



# 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

17th Aug Club Meeting G.Speaker  
24th Aug Club Meeting G.Speaker  
25th Aug Knox Nocturnals #4  
31st Aug Bunnings Fathers Day BBQ  
7th Sept Club Forum  
8th Sept Bunnings BBQ  
14th Sept Club Meeting G Speaker  
15th Sept Dist Presidents Meeting  
16th Sept Foothills RU OK BBQ  
21st Sept Club Meeting G Speaker

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## Presidents Message

Hi All,

Once again I hope that this finds you all well.  
It was good to hear from you Mike , and we all look forward to seeing you and Wendy soon.  
Its good to hear that you are recovering well Anne , and we all send you our best wishes.  
Hi to Frannie and Brian , hope that you are relaxing and enjoying your time away.  
Also hoping that you are enjoying the Hawks turn around Brian.  
Hi also to Harro and Sue , we look forward to seeing you again soon.  
Another great win by the Tillies, really inspirational stuff.  
Hopefully , I can grow some finger nails back in time for their next encounter with the Pommy Sheilas.  
Another busy week with two BBQS . not sure of the net result but Graeme will let us know.  
Knox Nocturnals was another great evening from all accounts.  
KCC Mayor Marcia Timmer Leitch and councillor Megan Baker were in attendance , and by all accounts were both very impressed.  
Congratulations to Christine and her team.  
I attended my first cluster meeting on Monday evening , and a number of joint projects were discussed.  
I will share them with the club for feed back.  
A cluster meeting was proposed for Tuesday 29th of August at the Knox Club.  
I have said yes , in anticipation that most of us will be there.  
Martin is trying to organize another working morning with D.I.K followed by lunch.  
He will report on this when he has a date etc.  
Stay well and support the Matildas  
Regards  
Gary Braddock



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

# The Week That Was

The meeting was opened by President Gary who welcomed our Guest Speaker Peter Dalwood (Boronia Rotary Club) and club members.

Apologies: Graeme H, Mike S, Brian M and Fran M

Peter the chair of the District 9810 Technology Committee gave members a visual demonstration on how to access the District 9810 website ( 9810rotary.org.au ) and the Rotary knowledge members would gain from using the website.

From the tool bar are the headings club members can choose to find information about our District, Rotary International, Zone 8, Avenues of Service, Rotaract, how to find a Club, Links for Members and a Members only Site which connects to Club Runner where you will need to log onto This site contains all the District Clubs details, Club structures, Meeting locations and times and members contact details. The District no longer produces all this information in a booklet form. Club Secretaries need to keep this site up to date. A phone app is also available for your mobile phone also.

Peter then demonstrated the ease of logging into My Rotary ( my.rotary.org ) Rotary's Internationals Website and showed the ease of access to the learning information that is available. Peter encouraged members to make use of these websites to increase their rotary knowledge.

Rob Hurst thanked Peter for his presentation Christine encouraged members the items requested in the newsletter for the Stringybark Festival. Graeme reminded members of there times for this weekends Bunnings BBQ;s. Rosie updated the club on the us of the food pantry. A security camera has been installed with the hope of discouraging those who are using it daily.

Meeting closed 7.30pm

## MEMBERSHIP RESOURCE OF THE MONTH BARBARA MIFSUD, REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP OFFICER, RI STAFF — AUG 13, 2023

A series of 'microlearnings' about the membership experience has been released to coincide with Membership and New Club Development month.

August is Membership and New Club Development month. It's a time for us to celebrate our greatest asset, our members! When our membership is strong our clubs thrive, we are more visible to the general public, and we have more resources to help our communities flourish. We also know that membership growth is that sweet spot between attracting new members, engaging the members we have and developing new pathways into the organisation through new clubs, particularly new style clubs.

What better way to learn more about how to create a meaningful membership experience than through a new series of 'microlearnings'.

