

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

| Date & Time: | Thursday 4 th May [6.00 for 6.30] | Thursday 11 th May (6.00 for 6.30) | Tuesday 16 th May (6.00 for 6.30) | Thursday 25 th May (6.00 for 6.30) |
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| Venue: | FTG Bowls Club | FTG Bowls Club | Eastwood Golf Club | |
| Speaker | Linda Black | Brian Ashworth | | |
| Program | Psychotherapist | Disaster Aid Australia | 60 th Anniversary Dinner | |
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| Vote Of Thanks | Graeme H | Rob D | | |
| Scribe: | Rob H | Gary B | | |





FRAN'S FAIRYTALES

What a great idea for recycling foreign coins and notes to assist Unicef.
I remember when Quanta used to walk up and down the plane aisle asking for them just as we were about to land.

No effort really on our part except rummaging in drawers and cupboards to recover those strange coins we had forgotten all about for years.

So a volunteer please to take charge of these precious gifts!

And don't forget the grand opening on Saturday of the Salvos' pantry . Let's show our ongoing support for this important service.

And please let Rosie know if anyone can help on a regular basis to keep it going!

I'm away this week so see you next time!

Fran

The Week That Was

Meeting of 27 April 2023

Meeting was opened at 6.30 pm by President, Fran Mandergheddes

Present:

On-line - President Fran Mandergheddes, and Brian Mandergheddes

At Bowling Club - Christine Anderson, Graeme Aspinall, Gary Braddock, Rob Dawson, John Flemming, Martin Howard, Robert Hurst, Mike Spark, Allan Tierney, Paul Wilson

Guest – Joan Howard

Apologies: Graeme Harrison, Rosie Massey

Toast

President Fran proposed the toast to Rotary and Australia.

Guest speaker

Then President Fran welcomed our guest speaker for the evening, Ron Brooks, a long-term member of Forest Hill Rotary Club, to speak on coins for UNICEF.

This was a most interesting, stimulating and inspiring talk by Ron, who used excellent techniques to make his points (such as using word-pictures like “a wheelbarrow full of coins” and the value of “a coffee jar full of coins”). He has been instrumental in following through on the practice he became aware of, during a Qantas flight in 2015, of many airlines in collecting travellers’ unused foreign coins to donate to UNICEF. Their slogan was “Coins for Good”. Because our local banks will not change coins to Australia currency, travellers are often left with coins of no use to them.

With the support of the then D.G. and subsequent Rotary District Governors in District 9810, Ron set about getting Rotary clubs involved in collecting coins – any coins from anywhere!

Some of the key information provided by Ron:

- UNICEF, established in 1946 in the aftermath of World War 2 (and now known as the “United Nations Children’s Fund”) helps children in 190 countries in their health, nutrition, education and their protection.
- UNICEF wants to “give every child a future”.
- UNICEF’s goals have been seen as a “perfect match” with the values and practices of Rotary. UNICEF is necessarily very selective regarding any partnerships with other organisations as it has to protect its name and reputation. Rotary meets their requirements very well, to mutual benefit.
- Funds collected are sent to Change Global Exchange in Sydney, a firm that specialises in the exchange of foreign coins and bank notes and they are there sorted, valued and exchanged for the Australian currency to be sent on to UNICEF.

- Over half a tonne of coins has been sent by Rotary for this processing, valued at over \$21,000 at no cost to Rotary.
- This process is EASY but of great value. Ron had a simple idea and has achieved great results.
- Contributors include clubs, churches, Bendigo Bank.
- Bendigo Bank have supplied collecting boxes for mounting in some banks – with Rotary's name shown.
- It would be great if this (FTG) and every club could have a "champion" for this project.
- Notes are very acceptable too – not just coins!
- Coins come in all shapes, sizes, edges and designs.

Vote of thanks to Guest speaker

Allan Tierney proposed the vote of thanks, supported enthusiastically by members.

The business meeting then covered the following:

1. President Fran reminded all present of the value of attending the coming District Assembly.
2. Graeme Aspinall advised that the matter of arranging any invitees to the 60th anniversary dinner was in hand.
3. Scribe – President Fran advised that if nominated scribe was unable to be at a meeting then it is that person's responsibility to arrange another member to act in the role.
4. President Fran advised that it is proposed to set up a roster for set-up meeting room for meetings and clear up after.
5. Treasurer – no report.
6. Community – Christine reported:

- on great success of the Anzac Day dawn service at FTG Quarry. Estimated 1200 attendees, including about 7 Rotary members. She emphasised that much detailed organisation was necessary behind the scenes, demanding great effort by the few members involved. Christine called for greater support for such a future event and asked members to decide whether they wished to continue Rotary's participation next year (with partners such as CFA in FTG). There seemed to be a desire to continue but no final decision was made.

- on progress of the Knox Nocturnals project. She expressed concern that no members had yet responded to indicate a wish to contribute to the schedule of tasks outlined in the material sent to members, reminding members that they had endorsed the club's involvement in the project and procuring of very substantial funding (over \$110,000). Much was at stake. Members were asked to contact Christine about how they would contribute.

7. Youth – Paul reported:

- Sam, attendee at RYLA Oceania, is very busy – he is to advise us when he would like to be guest speaker at the club, possibly in June.
- Schools are finding it harder to accommodate Rotary youth programs owing to pressures upon staffs.
- Fairhills are not confirming their situation yet.
- The club is yet to identify a suitable nominee to attend RYLA. Rovers were again mentioned as a possible source of a good candidate.

8. Fund raising – Graeme Aspinall reported that the 24/7 Food Pantry will have a meeting 11 am 6 May. It was agreed by members that the club should donate \$500, or goods of that value, from project funds to support the pantry.

9. Membership – Gary Braddock reported:

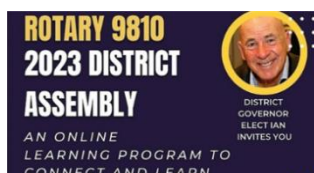
- having contacted two people from Le Pine but awaits reply.
- having raised with Knox City Council the possibility of having a presence at citizenship ceremonies, but the Council could not agree to this idea, at least at this time.

President Fran commended Gary for this excellent initiative and suggested we try again at a future date.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm



Our next Bunnings Fundraiser will be on Friday May 11th. Four volunteers are sought for each of the two shifts we have available. 9.00 – 12.30pm or 12.30 – 4.00pm.



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 19th May - 1pm

RSVP: Donna Pignolet
donna.pignolet@lendlease.com or 0427 205 299
By 17th May 2023

Village Address 60 Bergins Road Rowville VIC 3178
www.retirementbylendlease.com.au

Lendlease is currently supporting the Australian Government's vaccination program. The safety of our guests, speakers, residents and staff is our top priority. To enhance the safety of everyone in attendance at our face-to-face events in our community centres, we strongly encourage everyone to have 'up-to-date' vaccinations (COVID-19 vaccine booster in addition to the primary course of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine).

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**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
AVAILABLE 24/7**

The Salvation Army FTG invites you to the launch of the Community Food Pantry on
Saturday 6th May 2023 at 11.30 am.

The launch will be held at The Salvation Army premises at 37 Wattletree Road, Ferntree Gully, 3156.

The pantry will be stocked daily with grocery items generously donated by members of the local community. The pantry is located outside the door at the rear of the building and is accessible 24/7 to provide food for those who may be homeless and others in need within this community.

If you are able to attend please RSVP: Wilma.gallet@salvationarmy.org.au

The FTG Salvation Army acknowledges the support of Knox Council, FTG Rotary, and Bunnings Scoresby as well as members of the local community.

With grateful thanks