

VALE—OUR BELOVED CASS BENCH



It is with the greatest sadness we say farewell to Cass who recently lost her battle with Motor Neurone Disease.

Cass was inducted on 18 Feb. 2002. She served initially on the Community Service Committee but then over the years served on International, Vocational and Fellowship. She actually chaired International, and Community. In the 2007/08 year she climbed to the base camp of Everest to raise money for the Cleft Palate Foundation and the club supported her by donating \$10,000.

Colin Macfarlane was a member of the Box Hill Rotary Club who became passionate about assisting children in Vietnam through cleft palate operations and poured many thousands of his own money into a project where he had Australian surgeons go to Vietnam, perform operations and teach Vietnamese surgeons. He came to speak at our club and was so impressive that we and particularly Cass determined to support what was really a private initiative. She, under her

own funding went to Vietnam to see the project in action and actually stood in on an operation. She then joined Colin's committee. One very clear memory which I have of Cass is that when she joined our club she said to me—"John, don't ask me to write letters as I am hopeless at that but if you give me a job to do I will do it" That I think sums up Cass. She was a worker and was such a compassionate woman.

In the years that she has suffered motor neurone she has simply amazed me with her courage and the positive and cheerful attitude she adopted. She was great. On Friday afternoons when I and a few of her friends used to visit her it became almost like a little club and through all her problems Cass would always be enquiring about others. Some woman!

John Flemming

*You will be sorely missed Cass. All things living eventually die but love continues on.
We will love and remember you always.*

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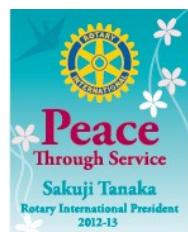
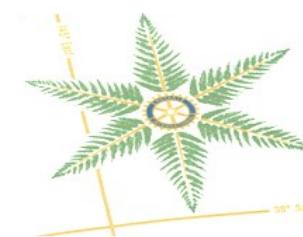
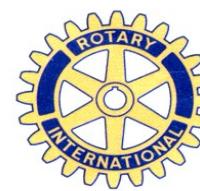
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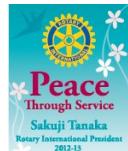
ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY 50TH ANNIVERSARY 2013

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
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COMMUNITY	-	Julie Goodchild
VOCATIONAL	-	Phil Walters
INTERNATIONAL	-	Paul McAloney
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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?



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		

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
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 10th June [6.30 for 7:00]	Monday 17th June [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 24th June [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 1st July [6:30 for 7:00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	Queen's	Ageing and Wellness	Life After a Liver Transplant	CHANGE-OVER
Speaker:	Birthday	Donna Jordan	Warwick Duncan	Caroline Wilhjelm
Committee Subject		N/A	N/A	N/A
Chairman:	No	Paul W	Julie G	Bob H
Cashiers:		Mike S & Rahul M	Virginia R & Paul W	Rob D & Greg D
Grace & Toast:	Meeting	Fran M	Enid H	Paul W
Rotary Knowledge		Rahul M Polio Plus		
Sergeant-At-Arms:		Paul McA	Paul McA	Fran M
Scribe:		John F	Greg D	John F

**PLEASE NOTE
AS THERE IS NO MEETING ON 10TH JUNE
THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN ISSUED
NEXT WEEK**

<i>Birthdays:</i>	17th—Mike Spark
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to R.C. of F.T.G</i>	None

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 3rd June, 2013

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

President Graeme announced:

- Enjoyed the 50th Anniversary celebration, great participation from club members. Thanked Enid H for organising it. 10 years to the next one!
- Advised we collected \$7,000 during the recent Red Shield Appeal intersection collection; thanked those who participated.
- RC Boronia advised the profit at their recent Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was \$414. Our share of this was minimal and it was agreed by the cluster clubs that this amount be donated to Knox InfoLink.
- Raffle tickets—permission has been received for us to sell in the Maxi Mall at Upper Gully. Roster to be circulated.

Chairman: **Paul McAloney**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Secretary: **John Flemming**

Distributed the mail

- Email Megan—Edge Foundation—reminder District Changeover Dinner
- Support Polio by Fed. Govt:
- Alan Tudge local grants program
- Taveuni Hi Lux Ute
- Knox InfoLink—seeking Christmas support.

Apologies: **Rahul Mediratta**

Make-ups: Those who assisted with the RSA collection

Treasurer: **Enid Hughes**

Advised the Budgets were complete. Admin was line ball but will not be advising the Board to raise annual fees. Reminded everyone that fundraising was vitally important and was the concern of all members. There is no longer a buffer in the bank to support lack of fundraising.

Vocational: **Phil Walters**

No report

Community: **Julie Goodchild**

No report

International: **Paul McAloney**

Have requested the Cambodian Children's Trust to nominate another family for adoption now that Ganya is independent.

New Generations: **Greg Downes**

No report.

COMING UP SOON.....

AN AFTERNOON OF JAZZ

A table has been booked at the Royal Hotel, Upper Ferntree Gully, for the performance by the New Melbourne Jazz Band on the 14th of July for 12-30 to 4 pm under the name of the RC of FTG. I've said 15-16 at this stage, and will review this the week before the soiree. Probably best if people get back to me direct by email or mobile 0414456636 to confirm their attendance.

Mike Spark

FTG Rotary Meeting

17th June

PARTNERS' NIGHT

Speaker : Donna Jordan

Subject : Ageing and Wellness

Donna is an excellent speaker who will cover everything from Yoga to diet and exercise. Thinking about health in a different way. She is tremendously interesting and I would strongly urge partners to attend on this night. Please contact Pres Graeme to let him know if you're coming so that he can advise catering numbers to the Tavern.

