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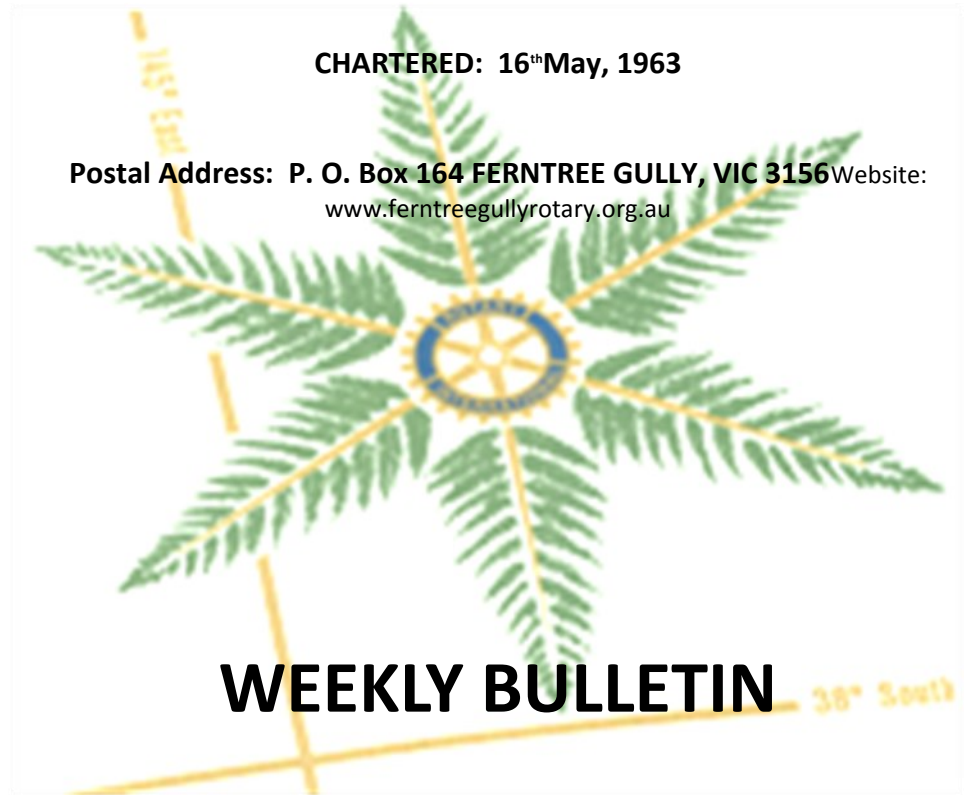
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## Phil's 'Osophy

Hello All,

We have a busy few weeks coming our way.

Reports from the Tin rattle and the membership stand at Bayswater Festival are keenly anticipated – we will hear of these on Monday Night.

Other up-coming events include the Ferntree Gully Discovery Day next weekend, followed by the Cluster membership stand at Wellington Road Shopping Centre on 7 December, the Bright getaway for those making the trek, then our Christmas celebration.

Fran is requesting feedback on the program for the Christmas celebration, in particular, whether or not Santa should appear. I understand the traditional Kris Kringle will be staged again, and the possibility of some impromptu carolling is high. The date is 16<sup>th</sup> December, 6:30 for 7. This is also on the Bayswater calendar to present the blazer to Rhiannon.

Last week, the Board approved in principle, the recommendation from International Director, Paul Macaloney, that a donation be made to the Phillipines disaster relief.

Enjoy the weekend, sorry I am unable to share it with you due to a prior commitment.

**Phil Walters**  
President

## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

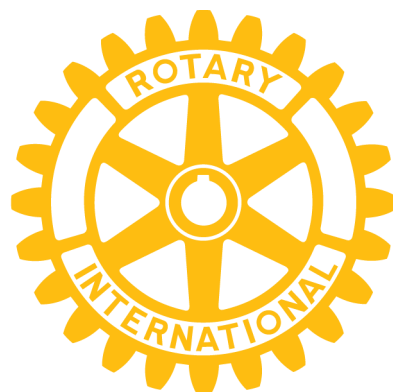
Date & Time:	Monday 25 Nov. [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 2 Dec. [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 9 Dec. [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 16 Dec. [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 23rd Dec
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	
Program:	Lifeline - A Volunteer's Experience	Committee Meeting	World of Children's Books	Christmas break-up	CHRISTMAS
Speaker:	Tony Bell	N/A	Mark Carthew	N/A	BREAK
Committee Subject	N/A	TBA	N/A	N/A	
Chair:	Greg D	Mike S	Paul W	Bob H	NO
Cashiers:	Mike S & Paul McA	Paul W & Virginia R	Mike S & Graeme A	Paul W & Virginia R	MEETING
Grace & Toast:	Virginia R	Paul Mc	John F	Stuart V	
Rotary Knowledge	TBA	TBA	TBA	N/A	
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M	
Scribe:	Graeme A	Graham F	Bob H	N/A	

### NOTE FROM YOUR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS :

**IF YOU ARE UNABE TO FULFILL YOUR ROSTERED DUTY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE! IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, YOU RISK BEING "NAMED AND SHAMED" AND - PERHAPS - OTHER TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES !**

<i>Birthdays:</i>	28th—Pam Walters
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None

# Rotary



# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

MONDAY 18th November 2013

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

## **President Phil announced:**

- Thanks to all who organized Macclesfield yesterday
- Summarised the coming dates for the rest of the year
- There was much discussion as to whether Santa and Chris Kringle were to happen at the Christmas party. Decided there would be no Santa or Christmas Carols but probably Kris Kringle. More discussions next week.

