



It may be a long time since John Flemming has been “on the top table”,  
but he hasn’t lost his touch!  
Shown here with President Enid

Fellowship, and Camaraderie  
Service to the Community  
Support of Each Other  
Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



Rotary's early emblem was a simple wagon wheel (in motion with dust). It was designed in 1905 by Montague M. Bear, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago who was an engraver. He designed the emblem to represent both civilization and movement. Most of the early Rotary clubs adopted the wheel in one form or another.

The present emblem, 24 cogs and six spokes, was adopted in 1924. A keyway was added to signify usefulness. An official description of the emblem was adopted at the 1929 International Convention.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN



President, Rotary International - **KALYAN BANERJEE**, & Binota, Rotary Club of Vapi, India  
District Governor, Dist. 9810 – **JULIET RISELEY** & Ian, Rotary Club of Hampton  
President, Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully – **ENID HUGHES**  
Benefactor, Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully – **IVAN GIGOVIC**, Vale: August 2003

### ROTARY GRACE:

For good food, fellowship and the opportunity of service through Rotary.  
We thank Thee O Lord.

### A ROTARY TOAST:

Rotarians and friends please join me in a toast—“Rotary and Australia”.



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY INC., 2010-2011



## The Board

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	-	<b>Enid Hughes</b>
<b>PRESIDENT ELECT</b>	-	<b>Ian McFarlane</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	-	<b>John Flemming</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	-	<b>Paul Wilson</b>
<b>PAST PRESIDENT</b>	-	<b>Merv Lincoln</b>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	-	<b>Ian McFarlane</b>
<b>VOCATIONAL</b>	-	<b>Merv Lincoln</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	-	<b>Paul McAloney</b>
<b>NEW GENERATIONS</b>	-	<b>Julie Goodchild</b>

## Office Bearers

<b>FOUNDATION</b>	-	<b>Paul McAloney</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; MARKETING</b>	-	<b>Graeme Aspinall</b>
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	-	<b>Fran Mandergeddes</b>
<b>PROGRAM</b>	-	<b>Mike Spark</b>
<b>BULLETIN EDITOR</b>	-	<b>Enid Hughes</b>
<b>BOWEL SCAN (Aus. Rotary Health)</b>	-	<b>Graham Faulkner</b>

## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

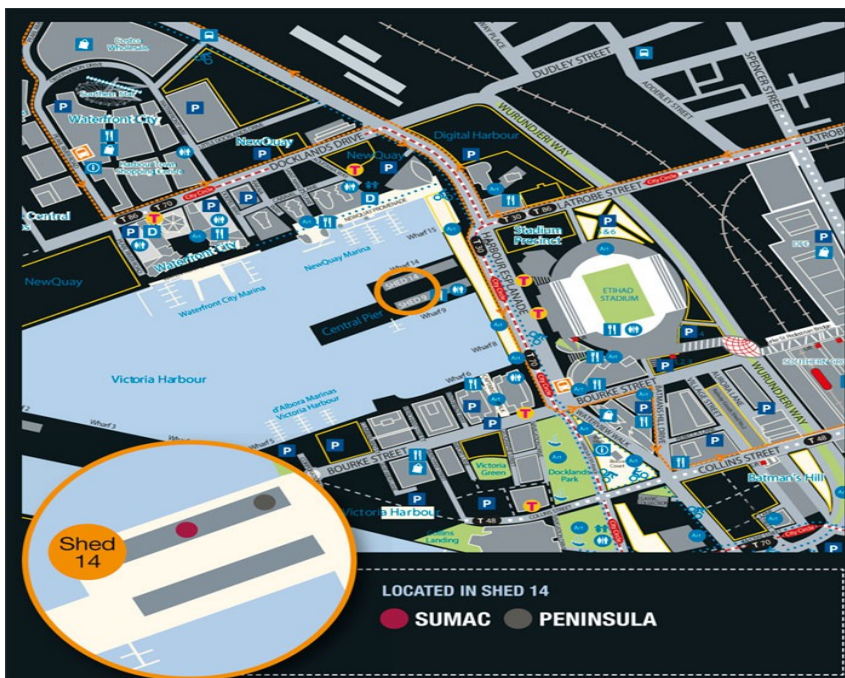
Of the things we think, say or do :-

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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## PAST PRESIDENTS :

