

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 5 th May [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 12 th May [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 19 th May [6.00 for 6.30]	Thursday 26 th May [6.00 for 6.30]
Venue:	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club	FTG Bowls Club
&Program:	Team Meeting	Guest Speaker	Guest Speaker	TBA
Speaker:		Des Higginbotham	Megan Baker	
		Ferntree Gully Newsagency	Local Council	
Vote Of Thanks		Alan T	Rob H	
Scribe:		Mike S	John F	

Future Diary Dates

Friday May 13th Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Sunday May 22nd District Assembly (on line)

Saturday July 2nd Club Changeover



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



PRESIDENTS GREETINGS AND CHATTER

Youth Service Month

Our car rally last Sunday was very enjoyable fun event. Organised by Paul McAloney and Kay members enjoyed a pleasant through the hills to conclude at a perfect location on such a beautiful day for some club fellowship. Thanks to Paul and Kay for their organisation of the day.

Our newest member Graeme Harrison gave a behind the badge presentation on his background at last weeks meeting. What an interesting life Graeme has had. See the meeting report for his background. And thank you Graeme for accepting to present to the club at such short notice.

With a number of our members having to isolate due either having been in close contact or having covid we hope our meetings can return with all our members being able to attend meetings in person for the remainder of this Rotary year.

Since January our Club has been very busy with BBQs at Bunnings, the Knox BMX Club and the Greek Picnic, the Knox Festival. Rotary's Storm Recovery Festival at Monbulk and most recent the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Quarry Reserve. Strong support from members in such a small Club has seen the Club complete these events very successfully. With only two months to go to complete this Rotary year we have very little in the way of forward projects.

Paul Wilson has been procuring additional equipment to help improve Zoom presentations of our meetings. Some testing will be necessary before we go live in the next couple of weeks. This equipment is being funded from the \$400 grant the Club receiver from the district.

Stay Safe,
Graeme & Christine



Last Week's Meeting

Present: Christine A, Alan T, Graeme A, John F, Graeme H, Rob H, Paul W and Rosie Massey
Zoom: Fran and Brian M, Paul Mc and Mike S

A behind the badge presentation was given by our newest member Graeme Harrison.

Graeme was born in Brighton (Melbourne). His schooling started at Brighton Primary School and later went to Brighton Technical School from where he thought it would lead to a trade. Like a lot of young boys in those days he joined the scouting movement not realising then it would have a big impact on his life in the future. A family member steered Graeme away from taking up an apprenticeship and directed him towards retail with GJ Coles. Soon after he was moved up to head office in Accounts and Shipping where he gained experience before being transferred to Adelaide at the time Kmart was being established in South Australia at Ingle Park as a Store Auditor for 5 years .

After meeting his first wife and starting a family they moved back to Melbourne continuing in the roll of auditing. In 1991 after 34 years with Coles he was retrenched and his wife passing away he had to start a new life. Sometime was needed to readjust he took up driving buses for the Tramways Board from their Doncaster Depot which lasted 23 years and three different owners.

Graeme's passion for scouting lead him to become a Venturers leader taking boys and girls on camping trips this lead him to meeting his current partner Sue after losing one of her sons on a hike.

After retiring overseas trips followed to Canada and New Zealand and caravanning, is now planning a trip to Qld now that the floods have subsided.

Since he retired, he became involved with Steam Railways as a committee member and Train manager for all over the state. At one stage Steam Trains could travel all over the state now only five lines are available for the steam enthusiasts to ride and watch.

Scribe
Graeme A

Car Rally

Starting in the Ferntree Gully Railway Carpark the drivers headed south to Wellington Rd. Along Wellington Rd up through Clematis, Emerald on to Cockatoo and through Gembrook we found the turn off Beenak Rd identified with balloons and streamers which lead us to the finish at Kurth Kiln Regional Park. A perfect spot for lunch around a pit fire. Along the way navigators had instructions to follow and questions to answer (not too hard). There was no stopping to find mystery items which was good. I'm sure some stopped to look at google maps for some assistance. After the points were added up, Christine and Fran were the winners. Lunch was enjoyed in a very pleasant location. Thanks to Paul and Kay for organising a great day out.





*Our next Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings is on Friday May 13th.
Five volunteers are required for each of two shifts
9.00 – 12.30pm and 12.30 – 4.00pm
Please indicated your availability at this week's meeting*

2022 DISTRICT
Sunday 22nd



ASSEMBLY (ONLINE)
to Sunday 29th May 2022

Pres Elect Fran will provide details of who needs to attend