Enid Hughes

DISTRICT CALENDAR of EVENTS (July)

Date Day: **Event:**

5	Friday	Youth Exchange—Inbound Students return home (2012-13)
8-13	Mon-Sat	Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Seminar 9RYLA)-Myrmiong
12	Friday	Youth Exchange-Counsellor & Host Family Information night
14	Sunday	National Youth Science Forum—Club nominations close
19	Friday	Membership Seminar
21	Sunday	Youth Exchange—Outbound Student Interviews
26-28	Fri-Sun	Mt Evelyn Camp Awakenings—Mt Evelyn (Yarra Ranges)

Outstanding Service

A W A R D

Ferntree Gully Rotary Club

This is to recognize the generous dedication of your voluntary time and energy in serving our local community through our Ferntree Gully Community Meal Nights, over the past

5 years, since 2008



FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Those members who regularly help out with preparing and serving the meals on Wednesday nights will recognize the Ferntree Gully Guide Hall below. Councilor Karin Orpen, Mayor of Knox dropped in to thank volunteers and present certificates. Our Treasurer, Enid Hughes was on hand to accept the certificate on behalf of our club.



Club Service

Phil Walters

No report

Fellowship:

Fran Mandergeddes

Absent—No report

On-to-Conference

Greg Downes

Conference 2014 will be in Bendigo on 20-23rd March. Research into accommodation shows a starting price of \$140 per night for 2. Please indicate very soon whether you will be attending. A 50% deposit is required to secure accommodation with the full amount due by February.

Rotary Knowledge—Graham Faulkner

Graham spoke on Rotary Fellowship Exchange and explained we're part of a world-wide organisation. Host and visit others experiencing other cultures etc. It is very good to build good international understanding. Observe new cultures and customs. Participants are expected to reciprocate. Travel costs are at own expense.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Paul McAlooney

We were all fined for either being at the 50th or not!! No excuses were accepted.

Skill: Was not drawn because the new owners of the Tavern have moved the copper pot, the fines box and the deck of cards.

PROGRAM: CLUB ASSEMBLY

Graham F suggested we follow a "Health & Wellness" program for the next Rotary year.

Mike S—Eastern Health—group of health specialists; suggested we get together with the Cluster Rotary groups to enable a worthwhile and significant health/medical program. Changeover is set for Monday 1st July—Caroline W makes her final presentation that evening.

No reports for the Annual Report yet received—need these ASAP if the report is to be handed out at Changeover. Printing costs were discussed re hard copies of the report. Pointed out it would be good to save dollars and not print more than necessary.

Fellowship—Mike Spark will send an email re the Jazz session at the Royal Hotel on 14th July.

Mike S handed over a collection tin from the Lilydale TAFE campus. Proceeds were collected for the Rotary Against Malaria program.

There being no further business President Graeme closed the meeting, reminding members there was no meeting next week due to the public holiday.

Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Scribe: Angela Locke



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cass Bench

We have been saddened by the recent passing of Cass Bench. Cass was a vibrant Rotarian, although not wanting a leadership role she participated in service project with much enthusiasm. Cass was a member of a medical team (as an observer), travelling to Vietnam for "Operation Cleft" after our club made a significant donation to this project. At her personal expense Cass later organised a fundraising event to raise more money for the Cleft cause by trekking to the base camp of Mt Everest in Nepal. Our club rewarded her with a \$10,000 donation to her fundraising.

After being diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease Cass wasn't going to allow it to beat her with her determination lasting to the very end. We will surely miss her vibrant presence at our Rotary meetings.

Our thoughts, sympathy and condolences go to her family.

Great Community Raffle

Our raffle ticket sales have started off quite well at Maxies Mall in Upper Ferntree Gully. Over the first two days we have already raised \$360 with five more weekends to go.

Annual Report

Another reminder that the reports for the Annual Report are now due from committee chairs. Enid would like your reports this week as the layout of the report requires some time to complete along with getting hard copies printed. Please give her your support.

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

Graeme Aspinall
President



PRIME MINISTER MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

FURTHER AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT FOR POLIO ERADICATION

Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Foreign Minister Bob Carr today announced further funding to help eradicate polio—a debilitating disease that continues to strike the world's most vulnerable people, especially children.

Australia will provide \$80 million over four years from 2015 to 2018 to help finish the job and achieve worldwide polio eradication.

This contribution follows a \$50 million commitment to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative from 2011 to 2014 announced by the Prime Minister at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth in October 2011.

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister applauded the leadership shown by the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and Rotary International on polio. The Gates Foundation is contributing US\$1.8 billion for the *Polio Endgame Strategic Plan 2013-2018*, which is one-third of the total budget.

Australia has a proud history of support for polio eradication. From 1912 to 1972, more than 30,000 cases of paralytic poliomyelitis were reported in Australia, and a number of polio survivors in Australia today still live with the pain and debilitation of post-polio syndrome.

It was Australia's Sir Clem Renouf who, as President of Rotary International in 1978 and 1979, led the international campaign to vaccinate every child against polio. As a result of these early efforts by Rotary, the global community came together in 1988 to launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Since 1988, there has been a reduction in the number of polio cases by 99.9 per cent. Following the certification of India as polio-free in 2012, polio remains endemic in only Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. The world now has polio eradication within its reach. This would be the second disease to be eradicated globally after small pox and a major victory for international aid and public health.

The new contribution brings Australia's total commitment to polio eradication to over \$130 million. Our aim is to help eradicate polio and strengthen routine immunization.

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