1963-64	<b>HALL</b> Frank	1989-90	<b>FREGON</b> John
1964-65	<b>THOMSON</b> Ken	1990-91	<b>VIZE</b> Stuart
1965-66	<b>CLARKE</b> * Harold	1991-92	<b>ADAMS</b> Brian
1966-67	<b>MARTIN</b> Laurie	1992-93	<b>WYLIE</b> * Peter
1967-68	<b>ELDRIDGE</b> Jeff	1993-94	<b>ASPINALL</b> Graeme
1968-69	<b>RUSSELL</b> Harry	1994-95	<b>MOORE</b> Robert
1969-70	<b>CHAPPILL</b> Geoff	1995-96	<b>WILLINGHAM</b> Ed
1970-71	<b>COOK</b> Duncan	1996-97	<b>EDMUNDS</b> Hilton
1971-72	<b>CASTRICUM</b> * John and <b>MILLER</b> Ken	1997-98	<b>SPARK</b> Mike
1972-73	<b>LANGFORD</b> * Greg	1998-99	<b>FLEMMING</b> John
1973-74	<b>de JONGE</b> Lawrence	1999-2000	<b>OGLE</b> Tony
1974-75	<b>CRANE</b> * Reeve	2000-01	<b>YEATS</b> Sandy
1975-76	<b>BROWN</b> John	2001-02	<b>HALL</b> Marilyn (First Woman President).
1976-77	<b>FOSTER</b> Ken	2002-03	<b>McALONEY</b> Paul
1977-78	<b>CALLAHAN</b> * Jack	2003-04	<b>DAWSON</b> Rob
1978-79	<b>MILLER</b> Ken	2004-05	<b>MANDERGEDDES</b> Fran
1979-80	<b>RICHARDS</b> John	2005-06	<b>WALTERS</b> Phil
1980-81	<b>BEASLEY</b> * Royce	2006-07	<b>GOODCHILD</b> Julie
1981-82	<b>SHORTER</b> Barry	2007-08	<b>ASPINALL</b> Graeme
1982-83	<b>BOSCOTT</b> Bob	2008-09	<b>FAULKNER</b> Graham
1983-84	<b>BARUDAY</b> George and <b>DASBOROUGH</b> Don	2009-10	<b>LINCOLN</b> Merv.
1984-85	<b>MITCHELL</b> Ron	2010-11	<b>LINCOLN</b> Merv
1985-86	<b>HURST</b> Robert	* Have "Passed on to meet Paul HARRIS".	
1986-87	<b>GLADWIN</b> Bill		
1987-88	<b>ELLIOTT</b> John		
1988-89	<b>GUINEY</b> * David		



District 9810 Conference—Saturday & Sunday, 21st & 22nd April, 2012. \$385.00 per head.  
Have you booked yet?  
Check out the details on [www.9810conference.org.au](http://www.9810conference.org.au)

## Community Kitchen Roster



16th November Ian McFarlane  
30th November John Flemming  
14th December Paul Wilson

## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 14th Nov [6:00 for 6:30]	Monday 21st Nov [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 28th Nov [6:30 for 7:00]	Tuesday 29th Nov [6:45 for 7:00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern		Baton Rouge Quality Inn
Program:	Aboriginal Identity in Sport	RYLA	Unattractive Attractions	Foundation Seminar
Speaker:	Andrew Peters	Jimmy Osborne	Tony Nankervis	-
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	N/A	-
Chairman:	Graeme A	Fran M	Rob D	-
Cashiers:	Paul McA & Greg D	Julie G & Bob H	Ian McF & Fran M	-
Grace & Toast:	Mike S	Paul W	Graeme A	-
Rotary Knowledge	Greg D Funeral Services	Paul W - Maint. Services	Ian McF - Q/A Food	-
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Julie G	Phil W	Phil W	-
Scribe:	Rod D	Greg D	Bob H	-



<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to R.C. of F.I.G</i>	None



## MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday, 7th November, 2011

The meeting opened at 7.00 pm with President Enid welcoming all members present and visitor Frederick Lopez.

