



Peter Klaaysen from Lilydale Rotary club
*Pictured with one of the wheelchairs he is so passionate about distributing to underprivileged children in third world countries.
 A great dissertation Peter!*

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

Volume 50 No. 26

28th January, 2013

INCORPORATED REG. No. A0023463V
 DISTRICT 9810 VICTORIA AUSTRALIA

CHARTERED: 16th May, 1963

Postal Address: P. O. Box 164 FERNTREE GULLY, VIC 3156
 Website: www.ferntreegullyrotary.org.au

WEEKLY BULLETIN

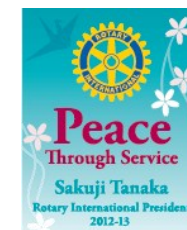
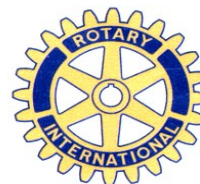
ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY
 50TH ANNIVERSARY
 2013

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

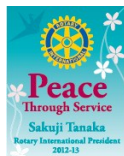
President, Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully – GRAEME ASPINALL

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	-	TBA
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 Manderghedes
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?



The Monash Rotaract Club
cordially invites you to

*On a Starlit Night
Charity Ball*

proudly supporting the
Stillbirth Foundation Australia

Saturday 2nd February 2013

7pm till Midnight

The Sebel Hotel, Albert Park

Dress- Black Tie

Tickets

trybooking.com/35025

All Tickets \$120

RSVP- 21st January 2013

Three course meal

Beer, Wine & Soft Drink

Silent Auction

Live Entertainment

Queries

monashrotaract.org.au

Sarah- 0408 882 080



FIRESIDE MEETING—7th January, 2012

A small group gathered at Graeme Aspinall's home. There was good food and wine but the company was what made the evening a success. Much Christmas news was exchanged before the inevitable Rotary reminiscences were indulged in.



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 28th Jan [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 4th Feb [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 11th Feb [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 18th Feb [6.30 for 7:00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	Australia	Committee Meeting	TBA	TBA
Speaker:	Day	N/A		
Committee Subject		TBA	N/A	N/A
Chairman:	No	Phil W	Greg D	Mike S
Cashiers:	Meeting	Julie G & Bob H	Angela L & Fran M	Fred M & Rahul M
Grace & Toast:		Greg D	Julie G	Bob H
Rotary Knowledge		Rob D Free Choice		Enid H District Simplified Grants
Sergeant-At-Arms:		Virginia R	Virginia R	Rahul M
Scribe:		Angela L	Paul W	Rob D



<i>Birthdays:</i>	1st Feb—Graeme Aspinall
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	
<i>Induction to R.C. of F.I.C</i>	24th—Phil Walters—00

"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

MONDAY 21st of January 2013

Meeting Opened: at 7.03 pm **President Graeme** welcoming all members for the first meeting in 2013 at the Knox Tavern

President's announcements:

- Welcomed outbound student Damian and mother Heather Winch, Lindy Cooke, prospective member, visiting Rotarian Alan Tierney President-elect of Rotary club of Chirnside Park together with guest speaker Peter Klaaysen, Past Pres of Lilydale Rotary Club and chairman of "Wheelchairs for Kids".
- Past Presidents Mike Spark and Paul McAloney were also welcomed back from leave.
- Community Police Vehicle has been handed over.
- The club raised \$1650 from the Bunnings sausage sizzle on Sunday, 13th January.
- There is to be a group's cluster meeting on February 14th (New Generations)

Chairman : PP Robert Dawson

Secretary: P.P. John Flemming read out and distributed the correspondence.

Apologies: P P Julie Goodchild, P.P Fred Mason and Rtn Greg Downes

Make Ups: none reported as the club had been holding fire side meetings (BBQ's) over the Christmas break

Treasurer: PP Enid advised members that Rotary International and District fees were now due and payable. There are some member fees outstanding and will have to be followed up before the RI & District fees can be paid.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Community Service: Julie Goodchild (absent)

No report

Vocational Service: Phil Walters

No report

International Service: Paul McAloney

No report



Damien arrives home from his twelve months in Germany—at 7.30 a.m. We had to get up in the middle of the night to get to the airport to welcome him home!

Kate departs for Denmark—at a much more reasonable hour; 3.00 p.m. We even had time for lunch at the airport before she left.



KATE AND DAMIEN

Well, Damien arrived home from Germany last week and Kate departed for Denmark. Below is Kate's first email:

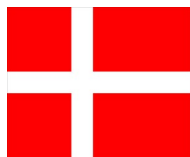
When we first arrived in Copenhagen it was about -5 and snowing, and we had to go out from the airport to catch a bus in the snow, and all the exchange students were not prepared for how cold it was, we stood at the bus stop and all looked to our right to wait for the bus, and were caught off guard when it appeared from the left, because they drive on the other side of the road. We all stood in the bus shelter huddled together to keep warm. I then caught a flight with about 10 other girls to Billund, the flight only took 50 minutes, which was quick and then when we got to Billund my host family was waiting. They picked me up and we drove the 1.5 hour trip home, which my host brother Frederik thought was a long trip, and I thought was a short trip from the airport. I met my host sister Maria when I got home (she isn't living here, she is at a sports academy at Aahrus which is about 2 hours from here. So I won't get to see her often, but she is very very nice) and we had a family lunch, where we ate homemade Danish bread and a Danish cake, that they usually only have at very special occasions, and it was delicious. This morning I ate Rye bread and cheese for breakfast and I introduced my family to vegemite, after tasting it they politely said that they didn't want anymore.

