

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 16th March (6.00 for 6.30)	Thursday 23rd March (6.00 for 6.30)	Thursday 30th March (6.00 for 6.30)
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
Speaker			Jacqueline Coyle	Daryl Bristowe
Program	No Meeting	District Conference Report	Hearing Testing	Appreciation for Military Service
Vote Of Thanks			Rob D	Rob H
Scribe:		Graeme A	Graeme H	Christine A





A very successful District 9810 Conference was held in Canberra last weekend March 3-5<sup>th</sup> with the theme Diversity, Inclusion and Equity, this set the theme for many of the guest speakers who spoke on various aspects of these issues.

#### **Keynote Speakers:**

**Domenic Saporito** from Mentor Match, who founded the organisation to help students and career changers with employability. Mentor Match partnered with Rotary and was selected by the Victorian Government to help the underprivileged gain access to employment.

**Rob Evans** is a global entrepreneur, investor, Weight Loss Coach, Health Strategist, Author and Podcast Host in 62 countries. He is also widely recognised and trusted as an authority in the health and fitness area.

**Dr Dinesh Papipana** who as a young boy migrated to Australia from Bangladesh and the car accident that impacted his life and made him the person he is today. Dinesh was the first quadriplegic medical intern in Queensland. Dinesh is a doctor, lawyer, disability advocate and researcher.

**Frida Umuhzoza**, author of “Chosen to Die, Destined to Live”. Frida was a survivor of the 1994 Rwanda Genocide against the Tutsis. She was only 14 years old her entire family was killed and she was buried alive along with 15 members of her family. Frida shared her story of a miraculous survival, God’s grace, power of healing and resilience.

**Grant Godino**, President of the Rotary LGBT+Fellowship spoke on challenges of the LGBT community in Rotary.

**Professor Brett Sutton**, Victoria’s Chief Health Officer spoke on his extensive experience and clinical expertise in public health and communicable diseases, gained through emergency medicine and field-based international work and his dealing with the covid outbreak.

**Peta Searle OAM**, appointed as the development coach for the St Kilda Football Club in 2004 spoke of the challenges she faced as a woman in AFL Football

The highlight of a conference is the Saturday Night function. We gathered in the Great Hall of the new Parliament House for fine food and entertainment. The theme “Through the Ages” inspired many wonderful costumes. Except for myself, John and Ann our group dressed as hippies.

Next year the conference will be held in Warrnambool.

## Conference Highlights

