



**John Liddell**

*Once again John held us in thrall. This time it was the background and history of the making of the "Orion" - at the time, considered to be the biggest private yacht in the world.*



**A smile is a curve that sets everything straight.**

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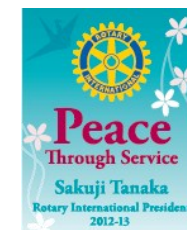
## WEEKLY BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY  
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2013

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

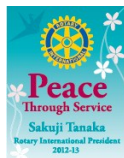
District Governor, Dist. 9810 – **BRIAN MARTIN & Sue,**  
**Rotary Club of Box Hill Central**

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

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	-	<b>Graeme Aspinall</b>
<b>PRESIDENT ELECT</b>	-	<b>TBA</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	-	<b>John Flemming</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	-	<b>Enid Hughes</b>
<b>PAST PRESIDENT</b>	-	<b>Enid Hughes</b>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	-	<b>Julie Goodchild</b>
<b>VOCATIONAL</b>	-	<b>Phil Walters</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	-	<b>Paul McAloney</b>
<b>NEW GENERATIONS</b>	-	<b>Greg Downes</b>

### Office Bearers

<b>FOUNDATION</b>	-	<b>Robert Dawson</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; MARKETING</b>		<b>Graeme Aspinall</b>
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	-	<b>Fran Mandergheddes</b>
<b>PROGRAM</b>	-	<b>Mike Spark</b>
<b>BULLETIN EDITOR</b>	-	<b>Enid Hughes</b>
<b>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?



## 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	2011-12	<b>HUGHES</b> Enid
1986-87	<b>GLADWIN</b> Bill	* Have "Passed on to meet Paul HARRIS".	
1987-88	<b>ELLIOTT</b> John		
1988-89	<b>GUINEY</b> * David		

# The Bangla Brace



Dear Rotarian,

Greetings from Walk for Life, Bangladesh.

We have some good news to share with you! Since your last contribution or interest in our organization, we have treated 9496 children's feet in total! That is the largest number of free treatments of clubfoot in any country by one organization.

We have also had several visitors recently. Geoff and Robyn came from Australia to tour our clinics and the beautiful country of Bangladesh and went back thoroughly satisfied with the work that is being done here. Kate from London brought her daughter Fiona and her daughter's friend Rose Mary to visit as well. They were also pleasantly surprised by the number and our commitment to serving the children suffering from club-foot. We welcome all Rotary club members to visit as well if they would like to consider the sponsorship of a clinic. We will be pleased to help you plan your trip with us!

If you are looking for more information, do not hesitate to email me or check out our facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Walk-For-Life-The-Sustainable-Clubfoot-Program/161787247212498>.

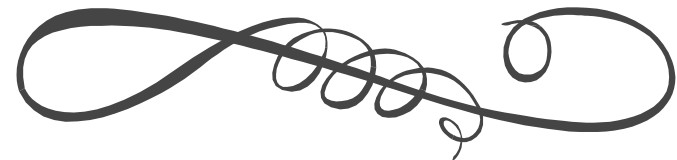
Thank your for your continued support of our work.

Sincerely Yours,

Samia Sarwar  
Program officer- Donor Relations  
Walk for Life

## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 26th Nov [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 3rd Dec [6:30 for 7:00] Knox Tavern	Monday 10th Dec [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 17th Dec [6:30 for 7:00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	Outbound YEP - Presen- tation	Committee Mtg	Carpets for Communities	End of Year Break-Up
Speaker:	Kate Campbell	N/A	Anna Jolly	N/A
Committee Subject	N/A	TBA	N/A	N/A
Chairman:	Fran M	Graeme A	Enid H	Bob H
Cashiers:	Phil W & Rob D	Angela L & Greg D	Graham F & Julie G	Rahul M & Fran M
Grace & Toast:	John F	Bob H	John F	Angela L
Rotary Knowledge				
Sergeant-At- Arms:	Julie G	Julie G	Phil W	Phil W
Scribe:	Enid H	Virginia R	Rahul M	Rob D



<b><i>Birthdays:</i></b>	28th—Pam Walters
<b><i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i></b>	None
<b><i>Induction to R.C. of F.I.G</i></b>	None



## MINUTES OF MEETING: MONDAY, 19th November, 2012

**Meeting Opened:** at 7.05 pm with **President Graeme** welcoming members, guests & Speaker John Liddell, he pointed out that he was correctly attired for a Rotary meeting being resplendent in shirt with matching tie, jacket (not removed) name badge, Rotary pins and collar of office.

