



Bob the Auctioneer at work

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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Our incoming Exchange Student—Isabela Zatti seen here with her parents

## Community Kitchen Roster

Guide Hall, Underwood Road, Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car-park) (Contact Ian McFarlane for more information. 0428 500 815 or 9754 1878)

13th July	John Flemming
27th July	Paul Wilson
10th August	Paul McAloney
24th August	Ian McFarlane
7th September	Enid Hughes
21st September	John Flemming
5th October	Paul Wilson
19th October	Paul McAloney
2nd November	TBA
16th November	Ian McFarlane
30th November	John Flemming
14th December	Paul Wilson

## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday, 11th July [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday, 18th July [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 1st August (6:30 for 7:00)
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	"Our Club—Our Future"	Vision Australia	Avatars in Higher Education	Committee Meeting
Speaker:	John Kumnick	Carolyn Moorshead	Doc Wallace SUT Lilydale	Ian McFarlane
Committee-Subject	N/A	N/A	N/A	Community Service
Chairman:	Helen L	Graeme A	Mike S	Ian McF
Cashiers:	Julie G & Bob H	Merv L & Mike S	Helen L & Fran M	Graeme A & Rob D
Grace & Toast:	Graham F	Julie G	Bob H	Stuart V
Rotary Knowledge	Merv Lincoln Religion—Salvo's	Julie G Construction/Admin	Rob D Furniture Removals	Bob H Business Broking
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Rob D	Rob D	Graham F	Graham F
Scribe:	Graeme A	Graham F	Phil W	Julie G

<b>Birthdays:</b>	None
<b>Wedding Anniversaries:</b>	None
<b>Induction to R.C. of F.I.G</b>	Enid Hughes—14/7/08

## MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday, 4th July, 2011

The meeting opened at 7.00 pm with President Enid welcoming all members, Liam Rodgers (outgoing exchange student) and Greg Downs (prospective member).

President Enid announced:

It took a week for her to recover from changeover.

Cass was home from hospital for a couple of hours. She is struggling a little but certainly hasn't lost her fighting spirit.

Paul McAloney's brother passed away (aneurism due to a fall), died last Monday. Funeral today.

Chairman: **Ian McFarlane**

Secretary: **John Flemming:**

Apologies: Helen Lingard, Paul McAloney, Mike Spark, Ken Thomson

Make-Ups: Julie Goodchild

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

#### Secretary:

After discussion, John Flemming to follow up Ken Thomson situation. Question: Does he need to pay fees to retain membership.

Discussion took place on the Paraplegic insurance and whether the club should continue with it. It was decided we get a copy of the policy and review the matter.

**Community:** Ian McFarlane

Reported the Breathalyser project will be resubmitted in a few weeks.

**Vocations:** Merv Lincoln

Reported that James Ormond has been selected as a RYLA candidate. A good applicant and has been interviewed.

**International:** Paul McAloney

Absent—no report

**New Generations:** Julie Goodchild

Reported she has a contact who can provide medical equipment for overseas countries. Has tried to contact Clare Allen but calls are not returned. RC of Croydon promoting the project. Enid will follow up following info. From Julie. Julie is doing regular trips to the airport with exchange student duties.

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

Paddy placed his stool on the ice, cut a circular hole, poured himself a nice cup of hot chocolate and started fishing. After a little while not even getting a nibble, a muffled voice from above echoed..."there are no fish under the ice". Ignoring this strange phenomenon, Paddy moved to a new spot, cut another hole and started fishing again. A few moments later, a voice boomed from above..."there are no fish under the ice." Paddy looked up and asked.."Is that you Lord?"

"No" was the reply, "it's the manager of the skating rink!"

Children's science exam answers:

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Message found in a fortune cookie...

The maker of this cookie feels sorry for you...fancy trying to find your life direction in a tasteless piece of pas-try"



**Get a little help from your friends!**

**Let everyone know what you're doing and enlist their support to help you change and give you ideas. The more you feel like you're part of a group effort, the more likely you are to be successful.**



**Don't use time or words carelessly. Neither can be retrieved!**

## WHY MEN ARE SELDOM DEPRESSED:

Men Are Just Happier People --  
What do you expect from such simple creatures?  
Your last name stays put.  
The garage is all yours.  
Wedding plans take care of themselves.  
Chocolate is just another snack.  
You can be President.  
You can never be pregnant.  
You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.  
You can wear NO shirt to a water park.  
Car mechanics tell you the truth.  
The world is your urinal.  
You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky.  
You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.  
Same work, more pay.  
Wrinkles add character.  
Wedding dress \$5000. Tux rental-\$100.  
People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.  
New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.  
One mood all the time.  
Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.  
You know stuff about tanks.  
A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.  
You can open all your own jars.  
You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.  
If someone forgets to invite you,  
He or she can still be your friend.  
Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack.  
Three pairs of shoes are more than enough..  
You almost never have strap problems in public.  
You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes..  
Everything on your face stays its original color.  
The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.  
You only have to shave your face and neck.  
You can play with toys all your life.  
One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one color for all seasons.  
You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.  
You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife.  
You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache.  
You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives  
On December 24 in 25 minutes.  
No wonder men are happier.  
**Men Are Just Happier People**

*The opinions of the people submitting articles are NOT necessarily those of the Editor. But then, I suppose he does have a point!!*

**Club Service:** Ian McFarlane  
No Report

**Sergeant At Arms:** Rob Dawson  
Rob ripped our dollars off us with some good newspaper headlines.

**Skill:** Rob Dawson drew King of Hearts—we live!

**Program (Committee Meeting):** Chair—Graeme Aspinall  
Graeme spoke on his membership and marketing portfolio. He mentioned our dwindling membership (18), the lowest in his 23 years. We need to look at how we review the club. What do we do?

