



Rotary

Club of Fern Tree Gully



Chartered May 16th 1963

Weekly Bulletin

Vol 63 No 40

23rd May 2024

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

23rd May Club Meeting Guest Speaker
30th May Fellowship Night
6th June Club Meeting
13th June Club Meeting Guest Speaker
20th June Club Meeting
27th June Club Chang Over TBC
29th June District Changover

www.ferntreegullyrotary.org.au



Presidents Message

Hello all , once again I trust that everyone is well.
It has been quite a lazy week at this end , for me at least.
Nadia has been fulfilling her Biz Nonnas duties (that's Italian for Great Grand Mother)
She travels to Cranbourne every morning to help our Grand Daughter Maddison with her new baby .
Glad its her !
Hopefully everyone who attended the avenues of service sessions found them worthwhile.
I attended a meeting with our new group on Friday evening.
Jenny Moran gave an excellent presentation on Knox Nocturnals on behalf of Christine.
Other than that , not a lot to report other than I had a sore bum by the end. Went on for quite a while.
I am not sure if you are all aware , that Greg Mossops email Address was hacked .
Everyone in his address book were sent emails asking for the recipient to purchase Apple gift cards on his behalf , along with the obligatory sob story.
Not much else from this end.
Stay well and have a great week.
Yours in Rotary
Gary.



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.

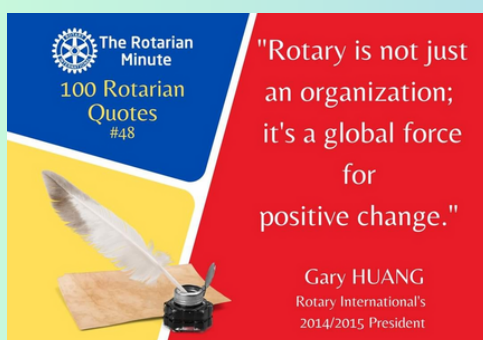
Third The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.

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?



District 9810 End Polio Now - Progress report
Our Goals this Rotary Year

Donations Goal	donations to Date
1. Raised \$69,000 AUD	\$89,996.00
2. Have 23 Clubs donate \$1600 (\$1000US)	
3. Support the DG Partner Project- End Polio	\$28,745

As you can see we have far exceeded our goal of raising \$69,000AUD

The dg's Partner's Project Dr Helen Parker (polio Plus) has raised \$28,745
Polio cases in for 2024-2 cases in Pakistan

In 2023 there were:

Pakistan - 6

Afghanistan - 6

Reminder

*While I am away,
apologies to Fran for the
meeting on June 6th*



The Week That Was



Our Guest Speaker Eve John spoke on her passion of sponsoring a child through World Vision. World Vision began back in 1975 with the launch of the 40hr Famine which raised funds for children in Africa. Eve has a sponsors a 4year old child Uganda. Experience has taught World Vision that the best way to change a child's life is to transform the world they live in, their family, their community and the total area. Eve demonstrated how a \$35 basket of food consumables would benefit a sponsor child plus four more. The life difficulties young people face especially young disabled children.

Funds raised through World Vision also help in providing help in gaining sustainable farming process in growing food crops and vegetation by improving farming process. Sponsorship of a child costs \$48 each month. Monthly updates are provided to the sponsor.

\$250 would provide a water sanitation facility for a local village.

Eve's presentation showed how passionate she is in her sponsorship of a child with World Vision.



WHATS CHANGING IN THE DISTRICT FROM JULY 1ST 2024

Communication:

New D9815 Website (externally focused, simple and consistent navigation)

New D9815 Club Runner, Teams, YouTube library and updated District social media tools.

No DG District newsletter via email. Will communicate via monthly videos – 2 per month one as a District update and the second showcasing a Club, project or fundraiser. Ben Plunkett is the District videographer.

'Highlights' will continue under D9815. Clubs to provide events, key dates (preferably an event flyer) to Michael Ellinger

DG Visits

With nearly 80 Clubs in the District, traditional DG visits to all Clubs will be difficult. For 2024/25 Clubs or RCL's will invite DG to visit.

DG will continue to attend significant Club and RCG events.

DG role (under the Pilot) and RCL Collaboration

Most of the DG's duties during the Pilot remain unchanged. However, there are some specific modifications. These include:

DG will be responsible for :

- | Working collaboratively with the Regional Council to enable change
- | Liaising with the RCL's to enable a smooth transition during the pilot period with a focus on unified support for Clubs and members
- | Ensuring continuity of functions as they transfer to the pilot
- | Promoting the Rotary Action Plan in collaboration with RCL's and Regional Council.

