

ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY INC.

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Australia &
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**Celebrating
100 Years
1921-2021**

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021



President Rotary International
Holger Knaack and Susanne



District Governor Dist 9810
Alma Reynolds and Greg King

President
Graeme Aspinall
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor **Ivan Gigovic** Aug 2003

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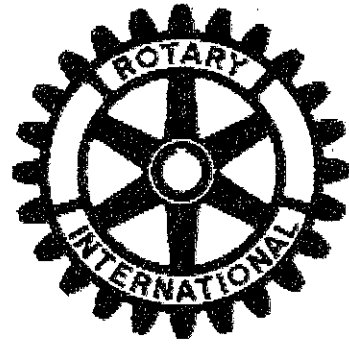


Rotarians enjoying the R100 baton Relay 24th 2021

Tim Neville Arboretum Ferntree Gully

Rotary

Club of Fern Tree Gully



OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- Second:** High ethical standards in business and professions; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his/her occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- Third:** The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his/her personal business, and community life.
- Fourth:** The advancement of international understanding, good-will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIP**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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Registered No A0023463V



58TH Annual Report

Graeme Aspinall- President 2020-2021

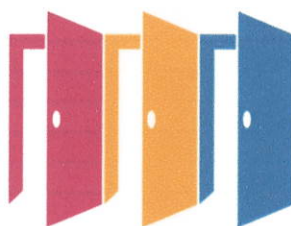


ROTARY

Club of Fern Tree Gully 2020-2021

The Board and Office Bearers

PRESIDENT	-	Graeme Aspinall
PRESIDENT ELECT	-	Christine Anderson
SECRETARY	-	Allan Tierney
TREASURER	-	Brian Mandergeddes
PAST PRESIDENT	-	Allan Tierney
COMMUNITY SERVICE	-	Christine Anderson
MEMBERSHIP	-	Paul McAloney
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	-	Paul McAloney
YOUTH SERVICE	-	Paul Wilson
FOUNDATION	-	Mike Spark
FUNDRAISING	-	Graeme Aspinall /John Flemming
PR MARKETING	-	Graeme Aspinall
FELLOWSHIP & FUN	-	Julienne Hyams
PROGRAM	-	Rob Hurst
BULLETIN EDITOR	-	Marg Hurst



Rotary Opens Opportunities



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2020-2021

Becoming your President twelve months ago had a strange feeling about it. Our changeover was conducted via zoom as we had new lockdown restrictions that would last many months imposed on us just prior to our changeover.

Presenting the President's chain to myself lacked the excitement I had experienced as on past occasions being inducted as club President.

The lockdown period would last until December. Our regular weekly meetings would continue with members remaining connected via zoom. Finding guest speakers isn't always easy but we had a range of speakers I believe where of interest to our club members.

To mention a few presenters who spoke on Aphasia, East Gippsland Fire Relief Aid, Mercy Ships, Rotarians for Bees, Australia for Women's Health – Dr Ray Hodgson's presentation was on the work he has been doing in Nepal helping young girl and his ambition to build a hospital to carry on his work to which our club has donated \$5000.00 toward it.

And who could not forget Bec Mitchell from Bridge Builders who ran seven marathons on seven continents in seven days, what a strength of endurance.

A number of fellowship/fun nights were held keeping members connected, wellbeing and involvement in fun activities during the lockdown period.

These included Christmas in July and games nights.

The lockdown took from us the ability to raise funds for community donations. With money in our project account and reallocating funds designated to our youth programs, we were able to make some significant donations.

\$1000.00 to Foothills Community Care for the purchase of meat for the hundreds of meals he makes each week.

\$1000.00 to Mountain District Learning Centre

As I said earlier \$5000.00 towards the Nepal Hospital

\$1000.00 to Rotarians against Malaria

\$1000.00 To Operation Cleft

\$470.00 for Father's Day Gifts for Foothills Community Care

And just last week the club agreed to donate \$5000.00 to RAWCS for the Hills Relief Fund.

The work that Steve Barrington's Foothills Community Care is doing to help the less fortunate in the hills area caught the attention of our Rotary Club and neighbouring clubs.

A number of our members have been making soups and slices for his meal's nights at Ferntree Gully and Upwey. The

club appreciates the work that our members go to support Foothills Community Care.

Two hundred Father's Day gifts made up of mugs, socks and chocolates were packed and delivered to foothills community care for distribution.

