



# 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

21st Mar Fellowship Night  
28th Mar Club Meeting  
4th April Club Forum  
7th April Vintage Bikes BBQ  
11th April Club Meeting Guest Speaker  
12th April Bunnings Sausage Sizzle  
18th April Club Meeting  
25th April Anzac Dawn Service

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## Presidents Message

Hi All

Hope everyone is well and enjoying the cooler weather.

I don't have a lot to say, as Nadia and I spent last week with our legal team followed by mediation on Friday. It went as we all expected, with a result of zero so its off to court.

Our mediator was a retired QC with a 40 year pedigree, and whilst he cannot offer advice or opinion, his body language toward the plaintiffs told us everything that we need to know.

I'll see most of you on Thursday at hard rock brewing. Stay well.

Yours in Rotary.  
Gary

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### LEST WE FORGET

#### ANZAC DAY DAWN WATCH

**Thursday 25th April 2024**  
Quarry Park, Quarry Road, Ferntree Gully  
5.45am for 6.00am start

Watch the Dawn break above the mountains during a unique commemorative experience honouring the servicemen and women from Ferntree Gully and Upper Ferntree Gully who gave their lives.

Bring a torch and chair if needed.  
Pedestrian access via Quarry Road  
Parking in Ferntree Gully Village and Upper Ferntree Gully Railway Station

Please support our local traders who are open for breakfast this Anzac Day

121 Station Street Café | Alpine Street Bakery | Ferngully Bakery | Rapture Café | Station Street Grocer

# 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



Our next Bunnings Sausage sizzle will be on Friday April 12th  
We have been allocated the following dates:  
May 10th  
June 14th  
July 12th

## 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.

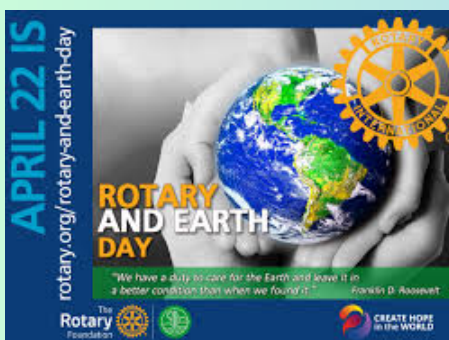
**Third** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.

**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?



### The Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria Inc.

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#### PRESENT SCORESBY 2024



#### Victoria's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Only Swap Meet.

Veteran, Vintage, Classic & Modern Parts & Machines!

**Sunday 7<sup>TH</sup> April 2024**

**At The National Steam Centre,**

**1200 Ferntree Gully Rd. Scoresby (Melways 72D9, just off the Eastlink)**

#### NEW

**Display your Classic,  
Vintage or Veteran  
Motorcycle**

(For vehicles over 25  
years old. Pedestrian  
entry costs still apply)

Motorcycle and Car parking available

Food and drinks on site

Booking not required

No Bric-a-brac, No dogs

No on-site camping

**Swap site \$20  
Entry 6am**

**General Public  
Entry \$10 per  
person**

**Gates open 7am-  
12pm**

**Further enquiries – Brian Tyler 0411 556 755, Peter Growse 0488 112 425**

**Jeni Finlay 0418 326 420, Lindsay Wheeler 0477 057 732,**

**Alan Scoble 0418 376 099**

*Our next major fundraiser is the above event which will require a full club effort. An early morning start at 6.30am as the gates open at 7.00am through to 12.00pm. We will be selling Egg and Bacon Rolls, Hamburgers, Sausages and Drinks. I have secured the BBQ trailer from Bayswater Rotary. Set up will be on the Saturday afternoon, some help will be required.*

## **Fern Tree Gully Rotary Club Meeting 14th March 2024 @ FTG Bowling Club**

Members Attending -Graeme A, Christine A, Brian M, Alan I, Martin H, John F, Paul W Rob D, Rob H,

Apologies -Gary B, Rosie M, F Mandergeddes, Graeme H, Mike S, Kevin M

Partners -Joan M.

Guests-Gavin & Dianne McIntyre from ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)

President Elect Graeme A, did the Toast to Rotary & Australia.

Gavin introduced himself and his association with ROMAC and then showed a short video on the working of ROMAC and results with the children who have had the chance to be helped in the past.

ROMAC. give beds to children where they can be obtained in Australian & New Zealand hospitals, The surgery is undertaken on a pro bono basis by the surgeons

The organization has been operating for 30 years and is also voluntary with no employees or office

Their first patient was from Fiji and to date 537 children under the age of 15 from Oceania have been treated for various issues of major problems

The cost of travel, accommodation and medical costs are met by ROMAC and other organisations like Ronald Mc Donald Houses.

Their most famous patients were 2 Conjoint Twins who were joined at the chest and as the result of the surgery undertaken they now live normal lives.

