



Goodbye Ian and Good Luck in your new job

Sadly we say farewell to Ian McFarlane as he departs Ferntree Gully for pastures new. He has resigned from our club and intends to join another in the Warrnambool area once he's settled in. Ian leaves his wife Nicole and two daughters in their home in Upwey until the end of the year so the girls can finish their school year at Mater Christi. Ian and Nicole are also host parents to our exchange student Caroline Wilhjelm who is also attending Mater Christi. So, hopefully, we might see Ian at weekend Rotary events/fundraisers when he's home visiting with his family.

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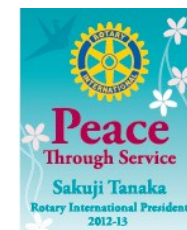
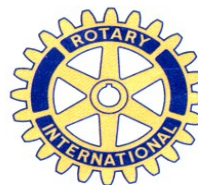
WEEKLY BULLETIN

**ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY
50TH ANNIVERSARY
2013**

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

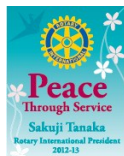
District Governor, Dist. 9810 – **BRIAN MARTIN & Sue,**
Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

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
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



CLUB NOTICES

FINAL NOTICE: Please Note that Virginia Rutledge and Rahul Mediratta have both been nominated as members of the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully. If any current member has any objection to these nominations please advise the Secretary, John Flemming as soon as possible.



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 13th August [6:30 for 7:00] Knox Tavern	Monday 20th August [6:30 for 7:00] Knox Tavern	Monday 27th August [6:30 for 7:00] Knox Tavern	Monday 3rd Sept [6:30 for 7:00] Knox Tavern
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	Rotary's range of Youth programs from the participant's point of view,	Marketing Strategies	History of Hang Glidin	Committee Meeting
Speaker:	Andy Spark	Alex Makin RC of Ringwood	John Liddell	TBA
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBA
Chairman:	Enid H	Bob H	Paul W	Mike S
Cashiers:	Angela L & Fran M	Rob D & Greg D	Graham F & Julie G	Bob H & Graham F
Grace & Toast:	John F	Fran M	Virginia R	John F
Rotary Knowledge	TBA	TBA	Graham F	TBA
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Mike S	Mike S	Mike S	Phil W
Scribe:	John F	Enid H	Phil W	Paul W



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

"SCRIBES REPORT "

Monday, 6th August, 2012

Meeting Opened: at 7.03 pm **President Graham** welcomed members present & and soon-to-be new member Virginia Rutledge; however Graham expressed disappointment at the very low turnout as there was only a total of 10 members present.

President's announcements: spent some time discussing how we can improve our membership numbers, Graham said it's a long time since we've had a members forum to discuss how we can improve membership, he would like to have a discussion about a community involvement programme.

Chairman : PP Mike Spark called for reports, however with no Major Committee Chairman present at the meeting there was none forthcoming .

Secretary: P.P. John Flemming fortunately the secretary was present and able to provide those present with his usual comprehensive report on the weeks correspondence inward and outward, some of which (but not all) is follows :

- One piece of correspondence we never want to hear is a letter of resignation, although it was expected Rotarian Ian McFarlane has had to relocate himself and his family Warrnambool to take up employment.
- Letter from the Rotary club of Croydon
- An Invoice from Rotary District 9810 for \$1928.14
- letter from Australian Rotary Health
- letter from Ruby Russell seeking assistance in order to participate in a youth program in South Australia

Apologies: we received from:-Rotarian Greg Downes, PP Julie Goodchild, PP Phil Walters, Rotarian Paul Wilson, PP Paul McAloney (who is on leave of absence)

Make Ups: none reported

Treasurers Report: PP Enid Hughes advised members that she had received an e-mail from Cheryl Bing the student we are sponsoring in the National Youth Science Program. She also advised she had attended the Outbound Youth Exchange orientation event on Sunday.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Community Service: no report

Vocational Service: no report

International Service: no report

**GOODNESS! A BIT TOO CLOSE TO HOME.
SCAREY!**



Down in a blaze of glory, rising from the ashes

So there we were in the midst of an all-out effort to be out too late at night. Long gone were the days when more than 50 people would attend each weekly meeting. These days if 10 of their 18 members turn up, it's a good result. Conversation around the table focuses more on the club's glory days, not the project currently under way. There are no projects under way.

Rotary International Past Director Stuart Heal's infamous description, "male, pale and stale" never seemed so apt.

"We'd like to get some younger members in," said one over a lunch of "bowling club chicken", "but they just don't seem interested these days". The obvious question: Why would anyone want to join a club that seemed so closed and unwelcoming?

Here was a club with a history of more than 50 years' service to its community. Around 30 years ago it was thriving. Dozens of motivated members, mostly in their 40s and 50s, plenty of projects, lots of social activity and raising money like it was going out of fashion. Everyone knew somebody who was in that Rotary club. Or wanted to be.

