

Pictured: Ambleside Homestead, FTG

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

| Date & Time: | Thursday 3 RD Novenver [6.00 for 6.30] | Thursday 10th November (6.00 for 6.30) | Thursday 17th November (6.00 for 6.30) | Thursday 24th November (6.00 for 6.30) |
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| Venue: | FTG BOWLS CLUB | FTG BOWLS CLUB | FTG BOWLS CLUB | FTG BOWLS CLUB |
| &Program | TEAM MEETING | THE HISTORY OF AUDIO RECORDING | HOME SEC FINANCE | KNOX HISTORICAL SOCIETY |
| Speaker: | N/A | Les Marton | Paul Stone | Ray Pearce |
| Vote Of Thanks | N/A | Martin. H | John. F | Graeme. A |
| Scribe: | Graeme. H g. | Graeme A | Martin. H | Mike. S |

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| <i>Birthdays:</i> | Robert Hurst – 5 November I apologise Marg, I didn't have my glasses on. |
| <i>Anniversaries:</i> | None |
| <i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i> | None |



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Frans Fairy tales

I hope all members, partners and friends had a thoroughly fabulous meal together last Thursday evening; and commiserated each other about the weather over a few (!) drinks today and - perhaps backed a winner or two to make you feel better!

On Thursday Bri and I will “zoom in” (on our invisible broomstick!) for the Team meeting.

If anyone has anything they would like to bring up and discuss, please let me know in advance and I'll add it to the agenda.

At this stage the only issue I want to open for a decision is my desire to start the “Bins for Blokes” project. My initial contact will be through our Ward Councillor, Meagan Baker, with an invitation to join as our partner, thus becoming an innovator to get this ball rolling with a view to improving public facilities for our menfolk.

I hope you will support what I consider an important effort to improve the life of the men who need this kind of support.

Fran

UPCOMING EVENTS

6th Nov 2022

Rail & Sail

17th Nov 2022

Annual General Meeting

26th Nov 2022

FTG Community Fair

Running BBQ

4TH Dec 2022

Rotary Youth Leadership Award

10th Dec 2022

Knox Historical Society

Running BBQ

3-5 Mar 2023

District Conference in Canberra

25th Apr 2023

Anzac Dawn Service at Quarry Reserve

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Instead of our normal meeting at the bowls club, we had a social night at the middle pub in Ferntree Gully which they call “The Feast.” The food was excellent especially those fat juicy prawns, which they kept replenishing. The hotel put on a Halloween theme which added some flavour to the night. What with the great company, good food, and a very reasonable price for the wine, it turned out to be a very good night.



MELBOURNE CUP DAY

Fabulous fun was had at Mike and Wendy's for the cup. The girls did very well with both the catering and winning the sweeps, Christine winning the \$5.00 sweep, and Kay winning the \$2.00 sweep. We would like to thank Mike and Wendy for opening their house for us all, and a special thank you to Wendy and Sue for organising the event.



Just relaxing and enjoying each other's company.

Wendy took over organising the sweep when it was revealed that the women didn't have their name against a horse!



And the race has begun.



Marg obviously decided to limit her drinking to one small gold cup!



A tiring day for Jill and Bella.



Getting the most out of your Rotary membership

I HAVE been speaking a lot lately with club and district leaders about the importance of member engagement. Engaged members are at the heart of who we are and what we do, and they're key to delivering Rotary's impact.

Yet I'm very aware that member engagement is a two-way street. It's not simply the responsibility of leaders; members also have a role to get involved and engaged with Rotary. There are a host of things that individual members can do to ensure they are getting the most out of their Rotary membership. Here are my six top tips:

- 1. Find the projects that float your boat** – Rotary is full of the most amazing projects – from building playgrounds, to saving the world's children from polio. Find the project that floats your boat and get involved. Help others get involved, too.
- 2. Visit another Rotary club** – Rotary clubs are everywhere and each one is different. Visit another club; bring back new ideas to your club. Most importantly, remember that you are welcome at any other Rotary club around the world.
- 3. Share your ideas** – No matter how long we've been part of Rotary, we're constantly on the lookout for new ideas for service, new strategies for growth. Share your ideas with other members; bring your experience to the fore and make a difference in your club.
- 4. Say "Yes"** – Rotary is like so many things; the more you put in, the more you get out in return. Saying "Yes" opens so many opportunities, not only to giving back to your community, but also to developing your skills and making friends and associates for life.
- 5. Have fun** – Even the most dedicated Rotarian wants to have fun. Participate in your club's social activities, join a Rotary fellowship, or participate in a Rotary friendship exchange.
- 6. Wear your Rotary pin** – Rotary is an amazing organisation, and we've been making a difference in communities for more than 100 years. Our pin means trust, integrity, action and hope, and it is recognised all around the world. Wear your pin, proud to be a Rotarian.

So, they are my six top tips for getting the most out of your Rotary membership. And as we prepare for a new Rotary year – leaders and club members alike – I hope we'll all make an extra effort to get involved, have fun and be engaged with Rotary – in every way we can. 



By Jessie Harman
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Bunnings and Rotary: A profound partnership

IT'S not often the head of Bunnings drops in to lend a helping hand at Rotary Bunnings barbies, but members of the Rotary Club of Bundoora, Vic, were thrilled when Managing Director of Bunnings Group Mike Schneider called in at a recent club fundraiser to help sell a snag or two. Following the successful event, Mike wrote a letter of thanks to Bundoora member Vincent Marino, expressing his admiration for the ideals of Rotary and congratulating Rotary in Australia on 100 years of service. Below is an extract from his letter:

I was fascinated to learn about the many things that you and your fellow members are able to do within your local communities and the ways that you have been able to continue to support the community and one another over what has been an incredibly challenging 20 or so months.

I also wanted to congratulate you and all Rotarians on 100 years of Rotary. It is an incredible milestone in an organisation that supports so many people both here in Australia and around the world.

As you know, back in 1999 and 2000 I had the privilege of being a member of the Rotary Club of Perth in Western Australia. At that time, I was unaware of the scale and impact of Rotary on a global scale and very much enjoyed the learning, contributions and friendship I was able to draw from that. Twenty or so years on, I still deeply value the things that Rotary stands for, especially service being a worthy enterprise. The thought of doing good work and paying forward the opportunities and benefits many of us have received in our lifetime is something that informs a lot of how I approach my roles both as a teammate to others here at Bunnings, in the work I do in the not-for-profit space, and also as a father, husband and friend.

Bunnings and Rotary have incredible partnerships both here in Australia and in New Zealand. Even with the challenges we have faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I am proud of the fact that Bunnings has been able to support Rotary across close to 2,000 activities helping to raise around \$1.25 million. Over 450 of these were in Victoria alone and I know that through the great work of clubs like yours at Bundoora our communities continue to receive the incredible support they need at times like these when support is so essential.

Again, thank you to you and your fellow Rotarians for the amazing work you do and the support you show to my team and our communities, and I congratulate all Rotarians on this incredible milestone.

Yours sincerely,
Mike Schneider
Managing Director, Bunnings Group