- **President's announcements:** Together with **PP Enid** he attended the Upper Fern Tree Gully Fire Brigade presentation night and handed over a cheque for \$6580 being the amount collected from the roadside tin rattle held on Burwood highway Upper Fern Tree Gully recently. Also a cheque to the Fern Tree Gully Fire Brigade for similar amount. (Commented that had not received any acknowledgement from the Fern Tree Gully Brigade regarding their cheque.)
- Mention was made of the 4 students at the special school we have adopted in Fiji
- Looking for volunteers to help at the Fern Tree Gully Village Discovery Day in December.

**Chairman : Paul Wilson:** called for reports from committee chairpersons however none were forthcoming as most were apologies for the evening

**Secretary: P.P. John Flemming** read the correspondence amongst which was a cheque for our breathometer program. Also received a letter from the Wheel Chairs for Kids Program.

**Apologies:** PP Julie Goodchild, PP Phil Walters, RTn Angela Locke Rtn Rahul Mediratta

**Make Ups:** none reported

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

**Community Service:** no report

**Vocational Service:** no report

**International Service:** no report

### New Generations:

PP Enid has been approached by Mountain District Learning Centre asking if the club could run a sausage sizzle on December 15 at the Community Housing Centre Cnr Burwood Highway and Dorset Road Fern Tree Gully. It was decided more information which required before a commitment would be given.

PP Enid also reported on the Woman's Indulgence Night held on Friday, November

Well! A great deal of hard work went into organising the evening but I think it was all worth it. I'd like to thank the club members who came together to make it all happen—Angela Lock, Virginia Rutledge, Fran Mandergeddes and Julie Goodchild. Thank you Ladies! What a great job you all did.

The evening commenced with a glass of champagne (or soft drink) and a strawberry dipped in warm, melting chocolate. And then things only got better!



Janine Shepherd with Lorelle (Little Sparrow). Beautiful products made by the women of Nepal.

There was lots of laughter coming from the massage/skin care corner, followed by oohs! and ah's as Cheryl and Donna plied their magic. Next to them came Mirella with her body balancing and great range of therapeutic essential oils. Then there was Hazel with her wonderful range of soaps. Think a number of people will be getting some of that for Christmas!

Catherine did a brisk trade measuring and fitting prospective buyers of lingerie as Lorelle explained about the lovely range of giftware made by the women of Nepal.

Bowls of chocolates were handed around; for the health conscious there were raw vegetables with a range of delicious dips, and finally, a light supper—though I'm not sure how much supper was consumed; we were all too full of chocolate!



A lovely, relaxing evening was enjoyed by all. Will we do it again? Did it achieve what we wanted? That remains to be revealed at our debriefing meeting. I have the feeling though that we could build on this experience and made something even more meaningful in the future.

Perhaps we've set a precedent?

## WOMEN'S INDULGENCE EVENING



Fran consults Donna on skincare while Jill enjoys a therapeutic hand massage



Angela felt wonderful after her "body balancing"



Virginia and Judy inspect the "Little Sparrow" stall.



Julie at the lingerie table—we won't say what she's getting measured for.



Beth met up with old friend Judy. Knew one another long before Rotary!



The soap stall proved to be one of the most popular—great variety!

16, apparently a great time was had by all who attended however they failed to knock over all the champagne and chocolate. Apparently they had 7 bottles of champers left and a hundred chocolates. (See that's the difference between men and women, if blokes had been there nothing would be have been wasted)

**Club Service:** no report

**Fellowship:** PP Fran reminded those attending "Calendar Girls" on Friday night the show starts sharp at 8:15 PM also advised the club that Cass Bench has been moved to Eastern Health Care for 2 weeks and encouraged anyone that could to go and visit her.

Also reminded members not to forget to provide gifts for the homeless men's Christmas Party in December

**A special report from PP Graham Faulkner:**—Graham gave us a lengthy explanation of the origins of the MOVEMBER movement and urged members to participate in this very worthy cause.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** PP Fran tested members knowledge of recent local government election outcomes but was caught out by Pres Graeme who found her reading a copy of the local paper to get her information from.

**Skills Attempt:** Won by Rtn Greg Downes who sold himself the winning number 32 ticket at the door, being cashier for the evening!! *but failed to capitalise by not pulling the Joker from the pack* (who said there's no justice anymore!!).

