



# 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

10 <sup>th</sup> April	Bunnings Family Easter Night
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Bunnings BBQ
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Guest Speaker
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Club Meeting
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day Dawn Service
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Club Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Guest Speaker
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Guest Speaker

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## Presidents Message



The Vintage Bikes Swap Meeting on Sunday was a very profitable day. It was an early start with our volunteers arriving to set up in the dark. As the sun peaked above the horizon the cooking of egg and bacon began and the queues began to form. Cries for more eggs more bacon where continually heard from the front counter staff until the 270 egg and bacon rolls where all sold in two and a half hours.

We then followed on with hamburgers and sausages in bread which soon sold out also.

With the high numbers attending the Swap Meet it was no doubt that we managed to sell out of food in the time we did. The weather played a big part in the day being successful for both the organisers and our Club , We will have to increase our quantities next year should the weather be similar to this year.

A big thankyou to those who attended, arriving early, working as a team ensured the day was very successful. We where packed up and on our way home soon after 12 noon.

Graeme & Christine



# 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 for Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>  
for the Bunnings Sausage  
Sizzle at Scoresby*

*Morning 8.45 - 12.30pm Graeme A, Graeme H,  
Rob H, & Brian M*

*Afternoon 12.30 - 4.00pm Martin H, Rob D, Fran M  
Christine A & Chris B (alternating)*

## 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?



### Future Dates for Bunnings BBQ

*Friday May 9th*

*Friday June 13th*

*Friday July 11th*



*In place of our normal meeting at the Bowls Club on Thursday all members are asked to attend the Easter Family Night at Bunnings Scoresby.*

*We will be doing what we do best cooking sausages for the free give away and again having our Easter craft stall for the young children. All members and partners are asked to attend from 5.30 - 8.00pm.*



## **MEETING THURSDAY, 3 APRIL 2025.**

MEETING OPENED AT 6.30 PM. By Co-President Graeme A.

Welcomed those present – all members except Paul Wilson (apology) and Gary Baddock, who was going to attend via Zoom, but, unfortunately, the computer failed to make this possible. Also present was partner Joan Howard.

Graeme introduced our Speaker, Elizabeth McFarlin, the Manager of the Community Transport Department of “Eastern Volunteers, a service which began in 1976.

With their motto “Connecting people to their community,” the service provides transport as a one-one-one service taking people virtually “wherever they want to go,” within the Melbourne Metropolitan area, with journeys including Melbourne Airport, Warburton and many other “far flung” destinations, virtually wherever they may want to go, either for official or personal reasons.

Single journeys or group trips are possible, e.g. medical, hospital appointments, shopping, outings, social support with friends, and the like.

The service is part of the aged care and disability system, clients have Care Plans in place, with most aged over 65 having had Aged Care Assessments.

All clients are registered and are encouraged to book their trips ahead if possible, and the service operates from approximately 8 am to 5pm, and, can average 150 – 170 trips each day, some as regular trips, others as required.

Most clients live in Eastern Metropolitan Melbourne.

Those with higher care needs may have their Driver remain with them for the duration of their visit, others using the “drop off and pick up” alternative.

There are approximately 80 volunteers assisting the service; all are subject to Police and Volunteer checks and have first aid training, assuring a high level of accountability. Drivers are also aware of individual needs of clients and can render appropriate support as required. Clients are also aware of the level of safety and care given to them by the Volunteers.

Transport includes 13 cars, 4 “mini” buses and one wheelchair converted car.

Following a lively and interesting question time, President Graeme expressed thanks to Elizabeth, with those present expressing their appreciation with applause.

Graeme and Co-President Christine then outlined the Club’s commitments to our Community projects over the next week – Saturday afternoon – set up for the “Bikers Swap Meet” on Sunday; Food service handlers for the Sunday event; next Thursday – Bunnings Easter evening, where we will run a children’s craft session and hand out free sausages, and our usual Friday sizzle at Bunnings.

So, no physical meeting for 2 weeks!

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

SCRIBE – FRAN M



## ***Club Speaker and Activities Program***

Date	Speaker	Topic	Vote of Thanks	Scribe
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		



**FOOTHILLS**  
COMMUNITY CARE

*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*

**WATER PROJECT**  
**INSTALLATION PROGRAM 2025**

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## Sunday's BBQ at the Vintage Bikes Swap Meeting



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# LEST WE FORGET

## ANZAC DAY DAWN WATCH

**Friday 25th April 2025**  
Quarry Park, Quarry Road, Ferntree Gully  
5.45am for 6.00am start

Watch the Dawn 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.

**Bendigo Bank**

**KwikKopy**

*Please support our local traders who are open for breakfast this Anzac Day:*  
**121 Station Street Café | Ferntree Gully Bakery | Café Bits and Bites | Rapture Café  
Flour and Fairy Bakery and Café. | Station Street Food Co.**