I have already unpacked and settled into my room nicely, my room is very spacious and the bed is sooo comfy, and I think I am getting use to the sight of snow everywhere. Frederik and I listened to music and watched funny videos on youtube last night, although when he forgot I don't understand Danish very well and started speaking very fast in Danish saying how funny the videos were, I had no clue what he was saying, and had to ask him to please speak slower and maybe in English. My family all speak English very well, and often ask me a question in Danish and in English so I know what they are saying. They are very healthy and love sport and healthy food, which is good.

Today I went for a walk with my host mum around a lake, (which was frozen) and then tonight I am going to go and play tennis with the family. I help cook dinner, and my host club gave me a bike and a phone, which was really nice of them and I am very excited about!

I showed my host mum the visa paperwork and she said she will take me on either Monday or Tuesday to get it all sorted out and tomorrow (Monday) I am meeting my host clue and I also have a meeting at school, which will tell me when I start school and my subjects, my host mum said I should start school on Wednesday.

when i figure out how to put photos onto my computer i will email you some.



New Generations:

P P Enid and Pres Graeme had been out to the airport twice in the last week in support of exchange students (received an e-mail from one of our outbound students saying that VEGEMITE had not been received very well by their host family!)

Club Service: no report

Fellowship: PP Mike Spark informed the club that the Monash Rotaract Club is holding a 'Starlight Night Charity Ball' on Saturday, 2 February, 2013, in support of the 'Stillbirth Foundation Australia' 7 PM to midnight, dress is Black-Tie, tickets cost \$120 for 3 course meal BWS, silent auction and live entertainment. (See flyer in this bulletin)

Rotary Foundation: Pres Graeme red out a lengthy discourse on the function and activities of **Rotary Foundation** the present time

Sergeant--Arms: Rtn. Virginia Rutledge. Fined us all for giving wrong answers to her questions.

Skills Attempt: PP Enid had the right number but the wrong card; drew 7 of diamonds

PROGRAMME:

The guest speaker PP Peter Klaaysen from Lilydale Rotary club showed the club a couple of videos of reports from a Channel 10 television program 'The project' on the "Wheelchairs Keeps Program" being rolled out in developing countries. The video showed the originator of the wheelchairs program Ollie Pickett a Rotarian from a Rotary club in Perth Western Australia showing the history of the program and actual film of children receiving the wheel chairs in their respective countries, particularly in East Timor. It appears that East Timor is the 3rd poorest country in the world where on average women have 6.5 children each. Program is not only supported by Rotary but many others in the community who provide their time and effort on a voluntary basis in manufacturing and transporting that wheelchairs, also many businesses offer support in cash and in kind. Also a number of schools have organised a "Wheelchairathon" by way of fundraising events.

The speaker Peter Klaaysen demonstrated his enthusiasm and belief in the program and is a great ambassador when it comes to its promotion.

Meeting Closed at 8.53 pm

Scribe: Robert Hurst



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to our first bulletin for 2013.

At our first meeting last week everyone looked to have had a good Christmas break. Paul McAloney and Mike Spark returned after their leave of absence and we also had Lindy Cooke, a possible new member attend—looking to see what we are all about. Our 'just returned' exchange student, Damien and mum, Rotarian Heather Winch, were also in attendance. Our guest speaker, Rotarian Peter Klaaysen—an excellent speaker on one of FTG's favourite projects, Wheelchairs for Kids ensured a good number in attendance and an evening well worth the effort for us to get back to business after the festivities of the "Silly Season".

With five months still to go in this Rotary year we still have much to do; Membership being a priority.

Three sausage sizzles and some funds from our Breathometer machines have been our only income source so far this year. What else can we do to raise funds?

Also, I feel the Club still needs to have a local community project to support. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) and RYPEN, (Rotary Youth Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) two of Rotary's youth development programs give the Club the opportunity to involve local youth.

So, you can see there is still plenty to do. All it needs is involvement within the Club and for members to make what time they have to make it a successful year.

Graeme Aspinall
President

REMEMBER—THERE IS NO MEETING THIS WEEK BECAUSE OF THE AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

It looks like an "all male" do but it wasn't—simply that the females were camera shy (!) The turn-up of members was excellent—it was great to see two members who have been on extended leave report in for active duty—thanks Mike S and Paul McA.

As usual, President Graeme and Secretary John did a sterling job of organising, stocking the supplies and setting up. Thanks also to Virginia R, Paul W, Rob D, Graham F, Bob H and Enid H who all did a stint.



Top Left: The Bunnings BBQ unit
Top Right: Graeme A & John F
Bottom Left: Graeme A, John F, Rob D and Paul W
Bottom Right: Graeme A takes time out with his family—Colin, Lyndal and grandchildren Maeve and Gus