President Enid announced:

- Frederick was a teacher at Ferntree Gully North Primary School and was the person responsible for overseeing the Rotary Diary project.
- Members contact details will no longer be published in the Bulletin due to the bulletin being published on the website.
- Orders received for Christmas cakes and puddings would be placed with the supplier tomorrow.
- Foundation Seminar (Central Cluster) - Tuesday 29th November.
- Paraplegia Insurance—club voted in favour by a slim majority.

**Chairman:** Ian McFarlane

**Secretary:** John Flemming

Read and distributed the incoming mail.

- Monash Health Foundation
- Sausage Sizzle of Mountain Gate—not granted by the Traders' Association
- Help sought from local Rotaract Club

**Apologies:** Julie Goodchild, Fran Mandergeddes

**Make Ups:** Graeme A, Merv L, Enid H, Helen L, Stuart V, John F

**Treasurer:** Paul Wilson

No report

**Community Service:** Ian McFarlane

- Thomas the Tank Fun Run—27th November
- Attended a PETS Meeting last Friday
- Web Site progressing
- Meeting this week with regards to the Breathalyser project

**Vocational Service:** Merv Lincoln

No report

**International Service:** Paul McAloney

No booksales this week.

**New Generations:** Julie Goodchild

Absent—no report

**Club Service:** Ian McFarlane

No Report

**Fellowship:** Fran Mandergeddes

Absent—no report

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Merv Lincoln



Merv conducted a fines session with questions to which nobody knew the answers.



**Skill: WON by Enid**



**Frederick Lopez from Ferntree Gully North Primary School gave a short address re the progress of students in the community program. Support**



## TIPS.....HINTS.....JOKES.....



**Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.



  **Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.



  **Law of Probability** - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.



  **Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.





  **Variation Law** - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).




  **Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.




  **Law of Close Encounters** - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.




  **Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.




  **Law of Biomechanics** - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

    **Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena** - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

   **The Coffee Law** - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.




   **Murphy's Law of Lockers** - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.




   **Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

   **Law of Logical Argument** - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

   **Brown's Law of Physical Appearance** - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

   **Oliver's Law of Public Speaking** - A closed mouth gathers no feet.

   **Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy** - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

   **Doctors' Law** - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better.. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone. *Reba McEntire*

## ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ROTARY?

But not sure where to find it out.....

Then this program is just for you!

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a 3 part series for Rotarians to *provide a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organisations.*

It operates through a 3 part series of "facilitated discussions" run by a team of trained District 9810 Facilitators.

The next series of Rotary Leadership Institute will be held on Sundays 19<sup>th</sup> February, 18<sup>th</sup> March and 29<sup>th</sup> April at Parkdale Secondary College.

Cost is \$50 for the full series which includes lunch and morning / afternoon tea for each day.

*We have had many Rotarians complete RLI during the past 18 months and always sharing very positive feedback on the benefits gained of broadening not only their knowledge, but importantly – the understanding of the many aspects of Rotary; most particularly The Rotary Foundation and Membership.*

We encourage you to be a part of this excellent Rotary education program and learn of many opportunities and projects through sharing the experiences you have gained in your club.

Please contact the District 9810 Rotary Leadership Institute Chair - Jenny Coburn on 0407 689 777 or [jdowsettcoburn@gmail.com](mailto:jdowsettcoburn@gmail.com) to register for this program.

### TRIVIA:

**Rotary Christmas cakes and puddings—statistics:**  
**Distributed by RC of Nunawading to clubs in District 9810**  
**1989—2010**  
**32,745 cases—196,495 units (cakes/puddings/shortbreads)**  
**Retail value: \$2,458,951.00**  
**Total profit to the clubs: \$480,291.**

has not been great with the number of students being 6, who are participating this year. Frederick outlined some possible changes for students that might motivate students.

