

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN



President, Rotary International

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



BE THE INSPIRATION

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 : The New Melbourne Jazz Band*

## JAZZ AT THE ROYAL

The “Silly Season” is well underway but last Sunday most of our members managed to find the time to meet for lunch at the Royal Hotel in Upper Ferntree Gully and enjoy a couple of hours of great music.

A terrific afternoon—thanks to Mike Spark for organising it.



# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	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]	Thursday 3rd Jan [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	Bunnings	Glengollan Club Rooms		
Program:	FTG Bowling Club/RC FTG	Sausage		<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>
Speaker:	Ken Miller	Sizzle	Christmas Break-up BBQ	<b>NO MEETING</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>
Vote of Thanks	Rod B				
Rotary Toast	Graham F				
Cashier:	Christine A				
Scribe:	Rob H				
Rotary Knowledge					
Topic:					
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Graeme A				
Partners' Night	Yes				

<i>Birthdays:</i>	16th—Paul Wilson
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



## "RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

Rotary-wise, it has been a quiet week leading up to our final meeting for the year so there isn't much for me to say.

Had a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon with lunch and listening to the Jazz at The Royal Hotel, Ferntree Gully with Club members and their partners. This is always a pleasant way to spend a few hours.

Final club meeting this week and then our Christmas breakup on the 20<sup>th</sup> December before we have a short break and then start again in January.

That's all for this week.

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



# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Thursday, 6th December, 2018

**Meeting Opened at 7pm:** Sargent-At-Arms Graeme Aspinall, called us to Order and invited Paul McAloney to lead the **Invocation and the Toast.**

**Chairman** Ray Hollis welcomed us all and announced that last week \$300 was raised for "Movember", (Raising money for Prostate Research). He reminded us of our Christmas Breakup coming up on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December and said we will not be having games but enjoying each other's company and having a sing-along of some Christmas Songs. Rod has offered to help with this.

**Secretary's Report:** Graeme Aspinall listed **Apologies** as Rob Hurst, Mike Sparks, Graham Faulkner and Gary Braddock. There was no mail so nothing more to report.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- International Report in Bulletin.
- Enid mentioned Membership Card of the Bowling Club that gives you discount and points towards drinks and meals. She said that this was very handy in helping to pay for Guests meals and drinks.

**Membership report.** This was discussed at last meeting and in addition Fran Mandergeddes mentioned that she has a prospective member to invite to a meeting in the new year.

**Community:** We are reminded of the program on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of Jazz at the Royal that is arranged by Mike Sparks. Ensure he knows your coming for booking of a table.

**Fundraising:** Graeme Aspinall reminded us of the BBQ at Buntings next Thursday. He will have to leave early and Rod Brown agreed to come earlier to cover for him. A good crew is organised for the day.

**Sergeant:** Graeme Aspinall informed us of some facts behind traditional Christmas Traditions and stories. John Flemming had the winning number (Again) and picked the card 10 of Hearts.

**Member behind the badge:** Ray Hollis had an apology from Graham Faulkner who was to give this talk so Ray decided to fill in for him.

- His entry into the world was in 1948, a couple of years after the War. In a family of twelve, he was the second eldest child and all siblings are living except for Geoff who died in a truck accident in 1979.
- His dad was born in 1922 and died at the age of 60yrs. And his mother was born in 1924 and died at 49yrs. Ray has outlived them both.
- He was first married at the age of 18 in 1966 and he, with his wife, produced three children, a son in 1967 followed by two daughters in 1969 and 1973. The couple were separated in 1978.
- Ray met his second wife and had a son with her in 1980 and did the right thing by divorcing his first wife and marrying the mother of his second son in February of 1983.

- In 2014 Ray and his wife moved into Glengollan Retirement Village as his wife was suffering dementia and eventually moved into "care".
- In the Village he met Enid who influenced him to join Rotary in April 2015. Their relationship developed and they were married in 2017 making a great team in Life and in Rotary. (Last Comments are the editor's.)
- Work wise, he had many jobs. He left school when he was 15 and took on an apprenticeship as a painter, which he didn't complete (and the paint went dry.) Other jobs included cleaner at Foodland's Warehouse in Mulgrave, working with a drainage contractor connecting household sewers, and working on a production line for a company that made stock feed. He then settled down for 6 years as a delivery driver for a wholesale confectionary company. With all these experiences behind him he then spent another 6 years managing a Hardware store in Cranbourne. Then back into the Transport Industry as a courier driver for 5.5yrs until they asked him to take over the role as Radio Operator. He spent 6.5yrs there until returning to a former company where he worked for 25years before his first retirement in 2013 to look after his sick wife. After she went into care in Glengollan Ray worked for a further 18months before his final hanging up the boots in December 2016.
- With all these experiences behind him, we salute him as The Member Behind the Badge.

#### **Concluding remarks by Chairman Ray:**

Arrangements for the CFA BBQ on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. Paul Wilson to pick up the BBQ from Holden and bring to the site by 5.30pm. The program is set to start at 6.15pm. The night is a Fire Awareness Night where the public is invited and we are supplying a free BBQ. Volunteers were secured for the night.

He reminded us of next week's duties.

**The Meeting closed at 8.10pm.**



**Scribe: Rod Brown**



# COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

## December, 2018 Board Meeting

### Youth Report—November

#### Interact

Meeting on 1/11/18.

