



Rotary

Club of Fern Tree Gully



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2024- 2025

Christine Anderson

Graeme Aspinall

District Governor

2024 - 2025

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Hills Rotary Club

Meeting Details:

Weekly Thursday Evenings

6.00pm for 6,30pm

Venue:

Ferntree Gully Bowls Club Glenfern Rd

Ferntree Gully

Diary Dates

28th Nov Pack Christmas Hampers

6th Dec Club Meeting Guest Speaker

12th Dec Club Meeting

13th Dec Bunnings BBQ (Friday)

19th Dec Christmas Breakup Crave Rest

10th Jan Bunnings BBQ (Friday)

23rd Jan FTGully Rotary Resumes

25th Jan Bunnings BBQ (Saturday)

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Presidents Message



What a great evening of celebration at last weeks meeting. Not only being inspired by Geoff Mason, from Eastern Radio FM, to have a regular radio segment on Rotary events, a great way to get our Rotary message out into our local community, we were also joined by our sponsor club of 61 years ago The Rotary Club of Belgrave. A great night sharing Rotary projects and collaboration. A special part of the evening for our club was the induction of a new Rotarian Chris Bartle, Chris has already shown us her commitment to Rotary by taking part in two of our community projects over the last 5 weeks. Welcome Chris you will be a very valuable asset to our club and we all look forward to working with you and sharing you many passions, and enthusiasm for Rotary.

Saturday members and partners assisted in the annual FTG Fire Brigade open day.. Despite the very hot day we all survived, our sausage sizzle kept everyone well fed and a lot of happy high fives from the children enjoying painting their pine cone Christmas Trees, The two winners of our Kids Craft free raffle were thrilled when they received the phone call, the hampers have been delivered.

This Thursday we will be packing our Christmas Hampers for FTG Salvation Army Christmas appeal, a task which gives us great joy.

Happy travels to members enjoying a well-deserved break.

Christine & Graeme



Club Board 2024 - 2025

President	Graeme Aspinall
	Christine Anderson
Secretary	Graeme Harrison
Treasurer	Brian Mandergeddes
Community	Christine Anderson
Youth	Paul Wilson
Fundraising	Graeme Aspinall



Future Dates for Bunnings BBQ
Friday December 13th
Friday January 10th
Saturday January 25th
Friday February 14th

Our new member Chris Bartle

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 Week That Was

Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM by President Christine who welcomed our guest speaker, Geoff Mason and visiting Rotarians from the Belgrave Rotary Club, President James Ballard, together with Rtn's. Julie, Rebecca, and Gus, as well as Ferntree Gully partners Jill Wilson, Kay McAloney & Margaret Hurst, and on Zoom, PP Gary Braddock.

Visitors, Chris Bartle (who was later inducted as a new member) and Lynn

Apologies received from PP Fran and Brian Mandergeddes (although Fran and Brian did login a little later on Zoom) and PP John Flemming.

Following the opening, President Christine invited the speaker Geoff Mason, to commence his talk, Geoff described how a community radio station operates. The radio station he works in is known as Radio Eastern 98.1 FM

Community broadcasting is Australia's largest independent media sector, and a significant pillar of the national media landscape. It is recognized globally as a prime example of grassroots media, and thrives on diversity and local engagement.

Australia's first community radio station was licensed in 1972.

Each week, nearly 5 million Australians tune in to over 450 not-for-profit, community-owned radio stations across the country. These stations deliver programming tailored to the interests and needs of their local communities, reflecting Australia's open society, strong democracy, and vibrant culture.

Geoff is a long-time presenter on the station and described Radio Eastern FM 98.1 as a typical grassroots media platform holding its first test broadcast in 1991. It was a very primitive start but at least a start.

The initial broadcast comprised local singers and musicians. What the station now attempts to do is promote the activities of local community groups, authors and musicians. It also broadcasts the Eastern league football games live, each Saturday the team is playing. In addition, they broadcast emergency messages for summer bushfire warnings, and winter flooding notifications etc.

Most station staff are members acting as volunteers, there are very few paid staff, income is mainly from advertising by local traders and sponsored messages. There are approximately 300 members.

3 to 4 volunteers maintain equipment, there is a separate studio for training purposes and a major upgrade to the main studio is on the way.

The transmitter is located on top of the water tower in Croydon with a to 20 km range, reaching roughly from Box Hill to Ringwood and from Wantirna to Warrandyte.

Geoff's talk was assisted by a very comprehensive visual presentation via a USB on the large screen in our meeting room.

Rtn Martin Howard was invited by President Christine to thank the speaker on our behalf for his presentation.

Presidents Graeme and Christine also acknowledged and thanked Martin for the preparation of the article about rotary headed "Rotary Ramblings" that appeared in the most recent Ferntree "GULLY NEWS".

They then inducted a new member into our club, Chris Bartle, who was welcomed by all present.

James Ballard the President of the Rotary Club Belgrave suggested that Belgrave and Ferntree Gully Rotary clubs should spend more time helping each other out with their club projects and other activities, this would help spread the workload somewhat as both clubs are relatively small.

Prior to closing the meeting some future activities were mentioned by President Christine and Graeme.

Bunnings is looking for clubs to run sausage sizzles over the Christmas break, some of these would be on Saturdays and Sundays, the first of them being Thursday 5th of December, a family night which, unfortunately clashes with the same night that we have organised a guest speaker for, which will have to be resolved very quickly as it's only a couple of weeks away.

An announcement was made that there will be 4 PM community meeting at Ferntree Gully North primary school followed by dinner at the Boronia Hotel for those wishing to attend.

Next week we will be packing Christmas hampers for the local "Sally Annies".

Meeting closed at 7:30 PM

Scribe: PP Robert Hurst



Guest Speaker - Geoff Mason

An update from Barrie Vickers (Bayswater Rotary) on our water bore project in Kithina, Kenya.

I am writing to give you an update. We have completed the geophysical study of the property. Some bush clearing had to be done in order to get good coverage of the land due to a lot of overgrowth. We have collected comprehensive data of the site and are currently in the data review and report writing stage. The report should be finished and shared with you by the end of the week. Permit applications will start next week.

Jason, please share the following document with us: Land title deed, KRA pin certificate of the land owner, and ID or Certificate of Incorporation, depending on ownership type.



Club Speaker Program

Date	Speaker	Topic	Vote of Thanks	Scribe
November 28th		Pack Christmas Hampers		
December 3rd	Kylie Cursio	Feed One Feed All		



Ferntree Gully CFA - Open Day