### PROGRAMME:

An extremely interesting history lesson was provided by our speaker for the evening John Liddell on the background to the construction of the world's largest (at the time) private yacht the "Orion" it was 333 feet long. His story not only described how the 'Orion' came to be built but the history of two very prominent German names the "Krupp" and "Forstmann" families and how they built their fortunes. Starting in the early 1800's and on through the first and second world War and the events subsequent to both wars.

He brought along a book that had been written by one of the family members describing the family's history, this book was selected and taken from the library at one of the family's mansions in 1945 by John's father who was a captain in the British army.

All in all a fascinating story.

There being no further business President Graeme thanked everyone for coming, read out the housekeeping and birthdays and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Scribe: Robert Hurst





## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We again have been contacted by Peter Maldon, Boronia Rotary looking for assistance in packing hampers next week for Knox Community Christmas Support Project. This would suit some of our retired members. I will have day, time and location details at our meeting tonight. KCCS is a project of Knox Info Link supporting those in need in our community at

Christmas.

Below is an excerpt of an email sent by Chris Potter (our last year's AG), to Tony Monley (this year's AG). Three very worthy projects—I'm looking to find out how club members think on this.

*There are three current things we are considering.*

- *Off the back of the funding we received from the Knox Clubs for the infrastructure changes to enable us to establish a Youth Service at Knox Ozone, the whole area of youth health and mental health has been put on the map and this has been a major contributor to Knox being chosen as the site for a Headspace Centre in the Outer East. The Centre, which is also to be based at Ozone, is to open early in the new year but there is a significant shortfall in terms of the equipment budget provided and the potential cost – well in excess of \$100,000. We are not seeking to fill that gap completely but I was wondering whether a proposal in outline could be put to the 5 Knox clubs to see if they were prepared to build further on their generous contribution and help assist with equipment to enable the full and effective running of this vital service. This for me ticks a number of boxes for Rotary in respect of community partnership, youth service and mental health focus. I can provide a lot more detail in due course in respect of equipment requirements but wondered if you could float the concept first – maybe this could be done in partnership with the Bendigo Bank as well as has been done in some other areas or maybe could attract a DSG if money was still available.*
- *Mental Health First Aid – this has been tried and tested in Manningham with the Rotary Club of Doncaster and I know some of this is provided through Eastern Health and Knox City Council – but I believe we could build on this and extend the partnership to Community Health, Medicare Locals, and Rotary – again just flagging the concept to be raised.*
- *The third one is around a playgroup in Bayswater that is having its funding withdrawn by Playgroup Victoria – this will impact on a child health innovations project we are currently running and we were wondering whether Rotary would consider funding this in partnership with us – I think we were talking about a \$6000 cost for a play group facilitator. Again can provide more detail as required.*

Chris Potter

Chief Executive Officer

Knox Community Health Service

Graeme Aspinall  
President

*Have you seen the new signage on our Knox Tavern Wishing Well?  
Check it out....*

## ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY'S

### WISHING WELL

Supporting

# WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS


Every **\$125** raised gives a child the freedom of mobility and liberates a carer.

Total Number Of Wheelchairs Gifted To Children In Developing Countries  
Since The Project Began In 1998 . . . **24,242**

**A Gift that Gives Twice**

In developing countries where health care and other social services are poor to non-existent, raising a child with a disability presents a significant burden to the whole family. Without a wheelchair a child can be housebound and a burden for a carer, usually the mother.

The gift of a wheelchair gives twice. It not only presents the child with freedom but also frees the mother to work and contribute to the family's income. Your contribution to WFK contributes directly to a needy child receiving a wheelchair.



Many people have contributed to the development of our wheelchairs, from the original old bike frame model, to a steel model, then to aluminium and the present Model 9 designed for rough terrain with a strong steel subframe and puncture proof tyres. The wheelchair has recently been re-designed to WHO recommendations. However, its greatest feature being complete adjustability to suit the different sizes and growing needs of children. Adjustable Postural Support Devices are also made freely available to assist the large number of recipients with cerebral palsy. The package also contains a knitted knee rug, a multi layered cushion, a tool kit and a few spares.

Your 'Wishes in the Well' have provided many wheelchairs in the past. For your generosity we thank you.

The Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully hopes you will "Wish" to help provide many more of the new model of wheel chairs for these needy children..... and May Your Wishes Come True!