

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

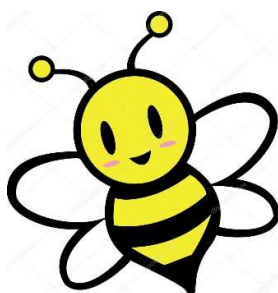
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

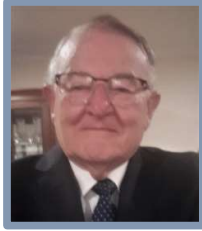
Date & Time:	Thursday 13th May [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 20th May [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 27th May [Kick off at 6.30]	Sunday 30th May [11.30am to 2.00pm]
Venue:	FTG Thai Restaurant Station Street	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM	FTG BOWLING CLUB or ZOOM	GILBERT PARK (Skateboard Park)
Program:	FELLOWSHIP	THRIVING AT ANY AGE	T B A	<i>Sausage Sizzle Bendigo Bank</i>
Speaker:	-	Linda Blake		
Scribe	-	Rob Hurst		
Partners' Night	Yes	Yes		



*Don't forget the theme for this week's Fellowship night is Bees or Bees Knees.
This is in lieu of the cancelled Picnic in the Park,
Waggle Dance Challenge.*

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT



MAY IS YOUTH SERVICES MONTH

Good news. We have been offered a monthly BBQ spot at Bunnings Scoresby starting next month, Friday 11th of June and each month from June through to December on the second Friday of each month has been allocated to our Club.

Four people would be required throughout the day starting at 9.00am and to finish at 3.00pm.

As we have no meeting this week and I will not be attending your night out I will contact each of our members over the next few days to get your ability to be able to support the commitment the club needs to make to Bunnings as we need to advise them of our ability to do it each month.

This is a good sign that more things are returning to normal that will give us an income stream for funding projects in our next Rotary year.

Graeme
President 2020/2021



ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE FOR CHANGEOVER



PLEA FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

We are looking for speakers for 27th May and thereafter – please contact Rob Hurst if you can assist.

(Remember speakers can be on Zoom remotely or attend in person)

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 6th May 2021

Meeting opened by President Graeme Aspinall at 6:30 PM (following the scribe's arrival!)

Apologies received from: PP John Fleming and PP Fran Mandergeddes and Rtn Brian Mandergeddes

Presidents' announcements:

- Pres. Graeme and PP Christine Anderson have started planning for the 2021/2022 Rotary year and hope to finish by the end of May. Christine feels that we have an exciting year ahead of us
- The focus the 2021/2020 Rotary year will be on increasing membership as a recent survey of all districts puts the majority of clubs in a perilous situation in regards to numbers of members. It appears the majority are experiencing falling membership.
- Both Graeme and Christine are currently checking out at various venues for our Changeover Night.
- There was a response from Steve Barrington regarding winter meals for "Foothills Community Care", he would like us to provide, once a month, both soup and cake slices/sweets etc. It was suggested that the club could use funds from our community account to subsidise the cost to members of preparing these meals. The board is to consider this at the next board meeting.
- There was an email from Fran and Brian's daughter Eve, at the Bendigo bank regarding the event at the skate park (Gilbert Park) on 30 May from 12 PM to 2:30 PM for which the club has been asked to provide a sausage sizzle. There appears to be some angst regarding access to the park for barbecue facilities. Pres. Graeme and PP Mike Spark undertook to check this out prior to the event.
- It was noted that this function would probably be the last function for this Rotary year.
- Pres. Graeme has prepared an article for the Ferntree Gully news (apparently with the assistance of one or two bottles of red) in which he has given the club and rotary in general a big wrap.
- PP Christine gave a brief report on the previous weekends combined District Zoom conference, for the first event of its kind it was quite successful, there was a big focus on the environment from many of the guest speakers.
- PP Christine also mentioned that there would be village traders meeting on 12 May at 5:30 PM at the MDLC studios in the Ferntree Gully village.
- Rtn Julianne Hyams advised members that she has 30 tickets reserved for the upcoming 'Agatha Christie' play being held on Wednesday 16th June at the 1812 in Upper Ferntree Gully, **first in best dressed!**
- Treasurer Brian has paid the Centurion funds our club collected during this year to Rotary Foundation, the club has 8 Centurions out of a total membership of 12. (That would have to put our club up there with the best on a per member basis of 66.6%)
- Comments were made (no names no pack drill) that dealing with Knox Council is like whacking yourself over the head with a cricket bat, it's just so wonderful when you stop doing it!!!
- Fellowship report from Rtn. Julianne, those that attended the "Full Monty" at the 1812 theatre last Saturday on the 1st May had a whale of a time! Rather naughty but extremely funny!
- Members who are attending the Thai restaurant in Station Street Ferntree Gully in lieu of the coming week's meeting are reminded that the theme is anything to do with 'Bees' something along the lines of the "**Bees Knees**".
- **There was a plea!** From Secretary PP Allan Tierney, can he **please, please!!** have Chairman's reports as soon as possible so that he can prepare the annual report in time for Changeover.

Scribe: Rob Hurst