

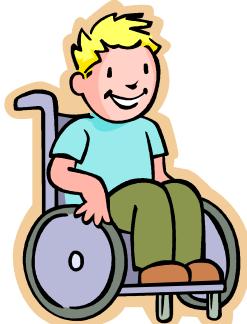


WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS

A couple of weeks ago Rotarian Peter Klaaysen attended one of our meetings and shared with us his passion for *Wheelchairs for Kids*. However, he was so impressed with the club's efforts (past and ongoing) to assist in this program he returned to present us with several certificates.

Pictured above are Peter with Stuart Vize and President Graeme Aspinall taken in front of our wishing well. Stuart was the person who established the well and talked the management of the Knox Tavern into positioning it right beside the cashier's booth in the pokies area. He is also responsible for clearing the cash each month. All monies collected are passed on in a bi-annual donation to *Wheelchairs for Kids*. In the last few years proceeds from the well have enabled the club to send \$1200 per year.

A certificate will also be presented to the Knox Tavern which we hope will be displayed in a prominent area.



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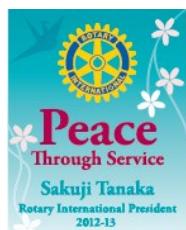
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**ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY
50TH ANNIVERSARY
2013**

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	-	Phil Walters
SECRETARY	-	John Flemming
TREASURER	-	Enid Hughes
PAST PRESIDENT	-	Enid Hughes
COMMUNITY	-	Julie Goodchild
VOCATIONAL	-	Phil Walters
INTERNATIONAL	-	Paul McAloney
NEW GENERATIONS	-	Greg Downes

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PROGRAM	-	Mike Spark
BULLETIN EDITOR	-	Enid Hughes
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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	EDMUND 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		



**Inner Wheel Club of Boronia invites you to a special
Afternoon tea with Gemma Sisia to support
The School of St Jude in Tanzania.**

Come along to hear Gemma's inspiring story, and how she started one of the most successful educational programs in Africa.

Saturday 23rd March 2pm

St Paul's Church Hall
273 Dorset Road, Boronia

Cost \$15 p/p - RSVP 15th March
Pre-payment would be appreciated.

To book contact:
Anne-Maree
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For more information visit:
www.schoolofstjude.org



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

You wonder how you could be over the hill when you don't even remember being on top of it.

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 18th Feb [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 25th Feb [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 4th Mar [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 11th Mar
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	
Program:	First Aid 4 All	DHS - Services and Programs	Committee Meeting	LABOUR
Speaker:	Vanessa Williams	Jayashree Vasan	N/A	DAY
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	TBA	HOLIDAY
Chairman:	Mike S	Bob H	Phil W	
Cashiers:	Angela L & Fran M	Paul W & Virginia R	Mike S & Paul W	NO
Grace & Toast:	Bob H	Phil W	Enid H	MEETING
Rotary Knowledge	Enid H District Simplified Grants	Paul McA Foundation Global Grants	Fran M Foundation District Grants	
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Rahul M	Rahul M	Rahul M	
Scribe:	Rob D	Angela L	John F	



Birthdays:	24th—Rahul Mediratta
Wedding Anniversaries:	None
Induction to R.C. of F.T.G	None

MINUTES OF MEETING: MONDAY, 4th February, 2013

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m. with President Graeme welcoming all members, guests and visiting Rotarians.

President Graeme announced:

- Tonight was an important evening—our returned exchange student, Damien was to make his presentation on his 12-months stay in Germany
- There is a cluster meeting on New Generations this coming Thursday. Asked for expressions of interest in attending.
- Would like to submit a project to Bunnings
- Registrations are still open for District Conference—they need people to register soon.
- Phil Walters has agreed (and been accepted) as President Elect, becoming President in 2013/14. Congratulations were offered
- Invited Peter Klaaysen to take the floor. Peter presented certificates of appreciation from Wheelchairs for Kids.

Chairman : Phil Walters:

Called for reports.

Secretary: John Flemming

- Distributed the incoming mail:
 - ⇒ Invitation from Bunnings to do a Sausage Sizzle on Thursday 28th Feb.
 - ⇒ A number -of letters & bills etc.
 - ⇒ Bunnings—confirmation of S/S on 21st August

Apologies: Fred Mason, Bob Hurst, Angela Locke, Rahul Mediratta

Treasurer: Enid Hughes

No report

Vocational: Phil Walters

No report but commented on the good ideas that came out of last week's meeting. This will be helpful in planning next year. Asked also that the club members approach him if they are interested in taking up a board/officer position in the club in 2013/14.

