

# ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY INC.

**Rotary**  
Australia &  
New Zealand



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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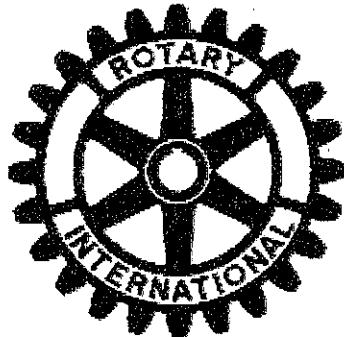


Rotarians enjoying the R100 baton Relay 24<sup>th</sup> 2021

**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 Roarian 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.

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### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

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Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

# ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY INC

Registered No A0023463V



58<sup>TH</sup> Annual Report

Graeme Aspinall- President 2020-2021



# ROTARY

**Club of Fern Tree Gully 2020-2021**

## **The Board and Office Bearers**

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





## 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 where 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 protocol's. 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 need 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 togethers 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 Julienne 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## Music/Song Night      Celebrity Heads

## Trivia Stories and Poems

## 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

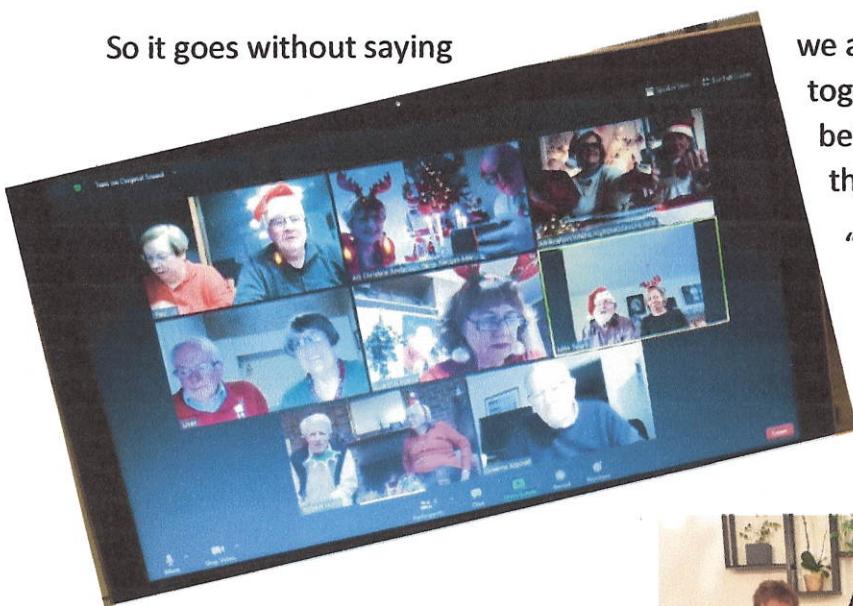
## 1812 “War of the Worlds”

## 1812 “The Full Monty”

## 1812 “And Then There Were None”

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	1991-92 ADAMS* Brian
1964-65 THOMSON * Ken	1992-93 WYLIE * Peter
1965-66 CLARKE * Harold	1993-94 ASPINALL Graeme
1966-67 MARTIN Laurie	1994-95 MOORE Robert
1967-68 ELDRIDGE Jeff	1995-96 WILLINGHAM Ed
1968-69 RUSSELL Harry	1996-97 EDMUND'S Hilton
1969-70 CHAPPILL Geoff	1997-98 SPARK Mike
1970-71 COOK Duncan	1998-99 FLEMMING John
1971-72 CASTRICUM * John and MILLER Ken	1999-2000 OGLE Tony
1972-73 LANGFORD * Greg	2000-01 YEATS Sandy
1973-74 de JONGE Lawrence	2001-02 HALL Marilyn (First Woman President).
1974-75 CRANE * Reeve	2002-03 McALONEY Paul
1975-76 BROWN John	2003-04 DAWSON Rob
1976-77 FOSTER Ken	2004-05 MANDERGEDDES Fran
1977-78 CALLAHAN * Jack	2005-06 WALTERS Phil
1978-79 MILLER Ken	2006-07 GOODCHILD Julie
1979-80 RICHARDS John	2007-08 ASPINALL Graeme
1980-81 BEASLEY * Royce	2008-09 FAULKNER Graham
1981-82 SHORTER Barry	2009-10 LINCOLN Merv.
1982-83 BOSCOTT Bob	2010-11 LINCOLN Merv
1983-84 BARUDAY George and DASBOROUGH Don	2011-12 HUGHES Enid
1984-85 MITCHELL* Ron	2012-13 ASPINALL Graeme
1985-86 HURST Robert	2013-14 WALTERS Phil
1986-87 GLADWIN Bill	2014-15 SPARK Mike
1987-88 ELLIOTT John	2015-16 McALONEY Paul
1988-89 GUINEY * David	2016-17 ANDERSON Christine
1989-90 FREGON John	2017-18 ANDERSON Christine
1990-91 VIZE* Stuart	* Have "Passed on" to meet Paul HARRIS

## **PAST PRESIDENTS**

### **CONTINUED**

**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.	by	David GUINEY
	to	VIZE Stuart Rtn.	by	
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. *	by	Brian ADAMS
	to	GUINEY David P.P. *	by	
28/6/1993	to	BOSCOTT Bob P.P.	by	Peter WYLIE
1993-1994		No Awards Made		
26/6/1995	to	THOMSON Ken P.P. [Sapphire to Ken's PH]	by	Bob MOORE
3/6/1997	to	FREGON John P.P.	by	
	to	ASPINALL Graeme P.P.	by	Hilton EDMUND
	to	MASON John Rtn. *	by	
29/6/1998	to	THOMSON Bett 1 <sup>st</sup> Lady	by	Mike SPARK
28/6/1999	to	EDMUND Hilton P.P.	by	John FLEMMING
	to	WYLIE Peter P.P. *	by	
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	by	
	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.	by	
	to	FLEMMING John P.P. [Sapphire to John's PHF]	by	Julie GOODCHILD
2007-08	to	DAWSON Robert P.P.	by	
	to	Beth VIZE	by	Graeme ASPINALL
2008-09	to	McALONEY Paul P.P.	by	
	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 [Sapphire to Graeme's PHF]	by	Paul McALONEY
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

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

