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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 : Phil Pascall, Emerald SES

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES

When we found out that the excellent chef presiding over the kitchens of the Fern Tree Gully Bowling Club (the venue for our club's weekly meetings) was also a long standing member of the Emerald branch of the SES, we gave him an enthusiastic invitation to address the club. Phil was very willing and went to some lengths to provide a terrific presentation which included a personal inspection of the SES truck he brought with him that night.

We all agreed—we hadn't known the half of what the SES people do! Along with the CFA they are the volunteers who care for our community and keep it safe.
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Thank you Phil. A tremendously interesting presentation—but keep those delicious meals coming too please!

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 22nd Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 29th Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 6th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 13th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Friday 13th Dec [6.30 for.00]	Thursday 20th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Bunnings	Glengollan Club Rooms
Program:	Committee Meetings Group A	RYPEN Week-end	Member Behind the Badge	FTG Bowling Club/RC FTG	Sausage	Christmas Break-up BBQ
Speaker:	N/A	Fairhills HS Students	Graham Faulkner	Ken Miller	Sizzle	
Vote of Thanks	N/A	Rod B	N/A	Rod B		
Rotary Toast	Rod B	Fran M	Paul McA	Graham F		
Cashier:	Mike S	John F	Paul W	Christine A		
Scribe:	No Scribe	Mike S	Rod B	Rob H		
Rotary Knowledge	Paul McA					
Topic:	RAM					
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Paul W	Paul W	Graeme A	Graeme A		
Partners' Night	No	No	No	Yes		

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



"RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

On Thursday afternoon Paul W, Enid and I went along to Fairhills Interact club for the final meeting of the year. It was supposed to be just a little get together to say goodbye for those moving into year 12, but unfortunately, most of them didn't turn up.

Our speaker on Thursday night was Phil Pascal from Emerald SES. The presentation by Phil into all the different services that SES are involved in was quite eye opening. I was certainly not aware of all the different activities that they undertake.

Friday night Enid and I went to the District International Seminar which was quite informative but Enid will give more information about this in her report.

This Saturday is the Ferntree Gully Village Fair so everybody is welcome to come along and give us a hand. This year we will be doing 2 activities— Christmas logs (same as last year) and also a sausage sizzle.

That's all for this week.

Yours in Rotary
Ray Hollis
 President 2018-19



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 15th November, 2018

The meeting opened at 7 PM with the toast to Rotary by PP Enid and **President Ray** welcoming all members. Our guest speaker for the evening **Phil Pascall** from the Emerald SES also doubles as the chef at the Bowling club, he made a brief appearance before the meeting but returned to the kitchen to prepare our evening meal.

President Ray's announcements:

- Attended a meeting recently with other representatives from our cluster group to see if there is sufficient interest to establish a Rotaract club in Knox, if enough interest can't be generated the idea will be dropped.
- There is to be an International Woman's Day dinner to be held at the Waverley Golf club on Thursday, 7 March next, ideas are being sought for a guest speaker preferably a female. Ferntree Gully Rotary club will be shifting its meeting to that venue on the night.
- Reminded us about the Christmas break up on 20th December at Glen Gollan Village, each member will be expected to supply their own meat for the barbecue. However, a list will be circulated asking members to nominate whether they will be bringing salads or deserts, the idea being to not have too many of the same
- Letter of thanks was received from District Governor Russell Gurney and his partner Shelley thanking the club for the courtesy shown to them on their official visit.

Secretary: (PP Graeme Aspinall)

- The only correspondence was a newsletter received from Operation Cleft. Advised members that the sausage sizzle at Bunnings the previous Friday raised \$560

Apologies Received from: Gary Braddock, John Flemming, Graham Faulkner and Alan Tierney who is on leave of absence.

Treasurer/International: Enid: there was no report other than to mention that she and Pres Ray will be attending District International Seminar and will be selecting one of the projects previously presented to the Club's International Committee

Fundraising: (Graeme Aspinall)

The next sausage sizzle will be held at Bunnings on **Thursday** December 13, a spirited discussion took place on how we should assemble the sausage and onions on the bread. A result of the news that Bunnings will require the **sausage be placed on top of the onions!!!**

Community: (Christine Anderson)

- Local Country Fire authority representative Graeme Creighton wants to promote a meeting to be held on 14 December to inform the local community about the coming fire danger season in the hills and what action should be taken to minimise the risk associated with bushfires. He also suggested a project that Rotary could carry out by building garden beds at the front of the local CFA Hall.
- Reminded members of the coming Ferntree Gully Village fair being held on Saturday 24 November and that she will be requiring strong support from members to assist with the various activities the club is involved in on the day.

