



RYLA Awards—Jimmy and the rest of the Red Team

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

PRESIDENT	-	Enid Hughes
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SECRETARY	-	John Flemming
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PROGRAM	-	Mike Spark
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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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FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

I am planning a theatre night for the club to see:

"ALLO" "ALLO"

on

FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER.

LILYDALE THEATRE

8.30 P.M. - sherries at 8 p.m.

Cost: Probably \$25 p.p., which gives a small profit for the club.

It is Lilydale's last production for 2011.

I know it is a long way ahead, but this show will sell out very quickly.

This show is great fun, and I am sure Lilydale will do it justice.

**FRAN MANDERGEDES
FELLOWSHIP**

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)

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 25th July [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 1st Aug. [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 8th Aug [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 15th Aug [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 22nd Aug [6:30 for 7:00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	Avatars in Higher Edu- cation	Walk For Life	Committee Meeting	TBA	TBA
Speaker:	Doc Wallace SUT Lilydale	Jahangir Alam	Ian McF	TBA	TBA
Committee- Subject	N/A	N/A	Community Service	N/A	N/A
Chairman:	Merv L	Ian McF	Helen L	Paul McA	Merv L
Cashiers:	Helen L & Fran M	Graeme A & Rob D	Mike S & Phil W	Graham F & Merv L	Fran M & Helen L
Grace & Toast:	Paul W	Stuart V	Paul McA	Paul W	Graeme A
Rotary Knowledge	Rob D Furniture Removals	Bob H Business Broking	Fran M - Convey- ancing	Ian McF Q.A. - Food	Paul McA Safety Sup- plies
Sergeant-At- Arms:	Graham F	Graham F	Graham F	Mike S	Mike S
Scribe:	Phil W	Julie G	Bob H	Phil W	Paul W

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

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday, 18th July, 2011

The meeting opened at 7.00pm with President Enid welcoming all members and guests –Caroline Moorshead from Vision Australia who was accompanied by Kate & her guide dog .

Enid then asked club members if they wished to take part in the workshop via ‘Our Club Our Future’ program presented last week. This was enthusiastically agreed to by a show of hands.

Chairman- Graeme Aspinall.

Secretary – John Flemming – read the incoming mail

John told members that as requested, he had sought information as to whether Ken Thomson could be retained as an active member without paying fees. Advised he couldn’t and recommended he be made an Honorary member. This was agreed to. It was also agreed that Ron Mitchell should not be offered Honorary Membership this year.

Apologies – Fran Mandergeddes, Ken Thomson.

Make ups- Julie Goodchild, Enid Hughes, Paul Wilson.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORTS:

Treasurer (Paul Wilson) –

Reminded members Club Subs. were due.

Community (Ian McFarlane)-

Said he would try to arrange joint events with Rowville R.C. & with other clubs in our Cluster.

He also asked for GOOD photos for our website.

Vocational (Merv Lincoln) –

Re – C/Chisholm/ P.Wylie Award - a 20yr.old young man (not an apprentice) has been highly recommended for this award – there was some discussion as to his eligibility – this is still to be decided upon.

Our RYLA participant (Jimmy Ormond) attended the course last week.

Merv announced that he & Enid attended CFA Dinner.

He also said he has invited another potential member to a meeting in 3 weeks time.

International (Paul McAloney) –

Support for sponsoring a Cambodian family to be ratified by Board at the next meeting.

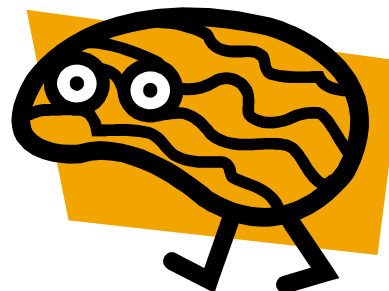
New Generations – (Julie Goodchild)

Announced our outbound student (Liam Rodgers) had withdrawn from the Yep program.