Rotary International microlearnings are short, three-minute interactive sessions that you don't need a My Rotary log in to access.

### Did You Know?

This month, Rotary International is featuring 5 microlearnings to get you thinking about how to provide positive member experiences, create welcoming environments to encourage a sense of belonging, and build clubs to suit modern lifestyles.

- [Creating an inclusive club culture](#)
- [Microaggressions](#)
- [Is your club healthy?](#)
- [Best practices for engaging your members](#)
- [Collaboration](#)

Within each microlearning there are links to more in-depth courses on the Learning Centre in case you want to learn more.

Why not check them out and share them with other club members?

## 7 AREAS OF FOCUS



PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,  
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

# 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?



### Bunnings BBQ's



A big thank you to the club members who took part in our sausage sizzle at Bunnings last Friday. After a slow start we managed to sell 11-5 packs giving us a profit of \$790.

Five club members helped out Bayswater Rotary with their BBQ at Bunnings Bayswater on Sunday. A very busy sizzle compared to our BBQ's at Scoresby. I'm sure they will be rewarded with an excellent result.

We have committed to help them again for their next BBQ on Sunday September 17th. Volunteers will be sought closer to the date.

### Family Father's Day Promotion Thursday August 31st

The Club has been asked once again by Bunnings Scoresby to run their BBQ with free sausages and provide an activity for the kids which Christine has in hand. More details closer to the date.

### **The Article below is taken from Rotary On The Move**

Thanks to your wonderful support for our charity of choice, The Rotary Foundation, in 2022-23 we have exceeded the contributions made during 2021-22. Well done everyone!

I was delighted to receive the information below from Mark Anderson, RISPPPO, on 7 July. While it is interim information, as a few contributions received dated 30 June were still being processed, it shows an excellent result for Zone 8.

#### TRF Zone 8 Contributions

I must admit at the end of May and even well into June, while I was unsure we could do it, Mark was quietly confident we would exceed the last year's totals and we did! The result is excellent.

Particularly given we had a number of factors affecting 2022-23, including the adverse exchange rate, declining membership numbers and a number of districts affected by disasters.

It is a challenge trying to predict the year's result when over 33% of contributions to both the Annual Fund and Polio Fund were received in June!

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# Foothills Slice & Soup Roster

Delivery: Wednesdays 2.30 - 3.00pm

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| 23 / 8 / 2023                          | 6 / 9 / 2023                 |
| Slice                                  | Soup                         |
| <b>Mum's Raspberry Shortcake Slice</b> | <b>30min Frozen Pea Soup</b> |

## Club Program

| Date      | Speaker       | TOPIC  | Vote of Thanks | Scribe   |
|-----------|---------------|--|----------------|----------|
| Aug 17th  | Peter Zamora  | RYLA Experience  | Paul W         | Martin H |
| Aug 24th  | Russell Hayes | Wheelchairs for Kids                                   | Martin H       | Rob H    |
| Aug 31st  |               | Bunnings Fathers Day BBQ & kids Activities 6.00-8.00pm |                |          |
| Sept 7th  |               | Club Forum   |                |          |
| Sept 14th | Murray Wilson | Rotarians Against Malaria & Role of a Bail Justice     | Christine      | John F   |

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If I have one earnest appeal, it would be for clubs and Rotarians to make their contributions earlier in the year. An important reason is that the year of giving is the first of three years that the Rotary Foundation holds the funds before sharing to District's Designated Funds and the World Fund. These are the 3 years during which the Foundation invests the funds to provide interest to offset the Foundation's administration costs. So giving at the very end of the year deprives the Foundation of one year of those important interest earnings!

Big thanks go to all of our regular contributors; the Centurions and Paul Harris Society members in our Region; those who have joined the new PolioPlus Society; the loyal Clubs which contribute to the Foundation Annual and Polio Funds annually. Thanks must also go to those who chose to become Major Donors or made endowments to the Foundation during the past year.