Lockdown was lifted in late November and Bunnings approached us to open the batting to be the first community group to conduct a BBQ under their new protocols. The enthusiasm of our members ensured the day was successful with \$1200 being raised additional BBQs were held on Anzac Day and the Friday BBQ returned in June which returned much needed funds.

In December we were able to have our Christmas function at the Upwey RSL a great opportunity to be together after such a long lockdown.

In January we had our two fellowship BBQ [traditionally called fire side meetings] at members' homes. These get together I believe members look forward to and were enjoyable nights

March seen members return to face-to-face meetings at the Ferntree Gully Bowls Club with a hybrid set up allowing members unable to attend stay connected with our meetings.

This format worked well while members internet connections remained stable.

Lockdowns and government restrictions on numbers attending functions seen many community events our club supports or had been organising being cancelled.

These included the Ferntree Gully Fair, the Knox Festival, The Australia Day Luncheon in conjunction with the Ferntree Gully CFA, the Greek Philanthropic Society annual picnic at Ferny Creek, Relay for Life. The CFA community information afternoon for local residents at the Quarry Reserve and the BBQ at the skateboard park in Knoxfield.

When lockdown lifted, we had a clean-up around Ferntree Gully village, held a BBQ at the MDLC centre where we gave free sausages to the public attending their market day.

Provided \$400 in vouchers we received from bunnings as prizes for the Village Food Trail traders event held just prior to Easter.

Continued to make soups and slices for foothills.

Held our R100 baton walk around the arboretum together with members from the Bayswater Rotary Club joining us.

On Anzac Day two members Christine and Julianne attended the morning service at the Arboretum to lay a wreath on behalf of our club.

Our bulletin editor a non-member of the club Marg Hurst has been producing the bulletin each week for the past two and half years is stepping down. On behalf of the members thank-you for your contribution to the club keeping members informed through the bulletin.

Members of the club board, thank-you for the impute you have given to the decisions the board has made throughout the year.

To the heart of the club its members who have been there each week on zoom or in person with support of partners has kept the club together.

As President the support I have received Kaye has really been appreciated. Kaye has attended our club functions, attended zoom meetings and listened to my concerns whilst still being a member of another District Club. Your support has truly been valuable.

The challengers for our club are many going forward. It is up to us to remake our club for the new times. To embrace new ideas with energy and commitment from new and older members.

Thank you for the opportunity to be our clubs 60th President



TREASURERS REPORT 2020-2021



Brian Mandergeddes

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.
4 Cherrington Square
WANTIRNA VIC 3152

Profit & Loss Statement

July 2020 To June 2021

Income				
Admin Income				
Admin Bank Interest	\$17.19			
Annual Dues & Fees	\$2,900.00			
Admin - Weekly Contributions		\$590.00		
Total Admin Income		\$2,917.19		
Fund Raising - Fellowship				
Theatre Nights	\$270.00			
Presidents Changeover	\$630.00			
Total Fund Raising - Fellowship		\$900.00		
Income - Projects				
Projects Bank Interest	\$14.74			
Sundry Receipts (Fund Raising)	\$949.60			
Total Income - Projects		\$964.34		
Income Projects (Community)				
Sausage Sizzles	\$4,673.45			
Total Income Projects (Community)		\$4,673.45		
Income - Benevolent Account				
Benevolent Bank Interest	\$17.29			
Interest - Term Deposit	\$961.69			
Total Income - Benevolent Account		\$978.98		
Total Income			\$11,023.96	
Total Cost Of Sales			\$0.00	
Gross Profit			\$11,023.96	
Expenses				
Expenses - Administration				
Bank fees	\$36.00			
Stationery & Office Supplies	\$396.51			
Audit fee	\$770.00			
Total Expenses - Administration		\$1,202.51		
Expenses - Operating				
Weekly Dinner Guests	\$115.50			
RI Subscriptions	\$2,514.02			
"Rotary Down Under"	\$518.00			
Membership & Marketing	\$500.00			
Website	\$375.00			
Sundry Operating Expenses	\$588.32			
Total Expenses - Operating		\$4,610.84		
Expenses - Fellowship				
President's Changeover	\$73.99			
Total Expenses - Fellowship		\$73.99		
Expenses - Projects				
Project Donations	\$1,500.00			
Sundry Project Expenses	\$735.00			
Total Expenses - Projects		\$2,235.00		
Expenses - Community				
Community Donations	\$1,478.70			
Sausage Sizzle Exp Community	\$1,300.95			
Total Expenses - Community		\$2,779.65		

