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**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**January 2014**

**To All Rotarians and your families,**  
Welcome back from the mid year break and I hope you have all taken the opportunity to recharge your batteries in preparation for the second half of the Rotary year.  
The second half has already well and truly started with the departure of our Youth Exchange students on the 18th January.  
In February we have our 4 Youth Service seminars plus the arrival of our Group Study Exchange team from Indiana on the 22nd.  
It won't be long before March arrives, and with it our District Conference in Bendigo so please register if you haven't already.  
Finally, please don't overlook our major focus for the year which is to "Promote Membership Growth."

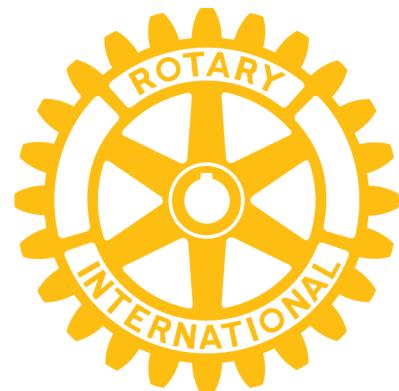
**Regards**

**Merv Ericson**  
District Governor 2013-2014  
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# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Monday 27th Jan	Monday 3 Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 10 Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 17 Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 24 Feb 6.30 for 7.00
<b>Venue:</b>		Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
<b>Program:</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>YEP - A Year in Denmark</b>
<b>Speaker:</b>		N/A	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Kate Campbell</b>
<b>Committee Subject</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Chair:</b>		Mike S	Greg D	Graham F	Rob H
<b>Cashiers:</b>	<b>Holiday</b>	Graeme A & Paul Mc	Paul W & Virginia R	Mike S & Graeme A	Paul Mc & Virginia R
<b>Grace &amp; Toast:</b>		Virginia R	Paul Mc	John F	Stuart V
<b>Rotary Knowledge</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Sergeant-At-Arms:</b>		Fran M	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M
<b>Scribe:</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	Bob H	John F	Paul Mc	Rob D

# Rotary



<i><b>Birthdays:</b></i>	1st Feb—Graeme Aspinall
<i><b>Wedding Anniversaries:</b></i>	None
<i><b>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</b></i>	None



# MINUTES OF WEEKLY MEETING

MONDAY, 20th January, 2014

Meeting opened at 7.01 p.m. with President Phil welcoming all members and speaker Stephen Powell.

## President's announcements:

Thanked "Vanessa" for hosting the fireside meeting last week and Graham F for the week before.

**Chairman:** **Graham Faulkner**

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

**Secretary:** **John Flemming**

Read and distributed the mail.

**Apologies:** Greg D, Rob H, Fran M, Rahul M

**Treasurer:** **Enid Hughes**

No report

**Vocational:** **Phil Walters**

No report

**Community:** **Graeme Aspinall**

- Masters Sausage Sizzle—Please advise Graeme A if unavailable.
- Combined meeting with RC Boronia and Inner Wheel. Count taken of who wishes to attend. (\$20 per head)
- Community Kitchen—dates incorrect in the bulletin. Roster with new dates circulated.
- Ray White received heaps of Christmas presents which were donated to the Foothills Christmas Dinner
- Received a call from *Keep Australia Beautiful* people giving permission to proceed with the FTG Railway Station beautification program.

**International:** **Paul McAloney**

No report

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

- Youth Exchange—Enid H reported—
  - Outbound student Kate Campbell has returned from Denmark. Barbara and Enid welcomed her home when she arrived at Melbourne airport
  - Outbound student Rhiannon Ives departed for Austria. Enid H was at the airport to say farewell.
  - Inbound student Barbara Gaudencio is moving to her new host family on Wednesday—Julie and Mark Goodchild will be her host parents.

**Fellowship:** **Fran Mandergeddes**

Fran was absent so no report. However, the proposed weekend at the Mandergeddes weekend home on Philip Island together with the President's Picnic has been cancelled.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** **Virginia Rutledge**

Virginia tested us on our knowledge of Christmas carols and fined us all.

**Skill:** Graeme A drew Queen of Clubs

## PROGRAM: From Tiles to Tigers—Stephen Powell

Chairman Graham F introduced Stephen as an artist and teacher. Stephen's background was not art—he began this career at 40 years old. Previously he was an industrial manager at Johnson Bros (then Johnson Tiles).

To start with, Stephen got involved with an environmental group, newsletters etc. and especially art photography. He was made an offer to publish his work (which subsequently fell through), but he wanted to do artwork (painting). It was lots of hard work but he progressed through the years. He then moved from water colour work to oils. He was asked to help teach which turned into ongoing teaching of painting. His passion is wildlife painting.

