



Caroline Wilhjem
Our newest Exchange Student
Arrived safely from Denmark on Sunday, 22nd July

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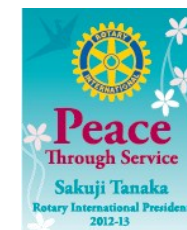
WEEKLY BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY 50TH ANNIVERSARY 2013

President, Rotary International - **SAKUJI TANAKA & Kyoko,**
Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan

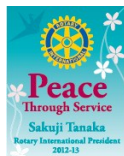
District Governor, Dist. 9810 – **BRIAN MARTIN & Sue,**
Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

President, Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully – **GRAEME ASPINALL**
Benefactor, Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully – **IVAN GIGOVIC, Vale: August 2003**





THE ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY INC., 2012-2013



The Board

PRESIDENT	-	Graeme Aspinall
PRESIDENT ELECT	-	Mike Spark
SECRETARY	-	John Flemming
TREASURER	-	Enid Hughes
PAST PRESIDENT	-	Enid Hughes
COMMUNITY	-	Julie Goodchild
VOCATIONAL	-	Phil Walters
INTERNATIONAL	-	Paul McAloney
NEW GENERATIONS	-	Greg Downes

Office Bearers

FOUNDATION	-	Robert Dawson
MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING		Graeme Aspinall
FELLOWSHIP	-	Fran Mandergheddes/Helen Lingard
PROGRAM	-	Mike Spark
BULLETIN EDITOR	-	Enid Hughes
Aus. Rotary Health	-	Graham Faulkner

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?



PAST PRESIDENTS :

1963-64	HALL Frank	1989-90	FREGON John
1964-65	THOMSON Ken	1990-91	VIZE Stuart
1965-66	CLARKE * Harold	1991-92	ADAMS Brian
1966-67	MARTIN Laurie	1992-93	WYLIE * Peter
1967-68	ELDRIDGE Jeff	1993-94	ASPINALL Graeme
1968-69	RUSSELL Harry	1994-95	MOORE Robert
1969-70	CHAPPILL Geoff	1995-96	WILLINGHAM Ed
1970-71	COOK Duncan	1996-97	EDMUNDS Hilton
1971-72	CASTRICUM * John and MILLER Ken	1997-98	SPARK Mike
1972-73	LANGFORD * Greg	1998-99	FLEMMING John
1973-74	de JONGE Lawrence	1999-2000	OGLE Tony
1974-75	CRANE * Reeve	2000-01	YEATS Sandy
1975-76	BROWN John	2001-02	HALL Marilyn (First Woman President).
1976-77	FOSTER Ken	2002-03	McALONEY Paul
1977-78	CALLAHAN * Jack	2003-04	DAWSON Rob
1978-79	MILLER Ken	2004-05	MANDERGEDDES Fran
1979-80	RICHARDS John	2005-06	WALTERS Phil
1980-81	BEASLEY * Royce	2006-07	GOODCHILD Julie
1981-82	SHORTER Barry	2007-08	ASPINALL Graeme
1982-83	BOSCOTT Bob	2008-09	FAULKNER Graham
1983-84	BARUDAY George and DASBOROUGH Don	2009-10	LINCOLN Merv.
1984-85	MITCHELL * Ron	2010-11	LINCOLN Merv
1985-86	HURST Robert	2011-12	HUGHES Enid
1986-87	GLADWIN Bill	* Have "Passed on to meet Paul HARRIS".	
1987-88	ELLIOTT John		
1988-89	GUINEY * David		

Community Kitchen Roster - 2012

Guide Hall
Underwood Rd
Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car park)
Rotary roster - every second Wednesday, 5.30pm

DATE	ROTARIAN
8 th August	Paul Wilson
22 nd August	Enid Hughes
5 th September	John Fleming
19 th September	TBA
3 rd October	TBA
17 th October	TBA

Dinner provided

Contact Ian McFarlane for more information. 0428 500 815 or 9754 1878

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 30th July [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 6th August [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 13th August [6:30 for 7:00] Knox Tavern	Monday 20th August [6:30 for 7:00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	Aged Care	Committee Meeting	Rotary's range of Youth programs from the participant's point of view,	Marketing Strategies
Speaker:	Marion Halket	TBA	Andy Spark	Alex Makin RC of Ringwood
Committee Subject	N/A	TBA	N/A	N/A
Chairman:	Julie G	Mike S	Enid H	Bob H
Cashiers:	Fred M & Greg D	Ian McF & Stuart V	Phil W & Paul W	Rob D & Greg D
Grace & Toast:	Enid H	Bob H	Helen L	Fran M
Rotary Knowledge	Fran M	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Rob D	Rob D	Mike S	Mike S
Scribe:	Mike S	Bob H	John F	Enid H

ASK THE EXPERT

Why is Rotary changing its grant model?

