



**Craig Bleksley**

Craig, a fairly "new" Australian showed his shrewd grasp of the skills of marketing and managing the Scoresby Bunnings Store. He painted a clear picture of how Bunnings run their operation in conjunction with offering very real assistance to the local community. The questions were so many and varied the meeting ran overtime!



Fellowship, and Camaraderie  
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**,

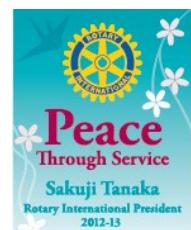
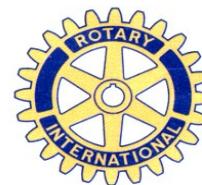
**Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan**

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>	-	<b>Graeme Aspinall</b>
<b>PRESIDENT ELECT</b>	-	<b>Phil Walters</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 Mandergeddes</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>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		

# 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
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 6th May [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 13th May [6.30 for 7:00]	Monday 20th May [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 27th May [6:30 for 7:00]
<b>Venue:</b>	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
<b>Program:</b>	Committee Meeting	Mental Health	Cambodia Today - Rural Poverty	No
<b>Speaker:</b>	N/A	Paul Katz / Paul Leyden	Dr King Gan	Meeting
<b>Committee Subject</b>	TBA	N/A	N/A	Following
<b>Chairman:</b>	Phil W	Paul W	Paul McA	
<b>Cashiers:</b>	Graham F & Rahul M	Angela L & Fran M	Phil W & Stuart V	50th
<b>Grace &amp; Toast:</b>	John F	Greg D	Julie G	Anniversary
<b>Rotary Knowledge</b>	Paul W The Four Way Test	Greg D - Free Choice	Mike S Rotaract & Interact	Celebration
<b>Sergeant-At-Arms:</b>	Greg D	Bob H	Bob H	
<b>Scribe:</b>	Mike S	Phil W	Rob D	



### *Birthdays:*

5th — Wendy Spark  
6th — Fred Mason

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

### *Induction to R.C. of F.T.G*

9th — Fred Mason — '94

## MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 29th April, 2013

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m. with President Graeme welcoming all members and guest speaker Craig Bleksley.

President Graeme announced:

- Emerald Community Raffle tickets would be picked up with week. Strategy to sell tickets was needed
- Help needed for BBQ at Masters, Knoxfield to assist Boronia RC

Chairman: Mike Spark

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

**Secretary:** **John Flemming**

- Distributed the mail
  - Cheque received from Knox Council for the Apprenticeship Award (\$500). JF to send a letter of thanks

**Apologies:** Graham Faulkner, Julie Goodchild, Angela Locke, Rahul Mediratta, Phil Walters

**Treasurer:** **Enid Hughes**

No report

**Vocational:** **Phil Walters**

Absent—no report

**Community:** **Julie Goodchild**

Absent—no report

**International:** **Paul McAloney**

No report

**New Generations:** **Greg Downes**

No report

**Club Service** **Phil Walters**

Absent—no report



As requested by DG Brian Martin, below is a special notice from Michael Reynolds:

**To whom it may concern,**

I am writing to you today as a Monash Rotaract member of District 9810 and as a researcher in Bipolar Disorder and genetics. Our particular interest is in identifying endophenotypes, the expression of neurocognitive and social cognitive enhancements or deficits, which will aid in identifying specific genes. Identifying genes will greatly aid in creating novel treatment for those people suffering bipolar disorder, both immediately as techniques for psychotherapy may be developed and long-term as new genetic markers will lead to novel pharmacotherapy options.

In association with Swinburne University, Monash University and the Alfred Hospital, we have particular interest in this gap in the literature, which we intend to address with this project. These benefits for treatment in Bipolar Disorder will aid in improving functional, occupational, social interactions and daily living.

We would like to recruit First Degree relatives (eg siblings or offspring) of those people suffering bipolar disorder but do not have the disorder themselves. Participation involves completing an array of cognitive and emotional tasks in addition to a survey and an interview. We also require a blood sample for genetic analysis. The cognitive battery includes testing your executive functioning abilities, attention, working memory and more. Everything is confidential and participation is voluntary. You will also be paid \$50 for your time once you have completed the interview, cognitive battery, survey, and provided a genetic sample.

If you are interested in taking part in this study please contact me at :

[michaelreynolds@swin.edu.au](mailto:michaelreynolds@swin.edu.au)  
or on  
9076 6564.

Kind Regards,  
Michael Reynolds

Downloads from Facebook: Angel L on holiday.....



Barcelona—beautiful city. Walked our feet off this morning. Came out of a restaurant after lunch and literally bumped into Miriam. We had planned on meeting, just can't believe we bumped into each other in the middle of a bustling city!