Expenses - Benevolent A/c			
Donations - Benevolent Fund	\$6,000.00		
Total Expenses - Benevolent A/c		\$6,000.00	
Operation Cleft Aust Inc		\$1,000.00	
Total Expenses			\$17,901.99
Operating Profit			(\$6,878.03)
Total Other Expenses			\$0.00
Net Profit/(Loss)			(\$6,878.03)

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Balance Sheet

As of June 2021

Assets				
Current Assets				
Administration	\$7,625.43			
Projects	\$15,256.40			
Benevolent A/c - Bendigo	\$108.96			
Sausage Sizzle Float	\$145.00			
Total Current Assets		\$23,135.79		
Investments				
Term Deposit 139347843	\$60,000.00			
Total Investments		\$60,000.00		
Total Assets				\$83,135.79
Liabilities				
Net Assets				
				\$83,135.79
Equity				
Retained Earnings		\$90,013.82		
Current Earnings		(\$6,878.03)		
Total Equity				\$83,135.79

Youth 2020/21

This (Rotary) year or "The Year of COVID" saw all youth programs cancelled / shut down till March 2021. And post March 2021 has not fared much better. In their infinite wisdom, District declared that unless a Youth Program has a viable committee and at least breaks even it will not proceed. So who knows what the future will hold.

FAIRHILLS HIGH

INTERACT

Karen Dean, the School convenor was supporting MUNA and an upcoming Interact Conference to be held in May 2020 when COVID struck and everything stopped till further notice. We have just received notice of an Interact Conference for 30 May 2021 and have been trying to "re-connect" with Fairhills but are afraid "inertia" and interest has waned; compounded by a change of Principal. President Graeme and I will try to organise a meeting with him to re-connect.

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment).

Is a residential experience, where participants are involved in a variety of sessions, workshops and activities, which provide an opportunity for them to personally develop, challenge themselves, build friendships with like-minded people, and build life skills and / or awareness in areas such as leadership, working in a team, communication, goal setting, public speaking, contributing to the community, growing up in a digital world.

We have had no word re any RYPEN camp in 2021.

MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly).

Is a two day program which simulates sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations. A team of two students is allocated a country to represent. They adopt that country's dress and represent their country in the Legislative Assembly Chamber of Parliament House.

We have had no word re any MUNA program in 2021.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)

Is an intensive six-day training program held at YMCA Lake Dewar Lodge, Myrniong, for young people aged 18 to 30. The program covers fundamentals and ethics of positive leadership, communication skills, problem-solving and conflict management, Rotary's purpose and service to the community, building self-confidence and self-esteem and elements of community and global citizenship.

We have had no word re any RYLA camp in 2021.

RJCA (Rotary Junior Community Award)

Is an exciting and innovative program initiated by the Rotary Club of Mitchell River which aims to

assist children in the final year of primary school gain a more informed and balanced view of our community. It offers children the opportunity to develop personal skills that can be used both for themselves or shared more widely with community members or organizations. It introduces young people to a very necessary aspect of our communities – the work of the volunteer and can be thought of as a mini Duke of Edinburgh Award.

I have taken the opportunity to talk to my existing contacts in the schools to maintain “currency” over the last few months and they are committed to still proceeding with the program. But due to the lateness in the year, reduced accessibility to program activities and disruption caused by COVID they all are saying start fresh next year.

During a book presentation at Wattleview Primary at the end of March 2021, the Principal showed interest in adopting the RJCA, and an introduction package has been left with them for consideration. If they go ahead, we will have four schools on the program.





Community Report 2020-2021

Well what a year of ups and down., Many planned community projects after all the hard work had been done in planning at the last moment had to be cancelled. So it takes a pandemic and lock down to test our resilience, a great learning curve even the best made plans don't always come to fruition.

Despite all that held us back during the year, and considering the size of our club we did do some small but amazing community projects.

All club members were acutely aware of the hardships in our local community of Fern Tree Gully, this became our main area of focus during the Victorian lock down.

