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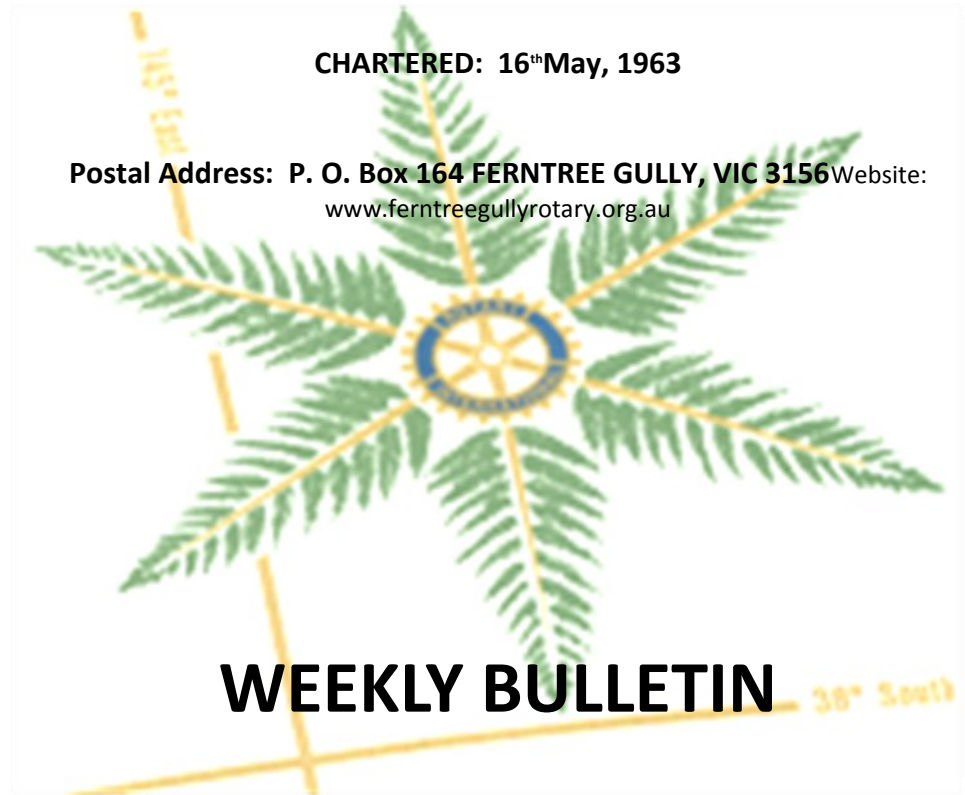
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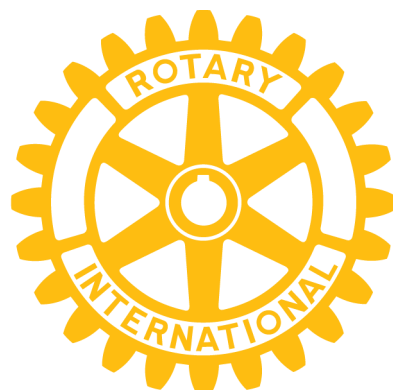
RC Fern Tree Gully made a good showing at the FTG Discovery Day on Saturday. The best Discovery Day yet! Well done to everyone involved—and a special thank you to those Rotarians who turned up to help. See page 4 for further pictures.

## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	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 & 30th Dec	Monday 6th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern		TBA
Program:	Committee Meeting	World of Children's Books	Christmas break-up	CHRISTMAS	Fireside
Speaker:	N/A	Mark Carthew	N/A	BREAK	Meeting
Committee Subject	TBA	N/A	N/A		
Chair:	Mike S	Paul W	Bob H	NO	
Cashiers:	Paul W & Virginia R	Mike S & Graeme A	Paul W & Virginia R	MEETINGS	
Grace & Toast:	Paul McA	John F	Stuart V		
Rotary Knowledge	TBA	TBA	N/A		
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M		
Scribe:	Graham F	Bob H	N/A		

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None

# Rotary



# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

MONDAY 25th November 2013

Meeting opened at 7.00 p.m. with Past President Graeme welcoming all members and guest speaker Tony Bell.

