



## OUR OWN O.A.M

No rest for the wicked! Recently named as a recipient of the Order of Australia Medal for his contributions to the community (among other things a long time volunteer of Puffing Billy), Rob Dawson was back at 'the wheel' on Monday, carrying out his Rotary duties as Sergeant.

Congratulations Rob—the medal is very well deserved!



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

President, Rotary International - **SAKUJI TANAKA & Kyoko**,

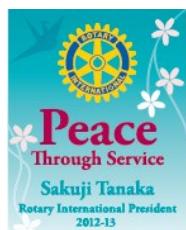
**Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan**

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**

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

**Office Bearers**

<b>FOUNDATION</b>	-	Robert Dawson
<b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; MARKETING</b>	-	Graeme Aspinall
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	-	Fran Mandergeddes
<b>PROGRAM</b>	-	Mike Spark
<b>BULLETIN EDITOR</b>	-	Enid Hughes
<b>Aus. Rotary Health</b>	-	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	<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>EDMUND</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		

## COMMENTS CAN HURT.....

I wonder whether anyone stops to think about the possible effect of their words when making a jocular remark to or about someone?



### Consider this:

You are at a party, everyone is having a great old time; the drinks are flowing, the fellowship abandoned and the humour bandied about like a Federer Grand Slam!



Of course, when people know each other quite well, there will be the stirrings and insults; the repartee between us all that we enjoy so much, and of course the attempts at one up-manship which take place.

But no-one is perfect, everyone has faults and would love to be taller, thinner, brighter, more clever, more popular.....



And we all have insecurities of some kind – maybe it is about our physical appearance or wanting a lightning mental wit: something we do not like about ourselves or we wish we could change but aren't getting anywhere.

Imagine then, being the person who, usually taking everything in good humour and very ready to laugh at oneself – hears comments being made – albeit in a joking manner – about the very thing that deep inside, you are not only desperately wishing you were not like, or even ashamed and self-conscious about.



And you know that almost everyone else in the room has heard it too! And they are all laughing.

### IT STILL HURTS.

It is one thing to share a joke. But is it still a joke when it becomes personal?

Just as we would never ever dream of finding a person's handicap or disability funny and allow it to be the butt of jokes, perhaps we should be a little more mindful of the emotional effect our words can have on a seemingly happy go lucky, thick-skinned, devil may care person who appears to let such things run off like water off a duck's back.



But inside – it still hurts.

## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 11th Feb [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 18th Feb [6.30 for 7:00]	Monday 25th Feb [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 4th Mar [6:30 for 7:00]
<b>Venue:</b>	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
<b>Program:</b>	<b>A Year in Germany</b>	<b>First Aid 4 All</b>	<b>DHS - Services and Programs</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Speaker:</b>	Damien Croke	Vanessa Williams	Jayashree Vasani	N/A
<b>Committee Subject</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBA
<b>Chairman:</b>	Greg D	Mike S	Bob H	Phil W
<b>Cashiers:</b>	Fred M & Paul McA	Angela L & Fran M	Paul W & Virginia R	Mike S & Paul W
<b>Grace &amp; Toast:</b>	Julie G	Bob H	Phil W	Enid H
<b>Rotary Knowledge</b>		Enid H District Simplified Grants	Paul McA Foundation Global Grants	Fran M Foundation District Grants
<b>Sergeant-At-Arms:</b>	Virginia R	Rahul M	Rahul M	Rahul M
<b>Scribe:</b>	Paul W	Rob D	Angela L	John F



<b>Birthdays:</b>	None
<b>Wedding Anniversaries:</b>	12th—Jill & Paul Wilson '77
<b>Induction to R.C. of F.T.G</b>	16th—Graham Faulkner '04 18th—Cass Bench '02

## MINUTES OF MEETING: MONDAY, 4th February, 2013

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m. with President Graeme welcoming all members.

President Graeme announced:

- Robert Dawson was awarded the OAM on Australia Day. The medal was awarded for his volunteer work in the community which included 50 years of service with the Puffing Billy Railway.
- District Cluster Meeting for New Generations on 14th February 2013. Encouraged members to attend.

**Chairman : Phil Walters:**

Called for reports.

**Secretary: John Flemming**

- Distributed the incoming mail:
  - Letter from the CFA regarding alert sirens for the Dandenongs
  - Letter from Nick Wakeling offering hampers for Trivia Nights
  - Letter from *Walk For Life* asking us to participate (again).

**Apologies:** Julie Goodchild, Fred Mason, Virginia Rutledge, Stuart Vize

**Treasurer: Enid Hughes**

Advised we had exceeded the fundraising budget but hopefully this be come back into balance shortly after further planned fundraising activities.

**Vocational: Phil Walters**

No report

**Community: Julie Goddechild**

Absent—No report

**International: Paul McAloney**

No report

**New Generations: Greg Downes**

No report

**Club Service:**

No report

**Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes**

No report

**Sergeant-at-Arms: Robert Dawson**

Gave us some “one-liners” that he got from the supermarket.

Patron: The Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC, Governor of Victoria



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### Community Alert Sirens in the Dandenong Ranges.

The Dandenong Ranges is one of the first areas in Victoria to test a network of sirens for community alerting for significant emergencies including fire, hazardous material incidents, flood and severe storms.

Sirens attached to CFA Brigade stations across the Dandenong Ranges will now be sounded to alert communities of life threatening emergency incidents. Learning from this pilot project of the Fire Services Commissioner will guide the establishment of sirens in other locations across Victoria.

As a community group in the Dandenong Ranges it is important for you and your members to understand what the sirens sounding will mean.

There will now be two siren durations which mean different things:

- **a short, up to 90-second signal** will indicate a CFA Brigade is responding to an incident. This may be a fire or other incident such as vehicle accident.
- **a prolonged, 5-minute signal** will indicate that an emergency is occurring and the community is at risk of being impacted and must seek more information.