**Chairman:** Mike Spark

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:**

**Secretary :** John Flemming

- Read the mail
- Mentioned that Fred Mason is currently in respite at Villa Maria

**Apologies:** Rahul M, Rob H, Greg D, Stuart V, Julie G

**Make-Ups** Phil Walters, Graeme Aspinall, Enid Hughes

**Treasurer:** Enid Hughes

No report

## **Community: Graeme Aspinall**

- Reminded members that the club is participating in the Ray White "A Little Ray of Giving"

**Vocational:** Phil Walters

No report

**International:** Paul McAloney

- Requested a short Board Meeting tonight to discuss donating to the recent disaster in Fiji

## **New Generations: Virginia Rutledge**

- No report

## **Club Service: Mike Spark**

- Ongoing future speakers and current bookings.

## **Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes**

- Thanks to those who came to the trout farm fellowship day. A good time was had by all.
- All had a good night at the theatre night last Friday.
- Asked whether anyone has anything they would like to do in the way of fellowship events—please let her know.
- Still looking for Christmas gifts for teenage boys (Foothills Christmas party)
- Motor Neuron walk—10 people completed the walk for Cass.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Fran extracted our dollars with some rather "pun like" jokes.

**Skill:** Rob Dawson picked 4 diamonds.

## **President's Closing Remarks:**

- 23/11—10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. membership standing at Bayswater. Brochures required for that day.
- Raffle—\$500 Hamper—each club to donate \$100
- 7/12—Wellington Village—10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Membership stand.
- 30/11—FTG Discovery Day Festival
- 13/11—Cluster meeting; Eastern Ranges School. All welcome.

## **PROGRAM: ROMAC—Graeme Chester (Healesville RC)**

Chairman Virginia introduced Graeme giving a rundown on his background.

Graeme opened his presentation by explaining that the "O" in ROMAC is now Oceania and not Overseas, as it used to be.

- Over the years sourced projects from some 21 countries
- It is an Australia/New Zealand program (approved of but not supported by Rotary International)
- Gives life-saving aid to children up to 15 years old.

ROMAC began officially in 1988 (unofficially 1985). Statistically they have helped :-

2008	46 children	2011	35 children
2009	31 children	2012	35 children
2010	30 children	2013	48 children

Getting beds in hospitals is difficult—Australian children, of course, are always given first preference. Waiting list for ROMAC children is currently 100.

Graeme showed us some "before" and "after" slides of children who had been treated.

The costs are high. \$900,000 per annum has been spent even though many medical people give the services for free. It equates to around \$16,500 per operation.

There are many ways for Rotarians to contribute.

Graeme then fielded a number of questions.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.34p.m.

Scribe: Paul Wilson





**The Christmas Tree  
Located in the window  
Of  
Ray White Real Estate,  
FTG**

***Ray White.***

# a little **Ray** of giving

**This December you can make a difference to less fortunate families in our community by delivering a Christmas gift to our giving tree.**



## FISHING AT MACCLESFIELD TROUT FARM—OH! WHAT A DAY!

(Not sure who caught the biggest fish though!)



# CHRISTMAS BREAK UP PARTY

Our last meeting for 2013 will be a joint affair

With

Rotary Club of Bayswater

Lots of fun and laughter

**More details later**

Please let Fran Mandergeddes know if you plan to attend so that she can organize the catering.



## 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
4th Dec	Virginia Rutledge
18th Dec	Enid Hughes

Dinner provided

Contact Graeme Aspinall for more information

0425 432 290



## ROTARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

(CLUSTER PROJECT)

**7th December (Saturday)**

**Wellington Road Shopping Centre**

**10.00 a.m.—4.00 p.m.**

A Family Day of Activities, Education, Fun & Entertainment



FERN TREE GULLY VILLAGE

# Discovery Day

**Saturday November 30th 2013**  
**from 9am to 2pm**

in and around  
Station Street, Ferntree Gully Village

Op-Shop Fashion Parade

Street Performances

Trash & Treasure

Village Trader Specials

Cemetery Tours

Art Exhibitions

Live Entertainment

Open Day Displays

Local Traders Open

Artisan  
Market

Animal  
Petting  
Farm

Food  
&  
Drink

Street  
Stalls

Local  
Sports  
Clubs

CFA  
Displays

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