### Rotary Education (Vocational):

**Mike Spark—Marketing /Consulting:** Mike gave an insight into his experiences selling computer equipment.

Marketing changes people's attitude towards a product.

Travelled extensively throughout the world. Went from consulting to teaching at RMIT after driving cabs due to a downturn in the industry. Now 20 years on.

### PROGRAM: Committee Meeting—chaired by John Flemming

Major Committee Discussions:

Further discussion was lead by Chairman John Flemming on our Club—Our Future". Based on the summary of votes the next discussion topics were

- Whatever we do benefits the Community
- Larger number of members (Membership)

### Community:

The Club is involved in its community byut more can be done. Club members need to be aware of community needs and bring forward ideas. The committee chairs will take on board the ideas but club members must assist with the developments and implication of those activities.

No discussion was held as to further ideas of community involvement.

### Membership:

The club now ha membership promotional material which was distributed at the recent Ferntree Gully Village Discovery Day.

Points varied from discussion on direction of membership.

Involvement of community partners

Follow up friends

Invite work associates

Involve youth partners, eg. Youth, RYLA, RYPEN.

Attract from other organisations

Invite guests to special meetings

Develop club profiles for local papers (Stores on past/present exchange students)

Club members

Attractive for younger members.

The Board is to review the many issues that were highlighted to determine the future direction.

There being no further business President Enid listed next week's Housekeeping Duties announced the birthdays/Anniversaries/Inductions and closed the meet at 8.50 pm.

Scribe: Graeme Aspinall





## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone:

On Friday evening I attended the quarterly Presidents' Meeting held at the Wheelers Hill International Hotel. Many matters were discussed while we all enjoyed a delicious meal. Foremost among the topics was, of course, District Conference. Although the line-up of speakers is yet to be completed, it was hinted that for those avid watchers of *Master Chef* a treat was in store by way of George (the Greek—don't ask me to spell his name!) who will be making an appearance. Stephen May of Crikey.com will also be speaking, along with a number of others—18 in total. It looks like being a very exciting line up. And of course, then there will be the finale dinner at the National Gallery of Victoria.

On Saturday evening it was the Annual Dinner and Awards Night of the Upper Ferntree Gully CFA. Our Treasurer, Paul Wilson, accompanied me and we were made warmly welcome by Peter Smith (alias Mudguts) and his team. Our Mayor, Sue McMillan and her partner Greg were also in attendance. Jim Read did a great job as Master of Ceremonies and Mark Goodchild, husband of Julie received a Life Membership award. It was a terrific evening and I found it very moving that the spirit of "Family" was so prevalent. Obviously, in that occupation the members have no option but to rely on one another but it was very heart warming to witness the camaraderie which exists between them all. A great night.

**Enid Hughes**  
President



## CLUB NOTICES:

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**— The Board has agreed that, effective immediately, in addition to current duties the Sergeant-at-Arms should arrive half an hour before the start of the weekly meeting and act as the official Club Greeter—greeting members and guests and ensuring visitors are passed to a club member to be further made welcome.

## IT'S TIME TO REMEMBER, RE-LIVE, AND REJOICE ABOUT THE "GOOD OLD DAYS"



It's a...

## ROTARACT DISTRICT 9810 RE-UNION!!!

Saturday 19th November  
7pm—1am

Knox Indoor Sports Centre (bar)  
108 Lewis Road, Wantirna South

Cost: \$15 (we'll make sure there's plenty to eat)  
Drinks: available at the bar

If you were a Rotaractor a year ago, a decade ago, or even forty years ago, we would love for you to come along. Re-live all of those wonderful (and not so wonderful) memories! Catch up with fellow former Rotaractors you haven't seen for 20 years!!!

Bring along your Rotaract memorabilia, be it photos, or any other items of interest.

**Find us on Facebook: "Rotaract Reunion - D9810".**

RSVP either on the Facebook page, or to:

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