



Alex Adam retired Uniting Church minister spoke on A decision to Discriminate.
Very thought provoking and earned a number of questions.



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Service to the Community
Support of Each Other
Peace Through Service

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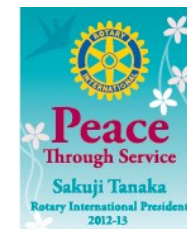
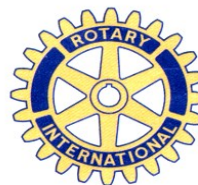
WEEKLY BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY
50TH ANNIVERSARY
2013

President, Rotary International - **SAKUJI TANAKA & Kyoko,**
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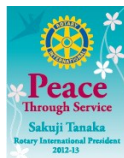
District Governor, Dist. 9810 – **BRIAN MARTIN & Sue,**
Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

President, Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully – **GRAEME ASPINALL**
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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FOUNDATION	-	Robert Dawson
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FELLOWSHIP	-	Fran Mandergeddes
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	EDMUNDS 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		

Community Kitchen Roster - 2013

Guide Hall
Underwood Rd
Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car park)
Rotary roster - every second Wednesday, 5.30pm

DATE	ROTARIAN
24th April	John Flemming
8th May	Fran Mandergeddes
22nd May	Caroline Wilhjelm
5th June	Paul Wilson
19th June	John Flemming
3rd July	Graeme Aspinall
17th July	Paul Wilson
31st July	Fran Mandergeddes
14th August	Virginia Rutledge
28th August	John Flemming
11th Sept	Paul Wilson
25th Sept	Graeme Aspinall
9th Oct	Enid Hughes
23rd Oct	Paul Wilson
6th Nov	John Flemming
20th Nov	Fran Mandergeddes
4th Dec	Virginia Rutledge
18th Dec	Enid Hughes

Dinner provided

Contact Julie Goodchild for more information: 0418 567 318

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 22nd April [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 29th April [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 6th May [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 13th May [6.30 for 7:00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	Cambodia To-day	Bunnings Scoresby	Committee Meeting	TBA
Speaker:	King Gan	Craig Bleksley	N/A	
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	TBA	
Chairman:	Virginia R	Mike S	Phil W	Paul W
Cashiers:	Paul McA & Rob D	Virginia R & Paul W	Graham F & Rahul M	Angela L & Fran M
Grace & Toast:	Enid H	Graham F	John F	Greg D
Rotary Knowledge	Paul Wilson The Four Way Test		Greg Downes - Free Choice	
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Phil W	Phil W	Bob H	Bob H
Scribe:	Bob H	Paul McA	Mike S	Phil W



<i>Birthdays:</i>	28th—Angela Locke
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to R.C. of F.I.G</i>	23rd—Angela Locke—'12

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday, 15th April, 2013

The meeting opened at 1905 hours with President Graeme welcoming all members and our exchange student Caroline and visiting rotarian Danny McDowell.

Chairman: Robert Hurst

Chairman's Reports:

Secretary (John Flemming)

Distributed the mail:

- Letter of Resignation from Fred Mason
- Letter from Science Experience
- Letter from Mt Gate Post Office

Apologies : Robert Dawson, Julie Goodchild, Angela Locke

Make-ups : Phil Walters

Treasurer (Enid Hughes)

- Financial year finishes at the end of May, so budgets are required by then.
- Chair reports for the Annual Report are also required by the end of May.

Vocational (Phil Walters)

No Report

Community (Julie Goodchild)

Absent—no report

International (Paul McAloney)

- After the visit from Peter Malden from the RTC Boronia last week, I am pleased to announce that the board has approved the allocation of \$1000.00 to the construction of toilets in the dormitory for a girls school in Fiji.
- We have also allocated the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of a vehicle for the villages in Fiji. This meets with our benefactors wishes and it is a most worthy project.

New Generations (Greg Downes)

Greg has been talking to Safeway's and they have informed us we can have as many barbeques as we want to of a Saturday morning.

After lunch I and Mel went to the Aqua dome! And what fun that was!!

There were water slides everywhere!! We went on a mission to try every single water slide! The best one being the 'Tornado' where you sit in a raft and go down this really big tube then suddenly you free fall for god knows how long and then land in this big dome and go up and down the sides. I'm amazed I didn't die. So we did that one twice, manly cause the queue was solo long and the fact after the first time it loses its 'funness' Soon after it was dinner and then time to do more ice skating... We got off the ice about 10 pm... Me and Mel where the last two on! Ha-ha

The next morning was time to say our goodbyes. I limped back to the station...which was n't good for my foot...

and seeing as the connecting train that was full of people who has actually reserved seats on the train waiting at the station was late, all us exchange students just claimed the seats and were very upset when most of us were kicked out.

Luckily, I wasn't kicked out of my seat and I made friends with 3 other Canadian exchangers! We talked all the way home.

