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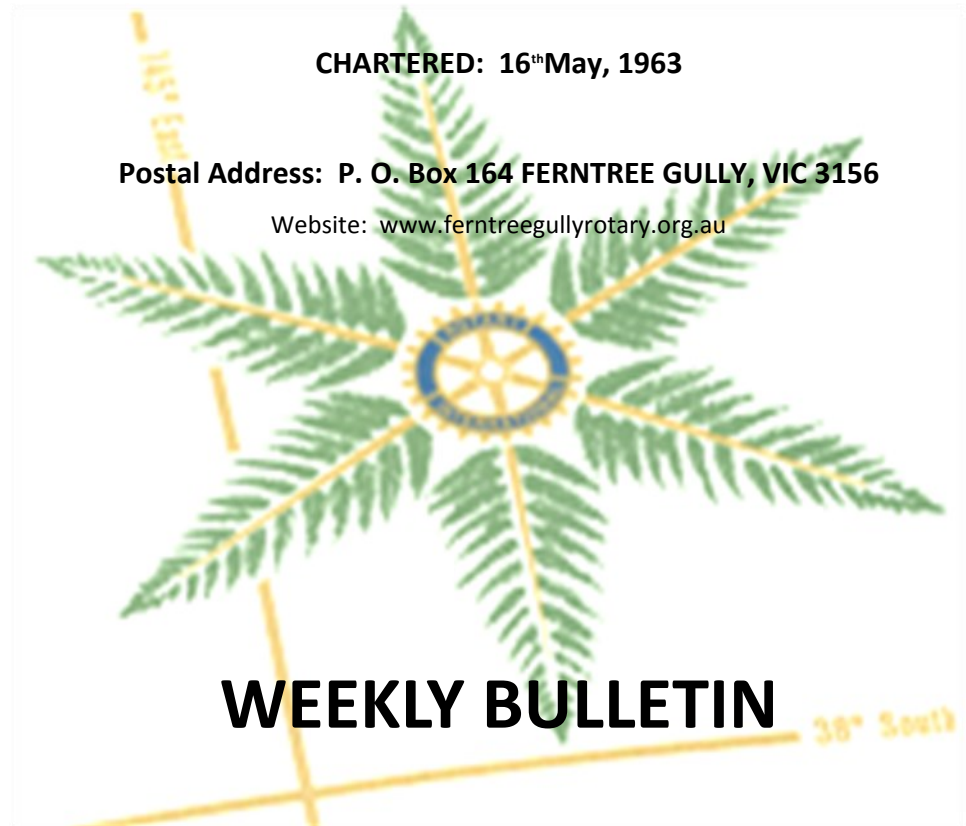
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## PHIL'S OSOPHY—CHRISTMAS EDITION

Christmas is upon us.

This is a time for families and celebration. Unfortunately, for some, it can also bring distress and heartache, with accidents and injury, financial hardship and domestic upheaval all too common.

Last week we had our end-of-year party, with 39 in attendance including our exchange students Barbara and Rhiannon, as well as local State Member of Parliament Nick Wakeling and Karen Orpin, (until recently Mayor of Knox). We are always pleased with the support we receive from our local politicians.

Thanks to Fran and Enid for bringing the evening together.

The Cluster **End Polio Now** raffle was drawn at the Knox Club on Thursday, with the winners notified immediately by mail. I don't have final numbers yet, but it seems the raffle and collections raised around \$900. I will provide more detail as I get it.

I wish you all a safe and happy festive season and look forward to 2014.

**Phil Walters**  
President



## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 23rd Dec & 30th Dec	Monday 6th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 13th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 20th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Saturday 25th Jan	Monday 27th Jan
Venue:				Knox Tavern		
Program:	CHRISTMAS	Fireside	Fireside	TBA	Sausage	Australia
Speaker:	BREAK	Meeting	Meeting		Sizzle	
Committee Subject				N/A		Day
Chair:	NO	Graham & Lindy F's home	Virginia R's home	Virginia R	Masters	
Cashiers:	MEETINGS	4 Arawatta Street	24A Westley Street	Rob D & Greg D	Scoresby	Holiday
Grace & Toast:		Vermont South	Ferntree Gully	Graham F		
Rotary Knowledge						No
Sergeant-At-Arms:				Fran M		
Scribe:				Paul W		Meeting

### ISSUES OF THE BULLETIN

Please note this is the last bulletin for 2013. The next official bulletin will be issued on Sunday, 2nd February. However, if the editor receives enough material to issue an informal bulletin during the summer break then one will be put out.