Howard Tong, a Rotary public image coordinator and a past district governor, talks about the benefits of The Rotary Foundation's new grant model, which will be launched in July 2013

The new grant model has many advantages. District grants enable clubs to use Rotary Foundation funds to directly serve their community however they see fit, in line with the Foundation's mission. Global grants help Rotary clubs and districts partner with one another on large service projects, while packaged grants provide opportunities for Rotarians to work with the Foundation's strategic partners.

In addition, the new grant model offers:

Simplified processes. Rotarians will be able to apply for, obtain, view the progress of, and complete transactions for their grants online — all strong aspects of the grant model's efficiency.

More collaboration. Districts and clubs are encouraged to share their expertise and work together on critical issues. For example, a pilot project by districts 9940 (New Zealand) and 9550 (parts of Australia and Timor-Leste) will improve the quality of life for people in Timor-Leste who face life-threatening illnesses.

Better stewardship. A memorandum of understanding for grant projects confirms that the right procedures and



reporting processes are in place to ensure that best practices are followed.

Increased contributions. Donors who can see the return on their investment are inspired to make more contributions. For example, District 9940 (New Zealand) has experienced a 40 percent increase in Rotary Foundation giving since it began participating in the Future Vision pilot.

Greater impact. Rotarians can find opportunities for sustainable international projects centered on the areas of focus. For example, a club can use a global grant to send a vocational training team to provide health care training to a community in another country, and enable a team of health care workers from the recipient club to travel to the sending club for further training.

The Rotary Foundation's new Future Vision grant model is currently being tested in a pilot and will become available to all districts in July 2013.



Birthdays:	4th—Cheryl Wylier 4th—Greg Downes
Wedding Anniversaries:	None
Induction to R.C. of F.I.C.	None

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday, 23rd July, 2012

The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm with President Graeme welcoming all members and the recently arrived Youth Exchange student from Denmark —Caroline Wilhjem. He also made comment on his attendance at the *Success Conference* in Canberra. There were approximately 450/500 delegates. The focus was on Membership.

Chairman: Paul Wilson

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Secretary: John Flemming

Read and distributed the incoming mail:

- Scouts re working with Rotary
- Sponsorship request
- Helen Lingard—resignation from the club
- RC Healesville
- Permit for the sausage sizzle at Masters has been received.
- Application for grant for a Rotary Marquee has been submitted

Treasurer: Enid Hughes

Again requested payment of annual fees.

Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes

Fran reminded members of the Napoleon Exhibition. Entry is limited to an specific time. Adults \$26, Concession \$22.50. Sunday, 29th August at 2.00 pm was suggested. Respond to Fran. Final numbers next week.

Other:

Enid H. referred to the Canberra Conference and mentioned that “*Women in Rotary*” got a strong mention. She invited the club’s women to get together and discuss ways of improving female membership in the club.

None of the other Chair’s submitted a report.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Rob Dawson

Rob told us truisms about fellow members and fined accordingly.

Gusmão whom she later married. She is Chair of the Timor-Leste National Commission for UNESCO and also heads up the National Commission for Education. She is passionate about the issue of language policy and language of instruction in schools in Timor-Leste and is presently spear-heading initiatives aimed at giving a role to the country’s some 30 local languages in the education system. Kirsty was an excellent speaker and I came away with some ideas of what the club could do towards helping the people of Timor-Leste to equip a pre-school.

It was also good to see that District 9810 was well represented—We had District Governor Brian Martin, Past District Governor Juliet Riseley, District Governor Nominee (and also our own Assistant Governor) Tony Monley. We spoke with John Barnes, Jennie Coburn, Carole Lawton and a number of others. It enhanced the feeling that Rotary really is like an extended family. What a good feeling!



Rotary International President Elect Ron D Burton

Ron D. Burton retired as President of the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. in 2007.

A Rotarian since 1979, Ron is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma. Among many other roles he has served Rotary International as a District Governor, Delegate to the 1992 and 1995 Councils on Legislation, International Assembly Group Discussion Leader, Zone Trainer, Rotary Information Counsellor, member of several committees and task forces, and President’s Representative to numerous District Conferences. He served on the Board of Directors of Rotary International in 1998-2000 serving as Chair of the Executive Committee and the Administration Committee in 1999-2000.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY SUCCESS CONFERENCE
Hellenic Club Canberra
20-22 July 2012

The road to Canberra is long and sometimes boring but the trip was worth it. After attending the changeover of Boronia's Inner Wheel on the Thursday night, President Graeme and I were on our way just after 8.00 a.m. It was an 8-hour trip which had us arriving in Canberra just before the sun went down.

To say that Canberra was cold would be the understatement of the week—Brass Monkey weather would describe it more accurately. However, once ensconced in the Hellenic Club the atmosphere was warm, welcoming and friendly.

The first plenary session brought out the “big guns” - RI Director John Boag, Past RI Director Stuart Heal and then there was RI President Elect, Ron Burton. All were fluent speakers and very good but Ron left me with the definite impression that Rotary next year will be run with enormous expertise, humour and a lot of warmth and humanity.

