

Pictured: Ambleside Homestead, FTG

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 27th October [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November (6.00 for 6.30)	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November (6.00 for 6.30)	Thursday 17th November (6.00 for 6.30)
Venue:	FEAST MIDDLE PUB	FTG BOWLS CLUB	FTG BOWLS CLUB	FTG BOWLS CLUB
&Program	SOCIAL NIGHT	TEAM MEETING	HISTORY OF AUDIO RECORDING	HOME SEC FINANCE
Speaker:	N/A	N/A	Les Marton	Paul Stone
Vote Of Thanks	N/A	N/A	Martin. H	John. F
Scribe:	N/A	Graeme. H	Graeme. A	Martin. H

<i>Birthdays:</i>	Robert Hurst – 3 November
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	Graeme and Sue Harrison 29 <sup>th</sup> October
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

*Hello everyone,*

*It certainly was an eye-opener listening to our Guest Speake, Tony Stokes, talks about the prevalence of and often subtle ways in which people can be enslaved in some way.*

*A terrible blight on humans indeed.*

*Tony encouraged us all to be continually aware of the often seemingly innocent behaviours we notice that just somehow don't seem right, In fact, if a person's behaviour to another just doesn't seem right in our society, it may well be that it is hiding a malevolent intent.*

*It is with sadness I advise that Gary called me and advised that Nadia's mother passed away last week. On behalf of the Club, we send to them and the family our sincerest condolences for their loss. Although it is the natural order of things, it is always a very hard cross to bear, with memories flooding back, the "what ifs" that inevitably haunt us, and the heartache of grief.*

*Regarding my error at last week's meeting, when I stated that the "Bins for Blokes" effort would be starting, I apologise for my lack of understanding that any project has to be submitted to members for approval prior to undertaking it.*

*I am acutely aware that my knowledge of protocol and "the right thing to do" in many club matters is sorely lacking. I'm afraid it is a matter of "mending fences" as I go along – not meant to occur deliberately, but purely from ignorance of protocol. I therefore would be most grateful if any blunders I make could be mentioned to me privately. I shall then be certainly very happy to "put things right," as quickly as possible – and apologise to members as often as necessary.*

*In fact perhaps a better way of handling these matters might be for me to circulate my meeting Agenda to all prior to the event, which hopefully might give you advance notice of any issues you feel might need to be considered before I open my mouth and put both feet in it! Rest assured; I would be happy to be "saved from myself!"*

*Enjoy your night out on Thursday!*

*Fran.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022	Social night middle pub FTG	
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022	Bunnings BBQ	
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2022	Melb Cup Day at Mike & Wendy Sparks place	
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	Rail & Sail	
<u>17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022</u>	<u>Annual General Meeting</u>	
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	FTG Community Fair	Running BBQ
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	Rotary Youth Leadership Award	
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	Knox Historical Society	Running BBQ
3-5 Mar 2023	District Conference in Canberra	
25 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2023	Anzac Dawn Service at Quarry Reserve	

## THE WEEK THAT WAS

President Fran opened the meeting at 6.30 pm. She welcomed our speaker Tony Stokes, Joan Howard, and members.

Apologies-Paul Wilson, Graeme Aspinall, Garry Braddock, and Rosie

Fran handed over to Tony for his presentation on RAGAS (Rotary Against Slavery). Tony indicated that he and his wife are members of the Box Hill Rotary Club, that he is a committee member of RAGAS and that he wanted the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully to join the fight against slavery. He said that the Australian Government is committed to fighting slavery which he said broadly was the ownership of a person by others. He said that the fight was his passion.

Tony illustrated his talk with slides which detailed the points that he was making and explained that practices such as control of movement, forced labour, forced marriage, and usurp of one's freedom by another for financial gain were all areas of slavery. He indicated that it was estimated that in 2018 there were 46.3 million such cases and that it had increased in subsequent years. Each four seconds, he said, someone is taken into slavery, and it is a \$150 billion industry and growing. He said that since the Ukraine war the figure could be 50 million and that it was happening in Australia. In Australia, forced marriage is one area of concern and the target is to end it by 2035. Child labour is another area of concern, and the target is to end it by 2025

Rotary said Tony sees slavery as a human rights issue and endorsed RAGAS in 2013 following a resolution recognising the problem and requesting clubs to act. RAGAS is now active in sixty-fives areas using talks, social media, and newsletters to draw attention to the situation. It will also have a presence at the 2023 Melbourne conference

He said that RAGAS has sponsored sixteen projects in seven countries (Australia being one) and has spent \$ 80,000 in the past six years striving to ensure that future generations do not suffer slavery. Tony said that Australia has a modern slavery Act but emphasised that our acting could make a difference.

Members asked several questions before Fran and Allan moved a vote of thanks.

John Flemming



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## Rail and Sail - Sunday 6th November 2022

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These options are set out in more detail below.

### 1. Rail First from Melbourne, Southern Cross to Geelong and Return by Sail to Melbourne, Docklands (Rail First)

This option starts off with our Heritage Steam Train departing from Melbourne's Southern Cross Station at **10:40am**. The train is scheduled to arrive in Geelong at 12:00pm.

You will then have time to explore Geelong and the Waterfront, before making your way to Steampacket Pier (near Cunningham Pier) for the scheduled 4:00pm sailing of the 'Geelong Flyer'.

Finish the afternoon off enjoying the homeward journey across Port Phillip Bay and then up the Yarra River for an arrival at approximately 5:30pm. Once again, a contrasting style to the morning's Rail journey.

### 2. Rail from Melbourne, Southern Cross to Geelong and Return to Melbourne, Southern Cross (Rail Only)

This option provides a return rail journey from Melbourne's Southern Cross Station through to the coastal city of Geelong.

The forward journey gets underway with a **10:40am** departure from Melbourne and an expected arrival time in Geelong of 12:10pm.

You then have close to four hours to explore Geelong and its magnificent waterfront.

In the afternoon the return journey will commence with a 3:50pm departure from Geelong and an arrival back in Melbourne at 5:10pm.

### 3. Sail First from Melbourne, Docklands to Geelong and Return by Rail to Melbourne, Southern Cross (Sail First)



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