



Rotary

Club of Fern Tree Gully



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Co- Presidents

2024- 2025

Christine Anderson

Graeme Aspinall

District Governor

2024 - 2025

Colin Byron

Greater Dandenong / Endeavour

Hills Rotary Club

Meeting Details:

Weekly Thursday Evenings

6.00pm for 6,30pm

Venue:

Ferntree Gully Bowls Club Glenfern Rd

Ferntree Gully

Diary Dates

6th Mar Club Meeting

11th Mar Community Group Meeting

14th Mar Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

20th Mar Club Meeting Guest Speaker

27th Mar Club Meeting Guest Speaker

28th Mar District Conference Bendigo

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Community Group Leader

Gus Rozychi

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Presidents Message



What a fun filled week for members partners and our dear friends of our Rotary Club.

Starting on Thursday morning visiting Pepper Tree Hill retirement village, with a guided tour, although thoroughly enjoyed by all attending not sure if the associated on-going costs would persuade any of us to live in a retirement village.

Our Guest Speaker last meeting CEO of Coonara Community House Sandra Romera, her passion and motivation was uplifting, with so many courses offered was truly inspiring. I am sure many of us will take the opportunity to participate at sometime. in one of the many activities offered by our local community house, Last Friday 16 club members and friends had dinner at The Royal Hotel and then saw the 1812 theatre production of Agatha Christie's play The Spiders Web.

The show was quite quirky and, in typical Christie fashion, sometimes hard to follow, with her usual red herrings and a million twists and turns before the big reveal that I think caught everyone by surprise!!

A welcome break from the trouble of the "real" world and an opportunity to once again get together and have fun!

Saturday saw us again in our 8th Year at the Knox Festival

A big thank you to all that helped in so many ways. Chris (our new member) for your wonderful "Fish Craft" also to those that helped set up, cameon Saturday and those that helped to pack up when we were exhausted.

To Chris, Lynn, Jill, Kay, Fran, Graeme A, Paul, John and Rob H, and Allan a great effort THANK YOU

Despite not having the best location (KCC have received an email from us) twenty-three thousand attended the event. It was still a wonderful day to show case ourselves and be part of the local community.

Christine and 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



Volunteers the Sausage Sizzle

Friday March 14th.

*9.00 - 12.30 Graeme A, Graeme H,
Lynn C & Brian M*

*12.30 - 4.00pm Graeme A, Rob H,
Chris B & Rob D*

Future Dates for Bunnings BBQ

Friday April 11th

Friday May 9th

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?

Date: Friday 4th April 2025

Time: 6:30pm Eyes Down at 7.00pm until 9.30pm

Venue: Upwey Tecoma Football Pavilion
Chosen Ave, Upwey VIC

Cost: \$5 entry (bingo books onsale at venue)

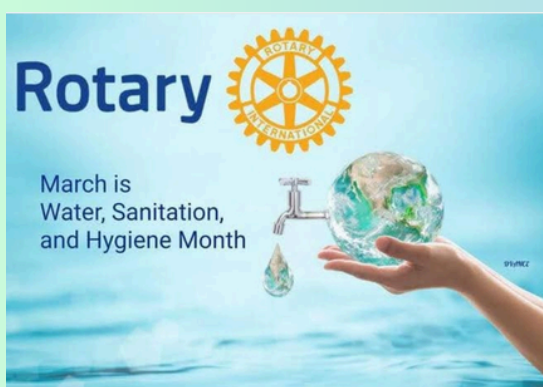
Refreshments: Beer/Wine/Tea/Coffee/Soft Drinks
Chips and Nibbles available

Prizes: Door Prizes, Raffles, Silent Auctions

Supporting Local and International Community Charities

Rotary BELGRAVE

Event TRYBookings:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CZOBU>
INFO PH: 0439 340 121—Gus
PH: 0418 341 260—James



Members attended Peppertree Retirement Village for an information morning last Thursday with the Gift Card reward the Club will receive shortly.

Our Community Group District Governor Visit

Our District Governor Colin Byron along with his Presidents from Belgrave, Emerald, Ferntree Gully and Monbulk invite you to join Emerald as the host club for the District Governors Club visit with you.

