



# Rotary

## Club of Fern Tree Gully



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## Weekly Bulletin

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President  
2023 - 2024  
Gary Braddock

District Governor  
2023 - 2024  
Ian Ballantyne  
Bentleigh Moorabbin Central  
Rotary Club

Meeting Details:  
Weekly Thursday Evenings  
6.00pm for 6.30pm

Venue:  
Ferntree Gully Bowls Club Glenfern Rd  
Ferntree Gully

## Diary Dates

11th July Club Board Meeting  
13th July Club Meeting  
13th July District Conference Launch  
14th July Bunnings Sausage Sizzle  
14th July Knox Nocturnals Begins  
20th July Club Meeting  
27th July Club Meeting  
28th July Dist Presidents Meeting -  
Zoom  
3rd August DG Visits our Club

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## Presidents Message

Hello all.

Hope that you are enjoying our unseasonably warm weather.  
Last meeting was very productive, with Treasurer Brian presenting  
the coming years budget.

The club agreed to a contribution of \$500 to support one of our  
youth leaders from Knox Nocturnal to upgrade her much needed  
wheel chair.

Brian also very generously donated an I phone to the same young  
lady .

Christine reported that Knox Nocturnal is on track and going well  
thanks to a lot of hard work.

The list of interested and committed young people is increasing.  
The club agreed to fund a new project with Disaster Aid Australia  
to the tune of \$5000.

Martin is liaising with Barrie Vickers – Bayswater to see how we can  
jointly fund a trial bore for a new water project in Kenya.- Martin  
will keep us up to date with the progress of this.

It is proposed that our contribution should be around \$800. It was  
nice to hear from our new RI president Gordon Mcinally sharing  
his vision for the coming year.

Hello to Paul and Jill, hope that you enjoyed your time with the  
outlaws, likewise we hope that you enjoy your trip through the  
Simpson.

The wild flowers should be out in abundance.

I know that you can go down the florist Gill , but its not quite the  
same!

G'day also to Mike and Wendy and Harro and Sue.  
Don't forget the sausage sizzle at Bunnings this Friday.

Cheerio all.

Stay safe and well.

Gary



## Why the Rotary year begins 1 July

Ever wonder why 1 July is the beginning of the Rotary year? Initially, our conventions played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

Attendees at Rotary's first convention in Chicago in 1910. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the convention ended.

The next August, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and to determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee agreed and, in April 1913, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even *The Rotarian* changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with Volume 5, No. 1, in July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in *The Rotarian* that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signalized by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.



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# Club Board 2023 - 2024

President	Gary Braddock
Secretary	Graeme Harrison
Treasurer	Brian Mandergeddes
Community	Christine Anderson
Youth	Paul Wilson
International	Martin Howard
Fundraising	Graeme Aspnall

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### THE OBJECTS OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**First** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

**Second** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

**Third** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.

**Fourth** The advancement of the international understanding goodwill, through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

### THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **truth**?

2. Is it **fair** to all concerned?

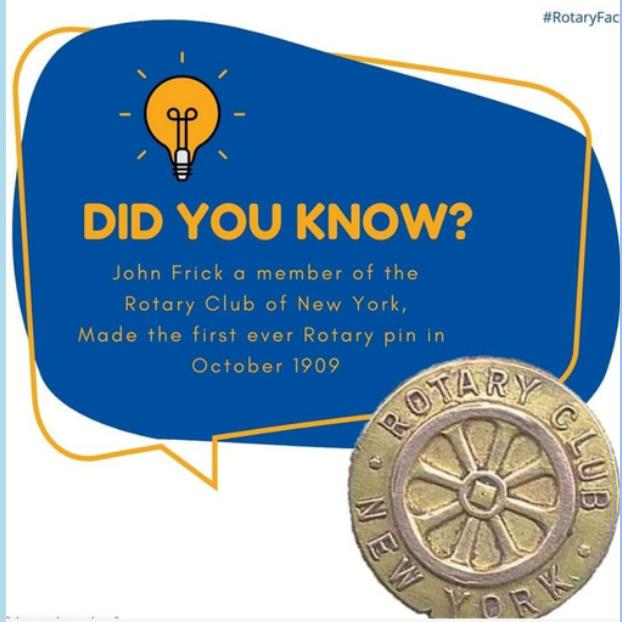
3. Will it build **goodwill** and **better**

**friendships**?

4. Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?

In October of 1909, John Frick a member of the Rotary Club of New York, Made the very first Rotary pin badge. He did this as a way to help identify his fellow Rotary club members and to promote Rotary membership. Do you wear your Rotary pin?

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### Travelling Rotarians

Paul and Jill are heading off on an inland tag along trip up through central Australia to as far north as Longreach before returning in 3 weeks.

Rob Dawson is also heading off to Queensland for a few weeks. Safe travels and enjoy your break away from our Victorian winter.



Sausage Sizzle Roster for Friday July 14th

AM Shift Graeme A, John F, Alan T

Pm Shift Graeme A, Rob H, Gary B, Brian M