We supported the Foot Hills Community Care with 220 Fathers day gifts very very much appreciated. We made a generous donation to assist with the purchase of meat for the weekly meals and casseroles distribution. Most weeks 750 meals were being provided to the needy. Our cooking skills were put to the test when we started to make a weekly contribution of soup and slices as a special little treat, this is an ongoing project so many thank you's to those dedicated cooks

We were able to deliver 10 huge decorated boxes filled with so many Christmas food goodies, to spread some Christmas cheer in FTG. Also gifts for men for the Foothills Christmas luncheon.

Around the post-Christmas period some of our biggest planned events had to be cancelled as Melbourne's went in and out of short lock downs. The Community Australia Day Luncheon with funding from the Australia Day council being run by our club was cancelled and not the sort of event that the date could be moved, The FTG CFA bushfire awareness open day was also cancelled. The need to host it at a later date didn't happen as it seems to have rained ever since.

By March life in Melbourne seemed to come back to some sort of normality so it was a busy month.

We assisted the Mountain District Leaning Centre with a free sausage sizzle at their Garden Gate market, the idea to bring the community together again. A great community event and good to get out and show ourselves in the community again after many months.

And so to continue getting out and about we had a market stall at Upper Fern Tree Gully Market, although this was a fundraiser, we wanted to be seen in our local community.

To celebrate World Clean-up day several members and partner's spent a few hours cleaning rubbish in the FTG Village. This was just in time for the traders "Food Connects Us' to give the local businesses in FTG a boost after the lock down. Our club donated \$400.00 of vouchers to the winners who were able to get ten stamps in the Food Connects us Passport"

After a busy March we continued to do community projects during April.

To Celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia And New Zealand club members partners and Our District Governor Alma Reynolds joined us at the Tim Neville Arboretum for a "Baton Relay" celebration cake and BBQ. Our plans to leave a legacy to mark Australia 's 100 years of service to our community did not happen. Very disappointing after eighteen months' of trying to work with council and many meeting later, no one can say we did not try to the bitter end.

Anzac Day Julianne and Christine laid a wreath at the Tim Neville Arboretum War Memorial at the Freemasons Anzac Service.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members and partners in their tireless efforts to help those in our local community and make them feel special and cared for.

Christine Anderson

Community Chair





ENTERTAINMENT AND FUN 2020-2021

A Year like no other, that possibly had more entertainment fun activities, but these kept us all sane during four lockdowns. Zoom fun dress ups were mostly held outside our normal weekly meeting and the list is long

Via Zoom

Show and Tell

Christmas in July

Music/Song Night

Celebrity Heads

Trivia

Stories and Poems

Mad Hatters Tea Party

Melbourne Cup/Oaks Day

Have you been Paying Attention?

In between the lock downs we were out and about supporting local restaurants and theatres, and so happy to be face to face again.

Fish and Chips at the Park at the Arboretum

Halloween Party and The Bees Knees (dress ups) at the FTG Thai

Mumbai Indian Restaurant FTG

We visited the Tiny Bear Distillery, held the Christmas Party at the Upwey RSL.

To support the local theatres, we were entertained by these great shows

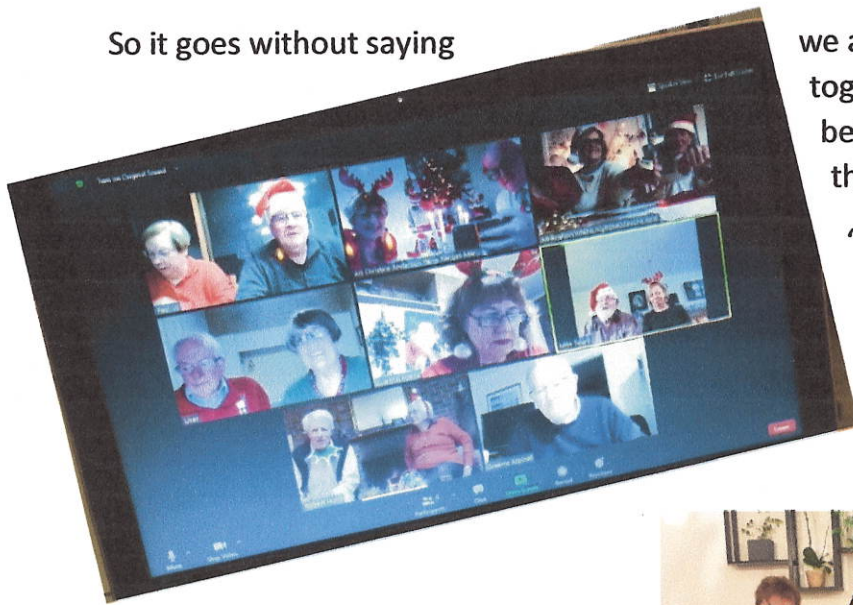
1812 "War of the Worlds"

