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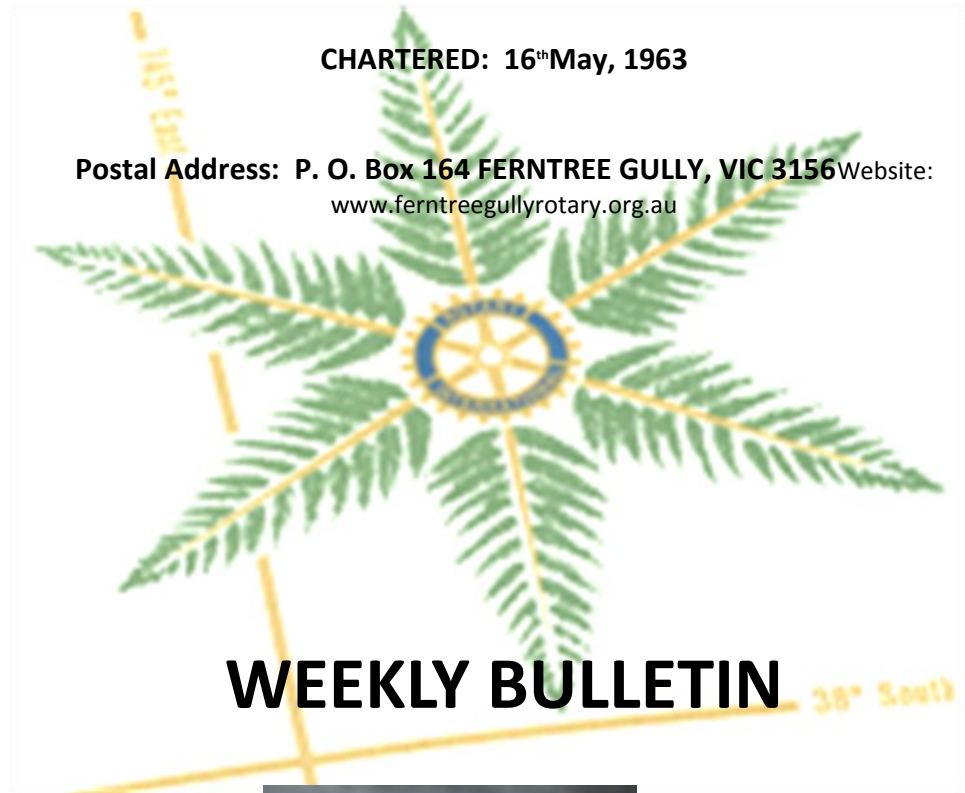
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Paul Harris famously wrote, "This is a changing world: we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again." While we will never know what Paul would have thought of the Internet Age, I think I do know what he would have said about the idea of a Rotary website: that not only should we have one, but that it should be the best possible – keeping up with advances in technology, and always responding to the needs of Rotarians.

I'm proud to announce that after a redesign that has taken two years from concept to completion, the new [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) is now live and available to Rotarians and internet users everywhere. It contains many of the features you've asked for, most notably a much improved search function and navigation, new ways to connect with your fellow Rotarians around the world, and a more personalised experience that will connect you with the information that's interesting to you.

## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 2nd Sept [6.30 for 7:00]	Monday 9th Sept [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 16th Sept [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 23rd Sept [6:30 for 7:00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	Committee Meeting	Timor Leste	Knox Matters	Life Skills - the map is not the territory
Speaker:	N/A	Grayden Pilcher-Woodcock,	Mayor Karin Orpen	Megan Jaworski
Committee Subject	TBA	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chairman:	Graham F	Paul McA	Bob H	Graeme A
Cashiers:	Graeme A & Stuart V	TBA	Graham F & Rahul M	Mike S & TBA
Grace & Toast:	Paul W	Virginia R	Paul McA	Enid H
Rotary Knowledge	Virginia R Interplast		Rahul M Polio Plus	
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M
Scribe:	John F	TBA	Paul W	Bob H



<i>Birthdays:</i>	7th—Rob Dawson 8th—Anne Flemming 10th—John Flemming
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



Our deepest condolences are offered to Greg Downes on the death of his mother in law.  
Joyce Martha James. Joyce was born in Australia on 19th October 1927 and passed away on 25 August 2013. Aged 85 years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Greg and Libby

# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 26th August 2013

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

President Phil announced:

- Commenting on the media release in the Ferntree Gully News—(Rotary in FTG 50 years), spoke of the man/person years of service—"a big deal"
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle—thanks to all who assisted. Graeme A advised we made \$1,450.
- Graeme's advice re the *Great Community Raffle*. (He sold the winning ticket)
- Exchange Student—a few challenges which will be sorted out.
- Combined dinner with RC Bayswater—probably not supported as we had very late advice. Phil and Enid will attend but a joint meeting is now planned at the Knox Tavern on Monday, 16th September.

