



Speaker Anna Jolly, on R&R from Cambodia spoke well about her work there. Chairman Enid presented her with the usual Speaker's Gift of an inscribed pen. Listening to people like Anna throws into the spotlight the difference between our standard of living and a lot of the people living in Cambodia. \$2.00 per day is the wages of a great many of them.



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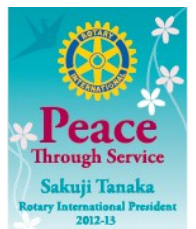
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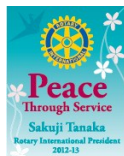
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District Governor, Dist. 9810 – **BRIAN MARTIN & Sue,**  
**Rotary Club of Box Hill Central**

President, Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully – **GRAEME ASPINALL**  
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## 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		



### Community Liaison Vehicle for Knox Police

This project was a joint initiative between four Rotary Clubs: Knox; Bayswater; Fernree Gully and Rowville Lysterfield.

The project has delivered a vehicle to help the work of the Police Community Liaison Unit (PCLU) at Knox Police Station.

The project was funded partly through generous donations by the Bendigo Bank at Bayswater and through Knox Council's Ward Contingency Funds. Budget Rent a Car were able to source the car at a competitive rates.

The remainder of the funding was provided by the four Rotary clubs in accordance with their mission to support community projects.

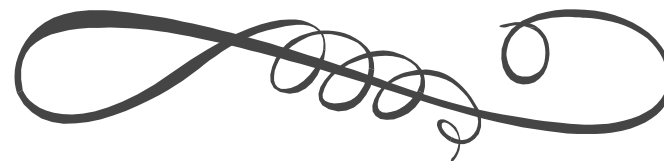
The PCLU's main functions are to assist women, children and families in crisis. They also conduct enquiries regarding child offenders, missing children, children at risk of abuse or neglect, and provide a specialist response to victims of sexual offences.

The PCLUs liaise closely with other state and voluntary agencies, such as social service department and organisations which give aid to women or children at risk. Police liaison officers are also appointed as contact points between police and a variety of at-risk community groups.

The vehicle is a Nissan Tiida. It would be used to allow members of the PCLU to attend victims of crime; family liaison and community policing.

## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 17th Dec [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 24th Dec [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 31st Dec	Monday 7th Jan [6:30 for 7:00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern			Fireside Mtg
Program:	End of Year Break-Up	Christmas	New	Graeme A's home
Speaker:	N/A	Eve	Year's	6 McCrae Cls
Committee Subject	N/A		Eve	Scoresby
Chairman:	Bob H			
Cashiers:	Rahul M & Fran M	No	No	
Grace & Toast:	Angela L	Meeting	Meeting	
Rotary Knowledge				
Sergeant-At- Arms:	Phil W			
Scribe:				



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



## MINUTES OF MEETING: MONDAY, 10th December, 2012

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m. with President Graeme welcoming all members, and speaker Anna Jolly.

### President's Announcements:

- Rotary Junior Community Awards Night—attended. Fourteen certificates were awarded to students of FTG North Primary School. A grade 6 teacher from Fairhills PS also attended. Fairhills are due to come on board with this program next year.

**Chairman:** Graeme Aspinall called for reports:

**Secretary:** John Flemming

- Distributed the incoming mail

**Apologies:** Rob Dawson, Greg Downes, Fred Mason, Angela Locke and Julie Goodchild

**Make-Ups:** Graeme Aspinall, Paul Wilson, Enid Hughes

**Treasurer:** Enid Hughes

No report

**Vocational:** Phil Walters

No report

**Community:** Julie Goodchild

Paul Wilson reported that we have three definites in the way of schools coming on board for the RJCA. Also, Bayswater and The Basin may also participate.

**International:** Paul McAloney (on leave)

No Report

**New Generations:** Greg Downes

No Report (absent).

**Fellowship:** Fran Mandergeddes

Christmas Break-up—Monday, 17th December. Still need to know numbers.

