

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



8th June 2023

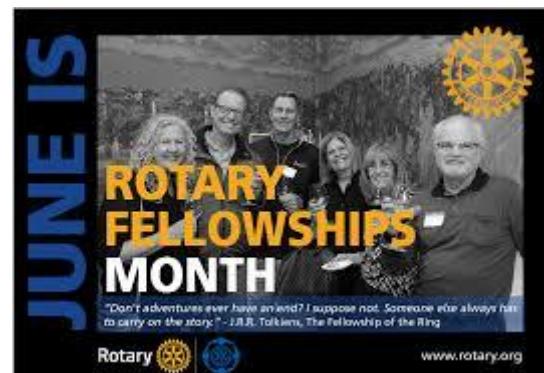
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 8 th June [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 15th June (6.00 for 6.30)	Tuesday 22nd June (6.00 for 6.30)	Thursday 29th June (6.00 for 6.30)
Venue:	Disaster Aid Facility Visit	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
Speaker		Catherine Eagleson	Sam Heyden	Sam Heyden
Program	Vocational Visit	Puzzling for Mental Health	RYLA	Club Changeover
Vote Of Thanks	President Fran	Gary B	Paul W	
Scribe:		Martin H	John F	



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"Don't adventures ever have arrived? I suppose not. Someone who 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,

Last week's club meeting was an opportunity for our members to have a little more time to give us information about the club's activities and other issues. In particular, Treasurer Brian reported that the fees to be charged by Rotary International and our District for this new Rotary year have totalled \$270 per member; this does not of course include any fees to help the club operate for the coming year, which must now also come under consideration.

Given the current economic situation, it bodes a rather difficult year for everyone, not least those members of the community that are affected the most.

Brian will soon be asking President-Elect Gary's Committee Chairs to consider their proposed budgets and to advise him regarding them.

And it is vital that we have numbers URGENTLY for attendance at this year's Changeover Celebration, on 29 June, 2023 – not far away at all. So if you can please provide numbers as a matter of urgency to Fran,, together with the names and contact numbers of guests you feel should be invited, that would also be appreciated.

And any offers of help to organise the evening would be very much welcomed, together with suggestions to make the evening one of fun and a night to be remembered by Gary !

And of course this Thursday we are going to hear about Disaster Aid Australia - it should be very interesting and enlightening for us all, and an opportunity to share an evening with other Rotarians.

See you Thursday !

All good wishes.

Fran

Vocational Visit to Disaster Aid Australia Office

Thank you for booking a Vocational Visit to the Disaster Aid Australia Office.

The visit is hosted by our Chair, Peter Faulkner, CEO Brian Ashworth, and director Cherie Ramsay and comprises of the following.

- A tour through the office.
- Demonstration of a working SkyHydrant.
- Presentation of What DAA does and what we have achieved during the pandemic from our CEO.
- The History of DAA talk by our Chair.
- Main meal, Dessert, tea and coffee.
- Soft drinks are available for purchase and there is a bottle shop just a couple of doors up from our office or your members are welcome to BYO.

Our standard meal offering is Roast chicken with coleslaw, baked potato and BBQ corn and strudel for dessert. We also cater to dietary requirements and are flexible with menu options if you would like to change anything.

We need to have numbers 2 days before the night to arrange the catering. Due to our space limitations numbers need to be kept to a maximum of 20.

The cost is \$20 each and payment can be made via cash or card on the night, or your members can direct deposit into our account, details are below.

Disaster Aid Australia
BSB: 633 000
Account: 1400 38993



Our address is: 92 Doveton Ave, Eumemmerring

Bunnings Fundraiser - Friday 9th June



Morning Shift 9.00 – 12.39pm
Graeme A. John F, Christine A, Brian M

Afternoon Shift 12.30 – 4.00pm
Graeme A, Paul W, Bob H. Martin H

Bunnings have invited club members to their annual Community Networking night on Tuesday 20th 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.

World Environment Day

Each year [First Friends of Dandenong Creek](#) host a [World Environment Day](#) planting event and enhance the habitat corridor along Dandenong Creek in Bayswater. Christine, Rod D and Graeme A joined with the Bayswater Club in supporting this event. In two hours volunteers planted over 3000 indigenous plants.



The article below was taken from the April edition of "Rotary on the Move"
By Past DG Debbie Loveday – Assistant Rotary Co-ordinator

At the beginning of this Rotary year someone said, "If you were invited to join your Rotary club, would you" Hmm, now there's a very thought provoking question. It raised lots of conflicts for me. I like the people and have had lots of fun with projects. I didn't like the image we projected. An image that appeared to be a group of mature aged people sitting down for dinner. The dinner wasn't even that good, but we had always done it that way and it had never changed. A year ago, if I was a prospective Rotarian, then no I probably wouldn't have joined my club. I wanted to be apart of an exciting, vibrant club, where being a Rotarian was something, people aspired to being. I wanted to talk about projects and not what was for dinner. I wanted to sit down with likeminded people and concentrate on what was needed in our community and beyond.

I started looking at what other clubs were doing. Seeing how some of the new clubs were attracting new members. These clubs didn't look like a traditional Rotary Clubs. They were different. Different meetings times and formats. Different venues. Lots had discarded the traditional formats of Sergeant's fines, and cents on the table. Saying grace and singing the

National anthem. I wanted to spend my evening planning or positioning our club to do good in our community.

Change doesn't come easily, you have to work at it. Finding a common goal and working towards achieving it can take time. Time communicating with all the other members to see what experience they wanted, and how it could be implemented. Everything by agreement, taking all the members along for the ride. The goal being change for the better, change to create a more attractive vibrant club that others wanted to join. Retaining our membership base and not let them slip out the back door. In other words Make Membership Memorable for the right reasons.

At a recent conference the RIPPR (Rotary International President's Personal Representative) talked about how we might be guilty of over selling ourselves and under delivering on expectation. I can honestly say that I get quite passionate about the things I am involved with and expect you are the same. However, unless we can deliver on that expectation once new members have signed on the dotted line then we may well lose them out that revolving back door in a year or two. This brings me to that adage of every member having a role or responsibility, being included, and having something to contribute. Caused based focus groups is where I found myself. If I could get 15 or more new members, why would I start a new club? I would want to strengthen my own club, protect its future, and increase the diversity of people, projects, and activities. The new members would immediately have something to contribute to under the guidance of more experienced Rotarians who could mentor and help with implementation.

A year on, there is still more to do. Implementing change is great but unless we review and re-evaluate that change on a regular basis then it could fall apart. Surveys, analysis of results, getting members to participate and share their thoughts on what has worked for them is the way to go. It's all part of that Membership Experience.

A year on if someone asked me whether as a prospective Rotarian I would join my club, the answer would be yes. A big yes to being evolutionary and even revolutionary as Paul Harris once said.