**Chairman** - **Phil Walters**

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

**Secretary** - **John Flemming**

Read and distributed the mail to the relevant chairs.

**Apologies:** Virginia Rutledge, Stuart Vize, Paul W, Fran M, Greg Downes, Julie Goodchild (on leave), Bob Hurst, Rahul Mediratta, Mike Spark and Paul McAloney

**Make-Ups** - Graeme Aspinall, John Flemming, Virginia Rutledge, Graham Faulkner, Enid Hughes & Robert Dawson

**Treasurer** - **Enid Hughes**

No report

**Vocational** - **Phil Walters**

No report

**Community** - **Graeme Aspinall**

- RC FTG sold the winning ticket of the Great Community Raffle. A total of \$187,563 was raised.
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle last Saturday raised \$1,450
- Masters Sausage Sizzle will be on Saturday 25th January, 2014
- Ray White Real Estate have asked us to partner them in identifying suitable candidates and distributing Christmas gifts. Agreed to support.

**International Paul McAloney**

No report (on leave)

**New Generations** **Virginia Rutledge**

- No report—Absent

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

No report

## Fellowship— Fran Mandergeddes

- Graham F advised *Vitality Sunday* is coming up. Sunday 22nd September. Try some activities—probably a breakfast and walk.

**Sergeant-at-Arms** - **Phil**

Phil (man of many talents) ripped our dollars off us.

**Skill:** Rob D drew 4 of Hearts

## PROGRAM: Retirement Planning—Andrea Jenkins

Gave a presentation on retirement planning, modifying her talk to suit the "retired" audience. The question session was really good.

There being no further business President Phil read out the housekeeping duties. There were no birthdays; Anniversaries or Inductions.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Scribe: John Flemming



## ARE YOU BEING SERVED????

*Tickets still available for Friday, 15 November, 2013 at Lilydale, to see the stage version of this old British favourite.*

*All unsold tickets will be returned to the theatre by next WEDNESDAY, 4/9/2013, so, if you want to attend, you will need to let me know urgently.*

*Fran M.*



# NEWS FROM 'OUR GIRL' IN DENMARK....

Hey Enid.

Sorry its been a long time since I wrote. I will send another email with more photos. I dont know if you have some of these already, but they were all photos I used in my presentation, sorry if the presentation doesn't make sense, each paragraph went with a slide on a powerpoint. But they said I did it fantastic in Danish, and that I sounded like princess Mary! yay.

I hope all is well :)

Kate. xx

Hi, I am Kate Campbell and I am an exchange student from Melbourne, Australia.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January I flew to Denmark to start my exchange year. I was first nervous, but soon became excited because I began to meet other students going to Denmark.



After 24 hours after I left Australia I found myself in Copenhagen's airport. I was tired and cold. In Australia it was 45.c and summer and in Denmark it was -5.c and winter.

On the flight to Billund I met a girl named Kathleen. She would also live in Odense and go to Sct. Knuds Gymnasium. After we arrived in Billund, we were excited to meet our host families. We took a group photo together and then began our new life in Denmark.

A week after we arrived in Denmark all the new exchange students had a camp in Bjerringbro for a week. At the camp I met more people from New Zealand, Brazil, Argentina a few more from Australia's west coast and more from around the world.

We lived together and learnt Danish.

On the winter holidays I travelled with my first host mum and grandma to south Jutland and north Germany. We stayed in Germany for 4 days. I also saw my first castle. Sønderborg castle.



Here i learnt about Danish history, for example monarchy and wars.

After we visited Sønderborg castle we travelled to Flensburg, Germany. It was my first time in Germany! We lived in a little town called Tarp and travelled by bus every day to Flensburg.

In Flensburg I saw my first cathedral. The cathedral was from 1599. It was fantastic to see such an old church.

When I came back to Denmark it hadn't stopped snowing, and every day my host mum said "This is the last snow for the season"

The first beach I visited had snow and ice on it. I had never seen that before In my life. Another new thing for me was riding my bike to school. In Australia I took a bus for an hour before and after school, every day.



I have learnt about sct. Hans aften, (where they burn the witches)

which is on the same day as my birthday. I have seen old Mills, which is something I have only seen in films and fairy tails before.

My first visit to Copenhagen was on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April with a group of Australian friends. I didn't get to see so much of Copenhagen that day, but I hope to go back soon.

