemming

### **Announcements:**

The President welcomed Joan and Malcolm C (District 9810) as well as the **Speaker** – Ray Peace (of the Knox Historical Society) who started his presentation about the **History of the 1812 Theatre** with some interesting events and changes since the Theatre was established in Rowville on the corner of Kelletts Road and Napoleon Road (hence the 1812 name) in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The original hall venue was totally destroyed by fire, and the society literally arose from the ashes with no assets but willing members. After a few years, they were able to buy the current building and turn it into a proper theatre – and later on, buy the Bakery next door and integrate that into the existing 2-theatre complex of which we are regular audience members.

The society was run by a couple of strong artistic people in the early years and went from strength to strength, currently being a rare organisation that owns its own venue and has a large membership list.

Programmes are many and varied, and particularly good at comedy (in my experience, anyway), but also excellent in the dramatic areas.

Ray (as usual) presented his research very well and held our interest completely. He gave us many valuable insights into the diverse (and at times incendiary) relationships of the major players throughout the 1812's history, and answered questions after his talk and over dinner after the meeting

### **Reports**

**Treasurer:** Financial reports were sent out to assist us in planning for our upcoming budget requirements/requests.

The Bunnings sizzle gave a profit of \$976.72 – the impact of the recent increased price is showing!

**Community :** Christine advised members to attend a briefing at the Anzac Day site at 5-30 so that we can direct people to the 6am of the ceremony (wear your Rotary gear, please). 7 Rovers will also be assisting our work. Breakfast will be served at the CFA after the ceremony.

An update was given on the Knox Nocturnals project with many meetings in progress as to what support groups are needed and who will *man* them (or should that be *woman*? (癔)).

On 6 May at 11am, the Salvos will open their 24/7 food pantry to help the needy in the community (Rosie is still overseas).

Specifications/photos are needed for the planned street libraries to allow the Men's Shed to make them for us.

**Fellowship :** Graeme A suggested that we have another FTG Thai night, after our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday bash at Eastwood Golf Club is done and dusted. There was general agreement, and Graeme will make a booking and advise us later.

**Fund-raising :** Graeme A advised the 14 April Bunnings sausage sizzle made a profit of \$976.72 – great going, all!.

**Youth:** Paul Wilson handed the baton to Malcolm C who gave an overview of the current Rotary Youth programs, and introduced Karen to the members as a potential member (Lily is her 10yo daughter)

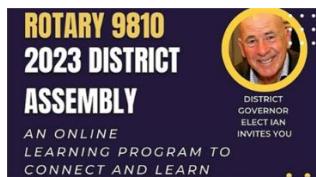
Members are reminded that we need a RYLA participant, or sponsor a Leader if we cannot find a suitable club candidate.

**Foundation:** The final Centurion contribution will occur next week and we can then wrap up this year's collection effort with a 100%+ result. Let Mike know if you need another plastic \$2 collection tube to start your 2023/2024 savings efforts.

President Fran closed the meeting at 7-35 pm, after which we had dinner in the dining room with more questions being answered by Ray Peace, the speaker.

**Scribe- Mike Spark 25/4/2023**





Registrations are open for **President Elect / President nominees** for:

- **Session 1:** Sunday 7th May - 9:30am- 12:00pm - President Elect 2023-24 with DGE Ian
- **Session 2:** Sunday 7th May - 5:30 - 6:30pm - President Nominee 2024-25 with DGN Colin
- **Session 3:** Monday 8th May > 5:30 - 6:30pm - The role the Club Secretary
- **Session 4:** Monday 8th May > 7:00 - 8:00pm - Insurance, Code of Conduct and Youth
- **Session 5:** Wednesday 10th May > 5:30 - 6:30pm - The role the Club Treasurer
- **Session 6:** Wednesday 10th May > 7:00 - 8:00pm - Public image and marketing
- **Session 7:** Thursday 11th May > 5:30 - 6:30pm - Community
- **Session 8:** Thursday 11th May > 7:00 - 8:00pm - Leading and Learning
- **Session 9:** Friday 12th May > 5:30 - 6:30pm - Foundation & International Service
- **Session 10:** Friday 12th May > 7:00 - 8:00pm - Engaging our youth
- **Session 11:** Saturday 13th May > 9:30 - 10:30am - New member session
- **Session 12:** Saturday 13th May > 11am - 12pm - Membership matters
- We welcome everyone to register for any of the remaining sessions
- You attend as many sessions as you wish.
- To register in a session -
  - Select the date and time of the session - complete the registration for each session.
- Here is the direct link: <https://events.humanitix.com/rotary-district-9810-district-assembly-2023>



District Governor Ken Miller together with District Governor Elect Ian Ballantine Request the pleasure of the company of All District 9810 Rotarians, Partners, Rotaractors and Friends at the 2023 District Changeover Dinner

Venue: Southern Golf Club, Lower Dandenong Road, Keysborough

Saturday 1st July 2023 6:30pm for 7pm start

Bookings must close 12 noon, Wednesday 21st June, 2023

Enquiries: Linda O'Brien 0419 530 719 or nimrod117@hotmail.com

Cost: \$73/person

Drinks: At bar prices

Dress: formal or semi formal

*An invitation has been received from the Waverley Country Club to attend a short presentation on Retirement living, an introduction of the village and a tour if anyone is interested in having a look around.*

*A light lunch will be provided also.*



**Waverley Country Club**  
invites  
**The Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully**  
**To a light lunch and Tour**

We welcome you to join us for a Community Connect Event.  
There will be a short presentation followed by a light lunch (tour optional)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May - 1pm**

RSVP: Donna Pignolet  
[donna.pignolet@lendlease.com](mailto:donna.pignolet@lendlease.com) or 0427 205 299  
By 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Village Address 60 Bergins Road Rowville VIC 3178**  
[www.retirementbylendlease.com.au](http://www.retirementbylendlease.com.au)



To: Fran Mandergeddes

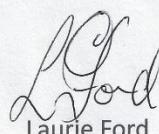
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President

Rotary club of Fern tree gully

Donation of Bunnings warehouse gift cards

The members of the Gully mens shed would like to thank the Rotary Club for this very generous donation. This money will help us to carry on with our work helping the community. Although a lot of our work materials are supplied by our customers the small things like screws, bolts and nuts, sandpaper we have to supply and can be quite expensive when totalled up on a yearly basis and this will make it a lot easier to cover some of these costs.

  
Laurie Ford

President

The Gully Mens Shed