

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February (6.00 for 6.30)	Thursday 16th February (6.00 for 6.30)	Thursday 23rd February (6.00 for 6.30)
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG bowls Club
Speaker		Dennis Johnston	Ord Minnett	TBA
Program	PLANNING FOR 2023	Australian Air League	Stock Market & Economic Update	
Vote Of Thanks		Paul W	Alan T	
Scribe:	Graeme H	John F	Mike S	





## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### **FRAN'S FANFARE!**

Hello everyone,

I hope you and your families are all well and enjoying the burst of summer weather we are finally having.

**My very warm congratulations and thanks are due to both Gary and Brian for putting their hands up to take on the President's role for the coming Rotary year, beginning on 1 July 2023!**

**It promises to be a very fruitful and enjoyable year, with lots of possibilities and things to look forward to from new faces and ideas in the role and I look forward to growing my Rotary knowledge and experience during their tenure.**

**And grateful thanks to Martin, Mike and John for agreeing to take on the critical subject of increasing membership of our club. Further action and success on this issue is vital, so I do hope that all members will get behind the team, who I am sure will give us insights, suggestions and recommendations to guide us towards success.**

To start the ball rolling, I believe it is imperative that a special meeting be called by the team - whether in person or on Zoom – where the subject is the sole topic of discussion and it is given sufficient time to consider the information, proposed action and planning, and perhaps roles members may be asked to undertake, either singly or jointly with another or others.

To that end, I am asking the team to decide on and promote a date, etc. for that meeting, by

which time you may all have had time to read and digest Martin's notes and recommendations in his handouts.

**And how lovely it was last week to see our old friend Rob Dawson put up his hand to re-join our Club again – welcome back Rob – and we look forward to your participation again in club activities and projects – and, of course, wonderful friendship and fun!**

*And just a quick reminder – if anyone wishes to attend the Leadership Seminar on 4 & 5 February in Pakenham, **remember that bookings close TONIGHT.***

**And finally, I wish you all a very happy Australia Day tomorrow, wherever you may be and whatever you decide to do on this very special day.**

Warm regards,  
Fran

### **February Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Graeme Aspinall Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Martin & Joan Howard Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Paul & Jill Wilson Feb 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Congratulations to the above**



**Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be held on Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Volunteers will be sought at this week's meeting'**

## THE WEEK THAT WAS

Meeting 19.1.2023

Present Graeme A, Christine A, Alan T, Mike S, John F, Gary B, Rob H, Paul W, Martin H

Zoom Fran & Brian M

Apologies Graeme H, Rosie

Visitors Trish Carr & Les Martin, Rod Dawson

Fran opened the meeting and welcomed Rotarians and guests at 6.30pm.

Brian gave an update on the club's finances, detailing recent expenditures and incomes.

Fran outlined possible outcomes if we don't have a President Elect for 2023-2024. Gary Braddock and Brian Mandergeddes came forward to be Co-Presidents for the coming Rotary Year.

Reports:

Membership - Rob Dawson advised he wishes to re-join the club. Martin, Mike and John agreed to form a membership committee to establish strategies to grow the club. Martin distributed a Summary of proposal for the membership project to all members along with a SWOT Analysis for members to complete.

Community: The club has withdrawn its application to participate at this year's Knox

Festival due to the number of members attending District Conference. A planning meeting will be held on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> for this year's Anzac Day Dawn Service.

Empowering Communities Grant Application, a meeting will be held with Knox Council to review our application with more detail and costings required.

Foothills Community Care A thankyou letter has been received for our Christmas effort. The club will continue to provide soup and slices throughout the year. The club to review its involvement for Mother's Day and Father's Day and donation funding.

Youth: Paul will be attending a youth leadership training program hosted by District 9820 on Feb 4-5<sup>th</sup>. More club members encouraged to attend. Martin to confirm his attendance with Gary to attend to the District Youth Seminar at the Mulgrave Country Club, Paul and Christine will be attending also.

Our meeting will be cancelled on March 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the number attending District Conference.

Additional club Polo shirts need to be purchased for partners.

Meeting closed 7.25pm

Scribe Graeme A.

### Future Date

February 13<sup>th</sup> Greek Picnic

March 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> District Conference - Canberra

March 10<sup>th</sup> Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Vintage Bikes, Breakfast and BBQ

April 25<sup>th</sup> Anzac Dawn Service

May 16<sup>th</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Isn't it time to look a Rotary  
a little differently*





Good afternoon, Graeme,

I am reaching out to you, as you are the nominated community contact for the Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully in the Ferntree Gully News.

I work for Lendlease Retirement Living based at Waterford Valley Lake Retirement Village in Rowville.

I am organising some Community Connect events at the Village which involves hosting a group at the village for a morning or afternoon tea and a short presentation on Retirement Living, an introduction of the village and a tour if anyone is interested in having a look around.

Once the session is completed, we present your group with a \$500 Gift Card which your group can use or donate to a charity as you see fit, as a thank you for sharing your time with us.

If this is something your group might be interested in attending, I would love to hear back from you. Please find attached an introduction letter for you to read through and discuss with the committee, I've also included and some village information.

We would love to host your group in March if your group are available and interested, if not I thank you for taking the time to read through this anyway.

The dates and times we have available at this stage in March are: -

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm or 2pm**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 10am**

I look forward to hearing back from you and please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

**Kind regards,**

**Donna Pignolet**

Sales Associate

Lendlease Retirement Living

#### Thankyou letter received from Foothills Community Care

Hi Christine,

We hope you have had a good start to 2023.

Thank you once again for your great support of us through our recent 21st annual Ferntree Gully Christmas lunch with two sittings on Christmas eve. That's 21 years in a row throwing this party for our local community!

Your support enabled the day, and our Christmas support of so many throughout the period, to make a significant difference in the lives of many.

It was a great day of hosting 280+ people celebrating Christmas and community together, especially for those who would normally miss out and especially given how difficult the past couple of years have been.

Thanks to everyone who came, volunteered, donated and supported this in so many ways.

Once again, we are really honoured to have such great local community support. We truly value our local connections and partnerships as locals support locals.

We have put together a short video to share some highlights of our day. We hope it puts a smile on your face like it did to so many on the day.

You can view it on our YouTube channel [here](#) or via our Facebook page [here](#)

We have also included a Certificate of Appreciation for you as a small way of acknowledging your support for making this time so special.

Thanks again for your great support. It means a lot in these uncertain times.

Over the past few years, we have seen our support to people in our community skyrocket, firstly due to covid restrictions and more recently due to the high cost of living increases. Like many, we are uncertain what this year will bring, but we are prepared again to support our community through our meals and other support programs. Last year alone we distributed 35,000+ meals to locals needing an extra hand up.

If you would like to hear more about any of our work or how to be more involved, please contact us.

Warm regards,

Steve Barrington