

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
&Program:	General Meeting	Guest Speaker	Guest Speaker	Guest Speaker
Speaker:		Hen Mirans	Mark Glazebrook	
		Youth Protection	Saving Lake Knox	
Vote Of Thanks		Christine H	John F	
Scribe:	Graeme H	Paul Mc	Rob H	

### Future Dates

*Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1812 Theatre*

*Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> Bunnings sausage Sizzle*

*Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Changeover*



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**



## PRESIDENTS GREETINGS AND CHATTER

### June Rotary Theme "ROTARY FELLOWSHIP"

Hello Everyone,

A big shout out thankyou to everyone that helped with the Salvation Army Red Shield appeal on Friday and Saturday. Great effort by club members and partners. Once Rosie has counted the monies, she will let us know what we collected. Over the last week the District Assembly held Eleven sessions, only one hour each on Zoom, giving all Rotarians the wonderful opportunity to keep us all up to date and learn of new ideas to enhance our Rotary work. Thank you to all who did attend one or more sessions, I am sure many new ideas and great motivation were a couple of aspects that certainly will take us into the next Rotary Year, vital to our small but active club.

We have another busy week ahead with all things Rotary, This Thursday's meeting, we are looking forward to welcoming Rosie Massey into our club, we will also have Sam Hayden visit us, just for a catch up and a short 5 mins by Zoom with our District Governor Dr Darryl Moran, Love to see all partners also join us.

Friday evening Dinner at the Royal then to the 1812 Theatre for "Till Beth do us part" should be a great night of fun and entertainment, Thankyou Paul for organising it.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June we will be assisting the Queens Jubilee Tree Planting with the "Friends of the Dandenong Creek" and the Rotary Club of Bayswater, with over 4000 indigenous plants to plant we hope all members and partners can assist. More details of location in this bulletin

Stay Safe Take Care

Graeme and Christine



## Scribes Report from Dinner Meeting

### Thursday May 19th

The meeting opened at 6.25pm.

Present-G. Aspinall, C Anderson, A.Tierney, B and F Mandergheddes (by zoom), G Harrison, J Flemming, P Wilson, P McAloney, R Hurst, M Spark, R Massey. In addition to these members also present were Mrs K McAloney, Mrs M Hurst, Mrs J Wilson and Mrs S Harrison.

Christine raised the matter of the club's support for the upcoming Red Shield Appeal and drew up a roster for Friday and Saturday 27 and 28 May. The venue being Woolworths Mountain Gate. Rosie spoke of the appeal and emphasised that all proceeds will be spent in the FTG region. She said that we should emphasise this when collecting.

Rob Hurst asked that all members should try to identify some speakers as he had few booked. Graeme A. and Brian said that they had some.

Fran urged members to register for the district assembly as it helps with recognition of the club. Christine supported that call.

Paul McAloney reported on a social night at Frankston Arts Centre with the Robinson Brothers and said that it was a really good show. (following dinner at a local hotel). Paul also indicated that he had booked for 17 for the 1812 Theatre play on Friday 3 June and for dinner at the Royal Hotel.

Christine reported on the Thank You function for the Ferntree Gully News and said that it provided a good opportunity to network with local bodies.

Brian reported that he had sent \$500 to Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus and \$900 for club dues. He was also forwarding \$200 to Bayswater for their assistance with a recent sausage sizzle at which we grossed \$770 (NETT \$622).

Graeme A referred to the upcoming World Environment Day on 4 June and said that a Queens Jubilee Grant had resulted in 4000 plants being purchased for planting on the Dandenong Creek on 4 said that members should give consideration to assisting on 4 June. The site is at the end of Armstrong Rd. Bayswater. Graeme then presented Paul McAloney with his Centurian certificate and referred to the extremely high representation of club members as Centurians.

The speaker for the meeting was Megan Baker councillor for Dobson ward in the City of Knox Council.

Megan spoke on the diverse nature of the makeup of the ward, the fact that she had become involved in community matters when her children attended a local school and how her position had enabled her to assist local bodies in areas such as gaining grants. She also referred to the myriad meetings she was required to attend and for which she had to prepare by studying minutes etc. She emphasised that when being requested to act for constituents she was however required to be open minded.

A new Local Government Act in 2020 had been long and tedious to study she said but it had been essential to do so as there are penalties set out in the Act that ensure that she has to be careful in wording responses as there are consequences. Megan emphasised that Councillors have little involvement in staff matters as their only real administrative action is to review the performance of the CEO.

She said that she has had to carefully balance her time between family and Council also with time on-line and with phone calls.

Members put a number of questions to Megan on matters such as fees for owning pools, if council intended reviving its volunteers cocktail parties, planning and the best way to approach Council to get results or responses, also the extent of usage of consultants by Council and the future of the Boronia basketball stadium.

Rob Hurst thanked Megan for her attendance after a number of "false starts".