## **President's announcements: (Busy weekend)**

- Bayswater Festival—membership—3 clubs attended. There was reasonable response—3-4 enquiries re ROTARACT. The raffle was launched and they collected \$180 towards it.
- Attended a Foundation dinner—this was a multi-District event. Guest speaker

**Chairman:** Greg Downes

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:**

**Secretary :** John Flemming

- Read the mail

**Apologies:** Rahul M, Phil Walters and Paul Wilson

**Make-Ups** Graeme Aspinall, Enid Hughes, Rob Hurst, Fran M, Paul McA, Paul W, Mike S, Rob D & Virginia R

**Treasurer:** Enid Hughes

No report

## **Community: Graeme Aspinall**

- CFA collection—thanked members for their help. There were 44 from the combined CFA's. Special mention of the Goodchild family. Collected approximately \$15000
- FTG Discovery Day—gave details of what is required of our members.
- Christmas cakes & puddings available.

**Vocational:** Phil Walters

No report

**International:** Paul McAloney

- Cambodian Children's Trust—Family named Veurng; a young mother with her son and a baby girl—are moving into a house funded by our club.

## **New Generations: Virginia Rutledge**

- Award night for the students of FTGN Primary School is 5.30 on Wednesday, 4th December. (at the school)

**Club Service: Mike Spark**

- No report

## **Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes**

- Thanks to Graeme Aspinall for organizing the CFA collection.
- Gifts for Foothills Church Christmas dinner now required—cards, shaving gear, doderant, beanies & scarves, stationery.
- Christmas break-up numbers taken.
- Mike Spark advised his overseas visitor had had a ball at the trout farm day and Puffing Billy (Fun Run)

## **On-to-Conference—Greg Downes**

- Greg reminded members that the District Conference is 21-23th March. Registration must be done before the end of February. Accommodation can be made at the McIvor Hotel (still has 2-3 rooms)

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Fran did it again! Our dollars were ripped from us with a Christmas theme.

**Skill:** Rob Dawson picked King of Spades.

## **PROGRAM: LIFELINE—Tony Bell**

Tony commenced by telling us that Lifeline (like RC FTG) will be 50 years old this year.

- Founded by Alan (Sir) Walker after a help seeker suicide.
- 24/7 telephone support service—60 call centres around the country and volunteers have 4 hour shifts. It's tough!
- Good success rate but mentally it is hard on the volunteer. However there is also satisfaction.
- Approx 1,000 staff and 11,000 volunteers.
- Can take 50 calls a day but it can also be 1500.
- Head Office is in Canberra
- There is some face-to-face counselling but this is rare.
- There are rules for volunteers, e.g. confidentiality—address, name, etc.
- Tony spoke of the supervisors (psychiatrists) and the training course devoted to suicide cases.
- **\*\* Phone number is 13 11 14** Everyone should be aware of this number; write it down.
- Spoke of the type of calls received.
- Suicide—leading cause of death in men (Aus) under 45 and women under 34. There are more suicides than road deaths.
- He spoke of the reasons for suicide and how the volunteers handle those cases. Role playing forms part of the training.
- He cited some examples of different calls.

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

PP Graeme closed the meeting with the usual housekeeping items and again asked for help for Discovery Day.

Masters BBQ—25th January has been allocated.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45p.m.

Scribe: John Flemming



Chairman Greg Downes thanked Tony Bell of Lifeline.



# FERNTREE GULLY DISCOVERY DAY—A GREAT SUCCESS!





## A FINAL REPORT FROM "OUR GIRL IN DENMARK" .....

So although i am still scratching my head as to how it is already the end of November, I have had to start to prepare for the month they call December. Meaning I get to eat a piece of chocolate everyday. But lets take a step back. I'll go back to September, although I am pretty sure that was only last week!

September meant my mother was coming to visit. A little nervous about it, I made a fool proof plan, including map, drive time and everything!

Waking up on the morning of her arrival, taking the early train to Copenhagen, navigating my way to our hotel, i was just casually sitting there, looking out the window, when I saw my mother walking past the hotel window, and being in such a casual mood, I think to myself 'Hey, its mum.....' and then after a second or two of realisation, i thought 'Hold on! That's my mother! The woman I haven't seen for almost 8 months now!'

So, waiting quietly in the corner, i walked up behind her, and simply said 'Mum?' to which she turned around and hugged me straight away, and we both started crying, although i still don't know why, it was just extremely overwhelming, but after 5 minutes we were back to ourselves, like I saw her yesterday.