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

In the hospital the relatives gathered in the waiting-room, where their family member lay gravely ill.

Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and somber. I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news," he said as he surveyed the worried faces. "The only hope left for your loved one at this time is a brain transplant. It's an experimental procedure, semi-risky and you will have to pay for the brain yourselves."



The family members sat silent as they absorbed the news. After a great length of time, someone asked, "Well, how much does a brain cost?" The doctor quickly responded, "\$5,000 for a male brain, and \$200 for a female brain." The moment turned awkward. Men in the room tried not to smile, avoiding eye contact with the women, but some actually smirked.

A man, unable to control his curiosity, blurted out the question everyone wanted to ask, "Why is the male brain so much more?" The doctor smiled at the childish innocence and so to the entire group said, "It's just standard pricing procedure. We have to mark down the price of the female brains, because they've actually been used."

Know the value of time; seize and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness, no delay,

Ladies’ Bumper Stickers:

- Princess, having had sufficient experience with princes, seeks Frog!
- Coffee, Chocolate, Men.... Some things are just better rich.
- Don’t treat me any different than you would the Queen.
- Of course I don’t look busy—I did it right the first time!

Tips for the Week:

Change your actions!

It's hard to change your attitude if you keep doing the same old stuff the same old way. Do things differently to start thinking differently.

Change your environment!

Make your environment reflect the attitude you wish to have. Create the physical space that makes you eager to change.

Follow the leader!

Find someone who already has the attitude you wish to have. Follow their lead, learn from their example.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness...you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2011-2012



In 2011-12, District 9810 will undertake a group study exchange with District 5790, Texas USA, lead by District Governor Sharron Miles. The Future Vision Focus of the exchange will be on Economic and Community Development.

The exchange will have emphasis on the vocational experience and the teams will participate in Rotary supported programs while in both Rotary districts. For example, they will focus on community projects that help and support the homeless, unemployed, retraining programs, disadvantaged, the health system and other programs. They will also cover economic development in a diverse range of manufacturing, agriculture, construction, real estate and the oil and gas industry.

District 5790 has 65 Rotary clubs and 3200 Rotarians. The exchange will be in the area near Fort Worth and the surrounding flat range lands in West Texas. Texas is the land of the oil and gas industry, land of the long horns and the cowboy, and the Texas rangers. It is unique part of the USA.

The team will consist of a Rotarian Team Leader and four Team Members. The District 9810 team will depart Melbourne after our district conference on 23 or 24 April 2012 and will be in Texas for 4 or 5 weeks. The District 5790 team will be in District 9810 from around 21 March 21 to 23 April 2012.

TEAM LEADER: Although it is not a pre-requisite, it may be an advantage for a Team Leader applicant to work in the economic or community development areas.

Team Leader **Applications close on Friday 19 August 2011.**

Team Leader Interviews will be held on Saturday 27 August 2011.

TEAM MEMBERS: Team members must be aged between 25 and 40 years of age, and either work or live within the boundaries of District 9810. Applicants should be involved in community development areas, local council programs, work with the advantaged, homeless or unemployed or in the economic planning area. Other relevant occupations include engineers, bankers, construction personnel, planners, real estate agents, administrators, manufacturing and the gas and oil industry.

There will be an information evening for prospective team member applicants on 8 September.

Team member **applications close on Friday 23 September 2011.**

Team member selection interviews will be held on Saturday 8 October 2011 with final interviews on Sunday 16 October.

Further information and application forms are available from the Foundation – GSE page of the Rotary International website or from Kay Gordon, District GSE Chairman.

Re - inbound student (Isabella) – her Visa application was in now and she is expected to arrive at the end of July.

Julie also invited applications for MUNA

Sergeant Rob Dawson told some phenomenal jokes and then presented Merv with some ‘Go away’ silky shorts – these were immediately tried on in case they were too tight. Skill drawn was only 8/clubs

Vocational Talk – by Julie Goodchild-

Told of her work in Construction Administration. This involved a variety of skills. She also mentioned A Grade electricians were one of the best paid Tradies with Victorians being better paid than in NSW.

