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WEEKLY BULLETIN



President, Rotary International

BARRY RASSIN & Esther
Rotary Club of East Nassau
New Providence, Bahamas



District Governor, Dist. 9810 –

RUSSELL GURNEY & Shelley
Rotary Club of Doncaster

President,

RAY HOLLIS & Enid
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

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



Pictured above (L-R) District Governor Russell Gurney, PP Graeme Aspinall and President Ray Hollis

THIRTY YEARS A ROTARIAN

Graeme Aspinall was inducted into the club on 10th November, 1988. For thirty years Graeme has served both the club and the local community. A great record!

Whilst not being our longest serving member (that's Rob Hurst who was inducted in July, 1981) Graeme's contribution was well worth recognising. Our current Rotary International President thought so too—District Governor Russell Gurney was delighted to present Graeme with a congratulatory letter signed by Barrie Rassin along with the certificate from the club.

A fantastic record Graeme—well done.

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 15th Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Wednesday 21st Nov 7.30 pm	Thursday 22nd Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 29th Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 6th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	1812 Theatre UFTG	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	SES Emerald	Return of the Pink Pantha	Committee Meetings Group A	RYPEN Week-end	Member Behind the Badge
Speaker:	Phil Pascall		N/A	Fairhills HS Students	Graham Faulkner
Vote of Thanks	Mike S		N/A	Rod B	N/A
Rotary Toast	Enid H		Rob H	Fran M	Paul McA
Cashier:	Rod B		Mike S	John F	Paul W
Scribe:	Rob H		No Scribe	Mike S	Rod B
Rotary Knowledge			Paul McA		
Topic:			RAM		
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Paul W		Paul W	Paul W	Graeme A
Partners' Night	No		No	No	No
Birthdays:			None		
Wedding Anniversaries:			None		
Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully			None		



"RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

This week saw us playing host to DG Russell Gurney and his wife Shelley for the annual DG's visit. We were also joined by our AG Christina Chia, members' partners - Jill Wilson and Lindy Faulkner and our current exchange student Guilia. Once again an Inspirational and thought provoking meeting.

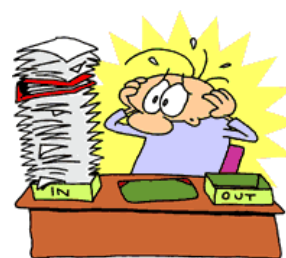
Friday saw us back at Bunnings sizzling sausages. Another profitable day.

Pre PELDS (President Elect Learning and Development Seminar) was held on Friday evening. Shia Smart, our incoming DG for 2019-2020, gave us an insight as to what she is working towards. She will be looking to continue the good work that is already taking place and to update and modernise some of the training programs, such as the various Seminars and District Assembly. Shia also mentioned that DG's visits next year will be kept to just 30 minutes—enough time to cover a number of relevant points and then will be mingling and talking to members. If clubs need any assistance from District for any reason she would like us to contact them as soon as we know and not wait specifically for the DG's visit.

A little bit of club trivia: To date, this Rotary year, we have taken part in 21 activities for a total of 372 Volunteer hours.

That's all for this week.

Yours in Rotary
Ray Hollis
 President 2018-19



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 8th November, 2018

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

President Ray welcomed all present including District Governor Russell Gurney and Shelley, Assistant DG. Christina and our exchange student Giulia.

He mentioned that he had invited Belgrave Rotary Club to our Christmas break-up and that Kathy and her husband may attend as may some others.

In speaking of the club's activities President Ray told the meeting that so far this Rotary year the club had been involved in twenty activities -over three hundred and forty-seven hours.

Secretary Graeme said that apologies were Gary Braddock and Rod Brown.

REPORTS:

Fran said that she had booked thirteen seats for "Pink Panther" for 21 November.

She also indicated that she had been contacted by a single mother who required a Working With Children certificate to take up a job offer but that she required assistance as she could not raise the \$150 cost. (members subsequently donated the required funds)

Enid reported that she had received an email advising that school reports for the Fiji students that the club is supporting were on their way.

Paul Wilson said that there was an interest meeting to be held next week at Fairhills Secondary College for new Interact members.

Bob Hurst reported that unfortunately next week's speaker had had to pull out but that the Bowls Club chef would speak about the Emerald SES. He also added that the original speaker had offered a visit and BBQ at his business.

Christine reminded members that the Ferntree Gully Fair was on in a fortnight and that helpers would be required.

She also reminded members that presents were required for the community Christmas lunch and that a Rotaract planning meeting was to be held.

Paul Wilson conducted the sergeant's session with questions based on Rotary knowledge. We failed miserably with the exception of the guests who were fed real Dorothy Dixers.

In conducting the "skill session" Paul kept us all in the game as Ray chose the seven of diamonds.

DG's Address:

District Governor Russell said that it was heartening to see that the club had inducted two new members. He then presented a thirty year certificate of service to Graeme Aspinall together with a signed letter from Barry Rassin!

Russell said that there had been a good discussion on the future of the club and not surprisingly identified membership as the major issue facing it.

He mentioned that a new club had been formed at Nunawading and that it was meeting on Sunday evening.