Before they knew it, they were all 10 years older. Many of them had retired, then some died. The social functions were now almost non-existent as few of them

**"They are, in fact,
heroes, but they are
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thousand cuts."**

We've all seen clubs like this. Fortunately there aren't too many, but there's one or two in most Districts. So what do we do with them? Somewhere over the past 30 years they neglected the future and settled into the comfort zone among friends, happy to have Rotary as part of their weekly social routine. These guys have done so much for their community, achieved more in their lives than many of us could ever hope for. They are, in fact, heroes, but they are dying the death of a thousand cuts.

Do we just wait for the inevitable? Do we just sit back and sigh, knowing that someday soon, the last man standing is going to call the District Governor and tell him the last meeting of the club's board of directors (comprised of all six of the club's remaining members) decided it was time to hand back the Charter? And will the DG then make a surreptitious journey into the club to collect it? Is this really how it should end? Or could we, perhaps, try something different? Like allow that reluctant club president to hand the club's Charter back in a blaze of glory, at a function sponsored by the District with invited guests from all the organisations the club had assisted over the years, from the families of past members, the local Mayor and all the



Preparing Your Club for Rotary Foundation Grants in 2013



The Rotary Foundation is implementing a new grant structure, based on its Future Vision Plan, that will be available to all clubs on 1 July 2013. The following timeline outlines major events and related steps that can help prepare your club for this transition.

2012-13	Train, Qualify & Prepare
July-December	Attend your district Rotary Foundation seminar Appoint a club Rotary Foundation committee chair
October-June	*NEW links* Train and qualify your club by attending the grant management seminar held by your district Submit project proposals for district grant funds to the district
January	*NEW* 2013-14 global grant and packaged grant applications opens to qualified clubs and districts
February-June	Submit applications for 2012-13 Matching Grants by 31 March Submit reports for all Rotary Foundation grants and programs on time Prepare to apply for 2013-14 Rotary Foundation global and packaged grants
April	*NEW* Qualified clubs and districts begin submitting application for 2013-14 Rotary Foundation grants online
June	RI Convention workshops
2013-14	Participate
1 July 2013	Begin using new Rotary Foundation grants

The Rotary Foundation is piloting this new grant model with 100 districts. Grant guidelines may change. Check www.rotary.org for the latest information.

New Generations:

Rotarian Ian McFarlane gave a report on the Kangaroo hunt he took our exchange student, Caroline, on, upon finding some Kangaroo poo, she was very excited and took a photo. Fortunately she came across the originator of the poo and took another photo.

Club Service: no report

Fellowship: PP Fran Mandergheddes wanted to know who holds "Old Farts Cards" in the club, that is 'Seniors Cards' for the uninitiated not too many were prepared to admit it. Fran also expressed time was running out fast to indicate their interest in the next Fellowship event she has organized.

Sergeant-At-Arms: PP Robert Dawson: tested members knowledge of the Olympics and demanded to know what each member's favourite event at the Olympics was. [The scribes favourite event was the closing ceremony knowing it would soon be all over.]

Skills Attempt: was again won by the Sgt who tried to stack the deck but got it wrong and drew the 2 of spades

PROGRAMME:

A Club Assembly had been planned for the night but as there were insufficient Committee Chair members present it has been held over. However a general discussion ensued.

PP Stuart Vize made the point that he has been bringing his red box along for yonks to be filled with stamps but too many times he has been taking it home empty also asked the members present to remember to bring their use stamps along. [with the prevalence for communicating by e-mail these days used stamps are becoming hard to come by].

Stuart also made the point that as apprenticeships and or apprentices appear to be difficult to come by he asked the club to consider to use the money set aside for the Peter Wylie Memorial Award to be given to high school principals who could then give it to students caring for a family member/s. This of course would be with Cheryl Wylie's permission.

PP Enid said that there should be a general discussion on how to identify potential female members and invite them to join Rotary. Apparently **"the women are working on it !!"**

SCRIBES COMMENT: "Keeping them busy is the best way to keep them off the blokes backs"

(I know, I know another misogynist hehehehe)

Meeting Closed at 8.34 pm

Scribe Robert Hurst



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Last Friday evening I attended the first (for this Rotary year) quarterly Presidents' Meeting. The meeting was well attended by Presidents and/or Presidents Elect from throughout the District. One President I especially spoke to was Gail Traa. Some of our older members will remember Gail as she was the first female member of our club back in 1998. Gail is currently the President of the soon-to-be chartered District eClub. (Meetings via the internet.)

Quite a number of District initiatives and programs were presented. These included a new and very impressive District Newsletter, detailing a range of Cluster information evenings, 0000000 changes to Foundation and increasing awareness to Rotary's New Generations programs.

