



Rotary

Club of Fern Tree Gully



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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

8th Feb Club Meeting - Guest Speaker
9th Feb Bunnings BBQ
11th Feb Greek Picnic (Ferny Creek)
13th Feb Club Board Meeting
15th Feb Club Meeting - Guest Speaker
22nd Feb Club Meeting
23rd Feb Dist Presidents Meeting
29th Feb Club Meeting
7th Mar Club Forum

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CREATE HOPE
in the **WORLD**



Presidents Message

Hi All

Hopefully everyone is well and enjoying our changing weather.

We have had a busy week, with Drs appointments, funerals etc.

I will be going for an MRI tonight as the pain specialist that is looking after me, wants to take a deep dive and rule certain things in or out before continuing with my treatment.

Can I ask members to contact me if they have anything to contribute to my weekly news letter maybe a joke or similar as it is becoming more difficult to come up with enough meaningful content.

Nadia and I will be attending a function non Friday evening, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the company that I worked with prior to my retirement.

Should be interesting, as I have a profound fear of heights.

It will be held in the restaurant on the top floor of the Eureka Tower, which I understand is the highest point in Melbourne.

Will probably stay in town that night.

That's if for me, stay well and I hope that the rest of the week is good for you.

Yours in Rotary.

Gary

Club Board 2023 - 2024

President	Gary Braddock
Secretary	Graeme Harrison
Treasurer	Brian Mandergheddes
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?



Our next Bunnings Sausage sizzle will be on Friday February 9th. The following members have volunteered for each shift.

9.00 - 12.30 GA, JF, GH & BM
12.30- 4.00 PW, HM, RD & RH



The Greek Picnic will be held at the Ferny Creek Picnic Reserve on Sunday February 11th. Our role is to cook free sausages between 11.00 am and 2.00pm. Set up will be 10.30am

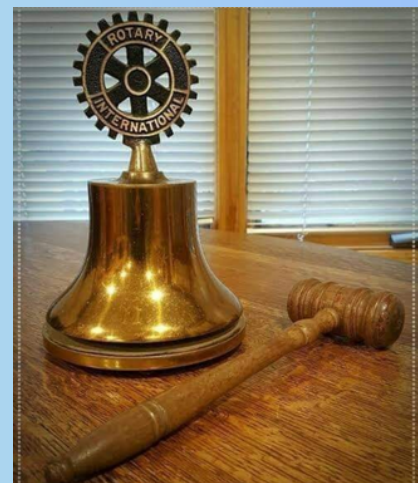
History of the Rotary Bell: 🛑

In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organised an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize.

The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory", Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar.

Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly hour and a half meetings. The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the Rotary meeting, other club rituals and of course the closure of the regular club meeting.

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The Week That Was

Our meeting was a Club Forum with members contributing to the ongoing activities of the Club.

Apologies: President Gary Braddock and Mike Spark.

Distribution of Project Funds: It was agreed that the Club double its donation to MDLC. Christine to advise MDLC of our \$2000 donation.

Four local primary schools will be contacted, Rosie - Wattle View, Paul W- FTGully North and The Basin, John F - Fairhills. The Club may be able to help a student to attend a school camp or with book purchases who maybe from a family not in a financial position to fund.

Members put forward ideas for future meetings. A Club Forum will be held on the first meeting each month, followed by two or three weeks with a guest speaker and the fourth week a social event or a business visit. Members are asked to put forward suggestions.

Our forum topic will be on **Membership**

Food Relief Pantry

Last Wednesday the Food Relief Pantry was opened by the Salvation Army. A number of organisations and individuals where thanked for their ongoing support in establishing this facility supporting those in need coming from the Ferntree Gully area



Club Speaker Program

Date	Speaker	Topic	Vote of Thanks	Scribe
Feb 8th	Fiona Demark	Navigating Life being Legally Blind	JF	BM
Feb 15th	Trudi Pratt	Knox SES	BM	GA
Feb 22nd	Marilyn Lambert	Food Share Outlet	FM	BM
Feb 29th	Rosie	Salvation Army FTG Visit		
March 7th		Club Forum		
March 14th	Josie Mulcahy	Seaweed Sally Marine		
March 21st	Business Visir	Hard Road Brewing		

Members are asked identify potential guest speakers and pass on their contact details to Rob Hurst to follow up.

Wheelchairs for Kids



Lto R. Martin, Sue Dean (School Principle), Paul and Russell Hayes (Wandin Rotary Club , Wheel Chairs for Kids Organiser

A presentation was made to the Ferntree Gully Nth Primary School last Friday by Russell Hayes. Russell was able to view the schools facilities and noted the logistics required to hold the event. The event will be known as a Wheel a Thone, will be held on Friday February 16th commencing at 10.00 am involving all the schools students. The enthusiasm shown by the school will ensure a successful fund raiser will be held.

Rotarians are asked to attend from 9.30 onwards