- Ray told students we had made \$280 at Quizamy
- Did post mortem of Quizamy.
- Held election for Pres & Vice Pres. Sam & Nekia successful (resp).
- Will vote balance of positions next year when we have more numbers.

Had breakup party 15 November – was a disaster! Students forgot to attend.

Next Meeting 1pm, next year. TBA.

#### Rotary Junior Community Award

- Had Riley McCall and his mum and dad come to a club

meeting 22 October and tell us about his RJCA project prior to their official presentation night next week.

- Had joint (Fairhills and Ferntree Gully Nth) completion presentations Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at Ferntree Gully Nth PS.
- 20 Students from FTGN PS and 3 from Fairhills PS “graduated”.

#### ROTARACT

Have had various (cluster arranged) meetings to raise interest but level of attendance not looking good at this stage.

**Paul Wilson**  
Youth Chair

### PR and Marketing Report—November 2018

Reasonably busy on **Facebook** this month.

First of all we had the Halloween sausage sizzle at the Community Housing Complex in Ferntree Gully. This was a joint project with Mountain District Learning Centre. Mike Spark and Ray Hollis sizzled sausages while Christine Anderson, Fran Mandergeddes and Jill Wilson with the help of Kerri Gravina from MDLC organised games and activities for the children.

Paul Wilson was also there either taking photograph's or helping out where needed. Everyone had a ball, especially the kids.

Our most important visit this month was of course the annual meeting with our District Governor, Russell Gurney and his wife Shelley. Russell spoke to the club about the advantages of looking at different Ethnic groups to diversify our membership. He also mentioned that the Polio Plus program has unfortunately taken a backward step this year and the number of new cases has increased slightly. Shelley told us about her partner's project in Papua New Guinea which is to help fight Malaria outbreaks. While Russell was in attendance we took the opportunity to ask him to make a presentation to PP Graeme Aspinall. Graeme has been a Rotarian and member of Rotary Club of FTG for 30 years.

Our chef at the Ferntree Gully Bowling Club is also a passionate and dedicated member of the Emerald SES. Phil offered to come along a give us a presentation of the various activities and programs that are undertaken by the SES crews in Victoria. He gave us an eye-opening account of all the different aspects of SES. After the meeting had finished we got to check out the SES equipment van that Phil had driven down from Emerald.

Each year the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully, with the assistance of dedicated teachers, facilitates a youth program at local Primary Schools. The Rotary Junior Community Award

encourages participants to help in the local community, attend a different culture's event and also be active in sports and the arts. Towards the end of November we were fortunate to have one of the students attend our meeting and tell us about the programs he had been involved in. From what he told us he had a rather busy year. All this is done outside the normal school day.

On a rather cold and at times slightly wet Saturday we had a couple of stalls at the Village fair. Christine and her team looked after the Christmas logs stall while a number of the members ran a sausage sizzle. Overall it was a reasonably good day and we all had a bit of fun, although we were not quite as professionally organised on the sausage sizzle as we usually are at Bunning's.

Finally, to finish off the month we had presentation of Certificates for the Rotary Junior Community Awards on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and then at our club meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> we had Jesse and Sam from Fairhills High School to tell us about their weekend at the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment.

#### Print Media

Our contribution to the Ferntree Gully News this month was an article regarding the prefabricated garden beds that we put in place with the help of the Rowville men's shed. The garden beds were then planted with vegetable seedlings with the help of Bunning's Scoresby. The students at Carrington Primary School will use the garden bed's, and later the vegetables in their “Plant It, Pick It, Plate It” sustainability program.

**Ray Hollis/Enid Hughes**  
PR and Marketing Chair's

## FELLOWSHIP REPORT OCTOBER 2018

### Theatre Night

Thirteen members' partners and friends enjoyed an evening at the 1812 Theatre in November being entertained by a great production of "The Pink Panther Strikes Again". As an amateur production the theatre put on great shows despite not always to everyone's taste. A BIG thank you to Fran for arranging the night out.

### JAZZ AT THE ROYAL

Mike is organising another relaxing afternoon's entertainment on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. Listening to the New Melbourne Jazz Band.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas Party at Glengollan Village community room December 20<sup>th</sup> Details have been published in the weekly Bulletin

### TRASH AND TREASURE MARCH 2019 DATE TBA

We will be holding another Stall at the Wantirna Trash and Treasure market in March 2019 so start collecting your unwanted treasures. After Christmas Allan will be able to store your goodies in the container.

On Behalf of Fellowship Chair Allan Tierney  
Christine Anderson





## BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

THURSDAY, 13th December

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

FRIDAY, 14th December

## CFA SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

6.00—8.00 p.m.
Ray Hollis Paul Wilson Christine Anderson Mike Spark Fran Mandergeddes

**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)**


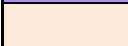
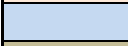




I think as you  
grow older your  
Christmas list gets  
shorter, because the  
things you want can't  
be bought.

WOMEN  
WORKING

# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2018	Program.	Speaker
December	is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month	
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>	
<b>2019</b>	<b>Program.</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
January	is Vocational Service month	
3-Jan	<b>Christmas Break - No Meeting</b>	
10-Jan	Fireside Meeting	Anne & John Flemming's home
17-Jan	Fireside Meeting	Jill & Paul Wilson's Home
24-Jan	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>
31-Jan	Working Safely in the Home	David Mclvor
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	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>
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	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>

Legend:	
	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event



You are dust, and  
 you will return to  
 dust...

That's why I do not  
 dust, it could be  
 someone I know!

WOMEN  
 WORKING