Details:

Date: 11 March 2025 6:15PM for 6:30PM

Host Club: Emerald and District

Venue: Paradise Valley Hotel

249 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Clematis VIC 3782

Numbers Required and forwarded to by 4th March:

Peter Brock: peterbrock_67@live.com

Gus Rozycki: gus.rozycki@rotary9815.org.au

Come join DG Colin, DGE Peter and DGN Emma for a night of fellowship and insight!

The DG train and each president will give a 5 minute talk on their club and we may have a guest speaker from district.

Member who indicated their attendance.

Graeme A, Rob D, Christine A, Alan T, Alan D, Martin & Joan H and Chris B

The Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria Inc.
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PRESENT SCORESBY 2025



Victoria's 25th Annual Motorcycle Only Swap Meet.
Veteran, Vintage, Classic & Modern Parts & Machines!
Sunday 6TH April 2025
At The National Steam Centre,
1200 Ferntree Gully Rd. Scoresby (Melways 7209, just off the Eastlink)

The Week That Was

Last week's speaker was Sandra Romero, Manager of Coonara Community House for 4 years. The House is at 22 Willow Rd., Upper Ferntree Gully. Contact details enquiries@coonarahouse.org.au, tel.(03)9758 7081

Sandra told us that Coonara has been open since 1978, offering a great many opportunities and activities to local people. They have only recently had a substantial upgrade, except for their Bush Tucker Garden which got very neglected over COVID. Sandra put a callout to local businesses to quote for landscaping the neglected garden and fortunately Yellowstone Landscaping answered the call and volunteered their services, because of Coonara's commitment to local people, only charging for materials! The garden now grows a variety of plants, especially indigenous fruit and veg which they use in cooking.

CCH has received many awards for its success in living up to its commitment to providing opportunities relevant and accessible to all. It fosters a safe friendly atmosphere to inspire and encourage personal confidence.

Coonara has a great many activities to offer, including these groups:-

Social Groups including the Singularity Choir, coffee mornings, knitting groups

Recreational Groups offering a great variety from cooking classes which include many cultural festive dishes, arts and crafts, printing. Their favourite cook up

is the Prosperity platter which is a very large platter to which everyone adds their own culturally significant ingredient, then everyone shares in stirring them all together with large chopsticks.

Vocational Classes which are recognised by Centrelink and other vocational authorities.

These include computer and digital, art therapy, starting your own micro business, writing creatively.

Coonara receive substantial grants from various government depts. Commensurate with the course/facility provided. It is still difficult sometimes to make ends meet, as all the staff are permanent employees, and other overheads are quite considerable. However, Sandra was proud to announce that they had turned loss into profit in 2 years!

Jill asked about the empty school next to the kindergarten, and although Sandra could not say much about this, the council was aware that an extra kinder class for 4 year olds was needed as the 3 yr old class was at capacity.

To finish, Sandra told us about the way the local community houses had maximised their ability to best cover everyone's needs by forming the Knox Learning Alliance which includes 4 other houses:

The Basin Community House

Mountain District Learning Centre

Orana Neighbourhood house &

Rowville Neighbourhood Learning Centre

A very sincere vote of thanks was given to Sandra for a most interesting talk

Scribe Chris Bartle

Club Speaker and Activities Program

Date	Speaker	Topic	Vote of Thanks	Scribe
Mar 4th		Board Meeting		
Mar 6th		Club Meeting		
Mar 11th		Rotary Community Group Meeting @ Emerald		
Mar 12th		Board Meeting		
Mar 14th		Bunning BBQ		
Mar 20th	Natashha Prendergast	Comlink Home Care		
Mar 27th	Lisa Karsten	Tabulam & Temper Homes for Aged		
April 3rd	Liz McFarlin	Community Transport		
April 6th		Vintage Bikes Swap Meet BBQ		
April 8th		Board Meeting		
Apr 17th	Christopher Bennett	The Memoirs of the Roy Boy		
April 25th		Anzac Day Dawn Service @ Quarry Reserve FTGully		
May 15th	Ian McFarlane	Parkinson's Disease		
May 29th	Michelle Monaghan	Fundraising & Philanthropy		



Craft activities at the Knox Festival