The 25<sup>th</sup> of April is a national Day in Australia, called ANZAC day. I was at the Australian Ambassadors house in Copenhagen for a ceremony. I also baked ANZAC cookies.

I am very happy to live on Fyn, because I love to eat Brunsviger. (a special type of cake only from Fyn)

This is a picture of my best friend Katja. She is in my class at gymnasium and we met at a school party at our gymnasium and have been best friends since. I love gymnasium parties, they are so fun.

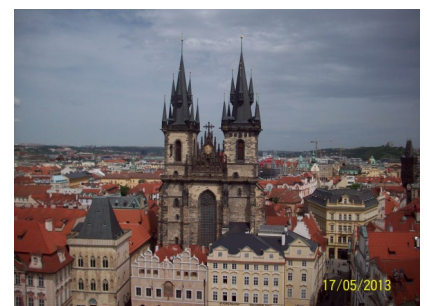


On the 27<sup>th</sup> April I moved to Fangel in south Odense. I moved to this Sweet old house.

After I moved families it was my brothers birthday, my first Danish birthday with the Dannebrog(Danish flag) and lagkage ( layercake). It was also my sisters confirmation, which was a little over whelming for me.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of May I started my Euro tour. 18 days travelling around Europe with 48 other exchange students on a bus. This picture is from Berlin on Day 1.

After Berlin we travelled to Prague.

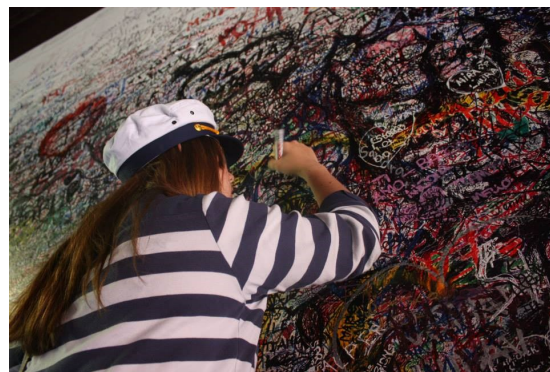






Prague was beautiful city and maybe my favourite city in Europe. We also visited a concentrations camp in the Czech republic, it was creepy. After Prague we travelled to Vienna. Vienna is the city of big things. Big museums, castles/palaces and lots of money. After Vienna, we travelled to Venice, Italy. When we arrived in Venice, we took a tour around it in a gondola, it was amazing. In Italy there was a lot of gelato and pasta.

I ate a lot of gelato, pizza and pasta in Italy, almost every meal. After Venice, we travelled to Verona. Where Romeo and Juliet was set. I saw Juliet's Balcony. This picture is of me writing a message to Juliet.



Euro tour was a fantastic experience where I made a lot of friends.



I also visited Avignon and saw half a bridge and an old walled city.



A Picture with my Australian friends from Eurotour

A group picture from Venice

A group picture from Paris.



Paris was a city I had dreamt about. Thank you to rotary, because now I have visited Paris! I have had the best experience.

One day in Paris, we were in Disneyland, Disneyland is the best place in the world. I love it soooo much.

The other day in Paris we saw the beautiful city.

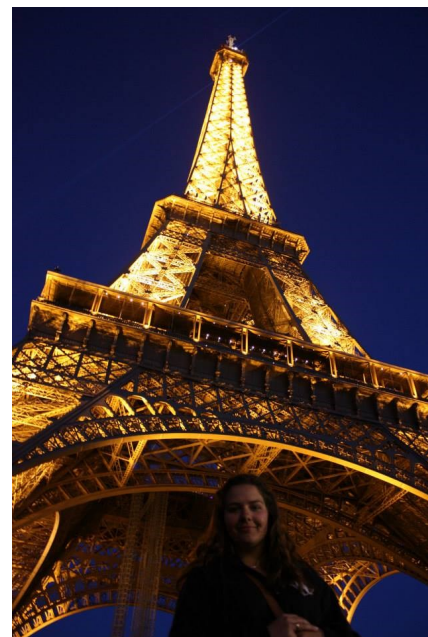
Group picture in Disneyland.

The weekend after Eurotour I had a district get together in Hederslev. I was good to see my Euro tour bus again.

After the get together, it was time to say goodbye to my oldies from exchange. All my American, Canadian and many of my south American friends went home. It was the hardest month on my exchange.

I visited the Funen Village for the first time, my first thing with out my oldies.