It is important to understand that a 5 minute siren is not a signal to evacuate now – it is a signal to **seek further information**. There are many sources of information including CFA website, radio, phone apps and the Victorian Bushfire Information Line ( 1800 240 667 ).

Please find enclosed some pamphlets for your information.

We ask you to ensure that your committees and membership be made aware of the new sirens and this information is provided to the members of your group. It would be appreciated if you could display this pamphlet in appropriate locations such as noticeboards.

To request an electronic version please contact [h.wositzky@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:h.wositzky@cfa.vic.gov.au)

Localised bushfire safety information is also provided in your new '**Community Information Guide – Bushfire**' These guides have been developed for each township across the Dandenong Ranges. You can access these on the CFA website, collect copies from local shops or your local brigade.

Further information on the sirens is available from [www.fireservicescommissioner.vic.gov.au](http://www.fireservicescommissioner.vic.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

Helen Wositzky  
Fire and Emergency Management.  
CFA Eastern Metropolitan Region.

Ever notice, the older we get,  
the more we're like computers ?



We start out with lots of  
MEMORY and DRIVE  
then we become outdated,  
and eventually have to get  
our parts replaced...;)

Americans: Seem to think that poverty and failure are morally suspect.  
Canadians: Seem to believe that wealth and success are morally suspect.  
Brits: Seem to believe that wealth, poverty, success, and failure are inherited.  
Aussies: Seem to think that none of this matters after several beers.

**Ok guys—you are NOT allowed to laugh at this.....**

**It's Barbie Time**

I was waiting at a customer services station at Asda when a woman in front of me was returning a disposable barbecue. When asked why she was returning the barbecue, she replied, 'There was no meat in it.'

The shop assistant patiently explained that the disposable barbecue was simply to cook the meat and it did not include any food. Whereupon, the customer looked very embarrassed indeed.

The assistant checked the receipt and asked: 'There are 3 barbeques on here, are you returning the other two as well?'

'I can't', said the woman, 'they are at home in the freezer'.

**Skill:** President Graeme missed out on the Joker. He drew the 5 of Spades.

#### **PROGRAM: COMMITTEE MEETING**

President Graeme opened up the meeting to discuss future plans for the remainder of the year and for the future.

Some good ideas were brought forward which will be looked at by the Board.

There being no further business President Graeme read out next week's housekeeping duties. There were no birthdays anniversaries etc.

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Scribe: Paul McAloney

#### **HAS ANYONE SEEN THIS VEHICLE?**

Recently presented to the Knox Police to assist them in attending to community matters. (The police logo is on the driver's side and the Bendigo Bank logo on the back).





## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's a busy time at the moment. Last Friday I attended a District Presidents' meeting, our regular club meeting on Monday, a Cluster meeting this coming Thursday (promoting New Generations), activities within the District and next Saturday a dinner to welcome back our recently returned Youth Exchange students. Not much cooking at home in the next week!

The dot points listed below show some of the points raised by the District :

- Money is still available for Matching and Simplified grants. Funding for matching grants will no longer be available after 31st March.
- Foundation Grants Seminars—President Elect must attend in order for clubs to qualify for participation in grants programs.
- Registrations still short of break-even point for district Conference.
- Books for Babies (possible Cluster project) during Feb/Mar.
- Sought ongoing support for Bowel Scan from District clubs; high percentage of club presidents pledged ongoing support.
- District formed a partnership with Eastern Health. (William Angliss Hospital in our area). Guest speakers available.
- Seeking part funding to support the construction of a 17-bed Children's Family Home in Timor Leste. (Will publish the details in next week's bulletin).
- Youth Exchange—Clubs to be involved 2013-14.

As last week's meeting was our monthly committee meeting, discussion involved the members as to their thoughts/ideas on setting some goals for the remaining part of the year and even into the next Rotary year. The following points were discussed:

- Identify the activities to match the size of the club;
- Fundraising—canvas other clubs as to what they are doing (includes projects);
- Additional Breathometers—new submission;
- Fellowship/builds good morale amongst members and leads to a successful club;
- Need a local service project;
- Partner other cluster clubs and work together;
- Know your strengths/weaknesses;
- Due to the size of the club - explore the possibility of returning to the old committee structure by dividing the club members between three committees covering Community, New Generations and International. Vocations would be handled by a Board member.

The promotion on Rotarians and Friends at Work (see opposite page) is an excellent project for Rotary to gain exposure whilst providing a service to the community. Are there any ideas as to how we in Ferntree Gully can put forward a project to the cluster, as there is only one Bunnings in our area.

See you all at Rotary on Monday.

Graeme Aspinall  
President

**Rotarians & Friends @ Work** is an inaugural initiative running from **April 1 -21 this year**. Rotarians and friends of Rotary are invited to work on local community projects with the generous support of partnering Bunnings Warehouse stores and products kindly donated by Selleys, Yates and Dulux.

Whether it's beautifying a school or a public housing estate with a garden project or brightening up the community by helping repaint a community hall or a welfare organisation's facilities, virtually every Rotary Club can take up this great opportunity to do something positive for their community.

All projects will be delivered from April 1-21 and during that time a national public relations campaign will be undertaken to showcase the great work undertaken by Rotary Clubs across Australia. At the end of the campaign, all Rotary Clubs are encouraged to send in their stories and pictures of the projects so we can showcase our work throughout the year and highlight the difference that Rotary can make to Australian communities.

## How Your Club & Friends Can Get Involved:

Clubs get started by visiting the website to register their interest online in February (until February 28), after which a local Bunnings Warehouse Activities Organiser will get in touch to get things rolling.