Graeme closed the meeting at 7.33

John Flemming

## Response to questions raised with our guest speaker Megan

I have followed up on a couple of queries raised by rotary members with council officers and provide a response below to the query about pool costs and ward meetings.

In relation to pool costs:

\* There aren't annual requirements or costs Pool and Spa compliance, with pools/spas there is the registration, then the inspection, the issuing of the Certificate of Barrier Compliance and then pool/spa owners are done for the moment. Another inspection and Certificate of Barrier Compliance needs to be done every 4 years. If there is a compliance problem that requires a resolution, it may incur infringements or other fees may be applied.

\* More information can be found on the Council Website at <https://www.knox.vic.gov.au/our-services/building-and-planning/building-services-and-permits/swimming-pools-and-spas>

\* and the State Government VBA website: <https://www.vba.vic.gov.au/consumers/swimming-pools/inspections-and-compliance>

In relation to Ward Receptions:

\* It is my understanding that Ward Receptions are at the discretion of each Ward Councillor. I can confirm a Ward Reception last occurred approximately 5 years ago and I am unable to comment as to why one did or did not take place in the previous Ward Councillors term. As you are aware, the past couple of years have been challenging with Covid and restrictions faced during challenging times although I do note the feedback from rotary members regarding Ward Receptions.

I hope this assists and answers the questions raised.

Kind Regards  
Meagan



Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>.  
At our meeting I will be seeking Volunteers for one of two shifts we have for the day 9.00 – 12.30 or 12.30 – 4.00

Rosie would like to thank Club members and partners who assisted with the collection of money at Woolworths, Mountain Gate last Friday and Saturday



**FOOTHILLS**  
COMMUNITY CARE

[Slice and Soup Roster](#)

*15<sup>th</sup> June Easy Tomato Soup*

*29<sup>th</sup> June Lemon Slice*

# World Environment Day

In celebration of World Environment Day 2022, reconnect yourself to nature by helping to plant over 4000 indigenous plants which will help improve water quality along the Dandenong Creek and provide important habitat for local wildlife. The whole community is welcome to register and get grounded amongst the creek and bushland.

The day will start with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony from Wurundjeri.

Enjoy a guided nature walk and discover the unique biodiversity Knox has to offer.

Remember to download iNaturalist on your smart-phone to help record any interesting biodiversity you observe on the day! The Rotary Club of Bayswater will be providing a free sausage sizzle.

**When: Saturday 4 June 2022, 10:00am – 12:00noon**

**Where: Dandenong Creek - at the end of Armstrong Street, Bayswater**

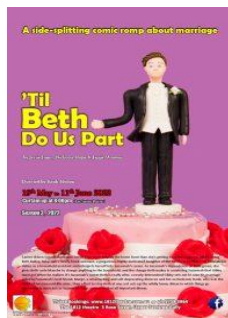
**Parking:** Park in Armstrong Street, Bayswater and follow the signs along the shared path down to the creek.

**Hosted:** Hosted by First Friends of Dandenong Creek and the Rotary Club of Bayswater, and supported by Knox City Council

**Map:** <https://tinyurl.com/2p82pnkz>

**What to bring:**

- Gardening gloves
- Hat
- Sun screen
- Enclosed shoes
- Water bottle



Paul has made a booking for us at the Royal Hotel for dinner at 6.00pm prior to attending the 1812 theatre on Friday.







INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
27-31 MAY 2023  
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

May 2022

## 2023 RI Melbourne Convention Launch 4-8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (Houston, USA time)



**SPECIAL REGISTRATION FEE – 5 DAYS ONLY –** <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

Ensure you register for this once in a lifetime RI Melbourne Convention between **4-8<sup>th</sup> June (Houston time)** to get the cheapest and best registration rate for this amazing Convention. Registration fee goes up by AU\$70.00 on 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**ACCOMMODATION –** <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

If you are seeking accommodation in one of the many RI block booked hotels for the Convention it is recommended you book this at the same time to ensure you get the best accommodation within your price and distance range from the two Convention venues –Rod Laver Arena at Melbourne & Olympic Park and the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, (MCEC) on Spencer Street.

**CONVENTION EVENTS –** <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

The Melbourne HOC is hosting several exceptional and exciting Special (night-time) Events, including Host Hospitality during the Convention. Tickets for these events will be sold on a first come basis, so it is important that you choose the events you want to attend and lock them in ASAP to ensure you get to attend what you really want to experience!!

In the meantime, you can visit the HOC Website at <https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/index>

Once the official launch has been held at the Huston Convention on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Registrations will open for the Melbourne International with a discounted price available for 5 days. To register use My Rotary and search RICON 23 but only after June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Early Registration:     June 4<sup>th</sup>    USD 425.00  
                                     June 9<sup>th</sup>    USD 475.00  
                                     December USD 575.00