GUEST SPEAKER –

Caroline Moorshead from Vision Australia

Has worked for V.A. since 2006. There are 720 full time employees who service 46,895 clients and are supported by 4500 Volunteers. They provide their services free of charge.

Core Services (total of 15) include –

- Support for clients from Birth to Elderly
- To enable independent living.
- Train clients in job skills to enable them to gain employment.
- It aims to prevent clients being isolated.
- Provides info on many helpful living aids, etc.

Today, there are 300,000 people in Australia who are blind or have very low vision. This number is expected to increase greatly in the future because of older population & a range of increasing health problems incl. Diabetes, etc. More info is available on www.visionaustralia.org.au

Kate – spoke about her guide dogs & how she loved the 6 different ones she has had. She is a Mother with 2 adult children. She explained that being blind has not stopped her from riding horses and snow skiing. She takes great pride in being independent.

Danielle Marnock – our ex.Youth exchange student

Addressed our meeting briefly –

She is now a Student at Monash Uni in 2nd year.

Studying German & International Studies.

She hopes to go to Berlin next year.

Meeting Closed at 9:00 p.m.

Scribe: Graham Faulkner

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a busy weekend!

On Saturday Paul Wilson and I travelled to Myrniong to pick up our RYLA candidate and attend their final lunch. What an experience! The wave of overflowing energy hit us as we entered the building. The participants were obviously on an enormous "high" and were not going to come down any time soon. After lunch we had the closing ceremony and then the parents/Rotarians/transport home people enjoyed afternoon tea while the RYLarians went through their emotional farewells. They had obviously had a marvellous week; most admitted to having made life-long friendships and all left vowing to meet again on a regular basis. Our candidate, Jimmy, after admitting to having only had a couple of hours sleep the night before still managed to talk our socks down most of the way home!

On a slightly more sober note, Merv and I attended the annual Awards Night of Ferntree Gully Fire Brigade. We enjoyed an excellent meal followed, again, by a truly inspiring event with juniors and seniors receiving awards for their efforts in the Brigade. The Ferntree Gully area is indeed well served by the CFA. Although we didn't do a tin rattle for them this year they were still appreciative of our efforts and we assured them we'll be there for them again next year.

Enid Hughes
President



CLUB NOTICES:

Club Members have agreed:

In accordance with the family's wishes, **Ken Thomson** is to made an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully effective immediately.

As **Ron Mitchell** is now in advanced dementia his wife has suggested the club cease contact with him. The annual invitation to remain an Honorary Member has therefore not been issued.

Board Members: Please Note— Our Assistant Governor, Chris Potter, will be attending our Board Meeting on 1st August as an Observer, in preparation for the visit of our District Governor, Juliet Riseley and her partner Ian, on 29th August, 2011.



Alan Tudge MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR ASTON

11 July 2011

Mr John Flemming
Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully
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Dear Mr Flemming

I am writing to advise you of a new program that may be of interest to your group.


Venture into Parliament is aimed at adult community groups such as Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully, who may be interested in knowing more about the Parliament. It offers a unique, behind the scenes experience including opportunities for groups to have private tours of Parliament House, observe Question Time, participate in parliamentary role-play and enjoy lunch in the Members and Guests dining room. Of course I would be happy to meet up with you and join you for lunch if possible.

Please note that the program does not include travel, accommodation or meals and bookings are limited to one group per sitting week, so organisers will need to contact the Parliamentary Education Office (PEO) to discuss availability.

The enclosed brochure includes details about the program and additional information can be found on the website www.peo.gov.au/programs/ventureintoparliament.asp.

Please let me know if you are going to participate in this program so that I can organise my schedule. As always, I would be happy to come to your meeting place locally and support you where ever possible.

Yours sincerely



ALAN TUDGE MP

Ref: AET/ga