I am excited for the next 6 months in Denmark. Denmark is now my home and I love every second here. Thankyou to Rotary for helping me with my adventures





# COMING UP SOON.....

## Rotary Vitality Morning Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 13



A GREAT START to Sunday

An opportunity to relax & enjoy great food with everybody on a casual Sunday morning

Invite your neighbors, family & friends

Enjoy choosing a sumptuous healthy breakfast

Meet @ Coffee Club in Knox Ozone @ 9.30am.  
We will have a table upstairs.

Big range of food @ reasonable prices.  
Cost - Pay for your own meal.



## 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
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 Graeme Aspinall for more information  
0425 432 290

WANTIRNA



Sheryl Ding is heading off to the Asian Science camp.

## Young scientist to mix with best

SCIENCE and social justice are the two passions that drove a 17-year-old Wantirna student to head to the 2013 Asian Science camp in Japan.

Sheryl Ding, a student at Kingswood College in Box Hill, is part of the Australian delegation who will join 200 of the best young science scholars in Asia, Australia and Oceania this month.

Sheryl said she was looking forward to discussing her two passions; science and social justice.

"At the camp I am looking

forward to exploring the impact of ethics on science, the complexities of science and the power we have to change the world," she said.

Over six days, students will attend lectures, master classes and discussions with some of the world's leading scientific minds.

The Asian Science Camp is an opportunity to share ideas, foster friendships and start collaborations between young people that will benefit the region into the future. The camp is run in a different country each year



## COMMUNITY PROJECT

Our club has been approached by Ray White Real Estate, Ferntree Gully to partner them in a Christmas initiative called "A Little Ray of Giving".

Ray White and Rotary have run this initiative across Australia and New Zealand in 2012 with over 100 offices in 100 locations. Ray White exclusively partners with a local Rotary Club to work with.

Ray White would encourage (via marketing activities) locals to donate a gift to their Christmas wishing tree.

Our club involvement would be to organise worthy recipients for these gifts eg local hospital, those in need identified by the Salvos and local churches etc and coordinate the distribution of those gifts prior to Christmas.

Promotion of this project would be a joint venture with Ray White and our Rotary Club, giving us a wonderful opportunity for much needed exposure with local business and the community in our area.



## District 9810 Social Media Workshop



**Friday, 6 September**

7:30pm to 9:30pm

**Monash Business Incubator**

Hartnett Close, Mulgrave.

Cost: your time.

Our 2013 workshop will be both hands on and practical.  
It will also be a forum to share ideas and our collective experiences on using Facebook and Twitter to promote Rotary.

***We will be covering:***

- integrating social media into a Club's communication and marketing strategy,
- Facebook pages and groups,
- content creation tips and tricks,
- policies and good practice,
- traps for the unwary,
- other tips and tricks,
- any other points of interest.

Input into what people would like covered is most welcome so that the best possible outcome can be gained from the investment of everyone's time.

Anyone with an interest in social media is welcome to attend, and we believe this will be particularly interesting to Club Web/SM masters, Bulletin Editors and Club Marketing officers.

Interested Rotarian's should confirm their place by contacting

Russell Gurney:

[rgurney9810@gmail.com](mailto:rgurney9810@gmail.com)



## STOP PRESS

### Group Study Exchange 2013 – 2014

by Tony McKenna



Indiana State Flag

Also known as the Hoosier State, its famous musicians include Hoagy Carmichael and Cole Porter.

Rotary International Districts 9810 and 6580 have tentatively agreed to have a Group Study Exchange in March and April 2014. District 6580 covers the southern one-third of **INDIANA**, USA.

Then DGE Merv Ericson met his D6580 counterpart Tim Lee at the RI Assembly in San Diego earlier this year and stayed in contact to facilitate the exchange. With both Districts offering many vocational opportunities to prospective team members, the teams are expected to be in the host countries for 30 days and attend both District Conferences.

Additional information about team member and Rotarian team leader **APPLICATIONS** will be coming out in the next few weeks. This is an exciting opportunity for the many who are passionate about GSE. With the long history of successful exchanges in D9810, we will be sending out another excellent team to represent us, and look forward to hosting the team from Indiana with our famous Australian hospitality. ♦



### From the Editor ...

This Newsletter is intended as a Foundation resource, and to benefit others with comments and suggestions. If your club has a project that you want to tell us about – or you need some assistance with grants etc. – then please let me know.

This is the first of four editions this Rotary year: the next will be in November, then February, and the last in May.

Ray Stewart

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☞ And finally, in Rotary, we are also supposed to have a little, 'er, pun, so ...



*"I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me."*

*"I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx."*

*"This girl said she recognised me from the Vegetarian Club, but honestly, I'd never met herbivore."*

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