



# 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

12th Oct Club Meeting Guest Speaker  
13th Oct Bunnings BBQ  
16th Oct Stringy Bark Festival  
18th Oct Community Kitchen BBQ  
19th Oct Club Meeting Guest Speaker  
24th Oct World Polio Day  
26th Oct Club Meeting Guest Speaker  
2nd Nov Club Forum  
9th Nov Club Meeting  
10th Nov Bunnings BBQ  
25th Nov CFA Open Day BBQ

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## Presidents Message

Hi All

Hope that everyone is well.

It's been an extraordinary turn around in the weather.  
28 degrees one day and 14 the next. That's Melbourne  
for you !

The rain was great for the garden , but not much help  
with the undergrowth .

We have a couple of events coming up.

Bunnings on Friday, Graeme will reconfirm who is doing  
what shift.

Stringybark festival at Rowville community centre on  
Sunday from 8.00am – 4.00pm

Christine will need volunteers to help with set up from  
8.00am , and members rotating throughout the day.  
Harro also has his birthday celebration on the same day  
, so hopefully members can attend both.

I don't have much else other than to say happy birthday  
Harro.

We hope that you enjoy your day.

You share your birthday with the following notables.

- . Mario Puzo – novelist and author of the godfather.
- . Lee Iacocca – automotive executive and father of the Mustang.
- . Anthony Hopkins – English Actor.

Stay well.

Yours in Rotary  
Gary



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

## The Week That Was

The meeting opened at 6.30pm

Apologies from Mike Spark and Brian and Fran attending on Zoom

Guest Kevin Morgan

Christine gave members an insight as to the work Australian Rotary Health does via a USB stick. Members now have a better understanding of how funds raised are used. With his background information and this month Rotary is raising funds for Australian Rotary Health with a theme being Lift the Lid club members were encouraged to wear a hat that significant to a previous holiday. Members gave the background story to the hat they were wearing along with a donation to Rotary Health. Donations totaled \$61.30 this will be added to the clubs committed donation.

Christine explained the set up arrangements for the Stringy Bark Festival on Sunday October 15th.

The club has committed to run a BBQ at the Foothills Community Kitchen meal night on Wednesday Oct 18th 3.30pm onwards.

Volunteers were sought and received for our Bunnings BBQ, Friday Oct 13th. Names will be in next weeks newsletter.

Club members need to know who the applicants are standing for the five Regional Council Roles before voting.

Meeting Closed 7.30pm



As we prepare our annual report and have our financials audited, it is interesting to look at the level of Club donations to ROMAC. The declining and aging Rotary membership across our Zone, together with almost 10% fewer Rotary Clubs and coupled with the pressures of the pandemic, bush fires, floods and inflation, means we have seen a dramatic decrease in the level of Club donations over the last five years.

In 2017, 252 Clubs (about 19% of the Club cohort) donated \$633,740 to ROMAC compared with only \$253,215 from 173 Clubs (about 13% of all Clubs) this year. We thank the clubs who have continued to donate to us over the years and ask the other Clubs to give some thought to supporting this extremely important life saving and life changing Rotary initiative in the future. If we cannot turn around this decline in Club donations, as the Hospitals gradually open up again and are able to accept more of our patients, we will need to look to Government and Corporate sponsorship in order to maintain previous treatment numbers.

Luckily for ROMAC, the level of our non-Club donations and bequests, mainly from individual Rotarians or past Rotarians and their friends, has remained fairly constant at around \$200,000 per year over the last five years. We sincerely thank all those individuals who continue to support us.

Ian D'Arcy Walsh - ROMAC Chair

# 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



Our next Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Scoresby is on Friday Oct 13th. The volunteers are:  
(.00 - 12.30pm - Graeme A, John F, Graeme H  
12.30 - 4.00pm Graeme A, Rob D, Brian M, Gary B



The Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc will be held at 7.00pm on November 16th 2023.



# Foothills Slice & Soup Roster

Delivery: Wednesdays 2.30 - 3.00pm

18 / 10 / 2023	1 / 11 / 2023
Slice	Soup
Lemon Slice	Kay's Klever Pumpkin Soup

## Club Program

Date	Speaker	TOPIC	Vote of Thanks	Scribe
Oct 12th	Angela Lindsay	Dialysis & Transplants	Gary B	Rob H
Oct 19th	Ann Grant	Shelter Bags	Christine A	Brian M
Oct 26th	Tom Mason	Internet Scams	Graeme A	Paul W
Nov 2nd	Knox SES	Alan Richmond		
Nov 25th		CFA Open Day - BBQ		



### Stringybark Festival | Knox - Knox City Council

Stringybark Festival is a free community event that has been running for over 30 years, and celebrates all things home-grown, sustainable, playful, educational and creative in Knox.

Sunday 15th October- Rowville Community Centre 10am-4pm  
40 Fulham Road Rowville.

Our clubs free themed activity “ SEED POD CREATURES”

As spoken about at our last meeting we need 3 volunteers at any one time, to assist the younger children with their seed pod creations mainly with gluing the bits together.

Can you please advise what times you are available?

**8.00- 10.00 am set up, 10.00-12.00pm, 12.00-2.00pm, 2.00- 4.00pm & 4.00-5.30pm Clean up**

# POLIO ERADICATION – WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

PDG MURRAY VERSO, END POLIO NOW COORDINATOR – SEP 11, 2023

Is it worth our while to raise millions of dollars for polio eradication?

Article by PDG Murray Verso, End Polio Now Coordinator

Each year, Rotary members organize events, hold special club meetings, seek media publicity, and encourage donations from Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike to reach our annual End Polio fundraising goal of US 50 million dollars. Raising \$50 million enables us to maximize the 2:1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Is it worth our while going to all this trouble to raise \$150 million? How does Rotary spend this money?

The End Polio funds raised by Rotarians are used to support the activities of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and are targeted at the geographical areas of greatest need. Expenditure is not only used to provide polio vaccines but also to fund polio vaccinators and vital disease surveillance activities.

Each year, Rotary's International Polio Committee, chaired by Past RI Director and Past Foundation Trustee, Michael McGovern, determines how the \$150 million will be spent. Most of our funds are channelled through the World Health Organization and UNICEF, the implementing partners of the GPEI.

As can be seen from the accompanying pie chart, in 2022-23, Rotary funds supported polio eradication efforts in the two endemic countries of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Funds also supported polio outbreak response activities and vaccines in many countries in Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean Region including Chad, Ethiopia, Zambia and Somalia, to name a few. The “other” category represents Rotary support for surveillance, research, and technical experts at the World Health Organization.

As we gear up for World Polio Day (24 October) when we promote the End Polio cause and raise much needed funds, it is worth explaining to potential donors where our \$150 million goes each year, and why the complete eradication of poliomyelitis is such a costly exercise. With only seven cases of wild polio virus so far this year, the money is being well spent and looks like making our goal of a polio free world achievable very soon.

## Polio Expenditure