Russell spoke of the Rotary theme-*Be an inspiration* and that we should build on what has been done before.

Rotary, he said, was ranked as a four star charity organisation for the eleventh successive year.

Referring to Polio Plus, Russell said that unfortunately in its 25th year there had been 19 cases reported in Afghanistan (the first rise for some years) and one in Papua New Guinea.

Speaking generally about Rotary Russell said that it was important that we grow, are inclusive in all respects, that we engage our committees and that we conduct a successful conference. He added that we were pitching to conduct the 2023 Rotary International Conference here in Melbourne.

Russell said that we must support the strength of our clubs; must increase our impact, expand our reach, increase our ability to adapt and must take risks.

He thanked what he said was a small but very active club which supported the conference and had a District involvement. He asked us to keep innovating, ensure Rotary's relevance in the local community and share the gift of Rotary by sharing our personal story.

Shelley Gurney said that her project was *Rotarians Against Malaria* and sought to supply colouring books to schools illustrating how to avoid malaria also nets (which cost \$10) for beds and diagnostic kits. She said that early treatment was critical in treating malaria.

Shelley indicated that both she and her son had contracted Malaria but fortunately had received early treatment and had fully recovered but 1470 people a day are diagnosed.

She said that RAM badges were being sold at \$5.

Enid presented Shelley with a cheque for \$1,000 from the club to support her cause.

Rob Hurst moved a vote of thanks to Russell and Shelley.

President Ray closed the meeting and in doing so thanked the visitors.

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John Flemming



COMING UP SOON.....

FELLOWSHIP

DON'T FORGET

Fellowship Event

RETURN OF THE PINK PANTHER

21st November

8.00 pm

1812 Theatre

Upper Ferntree Gully

Pre Theatre Drinks & Champagne

Supper afterwards

JAZZ AT THE ROYAL



Sunday

9th December

12:30—3:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

Glengollan Club Rooms
1 Hutton Avenue,
Ferntree Gully

THURSDAY, 20th DECEMBER

6.30 for 7.00 pm

No cost involved

B Y O FOOD AND DRINKS

(Salads and Desserts yet to be allocated)



REMEMBERANCE DAY

THE ARBORETUM FERNTREE GULY



Pictured above (L-R) Fran Mandergeddes and Christine Anderson

The service was enacted by local schools and groups, who performed almost every part of the ceremony, only assisted when required by one or two adults who did their best to keep a low profile as much as possible.

It was very moving and at the end we were all invited to lay our own wreath and individual poppies with the many formal wreaths at the wall of remembrance.

There was the haunting skirl of bagpipes; a clear and emotive Last Post by a student; a beautiful hymn from a school choir; a bible reading about the tragedy of war and working to live with and respect all humanity and their beliefs; and a message of hope from the younger generation that we must all work together for peace.

Around 1000 people attended- babies, primary school students; High schools, service groups, Cubs, scouts, guides, SES, CFA, vets motor cyclists group, the Melbourne Ambulance Pipe Band; and many more who made the moment unforgettable for years to come.

A shame our club did not lay a wreath but there will be other years....

Lest we forget.

**Fran Mandergeddes
Fellowship Committee**



THURSDAY

22ND NOVEMBER

7.00—9.00 P.M.

TOSARIA RESTAURANT/CAFÉ

60 Henderson Road

Rowville

Victoria

Hosted by Rotaract District 9810

FREE

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IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2018	Program.	Speaker
15-Nov	SES - Emerald	Phil Pascall
16-Nov	International Service Seminar	
21-Nov	The Return of the Pink Panther	1812 Theatre UFTG
22-Nov	Committee Meetings	GROUP A
23-Nov	President's Quarterly Meeting / AGM	
24-Nov	Ferntree Gully Traders Fair	
27-Nov	RJCA Awards	FTGN PS
29-Nov	RYPEN	Fairhills HS students
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
3-Dec	BOARD MEETING	Enid & Ray's home
6-Dec	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Graham Faulkner
9-Dec	Jazz at the Royal	Royal Hotel UFTG
13-Dec	FTG Bowling Club / RC FTG	Ken Miller
13-Dec	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
20-Dec	Christmas Break-Up	Glengollan Clubrooms
27-Dec	Christmas Break - No Meeting	
2019	Program.	Speaker
January	is Vocational Service month	
3-Jan	Christmas Break - No Meeting	
10-Jan	Fireside Meeting	Anne & John Flemming's home
17-Jan	Fireside Meeting	Jill & Paul Wilson's Home
24-Jan	Committee Meetings	GROUP B
31-Jan		
February	is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution month	
4-Feb	BOARD MEETING	
7-Feb	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	John Flemming
14-Feb		
15-17 Feb	Victorian Multi-District Conference	
21-Feb		
22-Feb	Presidents Quarterly Mtg	
28-Feb	Committee Meetings	GROUP A
March	is Water & Sanitation month	
4-Mar	BOARD MEETING	
7-Mar	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Ray Hollis
14-Mar		
16-17 Mar	Multi-District Presidents Elect Leadership Seminar	
21-Mar		
28-Mar	Committee Meetings	GROUP B

Legend:

	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event