Stephen has been involved in various community activities via his children in his role as "house dad". He received a donation to go to Africa; almost got eaten by a lioness on the first day! He now takes trips to Africa but is currently evaluating his priorities of painting vs other pursuits. As a result of these pursuits he has been asked to do even more things such as international presentations.

Many questions ensued and closed the evening.

There being no further business the President announced there would be no meeting next week due to the Australia Day holiday; advised housekeeping duties and led members in singing happy birthday to Stuart Vize.

Meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.



## ONE BACK..... ONE GONE.....

Our outbound exchange student Rhiannon Ives was one of several young people who departed Melbourne on Saturday, 18th January. Rhiannon was headed initially to Sydney on a domestic flight. From there she was bound for Austria. In particular, Rotary District 1920 in Steyr. Rhiannon is as prepared as she can be—she not only studied hard in learning to speak German (her language for the next year), but she consulted our current inbound student Barbara on the how to make her first presentation to her host club. Looking forward to hearing how you went on Rhiannon!

In the meantime, we all wish you the best of good luck in your year ahead. Have a wonderful time, stay safe and remember that Rotarians take great care of their exchange students.



Above: Rhiannon kisses Mum (Helen) goodbye watched by her sister (Catherine) and Dad (Martin).



Below: *from Left to right:*  
Stuart McDonald, Elijah Rowlands  
(exchange student sponsored by RC Croydon), Wally Spinks, Bob Prosser,  
DG Merv Ericson, with Rhiannon Ives



## FIRESIDE MEETING

Virginia H's home

Despite the facial expressions—the meeting really was a lot of fun. Thank you Virginia for offering your home to us for a fireside meeting.



## Community Kitchen Roster -

### 2014

#### Guide Hall

Underwood Rd

Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car park)

Rotary roster - every second Wednesday, 5.30pm

DATE	ROTARIAN
12th Feb	Graeme Aspinall
26th Feb	Paul Wilson
12th March	John Flemming
26th March	Virginia Rutledge
9th April	Graeme Aspinall
23rd April	Paul Wilson
7th May	Enid Hughes
21st May	John Flemming
4th June	Graeme Aspinall
18th June	Paul Wilson
2nd July	Virginia Rutledge
16th July	Paul McAloney
30th July	John Flemming
13th August	Paul McAloney
27th August	Graeme Aspinall
10th September	Paul Wilson
24th September	Virginia Rutledge
8th October	Enid Hughes
22nd October	John Flemming
5th November	Virginia Rutledge
19th November	Graeme Aspinall
3rd December	Paul Wilson
17th December	Enid Hughes



Dinner provided  
Contact Graeme Aspinall for more information  
0425 432 290



## District 9810 Conference Newsletter 1

Happy New Year from the 2014 Conference Committee. We trust your Rotary year is successful.

With only nine weeks to the start of the Bendigo Conference, we would like to remind you to log into the District Conference website to register at <http://2014conference.9810rotary.org.au/registration/>.

Registration numbers are encouraging and it promises to be a full-house so don't miss out. **Register now!**

Here are some items for your consideration:

1. **Called to Higher Service:** Please forward a photograph of best possible quality (colour or black/white) of the currently serving Rotarian who has deceased to Glenda Sherwin-Lane at [gsl-email@bigpond.com](mailto:gsl-email@bigpond.com). **Please attach the photo to the email – do not embed it in the body of the message.**

Along with the photo, please provide the name of the Rotarian, the name of the club, date of induction, last day of membership and date of death.

2. **Volunteers Required:**

- a. Four volunteers to assist in the Green Room in various roles on a rotation basis – you won't miss out on the Conference.
- b. One volunteer as Stage Manager B to work with AV people. Must have good skills in computers, be able to give clear direction, be able to respond quickly and efficiently through communication medium, be fit and **be quiet**.

If you are interested, please email Committee Chair, Wil Cornelissen, at [w.cornelissen.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:w.cornelissen.rotary@gmail.com)

3. **Sporting Activities in association with the Conference:**

- a. **Golf:** Registrations can be made through the Conference Registration Form and further information can be obtained through the Conference website.
- b. **Bowls:** This is a first-time event and all bowlers are encouraged to consider participating. Again, you can register through the Conference Registration Form.
- c. **Cricket:** Another first-time event. We have an Opposition Team comprising cricketers from Bendigo. Now we need a Rotary team. Interested in participating? Contact Graeme Amoore at [gamoore@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gamoore@bigpond.net.au) and include in the Subject line of your email "Conference Cricket" - or by mobile 0418 357 812.

**Wil Cornelissen**

**Chairman, 2014 District Conference Committee**

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