Break Out sessions covered :

- Membership recruitment and extension
- Diversity in /Rotary
- Public Image
- Flexibility, Innovation, Your club and the Future
- Social Media
- IT for 3-clubs
- Membership Retention
- Club Visioning
- Developing Leaders in the Club
- The Rotary Foundation and Future Vision

As you can see—there was an enormous amount covered. Screeds of notes were taken and Bob Aitkin of *Rotary Down Under* has promised to post the bulk of it on their website. However, at the time of writing this editorial that hadn't happened so FTG club members will have to put up with only what I was able to note.

One of the guest speakers who impressed me immensely was **Kirsty Sword Gusmão**. Kirsty is Australian, born in Melbourne. She spent several years working as a teacher and human rights campaigner in Jakarta, Indonesia and during those years her work for the East Timorese independence cause intensified and brought her into contact the independence leader, **Xanana**

Skill: 9 of Hearts drawn by Pres. Graeme.

PROGRAM:

Should have been **Stephanie Woollard** giving a progress report on our project concerning the Women of Nepal. Unfortunately, Stephanie was a “no-show”. **Mike Spark** agreed to step in at the last moment:

Mike spoke at length about the closure of “his” Swinburne Lilydale campus after twenty years, due to TAFE funding cuts.

There was considerable interest and discussion followed by questions.

Rob Dawson spoke about his celebrations of fifty years of Puffing Billy—Well done Rob!

There being no further business President Graeme announced the birthdays, anniversaries, inductions etc., advised next week's housekeeping duties and closed the Meeting.

Meeting closed 8.30 pm


Scribe: Phil Walters



The Puffing Billy / Thomas the Tank



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

 It was disappointing last week that our Guest Speaker—Stephanie Woollard—did not turn up. However, this gave us the opportunity to hear from one of our own—Mike Spark who, at short notice, gave us an insight and background into the proposed closure of the Lilydale Campus of Swinburn TAFE. I'm sure we all appreciated Mike's impromptu talk. Let's hope though that this does not need to happen too often in the future.

Our incoming Exchange Student—Caroline Wilhjem arrived on Sunday evening and was able to make it to our meeting last Monday. Caroline will tell us a little about herself once she has settled in. I understand she has already commenced school at Mater Christi College in Belgrave.

While on Youth Exchange, I must say that the Club is yet to select an outbound student to leave in January 2013. Julie and Greg will be interviewing two possible candidates both of whom, unfortunately, reside outside the Knox area but having had three students pull out of the program we're now struggling with choices.

It is disappointing the Club has received two resignations, being Ian McFarlane who has taken up a new work role in Western Victoria, and Helen Lingard, for family reasons. On a positive note though, Virginia Rutledge will be joining us and hopefully Rahul Mediratta as well. So with any luck we'll be having two inductions very shortly.

Both Helen and Ian will be missed by us as they have both been involved in many Club activities and I, personally, would like to thank them for the contribution of their time and effort. We wish them well for the future and hope to see Ian from time to time as his family is hosting our exchange student for the next four months.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday

Graeme Aspinall
President

The following article is an extract from *Rotary DownUnder*, issued in October 2012

MESSAGES FROM HEADQUARTERS

Let Rotary's light shine bright



My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

There is an old saying in India: "When you help your neighbour's boat across the water, you find that your own has reached the shore." By helping others, we often find that we have helped ourselves as well.

Each of us came to Rotary to serve – and found the joys and satisfactions of friendship and fellowship. In August, the month we dedicate to membership and development, we focus on spreading the message of Rotary. By serving well, without hiding our Rotary light under the proverbial bushel, we find ourselves closer to our own goal: a stronger, more vibrant Rotary for generations to come.

Public image and membership go hand in hand. Too many people – intelligent, educated, involved people – simply have no idea what Rotary is. This is something we need to confront. We have heard again and again about communities where, despite all the good work that Rotary clubs do, many people are unaware that those

clubs even exist. This is not the way forward for our organisation.

Serving well is the essential first step – but it is only the beginning. We

It's only the beginning. We have to raise our profile with all the tools that are available to us, and there are more tools today than there ever were. We have to use social media such as Twitter and Facebook, and we have to be sure our clubs have an online presence. Having a website is not enough; it

must be up to date, it must be appealing, it must reflect the work we are doing. And it must offer a way for prospective members, once they see what we do and become interested, to take the next step.

Rotary has so much to offer.

It is up to us to let others know what a fantastic organisation we have, and to show people how they can integrate Rotary into their lives. Service does require time, and time is something nobody has enough of these days. So we need to ensure that all the time we spend with Rotary is worthwhile



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– that it is rewarding and never wasted. When we reach within ourselves and our clubs, when we learn what we are capable of and harness that power, we will elevate our communities as never before – and elevate Rotary as well.

Kalyan Banerjee

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President,
Rotary International ■

Fellowship, and Camaraderie
Service to the Community
Support of Each Other
Peace Through Service

