

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



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**RAY HOLLIS & Enid**  
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

**IVAN GIGOVIC,**  
Vale: August 2003  
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



### OUR BUS SHELTER IN SAVUSAVU

Some years ago the Nasasavusavu Special Education School (otherwise known as Yaroi), applied to the Department of Education for a van for the school. Earlier this month they received the good news that their application was successful. The van would be delivered shortly.

Our club was asked if we could help with the cost of building a shelter for it. Of course, we said yes. We were told it would be built with wooden upright poles and a corrugated iron roof. We sent over the money and in no time at all it was done and dusted.

On page 3 you'll see a photo of the sign they erected stating it was an RC FTG project.



# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 1st Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 8th Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Friday 9th Nov [6.30 for.00]	Thursday 15th Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Wednesday 21st Nov 7.30 pm
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Bunnings	FTG Bowling Club	1812 Theatre UFTG
Program:	Member Behind the Badge	DG's Club Visit	Sausage	Caltoria Brewery	Return of the Pink Pantha
Speaker:	Rod Brown	Russell & Shelley G	Sizzle	Lien Jenkins	
Vote of Thanks	N/A	Rob H		Mike S	
Rotary Toast	Graham F	FranM		Enid H	
Cashier:	Rob H	Paul McA		Rod B	
Scribe:	Christine A	John F		Rob H	
Rotary Knowledge					
Topic:					
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Paul W	Paul W		Paul W	
<b>Partners' Night</b>	No	Yes		No	

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



# "RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

This week was Committee Meetings so we didn't have a speaker. However, the following was noted:

- Rod Brown was reminded that he will be the speaker at next weeks meeting as member behind the badge and will give us an abbreviated account of his life to this stage.
- The club members were asked whether they would be interested in asking Kristian Dauncey if he would agree to being an Honorary member of The Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully. All agreed that this would be an excellent idea.
- Members were asked to think about who would be willing to hold Fireside meetings in January next year and John Flemming and Paul Wilson offered. Both to be confirmed after consultation with their wives. Alternative host would possibly be Graeme Aspinall.
- Next on the agenda was preparation for our foray to Trash and Treasure on Sunday. Allan and Ray to load the trailer. Allan, Ray and Christine to front up early and set up the stall. 5am is a terrible time to get out of bed. However, having conquered this problem we headed down to Trash & treasure and lined up with the rest of sellers. Weather was great, sales were good and we made \$588.20 for the day. Thanks go to Allan, Christine, John, Fran, Paul W and Jill, for all their help.
- We are also doing a sausage sizzle on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> at the Community Housing Village in Fern Tree Gully. This is to be a Halloween themed evening from 4.30pm to 7pm for Residents and Children in the Village, organised by Melbourne District Learning Centre as part of their Community Program.
- **Secretary Graeme** reported that there was no incoming or out going mail for this week. Apologies are Rob Hurst, Allan Tierney, Gary Braddock.
- **Treasurer Enid** informed the club that she had purchased the new laptop and accessories for which we received a grant from Knox Council. Now she will have a busy week-end setting everything up to her satisfaction.
- **Paul Wilson** reported on the youth program. QuizzaMe trivia night was held on Friday night and while it was a very enjoyable evening the crowd was down on expectations so consequently we only made a profit of \$280. It was agreed at the meeting that we will present the Fairhills Interact Club with a cheque for \$300 at their next meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November. These funds will go towards their trip to Cambodia next year as part of their International Project.
- **Membership Chair Paul McAloney** reminded us that our Membership suggestions were due to be handed in.
- **Fran Mandergeddes**, as part of the Fellowship Committee suggested that the members may be interested in going to see The Return of The Pink Panther at the 1812 theatre. After a short discussion it was decided to make a group booking for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Interested parties to inform Fran by email no later than this coming Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Monies to be paid to Fran at next Thursday's meeting.
- **Community Chair, Christine Anderson** told us about the games that she has planned for the Halloween evening which promises to be a lot of fun. She also bought up the possibility of introducing a corporate membership, this is

an item that will need to be referred to the board for discussion.

After sergeant Rod Brown depleted our cash reserves with some quotable quotes it was again time to test our skill. AGAIN John Flemming had the winning raffle ticket but once more was not skilful enough to find the Joker.