Outreach Clinics on Oceania give referrals for initial medical help of major issues with children on these islands

Dianne then told and showed stories of individual cases and how they are helped with schooling and other non- medical issues resulting on these patients on to university etc and helping give back to their home islands.

Private Hospitals are now helping St Vincents, Canberra, St John of God to name a few due to lack of beds in the public system.

Currently 65 approved cases have been held due to red on medical Visas,

Cancer Patients are having difficulty in going on the programme due the inability to have follow up programmes on the home islands.

A number of questions were tabled and answered.

Graeme Aspinall gave a vote thanks on behalf of the meeting.

Treasurer Brian Mandergeddes gave a quick update., Profit on Bunnings BBQ approx.\$730

Grant from Bendigo Bank \$1200 for Anzac Day is being used to purchase equipment required for the Service.

Rob Hurst reminded all about next week's meeting at the Brewery or assisting at Bunnings Night.

Meeting closed 7.30pm

*Venue address for this weeks meeting:  
Hard Road Brewing  
31 Holloway Dr , Bayswater*



## Club Speaker Program

Date	Speaker	Topic	Vote of Thanks	Scribe
March 21st	Business Visir	Hard Road Brewing		
March 28th		No Guest Speaker		
April 11th	Peter Behm	District Gov Nominee 2023-26		
April 25th		Anzac Day Morning Service		

*Last weekend Christine and I attended the Presidents Elect Learning and Development Seminar in Traralgon. Presenters and group discussion worked through topics covering Club Experience, Membership, Working Volunteers and Conflict Resolution, Youth Protection, Youth Programs, Club Compliance, Foundation, Regionalisation and more. It was disappointing that only four of our community group clubs attended. District Governor Elect Colin Byron is very excited about leading the new combined District 9815 along with the changes being introduced with regionalisation.*

## Membership Statistics as at 29 February 2024

Zone 8	1-Jul-2023	29-Feb-2024	Net Change from 1-Jul-2023 to 29-Feb-2024	Net Change from 28-Feb-2023 to 29-Feb-2024
Rotary Clubs	1,232	1,225	(7)	(28)
Rotarians	28,891	28,580	(311)	(1,664)
Rotaract Clubs	76	66	(10)	(13)
Rotaractors	1,018	906	(112)	(150)

## FOUNDATION MOMENTS

Quick insights into your charity — The Rotary Foundation

### WHAT IS A PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY MEMBER?

The Paul Harris Society recognizes people who commit to contributing US\$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved global grant. The society's purpose is to honour and thank people for their generous and ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation.

Paul Harris Society contributions count toward several different kinds of individual recognition, and members receive a chevron-style pin and a certificate. Members are also listed in the Paul Harris Society Report.



Please click on [Paul Harris Society membership form](#) to provide this ongoing support to the Foundation!

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The Rotary Foundation



# MAKE MEETINGS MEANINGFUL

PDG MEREWYN WRIGHT, ASSISTANT ROTARY COORDINATOR – MAR 5, 2024

What role do our Club meetings play in attracting, engaging and retaining members?

Article by PDG Merewyn Wright, Membership Assistant Rotary Coordinator

As Rotarians or Rotaractors, one of the enjoyable parts of our membership is the opportunity to get together with our fellow members. For many of us, most of these opportunities come through our regular club meetings.

But is your club meeting actually enjoyable? Are your meetings meaningful and relevant? Or do you find them a waste of your time?

To make our meetings meaningful, we need to ask:

- **Why do we meet?**
- **Where and when do we meet?**
- **What do we do when we meet?**
- **Who do we meet with?**
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Given that ours is a membership organisation, attracting, engaging and retaining our members is key if we want to keep “doing good” in our communities. If you were a prospective member visiting your club for the first time, would you want to come back again?

What connotations come into mind with the word “meeting”? Maybe we need to think of another name for our “get togethers”? Just inviting someone to a “meeting” may be a turn-off.

Instead of a club meeting recently, the Rotary Club of Cairns West, District 9560, cooked and packaged 160 meals which were distributed to people north of Cairns impacted by the December 2023 floods.

With our changing and busy world, and people’s varied time commitments, the need to make meetings meaningful and worthwhile is becoming more important than ever.

So ...

- What opportunities do your club meetings provide for members?
- What should your club consider when planning and scheduling meetings, to meet the needs of your members? Have you asked them lately?
- What role do club meetings play in achieving the goals of your club?
- Do different cohorts in your club (e.g. new vs long term, young vs older, business owners vs others, retired vs working) have different expectations of your meetings? How can you cater for these differences?
- What image of your meetings is portrayed to others outside your club? Do you post photos of your meetings on social media? Do your photos make your meetings look appealing to “outsiders”?
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There are a lot of questions here, but not too many answers. That is because it is only you and your club that can provide the answers. If you want to grow Rotary, now is as good a time as any to reflect on your practices to ensure your meetings are meaningful and reflect what you are hoping to achieve as a club. Don’t be afraid to change – dare to be different – but don’t forget the fun!