How can we be seen in the community?

- a) We need a website (ASAP)
- b) Draw on the ideas of members—he needs input from the club.
- c) Must look at the problem like as if forming a new club, eg. Going physically to businesses in the area. We must make these visitors welcome.
- d) Do we have contacts that we can give information to? To do this we must have a package of information. (Mike Koopman probably has a soft copy—Graeme to contact.
- e) We must make the club attractive, particularly to the younger person (may require changes to our meetings).

Pointed out that membership therefore is just one part of what we need to address. Support is required in many areas. However, Membership is the No.1. portfolio for this coming year.

Innovation and action is required in the portfolio. Some useful ideas came from members. Greg Downes gave a good comment about using outsiders to assist, not just Rotarians. He also made the point about making plans for objectives and how to achieve them.

Enid mentioned that next week's speaker will address the topic of our future with the possibility of a subsequent workshop.

She advised the meeting responsibilities for next week, thanked Liam and Greg for their attendance and announced birthdays, anniversaries etc.

**Meeting Closed at 8:47 p.m.**

**Scribe: John Flemming**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was great to hear that we have managed to select a RYLA candidate. His name is James Ormond but prefers to be known as Jimmy. I'm sure Jimmy will receive enormous benefit from his RYLA experience and we look forward to hearing all about it on his return.

Listening to Graeme Aspinall's talk on Membership and Marketing was terrific and mimicked my thoughts and vision exactly. I think you will find that next week's speaker (John Kumnick) will carry it even further. To quote from a short outline given to me at District Assembly, of what "Our Club—Our Future" is about:

*Creating a future vision specific to YOUR club personalises what you plan for the future. The 'Our Club—Our Future' visioning workshop will help a Rotary Club design its own Vision, and then sets out the steps necessary to achieve that vision.*

*The result is not some blanket, all-purpose, one-size-fits-all vision decided by the Rotary District or by Rotary International. Instead, it is a vision designed and endorsed by the Club's own members. This vision will help to ensure consensus."*

I think it's vital that we have input from all members as to how we go forward this year. So please, I ask that all members make every effort to be there next Monday and, if we elect to hold the workshop, then ensure nothing stops us from attending on that night too. The Board and I can only do so much—we need YOUR support.

On page 10 you will see a photograph of our incoming Exchange Student—Isabela Zatti. Isabela is coming to us from Brazil and hopes to be here by the end of July. We're hoping so too but there are a couple of hitches; one with her visa but quite apart from that there is the problem with the ash cloud arising from the volcano eruption in Chile. However, we have hopes of seeing her here in Australia very soon and look forward to giving her a very warm welcome.

Enid Hughes  
President



**NOTE:** MIKE SPARK HAS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS. PLEASE AMEND YOUR CONTACTS/ADDRESS BOOKS (See inside front cover)



Meet the new RI president. Kalyan and Binota Banerjee

"All of us in Rotary are looking to change the world—why else would we be Rotarians? We believe that our world can be happier, healthier, and most peaceful, and that we can create that better world through our service.

In 2011-12 I will ask Rotarians to *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*. I will ask you to search first within yourselves, to understand that all of us, everywhere, have the same dreams, the same hopes, the same aspirations, and similar dilemmas. When we understand and truly feel, that others' needs are the same as our own, we begin to understand how important our work is. In the year ahead, we will have three emphases in our Rotary service.

Our first emphasis in this Rotary year will be the family. The family and the home are at the core of all our work—all our service begins here. And through the family, we approach all of our community and indeed, all of humanity, as an extended family, in which all members care for each other. In times of joy and in times of need, no one is ever alone.

Our second emphasis will be continuity finding the things we do well and taking them to the next level. We must build on our successes, expand on them, and strive to do even more. Of course, our greatest obligation is to PolioPlus, where success is now so close.

Our third emphasis will be change. We must understand that true change can only begin with each of us, and start within us. We cannot share peace with others if we do not have it to give. We cannot look after the whole world without first looking after those closest to us: our families, our clubs, and our communities.

Mohandas K Gandhi said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." In Rotary we endeavour to live ethically and honestly, to share friendship and fellowship, to see equal worth in every human being. We are not interested in the lowest common denominator, for Rotary is anything but common. Instead, we work to elevate ourselves, elevate others, and thereby embrace the world.

Together we will *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*. And in peace, harmony and friendship, we will bring change—and a more joyful world.

Kalyan Banerjee  
President, Rotary International