Community: Julie Goodchild

Apologised for her absence over the last few months and advised she is now back on track.

International: Paul McAloney

Reported on the family the club adopted in Cambodia—doing very well and no longer depend on the services of CCT. Also commented on the sometimes appalling conditions still to be found in Cambodia.

2013-14 RI theme



RI President-elect Ron Burton announced the 2013-14 RI theme at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, on 14 January.





A YEAR IN GERMANY

What a great presentation—recently returned Youth Exchange Student Damien Croke showed both self confidence and maturity as he extolled the virtues of living in Flensburg for the past year. Club members were made aware that whilst the overall experience for an exchange student is overwhelmingly good, there are certainly some difficult issues to overcome too. Well done Damien. Our good wishes go with you as you take up your life back in Australia. We hope that your experiences as a Youth Exchange Student will stay with you for a lifetime.



New Generations: Greg Downes

No report

Club Service:

No report

Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes

No report

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Virginia Rutledge** ripped our dollars off us as she asked questions connected with Valentines Day

Skill: Greg Downes drew Jack of Clubs

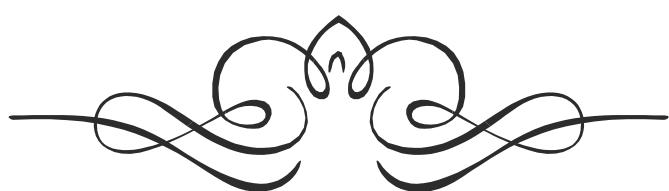
PROGRAM: A YEAR IN GERMANY—Damien Croke

Damien talked about

- The location of Flensburg (just near the border with Denmark), producing some interesting language combinations.
- Showed pictures of his school and surrounding district.
- The friendships made and life in general.
- His school experiences.
- Eurotour—this was the best 19 days of his life. Students from *all* countries of the world joined together on the bus. They travelled through many countries of Europe.
- Visited France with his third host family
- Was visited by his parents and went to Copenhagen and a number of other places.
- Spent a lot of time with his German friends and learned to speak German fluently.
- His last host family was the best because they treated him like one of the family.

Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Scribe: Paul Wilson





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On Saturday evening Enid, Julie and I attended the *Welcome Home Dinner* for our District's recently returned Youth Exchange Students. Families and Rotarians from all the clubs who sponsored the eleven students made for a large gathering to hear each student give a brief (5 minutes) presentation of the 12-months exchange experience. As FTG members know from listening to past students, it was a life changing experience for all students.

As in Damien Croke's presentation to our club last week, he spoke about some of the ups and downs he experienced during his time in Germany, and how he learned to overcome those issues. His talk certainly held the interest of those in attendance. Again, well done Damien.

Last week I mentioned the District was seeking part funding from clubs to support the construction of a 17-bed Children's Family Home in Timor Leste. This project would be the second project undertaken by the District in partnership with Box Hill TAFE. It includes the completion (to lock-up stage) of a Community House. The total cost of this project is \$72,000 and District 9810 clubs are being asked to contribute \$25,000 with the remainder being funded by private donors. (\$30,000 have already been confirmed).

Proposed Project Parnters include:

- Yooralla Overseas Development Fund—for project design and building mateirals
- Box Hill TAFE—building apprentices and supervision
- Philanthropic Funding Partners
- District 9810

As we still have some money available in our Benevolent Fund for an international project of this type, I feel we should consider supporting this worthwhile project.

Rowville-Lysterfield Rotary Club are again hosting a Business Breakfast on 18th April. Mr **Brett Clothier** has been confirmed as the keynote speaker. As many of you will know, Brett's title is *AFL Manager—Integrity Services* and it was he who led the investigation into the "tanking" claims against the Melbourne Football Club. He will also be heading up the current dealings with Essendon. Should be good to listen to. More details later but if you'd like to attend, please let me know.

See you all at Rotary on Monday.

Graeme Aspinall
President



The 2012 Youth Exchange Team



Our own *Damien Croke* with DG 2012/13 *Brian Martin* and DG 2011/12 *Juliet Riseley*