When we got to the next station to catch our connecting train home, we had missed it, because our first train was delayed...Sooo for me this meant some time spending money on food in 7eleven, but for Kathy, who lives in the same town as me, it was a lot more stressful. After I reassured her we would get home though she was fine. We finally got home exhausted and I slept for what felt like 3 days.

The next week at school was fun, I went shopping on Tuesday with some girls from school, and we went to 'Joe and the juice' and got some nice juice and chatted for a while, before going home. Then on Friday we went shopping again this time with just 3 other girls, Katherina, Rahel and Nina! We went out for lunch and ordered nachos and they introduced me to the drink made of elderflower. Which was delicious!!! I will have to find some in Australia! I no longer remember how I lived without it.

I had a quiet weekend with the family, then another week of school.

Oh also, daylight savings has either started or ended, I'm not to quite sure which, but now, even though it feels like the middle of winter as it was snowing up until Good Friday! It is light outside to 8.30-8.40 at night! Which is insane! I can't wait for it to be light at 11pm at night!

That's a wrap up of March in Denmark! Looking forward to next month's adventures!



FROM OUR GIRL IN DENMARK.....

So March started off with a weekend with about 200 other exchange students at a theme park type place called Palladia! I got to see my gang/exchange crew again (Georgia, Mel, Kathy and Laura). The last time I had seen all these girls in one place was Intro camp where we bonded! But we all arrived at Lallandia about 5pm on Friday afternoon after a 2 and a half hour train ride being squished like sardines because we forgot to reserve seats on the train. But we all made it alive to Rødby, Lolland. The leaders said it was about a 1km walk to the theme park or we could take the bus for 24kr. I had injured my foot a few days before hand, and still being illegal in Denmark had done nothing about it so I had a very obvious limp and could hardly walk, so I decided I would take the bus... In the end only 3 people decided to take the bus and the leader said, don't waste your money, I will just drive you there, so we got chauffeur driven to Lallandia!

When we arrived we were told we were just in time for dinner, and so we dug into too nice pizza which didn't last very long at all. And got given our room keys and told to find out houses.... Unfortunately at this point it was dark, and rotary thought it would be fun to play 'find your house'the property was huge!! The houses were a good 15 minute walks away...if you knew your way that is. There were 8 people per house, we were given the names of the people in the house, and the number house we were in, but only 2 people had keys. Which made an interesting wait for me when I was first to the house, but didn't have the keys.

When everyone finally got to the house, it was good, 4 Brazilians, 2 Aussies (Including me) and an American called Audrey. Audrey was soo sweet! I think I would have died without her!

The next morning we got up as early as we could to eat breakfast and go to the theme park to check out the attractions!

We got a choice of ice skating, bowling, mini golf or entry into the HUGE aqua dome! As well as shopping in the very expensive shops.

Me and the gang started off with Ice skating,....which proves difficult when you can hardly walk, but I was still better than Kathy, who spent most of the time falling over or getting snow balls thrown at her.

After ice skating we had a round of bowling. I went first... My ball went straight into the gutter and then stopped half way down the alley....great.

So another girl Allie walked down and grabbed it for us, because the system wouldn't let us continue playing until someone got the ball.

Then it was lunch time. Exchange students like food alright! We made some friends with some nice Canadians and Americas.



Club Service (Phil Walters)

Still a few positions to sort out for the coming year.

Fellowship (Fran Mandergeddes)

- Function at the Royal Hotel last Sunday with the New Melbourne Jazz Band was a great day and thanks to Mike Spark for organising the event.
- On the 26th June there is a show called Lloyd Webber and friends at the Knox Community Arts Centre. All those interested please let Fran know.
- There is also a Mexican night at Fran's place in May.

Other Reports:

Enid advised the 50th Birthday celebrations. Invitations have gone out. Fran and Virginia have offered to be cashiers on the night. Well done girls.

Sergeant At Arms (Phil Walters)

Phil let us know what everyone has been up to in the last week including all the mothers expecting babies.

Skill Robert Hurst drew the 10 of diamonds. If he had taken a few drugs like his Essendon football team he may have done better.

Program Alex Adam was our guest speaker who is a retired Uniting Church minister who spoke on **A decision to Discriminate**.

A decision to discriminate focuses on the Senate Committee Inquiry into the Stronger Futures Legislation shows how the Government decision making process chose to ignore the views and ideas of the Northern Territory communities in much the same way as has happened since colonisation. It also highlights how the majority of those providing evidence to the Committee held similar, adverse views to the Government.. How Aboriginal people of the Northern Territory are being denied the right of taking responsibility. How the Senate Inquiry Committee failed to offer constructive alternatives for Government that genuinely reflected the views of the Aboriginal people.

President Graeme did the housekeeping and closed the meeting at 2040 hours.