### Other:

Graham Faulkner thanked members for the support for *Movemeber*.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Phil Walters

Tested our knowledge of items put in this week's bulletin. It was obvious that not everyone had read it!

large group of Rotarians, outbounds, parents and other exchange students and talk about the aussie Christmas which actually wasn't a problem, I feel like I breezed through it quite well although afterwards a German friend of mine who is also an outbound came up to me and told me that I made one small mistake but oh well.

Today one of my oldies from Mexico came back to Germany to study back in Flensburg and I went to see her when she arrived in Flensburg which is really great. We had a lot of catching up to do and still do over the next couple of days. Although it's only been 4 months it's so good to see one of the old exchange students who I shared adventures like euro tour with. I can't wait to go and visit everyone after my exchange.

Tomorrow I have a Weinachtsfest (Christmas party) with a group of exchange students, returned exchange students and a few host families (not from rotary). There is a teacher from a school around half an hour from Flensburg who organises events for exchange students from all organisations in the area which is actually how I met another Australian who lived just outside of Flensburg. Not only did I find an Australian but a Melbournian as well, but he flew home a little while ago.

Other than all of that I'm just preparing for Christmas here and then on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December I'm going to visit Franz Duffort a German exchange student who lived by us for 6 months a couple years ago. We had always spoken English together but the other day I got a message from her in German and all I could do is laugh... looks like no more English for us then.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a warm one at that, happy holidays!

P.S I would send more photos but my host mum borrowed my adapter for my SD card for work and she left it there. Next time!



## NEWS FROM DAMIEN....

Hi everyone,  
just a quick update of my last couple of weeks, enjoy:

So for me the last couple weeks have been fairly quiet, I have been in school and spent a lot of time with my German friends. My group of German friends is really good with helping me with my German and when they see that I'm looking a little lost then they slow the conversation down a little or try and explain some of the words that I don't understand in German. I tell some of them that I don't want to speak English with them and then others just flat out refuse which is really a help for me learning just that little bit more before I come home in a month.

Something that you all might find a little interesting is last weekend's orientation. In our district there are 65 exchange students and for this orientation, instead of putting us all in a hostel with a few Rotexes to keep everyone in bed, they found host families for all of us for the weekend. In each house there was 2-4 exchange students plus some of the outbounds for next year. Now that's an impressive number of host families to find. It was actually quite nice because not only did we get to know a family that otherwise we wouldn't have, but they really got involved with the weekend and each family cooked/ brought something to a dinner for the first night and we all ate together, exchange students on some tables and the host parents on the others.

This was the second orientation for the newbies and there was really a noticeable difference. Everyone was completely past that awkward stage of "hello, what's your name? Where are you from?" stage, they are getting the family feel that I saw with all of my oldies.

On the second day of the orientation we were shown a little of Lubeck which is a really nice, old city not so far from Hamburg. After our short tour we ate at a typical German restaurant and had schnitzel and potatoes, I must say it was a big step up from the usual orientation food, it was really great. In the restaurant there were big models of old German ships that used to be docked in the Lubeck harbour, they were hung all around the huge building which really gave it all a tradition feel.

After eating we were all let loose on the city with a few hours of free time. I stuck with some friends and some of the outbounds who knew the city well and they took us around to all of the Christmas markets and we had some Gluhwein which is a warm red wine which one of the Rotarians told me that I had to try. This really helped keep warm because man was it cold! I think that day was between -8 and -12 and for an aussie... I don't think I will ever get used to this kind of cold. After free time we all went bowling together which was also really great?

On the last day we had to do a presentation for all of the outbounds and their parents, we all had to talk about how Christmas is in our home lands. The one other Australian in the district (from Tatura) wasn't there for the presentation so I had to stand alone in front of a

Skill: Graeme A drew King of Spades. Not many cards to go now!

### **PROGRAM: Carpets for Communities in Cambodia—Anna Jolly**

Anna's presentation was accompanied by a PowerPoint slideshow. Carpets for Communities was founded in Adelaide and operates out of Cambodia. Anna told us she lives close to the Thai/Cambodian border.

Anna explained that there is very low literacy in Cambodia with girls receiving very little education at all. It is necessary for them to work just to keep the family fed. Most families would have an income of less than \$2.00 per day. The aim is to empower women by educating them, setting them up in the business of making carpets for sale in Australia and other countries. One of the difficulties they encounter however, is that once the business is thriving the men in the family try to take over, thus removing the women's control.

