

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

23rd April Guest Speaker

6th April Vintage Bikes Swap Mt BBQ

8th April Board Meeting

10th April Bunnings Family Easter Night

11th April Bunnings BBQ

17th April Guest Speaker 24th April Club Meeting

25th April Anzac Day Dawn Service

1st May Club Meeting 15th May Guest Speaker 29th May Guest Speaker

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Presidents Message



WOW" The inaugural District 9815 Conference in Bendigo, was inspiring, motivational, and energising. 450 like minded Rotarians from all corners of our district, shared "WE BELONG' Because we are Better Together, from the Bendigo warm welcome, with the dancing Chinese dragons to the closing ceremony of three baritone Italian singers. Dynamic keynote speakers some of whom we will share with you at this week's meeting. The House of Friendship open through out the whole weekend, gave us all the opportunity of catching up with fellow Rotarians, or visiting one of the Rotary stalls, displaying many areas of Rotary.

The entertainment program at the Gala Ball was a highlight bringing us all together for an unforgettable social experience, celebrating "Rotary Rocks" The costumes of some clubs were amazing. Check some of the highlight photos in this bulletin.

Don't forget this Sunday at 6.30am we are cooking at Victoria's 25th Annual Motorcycle Swap Meet. We need as many helpers, as this event gets very busy starting at 7.00am -lunch time.

Christine & Graeme

Club Board 2024 - 2025

President Graeme Aspinall

Christine Anderson

Secretary Graeme Harrison Brian Mandergeddes Treasurer Christine Anderson Community

Youth Paul Wilson Graeme Aspnall **Fundraising**

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

- !. 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?





Future Dates for Bunnings BBQ Friday April 11th Friday May 9th



Planning is well under way for our BBQ at the Vintage Bike Swap Meet at the National Steam centre on Ferntree Gully Rd, Scoresby on Sunday April 6th.

Help will be required on Saturday afternoon around 2.00pm to set-up. See page 4 if you volunteered to help set-up.

On Sunday morning the gates open at 7.00am therefore we will be required to have food ready to serve for those who need to have breakfast on arrival. Volunteers will be sought at this weeks meeting.



Rotary club of Fern Tree Gully meeting of 27 March 2025

Opening of meeting

Co-President Christine opened the meeting by welcoming Guest Speaker Lisa, members and guests Jill, Joan, and Kay.

Present

Co-President Christine Anderson, Lynn Cameron, Rob Dawson, John Flemming, Graeme Harrison, Joan Howard, Martin Howard, Robert Hurst, Brian Mandergeddes, Fran Mandergeddes, Kay McAloney, Allan Tierney, Jill Wilson, Paul Wilson and our guest speaker, Lisa Karsten from Tabulam & Temper Homes for Aged (TTHA). Immediate Past President Gary Braddock joined us on ZOOM and Co-president Graeme Aspinall and guest David were able to join the meeting later.

Guest speaker

Lisa Karsten from TTHA outlined the services provided by TTHA, whose prime focus is on home care but they also provide high quality residential aged care for those who ultimately find this necessary. They are based in Elizabeth Street, Bayswater, Victoria and were founded in 1972, with origins in Germany in 1861. Age care is continually changing, and further change is to occur from 1 July 2025, but details are still to be announced by Government. The system for applying for (home) age care packages and the coverage of packages is controlled by government and "isn't a great system". Government will tell you what you are able to get.

TTHA will provide advice in a friendly chat environment. The start point for getting a package is through contacting My Aged Care, and being assessed. On assessment it is essential to provide full information – "tell the whole story of what you can or can't do, include full information on medication". Basic information should include a reference, a support person – "power of attorney is not enough". There is a range of funding levels. Even if on low funding level, it is worth getting on the system – helps with future review of benefits rather than starting from scratch.

Lisa explained that "the system is quite complex so get good advice!" Government will provide only what their system allows. TTHA website and booklet are very informative

TTHA provides a range of services, from residential age care through retirement living homes to full residential care. TTHA value highly their volunteers who visit aged people in residential care and the Age Care Visitor Scheme is "beautiful".

Brian Mandergeddes proposed a vote of thanks to Lisa and this was enthusiastically supported by members and guests.

(Scribe's note - Clearly this is a complex subject, subject t to continual changes, so do get good advice if seeking age care!)

General business

Co-President Christine advised us:

- that the Knox Nocturnals project has been nominated for national recognition, a great honour.
- both co-Presidents will attend the District Convention at Bendigo from Friday 28 March.
- dates of coming events vintage motor-cycle BBQ set-up 5 April for event on 6 April, next Board 8 April, Bunnings Easter family night 10 April, Bunning Mothers' Day event 8 May, Volunteer Week 19 to 25 May. It was also noted that Co=President Christine and Martin were interviewed on FM Radio Eastern 98.1 on 18 March, and "Rotary Ramblings" was published in the FTG News on 27 March.

Club Speaker and Activities Program

Date	Speaker	Topic	Vote of Thanks	Scribe
April 3rd	Liz McFarlin	Community Transport	GA	FM
April 6th		Vintage Bikes Swap Meet BBQ		
April 8th		Board Meeting		
April 10th		Bunnings Easter Family Night		
April 17th	Christopher Bennett	The Memoirs of the Roy Boy		
April 24th		Club Meeting		
April 25th		Anzac Day Dawn Service @ Quarry Reserve FTGully		
May 6th		Board Meeting		
Mat 8th		Club Meeting		
May 15th	Ian McFarlane	Parkinson's Disease		
May 29th	Michelle Monaghan	Fundraising & Philanthropy		

Reminder

Members who indicated they could help set-up on Saturday afternoon at 2.00pm Graeme A, Graeme H, Brian M, John F, Christine A, Alan T

Volunteers for Sunday Graeme A, Graeme H, Fran & Brian M, Rob D, John F, Christine A, Alan A, Lynn C



Dates for Slices only shown at this stage. Soup will be included when the cooler weather starts.

9th April Lemon Slice 7th May Fruit Slice



