1812 "The Full Monty"

1812 "And Then There Were Non"

Stage Worx "12 Angry Men"

So it goes without saying



we all love our times
together having fun and
being entertained, which is
the secret that binds us as
"A FUN CLUB"





Program Chairman's report for the Rotary year 2020/2021

To find interesting speakers for our meetings is always a challenge, in addition Covid 19 introduced a new challenge to the 2020/2021 Rotary year as we were not permitted to have face-to-face meetings throughout the majority of the year.

This challenge however turned out to be somewhat of a blessing, as our meetings turned to online via Zoom through necessity; it created the opportunity to engage speakers situated in distant locations. In many cases the speaker could be addressing the club from across the other side of Melbourne from regional areas of Victoria, from interstate or even overseas. To hear the stories these speakers had to tell us would not have been possible had we still been having face-to-face meetings.

Apart from the usual range of speakers on Rotary activities and projects etc from district committee chairman and other clubs we had some of the following non-Rotary speakers.

Geoff Bransbury "a grey nomads world tour on a motorcycle", Samuel Hayden on his trip to Cambodia, Trish Carr on her experiences in the theatrical industry, Konrad and Mimi Emmett on an unusual medical condition 'APHASIA' brought about by a stroke ".

Coincidentally there was also a 'StrokeSafe' talk via Zoom with Kevin English. These were just a few of the more notable ones in the first half of the current year, we had our usual Fireside meetings over the Christmas break one at the home of the Wilson's and one at President Graeme's home.

In the second half of the Rotary year there was a presentation from PDG Governor Rob Lloyd and Roger Knight on an unusual project, the restoration of a W class tram to be used for community purposes (which PP Paul McAloney and Kay followed up with a visit to the actual tram).

Tammy Shepherd gave us a story about "Mercy Ships Australia" and the wonderful medical facilities the ship makes possible in the more unfortunate parts of the world.

PP John Fleming's son Stephen gave us a very interesting talk on the history of cricket in Ferntree Gully and surrounding districts, complete with photos.

And who could forget Beck Mitchell from 'Bridge Builders' who gave us a very inspiring story of her running 7 marathons on 7 continents in 7 days. Indeed, a dynamic young lady.

Program chairman

Robert Hurst

PAST PRESIDENTS

1963-64 HALL Frank
 1964-65 THOMSON * Ken
 1965-66 CLARKE * Harold
 1966-67 MARTIN Laurie
 1967-68 ELDRIDGE Jeff
 1968-69 RUSSELL Harry
 1969-70 CHAPPILL Geoff
 1970-71 COOK Duncan
 1971-72 CASTRICUM * John
 and MILLER Ken
 1972-73 LANGFORD * Greg
 1973-74 de JONGE Lawrence
 1974-75 CRANE * Reeve
 1975-76 BROWN John
 1976-77 FOSTER Ken
 1977-78 CALLAHAN * Jack
 1978-79 MILLER Ken
 1979-80 RICHARDS John
 1980-81 BEASLEY * Royce
 1981-82 SHORTER Barry
 1982-83 BOSCOTT Bob
 1983-84 BARUDAY George and
 DASBOROUGH Don
 1984-85 MITCHELL* Ron
 1985-86 HURST Robert
 1986-87 GLADWIN Bill
 1987-88 ELLIOTT John
 1988-89 GUINEY * David
 1989-90 FREGON John
 1990-91 VIZE* Stuart