Paul Wilson then reinforced our **Rotary knowledge** with an insight to the **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)**. Paul and Jill went to the RYPEN Program on the Saturday to have a look at just what occurs. RYPEN could be described as a life program in that it teaches the participants how to be resourceful, how to work together to solve problems, and to encourage those team members who are a little less proficient. All students who attend this program generally say how much they have learnt, new friends they have made, and how it has improved their confidence and self esteem.

Due to the ongoing problems that **Allan Tierney** is having with his foot problem he has submitted a letter resigning his position as Fellowship Chair and has asked for a leave of absence while he concentrates on getting this problem sorted. Allan has taken this course of action because, as a long time Rotarian he feels he is not in a position at this time to maintain his usual standards. We wish Allan a speedy recovery and look forward to his return.

**Multi District Conference.** Quite a few changes to Conference next year. It is to be held as a Multi District Conference with 4 of the 5 Victorian Districts combining for one big show. It is to be held at the Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre (formerly known as Geoff's shed) on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February. There will also be a Gala Dinner on Saturday Night with entertainment by "The Baker Boys" In conjunction with the MD conference there will also be a Rotaract Conference. Interact/Earlyact will have their own Conference and there will also be a Youth Forum. These 2 events will run simultaneously on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February starting at 9am. On Sunday there will be various Rotary Showcase events happening to show the public the sort of things that Rotary does. The public will be able to attend and to even get some hand's on experience.

Finally we got to the Committee meetings. Committees that convened this month were Youth, Fundraising and Fellowship. I decided to sit in on the Fellowship Committee and a number of interesting possibilities were discussed. More details in the Fellowship report.

Next week's housekeeping duties were announced and the meeting closed at 8.40pm.



Yours in Rotary  
**Ray Hollis**  
President 2018-19

# NEWS FROM NASAVUSAVU

Visit by Princess Jasmin Grace Grimaldi



*Pictured above (L-R) Teang Aisea, Principal of Nasavusavu Special Ed School, (Yaroi), Princess Jasmin Grace Grimaldi (granddaughter of Princess Grace of Monaco) and Rotarian Jacorita Badenhorst*

Princess Jasmin is the eldest child of Prince Albert of Monaco. Known as princess but without the title HRH. She lives in New York, by the name of Jasmin!

More than a decade ago a very well-to-do American sponsored the school to quite an extent. When people from America stayed with him he introduced them to the school. Jasmin was one such person and visited the school when she was 14 yrs old. She was in Fiji recently and made a special trip to Savusavu to visit the school again. She spent the morning entertaining the children with singing, telling stories, and presenting them with gifts of stationery items. The children responded equally with their beautiful singing and could not keep their hands off her! She is a very gentle person with a knack of dealing with children. She spent about five days in Savusavu, visiting villages and presenting villagers with gifts.

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Pictured below are the new bus shelter and signage. It certainly didn't take long; we only sent the money a few weeks ago! Looks good doesn't it?



# COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

## November, 2018 Board Meeting

### COMMUNITY REPORT October, 2018 OUT AND ABOUT

#### COMMUNITY RADIO

Community Radio southern FM88.3

A very enjoyable and successful broadcast on the Rotary Hour on Bayside FM October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ray and Christine spoke of our clubs projects, including MU-NA, Junior Community Programme, Interact, Trachoma, Polio and our Fiji Special Education project, computers and bus shed.

Our guest speaker at the last moment was Kristian Dauncey CEO of Knoxbrooke Inc. Kristian told the very successful 51 years from when our club started Knoxbrooke to the present day where they now employ 280 persons with a disability at their Yarra Valley Nursery, and along with the other industries at the site. Daily programs are still being conducted at the original site on Burwood Highway FTG.

We look forward to our next broadcast January 22<sup>nd</sup>. More details to all members at a later stage, Steve Barrington will be our guest speaker.

#### HALLOWEEN PARTY October 31st

Supporting MDLC and partnering along side them, we are running a Halloween Party for the residents including the children who reside in the housing complex on Burwood Highway on Halloween evening

4.30 pm -7.00 we will be sausage sizzling and running games for the children

#### PICK MY PROJECT

The Victorian government announced the projects that will share the 30 million being distributed to local organisations, but unfortunately even with our support and MDLC to provide shade sails for the playground at the housing complex, they did not receive enough votes to get us over the line. Other avenues of funding will be looked at. But on a good note the shade trees which we funded for them have been planted, around the play area.

#### FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We have started to collect gifts for youths and men for their Christmas Day Luncheon. Please bring along Items such as men's toiletries ,socks flip flops, games,\puzzles suduko book, stubby holders,etc etc.

They very much value our gifts as for some reason youths and men they never have enough to go around.

If you would like to donate money either Fan or Jill will do the shopping on your behalf.

#### LIFT THE LID Australian Rotary Health

October 12<sup>th</sup> Australian Rotary Health Hat Day there was tin rattling at Bunnings along side our sausage sizzle At our meeting 18<sup>th</sup> October members wore a hat to depict a vocation, the gold coins also to be sent to Rotary Mental Health Research along with a top up from our clubs funds.

#### FTG VILLAGE FAIR

Village Fair November 24<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching We are running the BBQ stall and also our Christmas themed free activity for children of all ages. A reminder list of what is need will be distributed in the next couple of weeks, eg gum nuts line cones logs etc,

#### CARRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

After the success of building the garden beds for the students project PLANT IT PICK IT PLATE IT. The school has approached our club requesting if we can build them a chicken coops, so they will have fresh eggs and teach students to care for animals. How can we say no, so working with the Rowville Men's club plans are in the pipe line.

Christine Anderson

Community Chair 2018-2019

### Youth Report—October

#### INTERACT

- Last meeting 18/10/18.
- Will have IDAD on December 3
- Will identify office bearers for next year to attend IDAD at meeting 1/11/18.  
Salwan has been told we will have 4/5 students. Names to follow.
- International project Fairhill's Thailand trip next year confirmed with "Stewey".
- Had Quizamy fundraiser 19 October. Money raised (\$280) will probably all go to FHS.
- Will do post mortem of Quizamy meeting 1/11/18.
- Next Meeting 1pm, Thursday November 1.

- Informed Salwan FHS Interact won't be attending Conference

#### Rotary Junior Community Award

Holding end of year presentations 5.00pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at Ferntree Gully Nth PS.

In process of confirming students to attend Club meeting

#### ROTARACT

No further information has been reported since last report

Paul Wilson  
Youth Chair

# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2018	Program.	Speaker
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
1-Nov	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Rod Brown
8-Nov	DG's Club Visit	Russell & Shelley Gurney
9-Nov	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
9-Nov	Presidents Elect Pre-PELDS workshop	
15-Nov	Caltoria Brewery	Lien Jenkins
16-Nov	International Service Seminar	
21-Nov	<b>The Return of the Pink Panther</b>	1812 Theatre UFTG
22-Nov	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>
23-Nov	President's Quarterly Meeting / AGM	
24-Nov	<b>Ferntree Gully Traders Fair</b>	
27-Nov	<b>RJCA Awards</b>	FTGN PS
29-Nov	RYPEN	Fairhills HS students
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
3-Dec	BOARD MEETING	
6-Dec	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Graham Faulkner
9-Dec	<b>Jazz at the Royal</b>	Royal Hotel UFTG
13-Dec	FTG Bowling Club / RC FTG	Ken Miller
13-Dec	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
20-Dec	<b>Christmas Break-Up</b>	Glengollan Clubrooms
27-Dec	<b>Christmas Break - No Meeting</b>	

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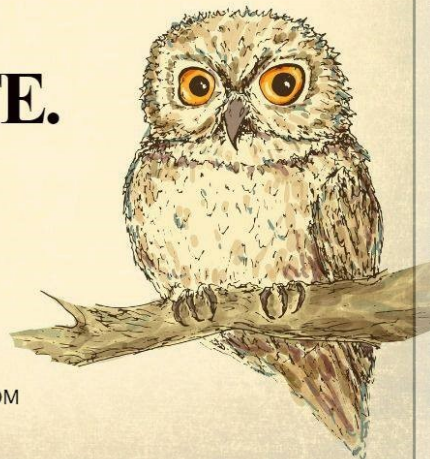
	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event



BOARD MEETING	CHAIR REPORTS DUE DATE
3rd Dec	1st Dec
4th Feb	2nd Feb
4th Mar	2nd Mar
1st April	30th Mar
6th May	4th May
3rd June	1st June

Life's tragedy  
is that we get old  
**TOO SOON**  
and wise  
**TOO LATE.**

—Benjamin Franklin



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