Functions transferring from District to Regional Council (first tranche from July 1st)

- | Membership – New Club Development and existing club support
- | Public Image

Criteria	Points
Increase our Impact: Participate in a local service project as a Club or within your Rotary Community that has been specifically designed to address one or more of the 7 Areas of Focus. Ensure that your project's impact is measurable, and data driven.	50 points
Support PolioPlus by giving a minimum of \$20 per active member.	50 points
Enhance Participant Engagement: Increase Board leadership development by inputting and tracking a minimum of 13 Club goals into Rotary Club Central that addresses each of the 4 priorities.	75 points
Implement membership strategies that result in a minimum net gain of 2 new members.	100 points
Conduct a Club Health check to identify your Club's relative weaknesses and make one sustainable improvement.	50 points
https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/membership Download the Membership Assessment tools document and complete steps 1 & 2 of the Diversity Assessment tool for use in the next planning cycle.	50 points
https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/membership	
Expand our Reach: Continue and/or develop a relationship with a local school to have them participate in Rotary youth programs including the possibility of starting a new Interact or Early Act Club.	50 points
Develop compelling stories about how your Club is making a difference. Use resources from the Brand Centre to show your Club's impact through the media, social media and in the community.	50 points
Increase our ability to adapt: Implement one sustainable improvement that makes your Club meetings more flexible.	50 points
Choose your own adventure! Implement a new initiative for your club that makes Rotary irresistible and links to at least one of the four priorities.	50 points

Framework to Improve
Dist 9815 Club
Excellence Awards
Gold 575 points
Silver 475 - 575 points
Bronze 375 - 475 points

Awards will be
presented at the 2025
District Changeover
Dinner

A tribute to John Fregon



John was a long time and a highly respected member of our club; he was the local chemist in the Ferntree Gully village. His shop was located in Station Street in the premises which is now the Bendigo bank and the post office.

John joined our club in 1983 and remained a member until 2005, during his time in the club he served on nearly all committees and as president in 1989 – 90. John & Marcia also hosted several Rotary Exchange Students in their home.

In his year as vocational service chairman he organised a “Celebrity Dinner” in 1986 at Rembrandts restaurant in Knoxfield. By arranging for Professor Geoffrey Blainey as guest speaker many members of the public and other service organisations were attracted by the quality of the speaker, resulting in the night being a huge success with an audience something in the vicinity of 433 people.

As a result, The Rotary Club cleared over \$800 even after rebates were paid to participating service clubs.

In his presidential year of '89-90 another fantastic event was held, the annual “Business Person’s Dinner” for which the guest speaker organised for the night was “Campbell McComas”, it was a wonderful fundraising project generating approximately \$4,500 dollars on the night.

The club organised many memorable social events during John’s time with us in which, John & Marcia (often with family) participated, they were a very musically talented family.

Many of our musical evenings provided a few surprises and hysterical moments. Another highlight was THE FTG FOLLIES NIGHT when John sang with gusto “When I’m Cleaning Windows” dressed accordingly.

From 1986 for the next 10 years, we had approx 90% attendance by Club members and their partners to the Annual District Conferences which led to wonderful fellowship amongst members. John & Marcia were major participants at all times. He was humble, kind, generous and a well-loved identity in FTG and will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

Club Speaker Program

Date	Speaker	Topic	Vote of Thanks	Scribe
May 23rd	Gail White	Family History Connections	MH	JF
May 30th		Fellowship Night- Hard Rd Brewing		
June 6th		Club Forum		
June 13th	Jasmine Scampton	Haedspace - Knox		
June 20th	Hamish Reid	Acupuncture		
June 27th		<i>Club Changeover</i>		



Roster - Woolworths Mountain Gate

	Thursday 23rd May	Friday 24th May	Saturday 25th May
10 am - 12 noon	John Flemming & Brian Mandergeddes	Gary Braddock & Kay McAloney	Graeme Aspinall
12 noon - 2 pm	John Flemming & Brian Mandergeddes	Martin Howsrd	Rob Hurst
2 pm - 4 pm	Graeme Aspinall & Rob Dawson	Paul & Jill Wilson	Christine Anderson
4 pm - 6 pm	Brian Mandergeddes	John Flemming Brian Mandergeddes	Brian Mandergeddes