Youth: (Paul W.): Recent meeting held at Fair Hills High School to determine future interest in continuing with Interact was only attended by 50% of the students expected, the teacher responsible for interact at the school, Susan, was very embarrassed.

PP (Paul Mc): reminded members that the membership nomination forms are to be in by 22 November

PP (Fran) donned a hairy moustache, said we should all be wearing one for "**MOVEMBER**"

Sergeant-At-Arms: (Paul W) continued with the changed format of questions instead of jokes, a formal complaint was lodged about the Dorothy Dixer's given to the District Gov and other dignitaries last week.

Skill: won by PP Christine who drew the 6 of clubs **so no cigar!!!!**

PROGRAM:

Our Speaker for the evening was **Phil Pascall** who is a member of the Emerald SES; he is the unit trainer and 2nd in charge. He is also the fellow who is responsible for overseeing the preparation of our weekly repast at the Ferntree Gully Bowling club.

The SES was founded in 1950 and was originally called the Civil Defence Organisation but is now an Independent Statutory Authority.

There are 105 SES units in Victorian and 33 in the central area which is basically Melbourne metropolitan and immediate surrounds. There is a permanent staff 128 and funded mostly by local councils with some grants from the government for capital items of equipment.

All units on the ground are manned by volunteers who are on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week for 365 days a year

The Emerald SES covers an enormous area taking in most of the Dandenong's, it borders on Ferntree Gully to the east, Lilydale in the north and Narre Warren in the South.

The SES has a close relationship with the other emergency services such as the Police, (Vicpol) Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) and the Country Fire (CFA) authority as well as Ambulance Victoria.

The CFA and SES have separate responsibilities for the different natural hazards and events that occur, the SES is the largest provider of road rescue services, and covers natural events such as storms and floods (which cost Victoria \$465 million annually on an average basis) removal of fallen trees etc. Also, earthquakes and tsunamis!! (of which the largest was in 1960 after a 9.5 magnitude earthquake in Chile).

Another service the SES provides is the "Driver Reviver" program nationally.

A highlight of his talk was the opportunity to have a detailed inspection and explanation of the equipment carried in a real live SES vehicle. Phil had driven the vehicle from Emerald to the Bowling club just so we could see firsthand this critically important vehicle and equipment put to use by the organisation on a daily basis.

All in all, a most interesting evening particularly since Phil was asked at very short notice to take the place of our original speaker who had double booked his evening.

PP Mike Spark thanked Phil on our behalf for his presentation and presented him with our usual speakers' gift, a pen with a USB. In return Phil presented us with a carryall bag that included pamphlets and a Home Emergency Plan booklet plus a pen without a USB!

Meeting Closed at 8.50 p.m.

(followed by an inspection of the SES vehicle out in the car park)

Scribe: Robert Hurst

COMING UP SOON.....

JAZZ AT THE ROYAL



**Sunday
9th December
12:30—3:30 p.m.**

FERNTREE GULLY VILLAGE FAIR

**SATURDAY 24TH November
10.00 am to 2.00 pm**

**Rostered for the Children's Christmas Stall and our Ham-
burger/Sausage Sizzle Stall :**

**Ray Hollis
John Flemming
Graeme Aspinall
Enid Hughes
Mike Spark
Christine Anderson
Allan Tierney
Paul Wilson
Jill Wilson**

Any other helpers are welcome—please let Ray know.



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)



QUARTELY CLUSTER MEETING




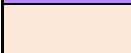
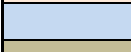


Pictured above (L-R) Ray Hollis, FTG; Christina Chia, AG; Richard Kent, Knox; Daryl Moran, Rowville-Lysterfield and Annette Haworth, Boronia

Not quite the usual cluster meeting. It was scheduled to be held at RC Bayswater's clubroom but due to a number of reasons, no-one from Bayswater was there so the clubroom remained locked but the outdoor setting came in very handy. Fortunately Melbourne's weather decided to be kind!



IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2018	Program.	Speaker
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