Scribe: Paul McAloney



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

50th Anniversary—With only five weeks to our 50th Anniversary celebration dinner, acceptances are being received from invitations sent to past members. However, only a few current club members have indicated their attendance. As President I am encouraging all members and their partners to participate in this event. The night has a theme of “*The Sixties era*” (we were all much younger then!). Again, we all need to be thinking about a dress-up to suit the timing of when our club was first formed. We are looking forward to an enjoyable evening so when you have finished reading this week's bulletin, send your acceptance via email to Enid, and then it's done.

Does any member have a contact or know of any organisation who would be generous in donating a gift or gifts towards a raffle we wish to conduct on our “Sixties” night? Successful raffles come from the support in donations of goods and/or services that can be sourced. Please discuss with me if you have any ideas in obtaining prizes for a raffle.

Red Shield Appeal—Not sure if the intersection roster for the upcoming Red Shield Appeal was passed around all members attending last week. I will pass it around again at this week's meeting and ask members to give some consideration to giving a couple of hours towards collecting for this appeal.

Sausage Sizzles—I know it's quite some time away but we have secured in January 2014 another sausage sizzle at Masters in Scoresby. In August we are also locked in at Bunnings, Scoresby.

Whilst on the subject of Bunnings, our guest speaker on Monday, 29th April, will be Craig Bleksley, the Manager from Bunnings Scoresby. Should be an interesting evening; an opportunity to bring a guest or partner along.

Next week I will meet with Woolworths, Ferntree Gully, to arrange a date/s for our club to conduct a sausage sizzle there. Sausage Sizzles have been our only fundraisers over the past few years. A great source, but it would be good if we could come up with another avenue of earning.

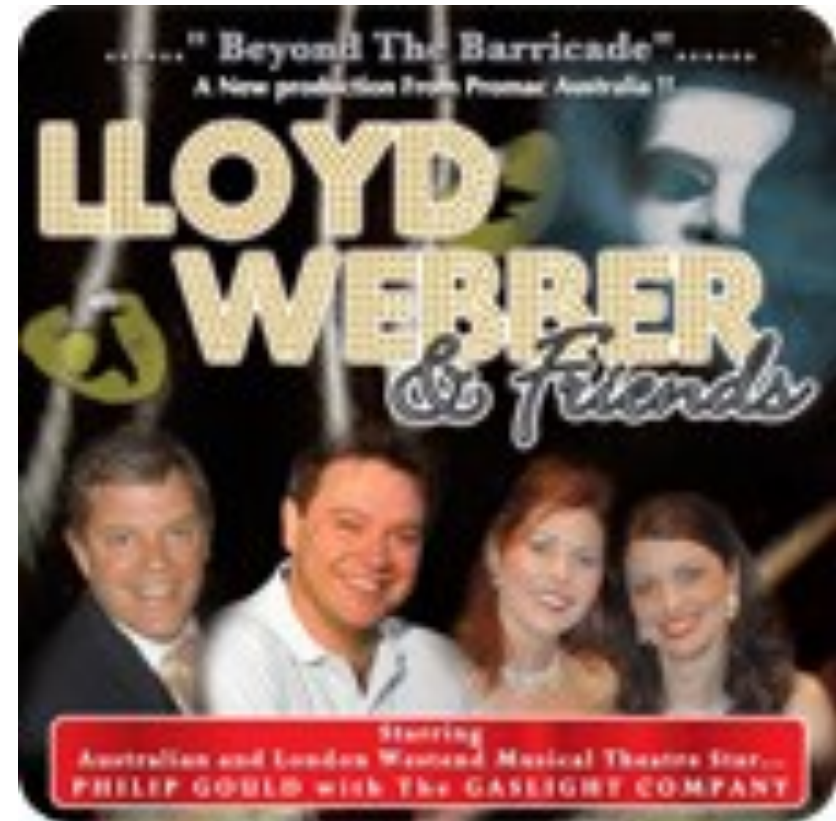
District Conference—The latest District 9810 Newsletter, edition 5, has been posted with full details of the recent District Conference. For those who wish to read in more detail about it please take the time to visit this site. Go to www.9810rotary.org.au and click on *Club and District Operations* (top right hand corner tab), then click on the newsletter.

That's all for this week. See you on Monday.

Graeme Aspinall
President

FELLOWSHIP EVENING

Fran Mandergeddes is organising tickets for this show,
Only **ONE** performance
See Fran **SOON** if you're interested in attending



Starring Philip Gould, Michelle Fitzmaurice and Philip Wheeldon, this production will feature show stopping hit after show stopping Hit. The show is a narrative concert tribute to Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber, his life and his music. The show will also feature music from other composers who were major influences in Lloyd Webber's life. Join Musical Theatre Stars Philip Gould and Michelle Fitzmaurice as they perform hits from Musicals such as Jesus Christ Superstar, Evita, Cats, Phantom, Aspects Of love, and more.

Saturday 22 June 8pm.
Adult \$35 Concession \$29.50 or, Friend of the Arts Centre \$25.