1991-92 ADAMS* Brian
 1992-93 WYLIE * Peter
 1993-94 ASPINALL Graeme
 1994-95 MOORE Robert
 1995-96 WILLINGHAM Ed
 1996-97 EDMUNDS Hilton
 1997-98 SPARK Mike
 1998-99 FLEMMING John
 1999-2000 OGLE Tony
 2000-01 YEATS Sandy
 2001-02 HALL Marilyn
 (First Woman President).
 2002-03 McALONEY Paul
 2003-04 DAWSON Rob
 2004-05 MANDERGEDDES Fran
 2005-06 WALTERS Phil
 2006-07 GOODCHILD Julie
 2007-08 ASPINALL Graeme
 2008-09 FAULKNER Graham
 2009-10 LINCOLN Merv.
 2010-11 LINCOLN Merv
 2011-12 HUGHES Enid
 2012-13 ASPINALL Graeme
 2013-14 WALTERS Phil
 2014-15 SPARK Mike
 2015-16 McALONEY Paul
 2016-17 ANDERSON Christine
 2017-18 ANDERSON Christine
 * Have "Passed on" to meet Paul HARRIS

PAST PRESIDENTS

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2018-2019 **HOLLIS** Ray /**ANDERSON** Christine

2019-2020 **TIERNEY** Allan

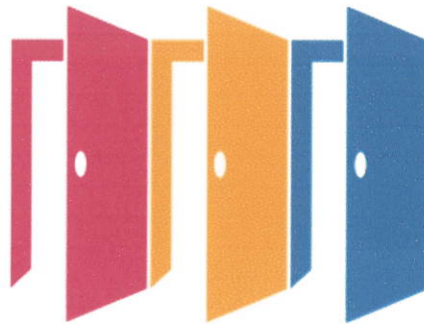
PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Presented		FELLOWS		President.
1963 to 1980		No Awards Made		
03:9:1981	to	MILLER Ken P.P.	by	Barry SHORTER
1982-1985		No Awards Made		
03:4:1986	to	RICHARDS John P.P.	by	Robert HURST
1986-1987		No Awards Made		
17:6:1988	to	THOMSON Ken P.P.	by	John ELLIOTT
26:6:1989	to	COOK Duncan P.P.		
	to	VIZE Stuart Rtn.	by	David GUINEY
22:6:1990	to	HURST Robert P.P.	by	John FREGON
16:6:1991	to	MITCHELL Ron P.P.	by	Stuart VIZE
19:6:1992	to	CRANE Reeve P.P. *		
	to	GUINEY David P.P. *	by	Brian ADAMS
28:6:1993	to	BOSCOTT Bob P.P.	by	Peter WYLIE
1993-1994		No Awards Made		
26:6:1995	to	THOMSON Ken P.P.	by	Bob MOORE
		[Sapphire to Ken's PH]		
3:6:1997	to	FREGON John P.P.		
	to	ASPINALL Graeme P.P.		
	to	MASON John Rtn. *	by	Hilton EDMUNDS
29:6:1998	to	THOMSON Bett 1 st Lady	by	Mike SPARK
28:6:1999	to	EDMUNDS Hilton P.P.		
	to	WYLIE Peter P.P. *	by	John FLEMMING
26:6:2000	to	MASON Fred P.P.	by	Tony OGLE
25:6:2001	to	FLEMMING John P.P.	by	Sandy YEATS
19:5:2003	to	WYLIE Cheryl		
	to	VIZE Stuart P.P.	by	Paul McALONEY
		[Sapphire to Stuart's PHF]		
2004-05	to	SPARK Mike P.P.	by	Fran MANDERGEDDES
2006-07	to	BENCH Cass Rtn.		
	to	FLEMMING John P.P.	by	Julie GOODCHILD
		[Sapphire to John's PHF]		
2007-08	to	DAWSON Robert P.P.		
	to	Beth VIZE	by	Graeme ASPINALL
2008-09	to	McALONEY Paul P.P.		
	to	GOODCHILD Julie P.P.	by	Graham FAULKNER
2009-10	to	MANDERGEDDES Fran PP	by	Merv LINCOLN
2011-12	to	SMITH, Peter Captain - CFA	by	Enid HUGHES
2012-13	to	HUGHES, Enid P.P.	by	Graeme ASPINALL
2015	to	ASPINALL, Graeme PP	by	Paul McALONEY
		[Sapphire to Graeme's PHF]		
2016-17	to	WILSON, Paul		
		HURST, Rob PP (Sapphire to Rob's PHF)		
		HUGHES, Enid PP (Sapphire to Enid's PHF)	by	Christine Anderson

E. & O.E.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

<u>Presented</u>	<u>Fellows</u>	<u>President</u>
2018-2019	Anderson Christine	Ray Hollis
2019-2020	McAloney Kay	Allan Tierney
	Anderson Christine Sapphire	Allan Tierney



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