The organization also helps with young adults who are literate enough to get into university.

A number of questions were asked.

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

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Scribe: Rahul Mediratta





## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The last of our four breathometer machines has now been installed. The Terminus Hotel in Healesville has a machine installed and other venues include the Moroolbark Bowling Club, The Cuckoo Restaurant in Olinda and The Wantirna Club. It is unfortunate that three of these venues are some distance outside or area of Knox and thereby our Club will not be getting the Fern Tree Gully Rotary Club name exposure in our local area as we may have hoped for. However, these four breathometer machines will now generate some much needed income for our club enabling us to fund other community projects - but not the income we had hoped for.

Should there be a change in the AHL Group's Policy towards installing a breathometer machine in any of the four local hotels we will then be able to apply for another grant to gain four more machines, until then may our four installed machines continue be used over the festive season, perhaps saving a few lives.

Our planned sausage sizzle at the community housing facility on the corner of Burwood Hwy and Dorset Rd for the residents' Christmas celebrations unfortunately did not go ahead, after John had discussions with the community housing facility's management it was decided to withdraw our support as there were some grey areas in their public liability insurance that could have an impacted on public safety.

Well another year is all but over with the festive season in full swing. Presents to be bought, parties to attend, catching up with families and friends and of course that Christmas lunch. In just over week though we will be looking forward to another new year and wondering what will it bring; let's hope everything we wish for. (I know I will be a grandfather again in June)

May I wish all our club members a safe and happy Christmas.

Graeme Aspinall  
President




**Operation Cleft**  
*"Gift a smile for life"*

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*A matter of trust*



When invited along as a guest speaker, I generally show the film "Operation Cleft in Action" or a PowerPoint presentation about the project. Occasionally, time permitting, I might show the film "Children of the Eclipse".

Whilst I have seen them all many times, I am still personally very moved by the content. The photos of children before and after their operations, reminds me how important these surgical procedures are in helping them have a "normal" life; to enjoy the good health, friendships and education to which all children are entitled. Unseen in the photos is the raw emotion and fear that overwhelms the children's parents when the time for surgery draws near. I

In Bangladesh, particularly in rural areas, there is a real fear of hospitals and anaesthetics; much of it based on ignorance and superstition. "Will my child die? Will he, or she be normal when they wake?"

As a child is handed over to a nurse outside the operating theatre, it is not unusual to see the mother in great distress. It is heart wrenching to see relatives trying to console the weeping mothers until they are finally reunited with their children after surgery.

It shows great dedication and concern for their little one's long term welfare, for these parents to entrust their children to the Operation Cleft surgical team.

It is wonderful to see that trust rewarded by the relief of the parents when they first see their child after the operation (often oblivious to what has actually taken place). Their child is awake and although there is some swelling and stitches, to them, their child now looks "normal". *Their dreams have come true.*

Some parents go to extraordinary lengths to give their child a "second chance". I recall a young mother from a hill tribe (possibly over the Burmese/Myanmar border). She had walked a long way, travelled down river for several hours in a canoe, then endured a long bus ride to Chittagong to reach the Operation Cleft surgical camp. She spoke no Bangla and travelled all day nursing her ten month old child who had a cleft lip. She finally found the Operation Cleft team by holding her child up to people she met in the street and pointing to his mouth. We have no idea how she heard about our work, but she trusted us to take good care of her little one.

Thank you for supporting Operation Cleft and for trusting us to carry out our mission in Bangladesh. I am delighted to inform you that we have now completed 7,500 operations and given so many children (and an occasional adult) a "Smile for Life".

*Michael Kirk*  
OAM  
Chairman, Operation Cleft

\* "Children of the Eclipse" was voted "best of" in BBC World documentaries 2011.



### Health & Fitness - Old Age - You Know You're Getting Old When....

*At the breakfast table you hear snap, crackle, pop and you're not eating cereal.*

*It takes two tries to get up from the couch.*

*When your idea of a night out is sitting on the patio.*

*When happy hour is a nap.*

*When you're on vacation and your energy runs out before your money does..*