

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



INCORPORATED REG. No. A0023463V
DISTRICT 9810 VICTORIA AUSTRALIA
CHARTERED: 16th May, 1963
Postal Address: P. O. Box 164 FERNTREE
GULLY, VIC 3156
Website: www.ferntreegullyrotary.org.au
Facebook: [/www.facebook.com/ferntreegullyrotary1](https://www.facebook.com/ferntreegullyrotary1)

Vol 56 Issue No 23

6th December, 2018



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



WEEKLY BULLETIN



Pictured above : Jesse and Sam—RYPEN candidates

RYPEN EXPERIENCES

Having already had Sam's brother Noah speak to our club we were prepared for Sam and Jesse. We weren't disappointed! The account of their activities during the weekend RYPEN camp was both hilarious and illuminating. The boys kept us well amused but underneath it all it became obvious that there had been a keen awakening of leadership qualities, a learning to trust and have fun, all at the same time.

Sounds like a wonderful weekend. Well done to everyone who attended and special thanks to the leaders who gave up their time to make it such a great experience.



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 6th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 13th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 13th Dec [6.30 for.00]	Thursday 20th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 27th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Bunnings	Glengollan Club Rooms	
Program:	Member Behind the Badge	FTG Bowling Club/RC FTG	Sausage		CHRISTMAS BREAK NO MEETING
Speaker:	Ray Hollis	Ken Miller	Sizzle	Christmas Break-up BBQ	
Vote of Thanks	N/A	Rod B			
Rotary Toast	Paul McA	Graham F			
Cashier:	Paul W	Christine A			
Scribe:	Rod B	Rob H			
Rotary Knowledge					
Topic:					
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Graeme A	Graeme A			
Partners' Night	No	Yes			

<i>Birthdays:</i>	6yj—Nadia Braddock (wife of Gary)
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



"RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

Well, the "Silly Season" has begun and things are becoming more chaotic by the day but thankfully, on the Rotary front, it has been a little quieter this week.

At our recent meeting we had two of the students from Faihills High School who attended RYPEN, that's Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, earlier this year who came along to give us an insight into the activities that filled their weekend. More in the scribe's report.

With Christmas fast approaching we only have two more meetings before our Christmas breakup, then a break for 3 weeks before fireside meetings start on January 10th.

That's all for this week.

Yours in Rotary
Ray Hollis
 President 2018-19



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 29th November, 2018

The meeting was opened at 7.05pm by President Ray

Announcements:

President (and Chairperson) Ray welcomed everyone, including Diane Fisher (District RYPEN coordinator), and Susan Harris (Rotary youth programs coordinator for Fairhills High School) along with Sam and Jesse (2 of our 5 participants in RYPEN this year). Tim attended to listen to Sam, one of his twin sons.

Ray announced :-

- *Bad news* – Alan T had to have his big toe removed because of infection issues – he is in Knox Private Hospital recovering.
- *Good news* - Gary B will be coming to our Xmas party

Reports

Secretary: Graeme Aspinall received mail from Wheelchairs for Kids, which brought on a discussion of what we should do with the Wishing Well, which hasn't been used since we burnt down the Knox Tavern with our hot air all those years ago. He also advised that we had made \$477 from the FTG Fair sizzle, with another \$45-30 coming from donations at the Xmas present making tent. A great effort all round!

Apologies: Paul McAloney, Alan Tierney and Christine Anderson (refer Alan T news above), and Gary Braddock (LOA).

Treasurer: No report.

Community – Christine and Alan were both away (see above).

Fran, Paul and Rob appeared with instant moustaches and looked suitably funny/ridiculous(?) to highlight the end of the Movember campaign. Great job, all!!

Graham Faulkner advised of some new genetic research efforts to cut the toll from prostate cancer (but they will take 5 years or so to materialize!), and collected moneys from members to go to the cancer research fund.

Fran also collected \$300 for the campaign, with the help of a \$200 Club donation.

Diane Fisher, our guest, gave us a quick history of Movember, having been personally involved from the start (and Yes – it did start here in OZ!), and reminded all about the website availability for any further donations.

Fellowship - I have organised another "Jazz at the Royal" lunch for Sunday, 11 December. Please email me ASAP if you can make it.

Youth: Paul Wilson.

RJCA program - he will link the FTG North students/alumni with the Fairhills Primary students and their parents, to quell any "fears" about the program involvement and boost participation. *Paul is doing a great job as Youth Chair.*

Sergeant-at-arms and "SKILL" session. Paul W took our money with glee, after reading out an inspirational speech from Steve Jobs about goal setting.

Skill: Ray (again!!) was unsuccessful, drawing the Queen of Clubs.

Guest Speakers – RYPEN Students (Fairhills High)

Nikia, Alexa, Sam and Jesse from Fairhills Secondary College attended the RYPEN camp at Mt. Evelyn on September 16-17, and really enjoyed it! (Only 2 of the 4 could make it to the club to tell us about the weekend, but they did a brilliant job on behalf of the others.)

