



# 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

18th Jan Rotary Resumes  
25th Jan Club Meeting - Guest Speaker  
1st Feb Club Forum  
8th Feb Club Meeting - Guest Speaker  
9th Feb Bunnings BBQ  
11th Feb Greek Picnic (Ferny Creek)  
15th Feb Club Meeting - Guest Speaker  
22nd Feb Club Meeting  
29th Feb Club Meeting

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**CREATE HOPE**  
in the **WORLD**



## Presidents Message

Happy new year to all , hope that everyone had a good Christmas and new year.

Personally , I'm glad that 2023 is now firmly in the rear view mirror.

Thankyou to all who sent condolences on the passing of Nadia's son Jamie.

She is still finding life very difficult , today is his birthday so this will be another hurdle.

On a happier note , our dear daughter Bree is getting married on the 24th of Jan .

We have decided to break with tradition and both of us will walk her down the aisle and give her away to her beloved Matt.

Happy belated birthday to Brian.

You shared your birthday with the following.

. Elvis Presley

.David Bowie

.Shirley Bassey

. John Curtin

Look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday.

Yours in Rotary  
Gary Braddock

# 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

A magical theme for the 2024/25 Rotary Year from Rotary International President Elect Stephanie Urchick.

✨ The Magic of Rotary ✨



## 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?

December was a busy time for our club. With no club meetings held during the month everything came together with Rotarians and partners working together made everything work smoothly.

The month started, due to a power outage we provided our portable BBQ to cook snags for Foothills Community Care weekly dinner.

The next night we were at Bunnings cooking snags again for their Christmas Community Night along with an activity for the children well organised by Christine. The next day we back at Bunnings again for our regular monthly BBQ. Saturday we were at the Knox Historical Society Christmas Fair. It rained all day which kept the public away a lot of effort for a poor return, but great support from club members.

Our Christmas Dinner had to be cancelled due to a couple of members contracting Covid.

Saturday Dec 23rd we were back at Bunnings for our first weekend BBQ for many years. Surviving the hot day and keeping up with high demand throughout the day was the challenge. A profit in excess of \$2000 was made.

Christmas came and went. The club held its deferred Christmas function at Paul and Jill's a great night for club fellowship. A fellowship gathering at the Arboretum followed by our monthly BBQ at bunnings.



## KNOX NOCTURNALS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

After two very successful full days of delivering our school holiday program for 12 -18-year-olds we have cracked a secret recipe to engage these young people in activities that far surpassed our expectations.

The engagement of these young people, having so much fun was exhilarating to be part of thanks to Pro -Activities and The Human Workshop for delivering a six-hour program each day for two days, that totally engrossed all participants ( and Volunteers). So much fun, laughter, making new friends and engagement with each other, and not a mobile device in site (we collect them for the entire time of the program)

Some of our activities included:-African Drum playing, Cooking, Arts and Crafts, Ninja wars, Magic show and learning some magic tricks, Laser Wars, a Silent Disco in the dark with lots of singing and dancing. Team building survival games, Physical activities of all sorts,

Some of these challenges are huge for our participants to overcome, but they all joined in with enthusiasm. We fed them well, Maccas, Homemade Hamburgers, plenty of fruit and water, banana muffins and icy poles.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers and Rotarians a WELL WORTH HOLIDAY PROGRAM. We have kept this group of very special young people connected and can't wait to see them on Feb 2nd when our Friday's nights resume.

Christine Anderson  
Project Manager Knox Nocturnals Youth Program



MEMBERSHIP RESOURCE OF THE MONTH  
BARBARA MIFSUD, REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP  
OFFICER, RI STAFF – DEC 14, 2023

“There are countless ways to engage with Rotary and your club. You choose how – and how much – to get involved”. Use Connect for Good to start a conversation about how prospective, new and current members can get the most out of their Rotary membership.

When you join Rotary, you want to connect with your community and give back to others. That’s also why you stay in Rotary for many years. Being part of a club is the first step towards making good things happen in the world. However, the real benefits only start to happen when you get involved. There are countless ways to shape your experience and get the most out of your Rotary membership.

Connect for Good is a short guide full of useful ideas about connecting with your club, your community, and the wider Rotary world.

You can use it to encourage conversations with prospective, new and current members about how to align their passions with Rotary, so that they’ll get the most out of their experience, regardless of where they are on the Rotary journey.

Connect for good

Prospective, new and current members can:

Connect with their club by sharing ideas, finding a mentor, organising a club event, trying a new role and becoming a club leader

Connect with their community by volunteering to help on a service project, supporting a youth program, joining/starting a Rotary Community Corps, participating in training events and collaborating with other clubs

Connect with the Rotary world by joining a fellowship or an action group, participating in a global project, helping eradicate polio, going to a conference or International Convention or taking part in a Rotary friendship exchange

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## Volunteers Wanted

The Knox Nocturnals Youth Program, run by the Rotary Clubs of the Knox Cluster and funded by the Victorian Government's Empowering Communities initiative, is going from strength to strength.

The young people who come along to the Friday night program, run each fortnight at the Carrington Park Leisure Centre, Knoxfield, are enjoying the food, the fun activities, the workshops with a Youth Worker and the interaction with the other students and adult helpers.

As the program moves into 2024, there will be the need for more adult helpers to be available, to ensure the burden is not too onerous on those who are giving up their Friday nights to enable this program to run successfully. Hence there is a call to members of all the clubs in the Knox Cluster to consider becoming a volunteer for this program.

Responsibilities of the volunteers can vary between manning the registration desk, helping serve the meal, general supervision, driving a bus to deliver some of the students home or accompanying the bus as a jockey. Volunteers may be available for only one or two nights in a term, or may be happy to attend each fortnight. Training is required for volunteers, to ensure that the young people involved are in a safe and comfortable environment and to also ensure that Government regulations regarding working with young people are met. It is worth noting that it is not the responsibility of the volunteers to deal with any of the issues that may arise with these young people; the Youth Workers who attend each week have this responsibility and are trained to deal with these issues.

The requirements for volunteers are:

1. A current Working With Children Check.
2. A current Police Check. This can be paid for by Knox Nocturnals if required. The easiest place to visit to get this is <https://www.intercheck.com.au/>
3. An online training module, the link for which will be sent to you once your register your interest.
4. An in-person training session, to be held on Saturday February 3rd, 9 am – 12 noon at the Bayswater Rotary Club rooms in Bayswater.

Further information can be provided by Christine Anderson, ph 0458 366 543 Or visit <https://knoxnocturnals.org>. to find out more about the program or to register your interest to be a volunteer.

## 7 AREAS OF FOCUS

