# 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

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## *Presidents Message*

**Vice-President's Message**
**Rotary Club of Belgrave-Ferntree Gully**
Dear Rotary friends,
What an exciting start to our journey as the Rotary Club of Belgrave Ferntree Gully. As we continue to build our new club together, I would like to take a moment to celebrate a significant achievement and thank each of you for the commitment and support you have shown during these formative months.

President Jame is delighted (from Canada) to announce that our club has been recognised with the Rotary International Club Excellence Award for 2025-26, presented by Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo. This award recognises clubs that demonstrate excellence across membership, service, learning, leadership and community impact. Receiving this award so early in our club's history recognises the Rotary spirit of our members together. It reflects the strong foundations established through the merger of the Belgrave and Ferntree Gully clubs and the collective commitment of our members to creating a vibrant, inclusive and impactful Rotary club for our community.

I thank everyone who participated in our first Board meeting. The strong attendance, thoughtful contributions and collaborative spirit has set a positive tone. Acknowledging that although we were pushed for time, the discussions highlighted our shared commitment to achieve our goals.
As we look ahead, I encourage all members to attend our **Club Service Night on 20 August**. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear from the Chairs of our **Youth, Community, International and Vocational Service Committees** as they present their plans and priorities for the year.
Thank you for your ongoing support, friendship and service.
Congratulations once again on our Rotary International Club Excellence Award. It is an achievement that belongs to every member of our club, and I look forward to celebrating many more successes together throughout the year. See those of you who can attend at the 1812 Theatre on Wednesday night.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Vice-President Carol Constantine
**Rotary Club of Belgrave-Ferntree Gully**

Proudly supported by the Rotary Club of Belgrave–Ferntree Gully.

Step into the spirit of Spring Racing and dress to impress. Bring your party shoes, your party hat, and a pocketful of gold coins for a night of colour, fun, and community generosity.

We are raising vital funds for Family Care Uganda, helping provide a full year of medical supplies for 250 students in one of the world's most disadvantaged regions. Your support directly improves the health, safety, and future of these young people.

Enjoy an evening filled with music, games, raffles, silent auctions, cocktails, nibbles, and exciting door prizes—all while making a meaningful difference.

**DATE**

Sat 17 Oct 2026 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (UTC+10)

At the Upway Tecoma Football - Netball Pavilion, Chosen Av, Upway.

***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!

A booking has been made at the Club Hotel for dinner at 6.00pm for those attending the 1812 Theatre on Wednesday evening.

***Rotary Club Excellence Award 2025 - 26***

# Club Programe

| Date | Speaker | Program |
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| August 5th | | Fellowship Night 1812 Theatre |
| August 12th | Gloria Hargraves | School Speech Competions |
| August 19th | Club Service | Club Meeting |
| August 26th | Olivia & Zinny | RYLA Experience |
| August 28th | | Bunnings Sausage Sizzle |
| September 2nd | DG Emma Clark | Combined Club Meeting at Monbulk with Emerald & Dist |
| Sept 9th | Clare Fitzmaurice | Liberal Candiate for Monbulk |
| Sept 16th | | Club Meeting |
| Sept 23rd | Barb McNicol | R Childrens Hosp - Templestowe Yarra Valley Auxalary |
| Sept 30th | | Club Meeting |

***Other Activities Dates***

**11.8.26** ***DG visit to Lilydale for Clubs Boronia & Lilydale***
**21.8.26** ***Presidents Meeting***
**28.8.26** ***Movie - Feckham Hall***
**2.9.26** ***DG Visit to Monbulk for Clubs BFTGully & Emerald & Dist***
**11,10.26** ***Antique Fair - Berwick***
**17.10.26** ***Cocktails for a Cause***

# 2026 - 2027 Club Roles

| Role | Member | Designation |
|---|---|---|
| **President** | James Gillard | Board |
| **Vice President** | Carol Constantine | Board |
| **Executive Secretary** | Stephen Palamara | Board |
| **Treasurer** | Christine Anderson | Board |
| **Community** | Sue Brown | Board |
| **International** | Rebecca Rozycki | Board |
| **Vocational** | Stephan Palamara | Board |
| **Youth** | Wayne McKenzie | Board |
| **Fundraising** | Graeme Aspinall | |
| **Public Image** | Jessica Robins | |
| **Insurance** | James Gillard | |
| **On to Conference** | Graeme Aspinall | |
| **Club learning Facilitator** | Carol Constantine | |
| **Program** | Robert Hurst | |
| **Protection** | Kaye Hollis | |
| **Sergeant** | Gus Rozycki | |

*Birthday Wishes to*

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| *Stephen Palamara* | *July 31st* |
| *Wayne McKenzie* | *Aug 1st* |
| *Helen McKenzie* | *Aug 7th* |