They were impressed with so many things, and said it was a great choice that challenged them in so many ways:-

- They met new people and made friends, not just within their allocated groups but with the other camp groups.
- That last year's participants were this year's leaders was terrific, and made it so easy for them to assimilate.
- They not only enjoyed the "social" parts but learned a lot about strategy and teambuilding, especially with the program's focus on doing it rather than just hearing about it.
- The camp program was very well planned and well laid out.
- They loved the fact that there were feedback sessions every day, so they were involved in the implementation and the changes.
- They loved the bonding and the communications, and both said they want to become leaders/mentors in next year's camp.
- They believe they can transfer the skills learned from the RYPEN weekend to their work with Interact (Sam will be Interact President in 2019)
- The rest of the school, and
- The rest of their lives.

RYPEN HAS DONE IT AGAIN – changed young minds and lives!

President Ray read out next week's housekeeping duties and closed the meeting at 8-30pm.

Scribe:/Editor/ typist: Mike Spark



JAZZ AT THE ROYAL

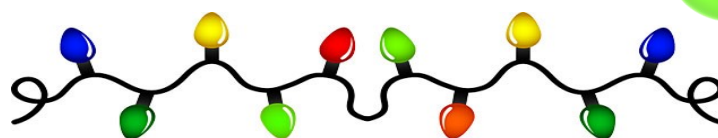


Sunday
9th December
12:30—3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, 13th December

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

9.00—12.00 p.m.	12.00—3.00 pm
Graeme Aspinall John Flemming Mike Spark	Ray Hollis Rod Brown John Flemming Fran Mandergeddes Enid Hughes



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 are now allocated—
Thank you)**



COMMUNITY REPORT

November, 2018 OUT AND ABOUT

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS GIFTS ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT FOR US TO RECEIVE YOUR GIFTS OR DONATIONS

We are still collecting gifts for youths and men for their Christmas Day Luncheon. Please bring along items such as men's toiletries, socks, flip flops, games, puzzles, sudoku 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. A HUGE thank you to ALL who have so generously already gifted.

FTG VILLAGE FAIR

Despite a very cold wet day all our members and helpers enjoyed the day. The Christmas logs made by the children were once again a big hit. We get so much pleasure in watching their creativity and the beams on their faces as they walk away with their special homemade decoration. This year our club was asked to cook up a storm in the way of hamburgers and snags. They were run off their feet and we netted a great profit, whilst feeding those who braved a very wet day. A wonderful day for us all thank you everyone for your support.

COMMUNITY RADIO

Community Radio southern FM88.3

It's with great disappointment that I have to announce that our club will no longer be heard on Southern Radio FM88.3. As you all were aware, we were asked by the Bayside clubs to join them, however at the end of November everything turned a bit upside down, with those programming and organising the weekly show, at this stage it is no longer going ahead. It was a great learning experience for Ray and myself and I am sure we will find a local station where we can share our clubs great Rotary projects and be heard in our own community.

KNOX FESTIVAL 2ND—3RD March 2019

An application is being submitted to the Knox Council from our club to run a FREE activity over the two day festival. We will be notified on December 20th if we are successful, I should be able to announce it at our Christmas Party. We are using an Easter theme, it will be making Fluffy Bunny Rabbits out of fluffy socks, and rice etc. and also for the smaller children painting plaster bunnies (we have heaps of plaster left from our Christmas Logs)

Christine Anderson
Community Chair 2018-2019

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

November, 2018



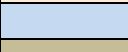


- **Nasavusavu Special Education School.**
 - We have received Thank you cards and school reports for the students we sponsor at Yaroi. These were passed around during one of our weekly meetings. They are still available for anyone who wishes to take a look.
 - Computers have been purchased and the ethernet cable finally installed. However, the school year has now finished so the equipment is being stored in a safe place until the school year starts next year.
- **District/Global Grants**
 - Ray and I attended the District International Seminar where we spoke with David Alexander re various projects in 3 villages in East Java. e.g:
 - Days for Girls micro-enterprise; smokeless biomass cooking stoves; solid waste collection and turning rubbish into fuel pellets for use in the cooking stoves
 - Installation of appropriate toilet technologies given that at the moment the current toilets impact on the quality of the shallow groundwater tables.
 - **Sungai Kolok project:** David Alexander plans to visit Thailand again shortly and will be catching up with the River Asia team while in Bangkok. They are looking to get a doctor involved in the program so we can qualify it as a Disease Prevention & Treatment Project.
- I will be meeting with David on his return to discuss all the above projects.
- **Harmony Project – Nepal** is implemented by TEAR Australia's partner Share & Care Nepal in the region of Nuwakot, Nepal. The district is a hill district located north of Kathmandu district. Although the district is located at the border of the Kathmandu valley, many parts are still inaccessible by road and other development initiatives. There is a high reliance on agriculture in the region and many younger people migrate in search of regular work.
 - The goal of the Harmony Project is to bring about positive change in the lives of communities in this area through:
 - Creating access to resources and community decision making through a self-help group model
 - Educating the community on issues relating to people trafficking, exploitation and slavery.
 - This project directly involves approximately 1,750 people directly with a reach of closer to 8,400 residents in the project area.
 - **All donations matched 4:1 by DFAT (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)**



Enid Hughes
International Chair

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2018	Program.	Speaker
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
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	Working Safely in the Home	David McIvor
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

