

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



15th June 2023

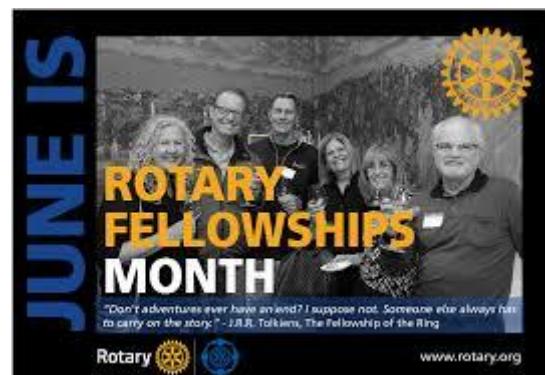
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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 22nd June (6.00 for 6.30)	Tuesday 29th June (6.00 for 6.30)	Thursday 7th July (6.00 for 6.30)
<b>Venue:</b>	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
<b>Speaker</b>	Catherine Eagleson	Sam Heyden	Des Mahoney & Entertainment	Gary B & Brian M
<b>Program</b>	Puzzling for Mental Health	RYLA	Club Changeover	Planning for New Rotary Year 2023- 2024
<b>Vote Of Thanks</b>	Gary B	Paul W		
<b>Scribe:</b>	Martin H	John F		



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"Don't adventures ever have an end? I suppose not. Someone else always has to carry on the story." - J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring

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## FRAN'S FAIRYTALES



Hello everyone,

Wasn't our visit to the Disaster Aid Australia factory last Thursday an eye-opening session? In that small building we saw the workings of their unique and amazing water purification plant – an innocuous and (appearing to be ) simple in its production and operation. Their explanation of its workings, the training of local people in its use and maintenance, and the result of its use to give so many people the luxury – to them – of beautiful clean water, was nothing short of mind-blowing!

We should always be conscious of the fact that many of those things we usually take for granted are life-saving for many people across the world. I sincerely hope that the club will support this project, both financially and, perhaps, in some practical way so that it may continue and thrive.

*Some of you will recall my interest in and encouragement to foster agreement with local authorities and other entities to place sanitary disposal items in men's public facilities, just as they have been for so many years in those for women.*

*It is with great pleasure I can confirm that Knox City Council are already implementing this in their area. My personal thanks for the support given to me for this project – one I believe to be essential for the well-being and dignity of men.*

Thanks to those who have already given me their numbers for the Changeover on 29 June 23. *If you have not done so, please act quickly as it is not far away to welcoming our new President, Gary, as our leader.*  
See you Thursday !

All good wishes.

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## Bunnings Fundraiser - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June



*Profit from last Friday was \$650.00*

Bunnings have invited club members to their annual Community Networking night on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 6.00 – 7.30pm. Light refreshments, prizes and the opportunity to join with other community groups that support our area. Number will be sought at our next meeting.

## Foothills Slice and Soup Schedule

28/06/2023	12/07/2023	26/07/2023	9/08/2023
Slice	Soup	Slice	Soup
Lemon Slice	Kay's Klever Pumpkin Soup	Fruit slice	Easy Tomato Soup

## **Dickson Mugendi – guest speaker at Bayswater Rotary Club 6 June 2023**

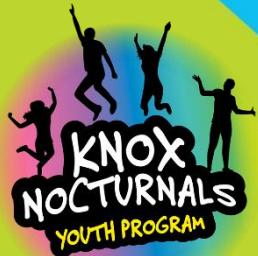
Dickson Mugendi was the guest speaker at Bayswater club, attended by members also from Knox, Healesville and FTG clubs. Dickson is Past-President of the Rotary Club of Meru, Kenya, and current AG for a District including Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan – a vast area. He has a long history of work in organisational entrepreneurship and human rights and was in Australia to attend the Melbourne 2023 Convention.

The focus of Dickson's talk was a water project near Mount Kenya, involving firstly trial bores to test water availability and quality (costing about \$1900) and then, subject to success of the trial bores, completing a permanent bore costing about \$20,000. This would enable production of clean water for the local people, saving walking considerable distances to collect and carry water supplies.

A Healesville Rotarian has been helping the Kenya projects on location and we know of the great benefit they bring. Local clubs are being invited to make financial contributions to a currently planned project. The five FTG guests at Bayswater were all impressed with both Dickson personally and the water project and the project will almost certainly be on our agenda for discussion of our contributing, with other local clubs, funds to their ongoing work.

The website of Dickson's own club is interesting and colourful. Do have a look at:

<https://www.rotarymeru.org/ourclub.html>



## What is the Knox Nocturnals Youth program?

The Knox Nocturnals Youth program is a great community initiative that supports and connects young people in the Ferntree Gully area aged 12 to 18 years, providing a safe and inclusive environment in which to interact. Participants may include those with special needs or who may be vulnerable or socially isolated.

The program, run by the Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully with the support of the Knox Cluster of Rotary clubs, combines a healthy dinner with a rotation of sport, dance, art, music, fitness, personal development and life-skills workshops, all run by qualified youth workers in the relevant area. The aim of the program is to provide the opportunity for healthy socialisation, to build connections with other young people and the adult mentors, to increase confidence and self-esteem, to learn life skills and to have fun, with increased positive behaviours as an outcome.

The sessions will be held every second Friday night in term time, 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm, starting 14 July 2023. The venue will be Carrington Park Leisure Centre, 20 OConnor Road, Knoxfield. Volunteers will be required from 6pm – 10pm

## Are you interested in volunteering with the Knox Nocturnals Youth program?

There is a range of rewarding volunteer roles just waiting for you! Be valued for the skills you have, meet new people, share a meal and most of all, have fun!

We are now recruiting volunteers to assist with activity groups, catering, transport and general helpers.

All volunteers will require a Police Check and current Working with Children Card, must complete Child Safety training, and be available to attend a Volunteer Induction and Training Night on June 26th.

For more information about the Knox Nocturnals Youth program, volunteer opportunities and to submit an Expression of Interest, visit the website <https://knoxnocturnals.org> or phone: 0460 311 268.

*The Knox Nocturnals Youth Program is a Knox Empowering Communities project funded by the Victorian Government's Empowering Communities initiative as part of the Building Safer Communities Program.*