We started our whirlwind tour of Denmark in Copenhagen, visiting the walking street, the royal castle, Nyhavn and Christiansborg, before travel-



ling up to visit another castle at Denmark's closest point to Sweden, called Kronborg. I still don't think mum believes that it was Sweden just a few kilometres away across the water.

The next day we drove to Roskilde, where there is a cathedral that has the whole Danish monarchy buried in it. Terry didn't believe the church was so old until he read it was first built in 1175. After our quite interesting visit to Roskilde, and me having to translate everything, we drove a Viking fortress in a town called Slagelse, which dated back to 980.

Next we went to Odense, which is the town i have been living in, we did a bit of sightseeing, and i made my parents arrive in style to visit my host families, yes, by style I mean a bike. Although after much complaining, they went back to Australia and bought bikes themselves.

After Odense we traveled to the mainland of Denmark, called Jutland, or (Jylland in Danish) We visited Aarhus, and Skagen. Skagen is the tip of Denmark, where we saw the two seas meet. We travelled back down Jutland until we got to Legoland, in Billund, and ventured around this amazing place made out of millions of lego pieces! Because Legoland is close to Germany, all the things are in German, Danish and English, unfortunately i picked to go and see the lego movie when the German one was showing, the only language I didn't understand.



After taking every ride at least twice, it was time to leave the park, we were staying at a very nice apartment, and I made my parents a very typical Danish meal of frikadeller, which they rather enjoyed.

The next morning it was time to say goodbye. Which for me was just, 'Okay cya.' but for mum included a lot for hugging and sadness. It was a

little hard to say goodbye, but I didn't realise that for about a week afterwards.

Mum leaving marked the start of October! which meant Autumn holidays! For the first 3 days of the autumn holidays i went to a town in Jutland called Odder, (try pronouncing that in Danish) to visit my an exchange friend on the plane ride over here, called Melanie, she comes from Sale, in district



9820. We have been friends ever since we met on the plane, and I hadn't seen her in about 6 months, so it was time to a visit! We hung out in her town of Odder, and the next day we went up to Dyrs Sommerland, which is a big theme park in Denmark! It was tonnes of fun!!

When i came home to Odense, i went with my family to Germany to go border shopping! It is crazy how much beer and chocolate Danes can buy in one go! they go border shopping about 3 times a year.

The day after border shopping I went to Copenhagen with my family to visit Tivoli! Tivoli is the second oldest theme park in Denmark! It opened in 1914, and is the most cosy, beautiful theme park in existence, I am sure of it!

Before i knew it, it was November and i was being shipped off to my whole of Denmark Rotary get together! 200 students from all over Denmark arrived at Stenhus Gymnasium in Holbæk on the 1st of November, for our halloween weekend! It was a totally crazy weekend! meeting all the newbies in Denmark, as well as seeing all the oldies again. We partied all weekend, and I even think a few of my friends didn't sleep!

In November my other Australian friend Kathleen and I made an Australian dinner for my host family. We made Shepherd's pie and Pavlova for dessert! They loved both of them! 2 weekends after I went over the Kathleen's house to help make an Australian dinner for her family! We make roast chicken and bread and butter pudding, and honey joys for the kids. the honey joys were a hit! although the kids thought the bread and butter pud-

ding was a little strange, Me and Kathleen enjoyed it!

Last weekend I went to visit my friend Lauren in Holbæk, me and 3 other girls all came, so we were 5 in all. It was my closest friends from Eurotour and it was our first and last reunion in Denmark. My friend Lauren came up with the idea of awarding us all titles including Miss Selfie, the girl in the group who takes the most photos of herself, and Miss Common Sense, the girl who kept us all alive as we travelled around Europe. It was a incredibly fun weekend, that flew by way too fast!

Next Monday i will present my final presentation to my Danish rotary club, a 15-20 minute presentation in Danish about my year, it has been a hard challenge to write. And then the weekend after that I have my last district gig, which is a farewell gig for me and my other oldies who are going home in January.



In the next few weeks it will be getting ready for Christmas with eating lots of food, finding a Christmas tree and decorating the house. something i am really looking forward to, i have just a month and a half left and its sort of scary how fast things are going. But although i will miss my time here, i am not overly upset to come home and see everyone.

Thank you so much to the Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully, for this wonderful chance of a life time! You've made all my wishes come true. and a big thank you to Enid and Stu for always emailing me to check that I am alive and going well, and of course to my parents for letting me explore the world.

**Kate Campbell**



# 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.**