<i>Birthdays:</i>	8th Jan —Brian Mandergeddes —Lindy Faulkner 9th Jan —Beth Vize 10th Jan —Enid Hughes 18th Jan —Arjuan Mediratta—'07 22nd Jan —Stuart Vize
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	7th Jan —Stuart & Beth Vize '62
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None







*The Board of the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully wish you and all connected  
with you a happy, and peaceful Christmas, and  
A Prosperous New Year*



# RHIANNON RECEIVES HER BLAZER



Rhiannon Ives is all set to depart for Austria, Presidents Phil and Tim presented Rhiannon with her Exchange Student's blazer during our celebratory Christmas break-up party.

**Rotary**  The five  
**Rotary Clubs in the City of Knox**

## END POLIO NOW

**RAFFLE WINNER**



First prize winner, Cathi of Perth.

Total amount received through ticket sales \$981

Well done to all!

For more information please check out the District facebook site. (see the link below)

<https://www.facebook.com/rotaryd9810>



# CHRISTMAS

2013

Knox Tavern  
Monday  
16th December





# A LITTLE RAY OF GIVING—RAY WHITE REAL ESTATE PROJECT

We were overwhelmed with the quantity they had received, must have been almost 100 of them. We took them around to Steve Barrington who was also overwhelmed at the quantity, He has not had as many gifts for Christmas giving this year. He will use them for distribution at their Christmas lunch. Ray White believe it will be more successful next year now that they have started. Well done to Ray White and their staff.

**Graeme Aspinall**





# CHRISTMAS CRACKER JOKES

For some people, Christmas cracker jokes are the best part of the festive period.

Radio 5 Live presenter Phil Williams said his favourite joke is: "Two snowmen sitting in a garden, one says to the other "can you smell carrots?"

Comedian Jimmy Cricket's gag was: "I can't afford a turkey this year, so I'm going to give the budgie chest expanders."

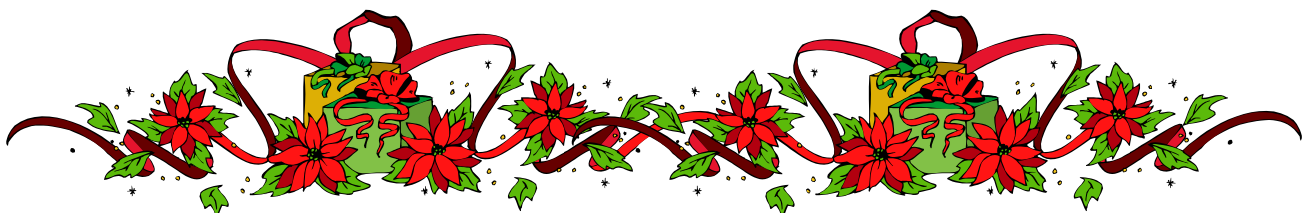
Phoenix Nights star and radio presenter Ted Robbins said his best Christmas gag is: "I went to the shop and asked for a pound of sprouts, the chap said 'they're called kilos now' so I asked him for a pound of kilos instead"

Justin Moorhouse said his favourite is: "How can you tell a snowman from a snow-woman? Snowballs."

And CBBC presenter Chris Johnson said his was a different take on the same gag: "What's the difference between snow-men and snow-women? Beards."

We also had some golden oldies sent into us via Twitter:

- Who's the most decorative crooner? Michael Bauble
- What do you call a kid that doesn't believe in Santa? A rebel without a Claus.
- Knock Knock. Who's there? Mary. Mary who? Mary Christmas.
- Santa been told to wear a hard hat for elf and safety
- Had one in my cracker t'other day. What cheese do you use to hide a horse? Mascarpone. Not vaguely festive. But quite funny.





### ADVANCE NOTICE:

The Annual Combined Meeting with our Rotary Cluster and the Inner Wheel Club of Boronia is currently in the process of being planned.

**The date is set as - Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2014.**

Inner Wheel are the organisers this year and have booked the same venue as last year – St Johns Church Hall, they will be doing the catering and are in the process of organising the guest speaker – ground breaking medical research may be the theme.

Boronia Rotary are in the process of applying for a liquor permit and will be running a bar on the night.

Sent to you as we know many of you enjoy this night and will want to place it on your event calendars. More details as they are resolved.

**COMING UP SOON.....**



### FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

Look out for the next one, which we hope will be over the Australia Day weekend in January 2014, at Phillip Island. We are also planning it to be the President's picnic for Phil.

Some can be accommodated at my holiday house and I am going to see if Mick Bench would allow the use of his house there if it is not taken at that time. Alternatively, there is other accommodation, but for those contemplating a motel, etc., I would suggest you get in early with your booking.

I realise it is the Masters sausage sizzle that Saturday, but that shouldn't stop us from getting together at the Island after that, and enjoying a couple of days there.

Fran M.



### SAUSAGE SIZZLE

## MASTERS, Scoresby

**SATURDAY**

**25th January 2014**

**IS YOUR NAME DOWN TO HELP?**

**IF NOT—CONTACT GRAEME ASPINALL**