NEWSLETTER

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Rotary
Belgrave-Ferntree Gully
Chartered July 24th 2026

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District Governor
Emma Clark
Emerald & District

Meeting Venue
Ferntree Gully Bowls Club,
Glenfern Rd Ferntree Gully

Weekly on Wednesdays
6.00 for 6.30pm

Presidents Message

It was a great feeling to welcome all our members in attendance at the inaugural meeting of Rotary Club of Belgrave-Ferntree Gully (And a big thank you to the steering committee who put in heaps of time to progress the idea)
As we get to know each other better and the nuances of each of the clubs , I believe in a few months ,we will feel like we have been to one group for many, many years

As detailed , I had the honor of participating in the Mater Christi year 9 -job ready interview program last week as representative of our Rotary Club .
Arriving at 8.30am and finishing at 1pm , with a short break . It was an experience that I quite enjoyed and hope I am invited next year to do the same
And I also hope this re-kindles our long term association with Mater Christi

The next few weeks, whilst there is only a few official activities occurring such as Bingo at Foothils and Bunnings BBQ's , much activity is taking place behind the scenes for our charter dinner

Have a great week ahead

All The Best
James Gillard

Charter Night – Friday 24 July

Our Charter Night is almost here, and we look forward to celebrating the official launch of the Rotary Club of Belgrave-Ferntree Gully. This will be a memorable evening as we recognise the proud histories of both the former Belgrave and Ferntree Gully clubs and celebrate the beginning of an exciting new chapter together.

Bookings are filling quickly, so if you haven't secured your place, please book today:

TryBooking:

https://www.trybooking.com/DMWPD

We look forward to celebrating with members, partners, guests and supporters

Save the Date – Berwick Antique Fair

The Rotary Club of Belgrave-Ferntree Gully is excited to present the Berwick Antique Fair on Sunday, 11 October.

Whether you're a serious collector, looking for a unique gift, or simply enjoy browsing antiques, vintage treasures and collectables, this is an event not to be missed.

Event Details

- Date: Sunday, 11 October
- Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm
- Venue: Berwick Leisure Centre, 79 Manuka Road, Berwick
- Entry: $5 per person
- Children: Under 18 years – FREE

With quality dealers from across Victoria, the fair offers something for everyone while raising valuable funds to support Rotary projects in our local and international communities.

Please keep an eye out for our promotional flyer and help spread the word by inviting your family, friends and neighbours. We look forward to seeing you there!

LEGO Drive for Olinda Community House

Our club is currently collecting new and good-quality used LEGO to support the Olinda Community House.

If you have any unwanted LEGO at home, please bring it along to one of our meetings or contact a board member to arrange collection. Your donation will help provide creative play and learning opportunities for local children and families.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed

Theatre Night – Treasure Island

Join fellow members for a fun social evening at 1812 Theatre to see Treasure Island.

We have secured just 20 tickets, so bookings will be taken on a first-in, first-served basis.

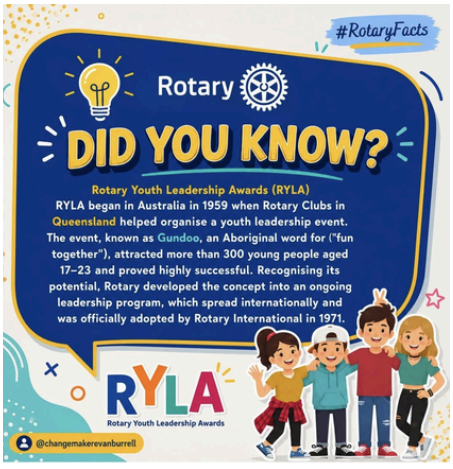
Details

Wednesday August 5th

- *Cost: $20 per person*
- *Dinner: 6.00pm at the Royal Hotel (meals at your own cost)*
- *Show:Treasure Island at 1812 Theatre*

To reserve your place, please contact Stephen on 0419 004 125 or email mailpalamaras@gmail.com.

Stephen, Rob, Rebecca and Gus attended and ran the next Foothills Bingo night. Raising funds to help Foothills feeding those less fortunate. Interested, google Rotary clubs near me.



Belgrave Rotarians Sue, Stephen, Carol, Gus and Rebecca attended the Rotary 2026 Changeover Night. Belgrave Club received a Silver award for club excellence and a Gold award thanks to Carol. The highlight of the night was the awarding of two Paul Harris Fellows to Carol and Gus for their outstanding contributions to Rotary District for 2025/2026. Congratulations to both.

ClubMembers Recognized at District 9815 Changeover

Some moments just make you stop and smile. On Saturday at the Rotary District Changeover, I had the privilege of watching Carol receive a Paul Harris Fellow, one of Rotary's highest honours, and I honestly couldn't have been prouder. Most people only see the end result, but I've seen the hours behind the scenes. The late nights, the phone calls, the planning, the travel, and the genuine care she puts into her role as District Learning Officer. She gives so much of herself to helping others learn, grow and succeed in Rotary, never looking for recognition along the way. That's why seeing her recognised was so special. It...

A huge congratulations to our Gus Rozycki on receiving a Paul Harris Fellow at Saturday's Rotary District Changeover.

This is a well-deserved recognition for someone who has dedicated more than 25 years to Rotary. From his early days in Rotaract through to becoming a long-serving member of the Rotary Club of Belgrave, while also serving recently as a Rotary Community Leader with 12 clubs, Gus has always been someone who quietly gets on with the job and is willing to help wherever he's needed.

Over the years, Gus has served multiple terms as Club President, provided leadership and support to countless projects, and has become an integral part of the District IT team, helping clubs and district leaders embrace technology and keeping many of the systems we rely on running behind the scenes.

While many people only see the end result, those who work alongside Gus know just how much time, knowledge and commitment he has freely given to Rotary over the years.

Congratulations, Gus, on this well-earned honour. Thank you for everything you continue to do for Rotary and for the many people you've helped along the way. It is wonderful to see your dedication recognised with a Paul Harris Fellow.

Club Programe

Date	Speaker	Program
July 8th		Club Meeting
July 10th		Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
July 15th		Club Meeting
July 24th		***Charter Night - Hyatt Hotel, Scoresby***
July 29th		Club Meeting
August 5th		Fellowship Night 1812 Theatre
August 12th	Gloria Hargraves	School Speech Competions
August 19th		Club Meeting
August 26th		Club Meeting
August 28th		Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
Sept ember 2nd	DG Emma Clark	Combined Club Meeting at Monbulk with Emerald & Dist

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Friday July 10th - Volunteers

9.00 – 12.30	12.30 – 4.00
Graeme A	Rob D
Graeme H	Rob H

Still need a couple of volunteers for each shift.
Please let me know at our meeting on Wednesday.