

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN



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District Governor, Dist. 9810 –

**RUSSELL GURNEY & Shelley**  
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President,

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

Benefactor,

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



## ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

Rotary International President Elect Mark Maloney announces his theme for 2019-20.



# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Thursday 24th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 31st Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 4th February 7.30 pm	Thursday 7th February [6.30 for 7.00]	Friday 8th February 9.00 - 3.00
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	Jill & Paul's Home	FTG Bowling Club	Bunnings
Program:	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	Working Safely in the Home	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Member Behind the Badge	Sausage Sizzle
Speaker:	<b>Group B</b>	David McIvor		John F	<b>Roster:</b> Graeme A John F Ray H
Vote of Thanks	N/A	Paul W		N/A	
Rotary Toast	Enid H	John F		Gary B	
Cashier:	Paul W	Mike S		Fran M	
Scribe:	Rob H	Paul McA		John F	
Rotary Knowledge	Allan T				
Topic:	Empower Leaders				
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Graeme A	Graeme A		Graeme A	
<b>Partners' Night</b>	No	No		No	

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



## "RAY'S RAMBLINGS"

Happy New Year to all and Welcome to 2019. I hope you all had a wonderful time with family and friends over the holiday period and are ready to kick off the New Year.

After a short break, those of us who were not still on holiday got together for some fun and fellowship at a couple of fireside meetings hosted by Anne and John Flemming and Jill and Paul Wilson. I have to say that on both occasions a good time was had by all. For those who were still on holiday, sorry you missed out but we certainly hope you enjoyed whatever else you were doing.

Despite it being a very hot day on January 15<sup>th</sup> a group of our members were treated to a guided tour of Yara View Wholesale Nursery in Mt Evelyn. General Manager, Scott Buckland very generously took time out of his working day to personally take us around. Yarra View Nursery is part of the Knoxbrooke organisation which, as you all know, Rotary FTG had a role in helping to establish over 50 years ago. Although it was hot members were treated to a very informative and interesting account of the operations; the staff were friendly and informative, adding to Scott's presentation. It was certainly worth the effort to make the trip.

Our recent sausage sizzle at Bunning's managed to boost our projects account by \$650 so now it is just a matter of getting things organised. Not much more to report at the moment so I look forward to catching up with everybody at our next meeting.

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



# COMMUNITY SERVICE

Just prior to Christmas President Ray and Enid H were invited to Join members of the Ferntree Gully Fire Brigade in celebrating their 2018 break-up barbeque. Unfortunately we weren't able to stay for the food but took the opportunity to present Captain Seamus with a cheque for \$500.00—the club's donation to assist our local heroes in protecting the community.

Thanks and well done guys—you do a terrific job.



Pictured above : Captain Seamus Smith with President Ray Hollis

WOMEN WORKING

2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR

May your finances prosper  
May your health be good  
May you have lots of love  
in your life  
May all your dreams  
comes true

what Starbucks is to coffee

what Ford is to cars

Rotary International is to service

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Happy  
Newyear



# CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP 2018





*January 2019*

Welcome to 2019! Here's hoping that everyone enjoyed the festive season with family and friends and are re-charged for the year ahead.

Many Rotarians from our District are currently in, or on their way to, India working with their local counterparts on their respective projects, and / or preparing to participate in the National Polio Immunisation program.

DGE Shia, Duncan and Flynn are also in San Diego with some 540 other Governors' Elect from around the world as they complete their respective preparations for the 2019-20 Rotary year.

We wish them all safe travels, as well as a rewarding experience. I know we all look forward to hearing all about their adventures in due course.

It's only a month until our history-making, Victorian Multi-District Conference.

There is still time to register and I particularly ask that Club leaders and mentors to encourage all new members, potential members, and those that may not have been to a conference in recent years, to attend. There will be something for everyone.

I am pleased to confirm that Marina Prior will be performing a spectacular bracket of numbers to close the conference on Sunday. Four members of Circus Oz will also be in attendance and entertaining us at various times on the Saturday.

Click here for the website ([www.rotaryconference.org.au/home.html](http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/home.html)) which also includes details of the associated Peace Forum, Social Impact Forum, and Interact Forum.

These forums, as well as the whole event, showcases Rotary leading and working together with the community to inspire, connect and transform ..... real people power at work! This is therefore a great opportunity to invite friends and colleagues of all ages to see the difference we, and they can make, and to come away truly inspired.

Several Clubs have asked about the theme and dress code for the gala dinner. The theme has been "A Touch of Red" (in recognition of one of our valued sponsors, Red Energy), and given we have The Baker Boys, to dance away the night with, the theme is "Rock and Roll with a touch of red".

Dress to party and impress and bring along your dancing shoes! There will be a creativity prize awarded to a Club in each District, as well as a special prize as selected by one of our dignitaries.

Another milestone to keep in mind is the Centenary of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand in 2021! It's not that far away, and I will share more on planned National activities in a future communication. Those attending the upcoming Conference will also see a special information booth.

See you around the District. Keep up the great work and continue to Be The Inspiration ....

**Russell Gurney**  
**Governor 2018-19**

## FIRESIDE MEETING 10th January, 2018

John and Anne Fleming hosted our first meeting for 2019. A great night it was too. The weather was lovely—not too hot so we were able to sit comfortably on John’s deck and enjoy the barby. It was great to catch up with everyone after the Christmas break.



## FIRESIDE MEETING 17th January

This week’s fireside meeting was hosted by Jill and Paul Wilson. Whilst the temperature had dropped from the torrid levels it had reached in the past week or so, we had showers and drizzle. The guys still managed to cook outside on the barbeque but the rest of us sat inside around the Wilson’s gorgeous dining table. A great night. Can’t say “great food and wine” because as always with our fireside meetings, we all took our own. I can only say ours was good and the rest looked terrific. Jill’s Pav. was wonderful and shared by many.



# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2019	Program.	Speaker
January	is Vocational Service month	
24-Jan	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>
31-Jan	Working Safely in the Home	David McIvor
February	is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution month	
4-Feb	BOARD MEETING	Jill & Paul's Home
7-Feb	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	John Flemming
8-Feb	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-Feb	Ray White Community Projects	Aaron Clarke
15-17 Feb	Victorian Multi-District Conference	
21-Feb	Family Violence	Tony Monley
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	International Women's Day - Dinner	Waverley Golf Club
8-Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-Mar	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Graham Faulkner
16-17 Mar	Multi-District Presidents Elect Leadership Seminar	
21-Mar	Eastern Emergency Relief Network	Christine Bogart
28-Mar	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
1-Apr	BOARD MEETING	
4-Apr	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Rob Hurst
11-Apr	Operation Toilets	Mark Balla
12-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
18-Apr	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>
25-Apr	<b>No Meeting - ANZAC DAY</b>	
May	is Youth Services month	
6-May	BOARD MEETING	
2-May	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Fran Mandergeddes
3-May	Presidents Quarterly Mtg	
4-5 May	Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)	
9-May	About Kidney Disease	Gary Braddock
10-May	The Rotary Foundation Grants Seminar	
10-May	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
16-May		
19-May	District Assembly	
23-May	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>
30-May		

Legend:

	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event



**HAPPY  
AUSTRALIA DAY  
EVERYONE!**