The District conference at Wangaratta in March next year was heavily promoted. All clubs are being approached for a presentation to be given. Ours will be on 1st October.

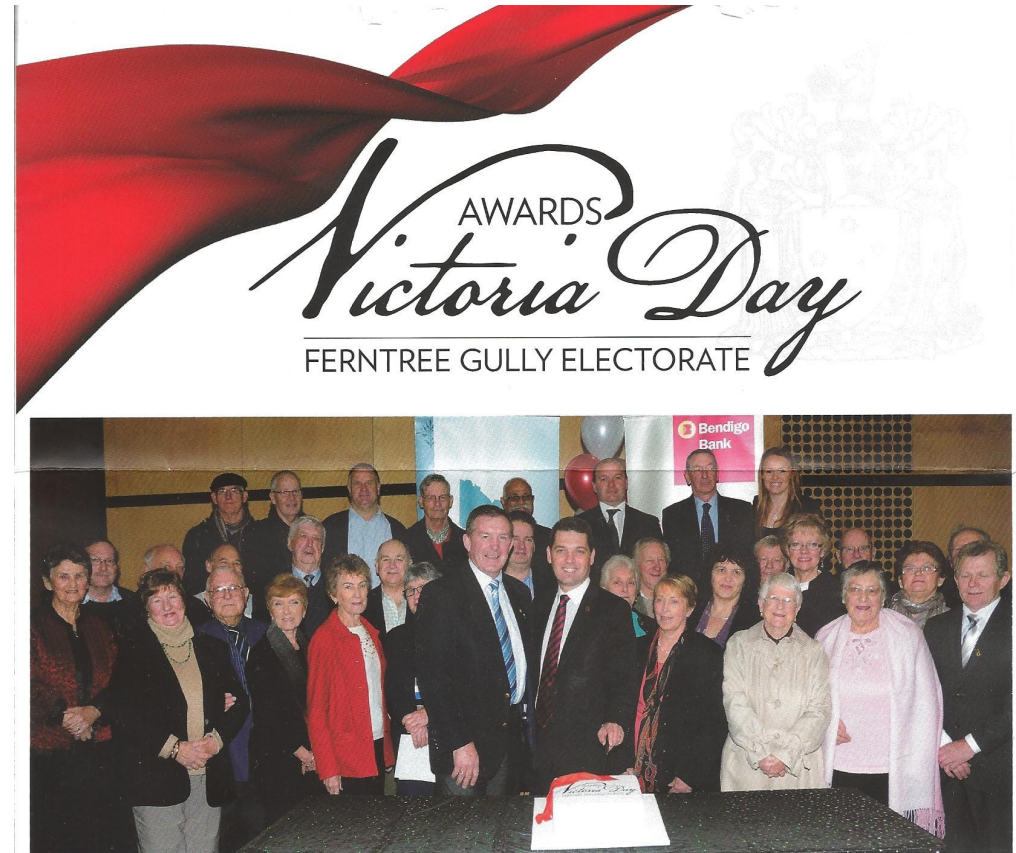
I will highlight more the meeting's outcomes over the next few club meetings.

On 24th September the District Governor, Brian Martin, and his partner Sue will be attending our meeting. This will be a partners night so hopefully will ensure we have a good attendance.

On Membership—have you all been putting potential names against the classification listings distributed last week? One member has emailed quite a number of names for follow-up. Let's all participate in this exercise to identify potential new members!

See you all on Monday.

Graeme Aspinall
President



31 VOLUNTEERS RECOGNISED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Sunday 1st July, State Member for Ferntree Gully, Nick Wakeling MP, hosted the fifth annual Ferntree Gully Electorate Victoria Day Awards.

Assisting with the celebration were the Hon Hugh Delahunty – Minister for Sport and Recreation and Minister for Veteran's Affairs and Mr Hurtle Lupton from Bendigo Community Bank – Fern Tree Gully and Rowville Branches.

The Victoria Day Awards are a wonderful opportunity for our many community and sporting groups and volunteer organisations to recognise, celebrate and thank an exceptional member of their organisation who make a significant difference to our community with their outstanding service and commitment.

Awards were presented to a list of 31 inspirational and worthy individuals. The

nature of contributions of these nominees varied enormously: such as 44 years of volunteer work with the CFA; 37 years of tireless coaching for Disabled Athletes; and 4 years of volunteer work with people with disabilities by our youngest recipient to date.

The 2012 Ferntree Gully Electorate Victoria Day Awards were a wonderful celebration of community spirit, goodwill and the volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to serve those vital organisations which contribute so much to our local community.

Mr Wakeling would like to thank the ongoing support of the Victoria Day Awards sponsors - Bendigo Community Bank – Fern Tree Gully and Rowville Branch and Jazzmatazz – The Party Shop.