Birthday golf on board ship—  
somewhere in the middle of the Medi-  
terranean Sea.

**Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes**

Distributed the rules for the upcoming Fellowship Dinners.

**Other: Enid Hughes (50th Anniversary Dinner)**

- Advised so far only 17 replies—only 4 weeks to go.
- Having issues with the website, emailing the bulletin. Sometimes it has to be sent twice. Enid is working on it.

**Sergeant-at-Arms: Fran Mandergeddes**

Asked impossible questions and fined us all accordingly.

**Skill:** Mike Spark drew 6 Spades; Graeme Aspinall got the chocolate.

**PROGRAM: BUINNINGS—CRAIG BLEKSLEY**

Greg gave us an interesting rundown on the history of Bunnings—established in 1866 as a business predominantly in W.A. . They purchased McEwans (Victoria) in 1993 and, since 1994 have opened a new store on average every 3 months.

Bunnings is owned by Wesfarmers who have a turnover of \$59 billion. The Bunnings share of this is \$8 billion.

The Scoresby store occupies 13,000 sq. mtrs; has 190 team members; \$45 million turnover; hold \$6.5 million of stock; serve between 16-22 thousand customers per week and consider themselves as part of the community—"We live here too".

At the national level, 42 thousand community events across the country are supported with \$27 million. The Scoresby store have a budget of \$35,000 per year for "good causes". They have a "green" action group in all stores and support the reducing of landfill, recycling, and harvest their own water.

Bunnings budget a 9% loss in sales to the recently opened Masters store but have lost on 4% so far.

Meeting Closed at 8.55 p.m.

Scribe: Greg Downes



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The District 9810 Assembly for 2013 will be held on Sunday, 19th May at Deakin University, 221 Burwood Hwy. Burwood (Melway 61 B5). Enter from Holland Avenue.

Registration will be open from 8.00 a.m. The Assembly will start at 8.45 a.m. and finish at 1.00 p.m.

To coincide with the introduction of the Future Vision program a new format has been endorsed—"Learning and Development". The major differences are:

- To focus on *What We Do* versus *How We Do It*.
- To encourage clubs to work *collaboratively* (when appropriate) rather than *individually* (multi-club projects).
- Shift the emphasis from *Training* to *Learning and Development*.

Breakout sessions will comprise the cluster clubs meeting together in facilitated sessions to take a holistic view of programs, projects and activities of District 9810 effectively requiring all members of our club's committee chairs for 2013/14 to attend.

Specialised breakouts will be conducted for Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairs and New Members.

Benefits of the revised Assembly format include:

- Large clubs can identify opportunities to work with smaller clubs to collaborate on Global and District Grand Projects;
- Rotarians can see all programs and activities in one Assembly session;
- Gaps in Rotary knowledge can be identified;
- Clubs set the pace in each breakout session, identifying ways of addressing the needs of local and international communities;
- Raising the overall knowledge base of Rotarians in the District.

I am sure President Elect Phil will be encouraging all his Board members to attend this new learning format Assembly.

### Great Community Raffle

I have now received the raffle tickets for us to sell. First prize is a \$20,000 Nissan Pulsar ST. I will be asking members to take a book or two to sell to friends etc. However, the main thrust will be to sell tickets at a couple of shopping centres in our local community; mainly on Saturdays. Support from our members will ensure this will be a successful fundraiser.

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

**Graeme Aspinall**  
President

## FELLOWSHIP DINNERS



### Hosts Paul and Jill Wilson;

- Graeme Aspinall,
- Enid Hughes,
- Graham & Lindy Faulkner, J
- Julie & Mark Goodchild,
- Rahul & Shiwani Mediratta

### Hosts: Phil and Pam Walters:

- Stuart & Beth Vize,
- Greg & Libby Downes ,
- Robert & Marjorie Dawson, J
- John and Anne Flemming

### Hosts: Fran and Brian Mandergeddes:

- Mike & Wendy Spark,
- Virginia Rutledge ,
- Bob & Margaret Hurst,
- Paul and Kay McAloney

As in the past, there will be a levy of \$10.00 per head to help swell the club's coffers (and keep the annual fees down!)

As promised last week—here are the rules:

- Collaboration between diners is encouraged
- Develop a *unique* dish yourselves, ie. No stealing another's recipe
- You must use at least one ingredient you have never used before in the dish
- No more than 4 ingredients can be used in that dish
- This dish must take no longer than 40 minutes to prepare.
- Record the recipe—we may be able to produce a unique book of recipes for the club to market!
- Try to keep within the rules
- Most of all—**HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE**