

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

### ROTARY SUPPORTS LOCAL CFA

Last Tuesday night members of RC Fern Tree Gully turned up to hand over the takings of the tin rattle conducted with the support of members of both Ferntree Gully and Upper Ferntree Gully Fire Brigades, only to find they were out doing their job! A fire at the Wantirna tip resulting from a large number of mattresses igniting. Fire trucks descended from everywhere to help put it out. The tin rattle was a great success, netting \$15,000 to be split between the two brigades.

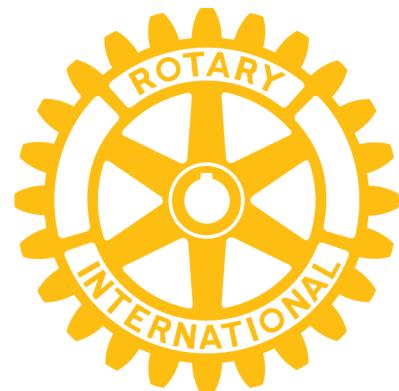
*Pictured below: Capt. Seamus Smith (FTG) PE Mike Spark, Capt. Peter Smith (UFTG) and PP Enid Hughes. The local media (Greg Carrick, FTG Mail) was in attendance but the photo (as always(!) was taken by our own resident photographer, Paul Wilson.*



## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Monday 10 Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 17 Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 24 Feb 6.30 for 7.00	Monday 3 Mar [6.30 for 7.00]
<b>Venue:</b>	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
<b>Program:</b>	Helping Timor Leste - the Casa Vida Project	Real Estate & Com- munity	YEP - A Year in Denmark	TBA
<b>Speaker:</b>	Marion Young- Healy	Matthew George	Kate Campbell	TBA
<b>Committee Subject</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Chair:</b>	Greg D	Graham F	Rob H	Virginia R
<b>Cashiers:</b>	Paul W & Virginia R	Mike S & Graeme A	Paul Mc & Virginia R	Rob D & Greg D
<b>Grace &amp; Toast:</b>	Paul Mc	John F	Stuart V	Graham F
<b>Rotary Knowledge</b>	TBA	TBA	N/A	
<b>Sergeant-At-Arms:</b>	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M
<b>Scribe:</b>	John F	Paul Mc	Rob D	Paul W

# Rotary



<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	12th—Jill & Paul Wilson '77
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	16th—Graham Faulkner—'04



*Editor Enid—Don't Mess With Me—I'm a Senior*

# THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

Monday, 3rd February, 2014

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m. with President Phil welcoming everyone and announced there would be a committee meeting tonight instead of a speaker. This to be followed by a Board Meeting.

**Chairman:** **Mike Spark**

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

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

Read and distributed the mail

**Apologies:** Bob Hurst, Julie Goodchild, Greg Downes, Rahul Mediratta

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

Reported on payments made including various Youth Exchange costs including registration for District Conference.

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

No report

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

- Masters Sausage Sizzle—\$258.00 taken
- RAWCS stamps \$2.00 each for badge stickers - passed around.
- Relay for Life—29/30th March. Will compile roster closer to the event
- Stationeer's Project has been approved. We will get planting plan and plants.
- Men's Shed at Rowville (Stamford House). Now intending to set one up at Upper FTG in a house at the base of the National Park.
- Kathleen Loxton, volunteer for Friends of Koolunga Reserve—seeks help around her property.

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

- Received invitation from District to participate in Youth Exchange again next year. Reaffirmed our club will not be participating due to the difficulties of finding host families.
- Suggested the club concentrates on RYLA and RYPEN—one possible recommendation. Will call for others via the bulletin.
- RYPEN will also be followed up—possibly Ian McFarlane's daughter. Again, to be advertised in the bulletin.

**International:** **Paul McAloney (Absent)**

- Enid H advised she had contacted ABC Dreams re the renewal of donations for the support of the five students sponsored by the club (\$1250 due in March) and enquiring as to procedure with students sponsored by others.

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

- Weekend at Philip Island was cancelled

- 2nd March is Clean Up Australia Day—Suggested the club do a “breakfast & clean-up”.
- President's Picnic (Pres. Phil unavailable until May). Fairfield Board House was suggested as a venue.
- Treble Clef mentioned as a possible visit

## Other:

Graham F—spoke about Bikes for Life (an article in the Whitehorse Leader). The take unwanted bikes, refurbish them and pass them on to needy people.

**Sergeant-at-arms:** **Fran Mandergeddes**

Wracked her poor busy brain on how to rip our dollars from us.

## PROGRAM: COMMITTEE MEETING

Members gathered in their committee groups for discussions before reporting back to the meeting (See Chairman's Reports).

There being no further business the Chairman read out the housekeeping, advised members he would be an apology next week and for a further three or four weeks in March.

Meeting closed at 8.42 p.m. Scribe: John Flemming

## Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

This program is one of personal development to communicate to students aged between 14 and 17 years of age a series of ideas, problems and social experiences over a three day seminar designed to assist the young participants to form their own values and moral standards. Conducted by a Rotary Club on behalf of the District Governor and in compliance with the RYPEN Program guidelines, awardees are sponsored and paid for by Rotary Clubs throughout District 9810.

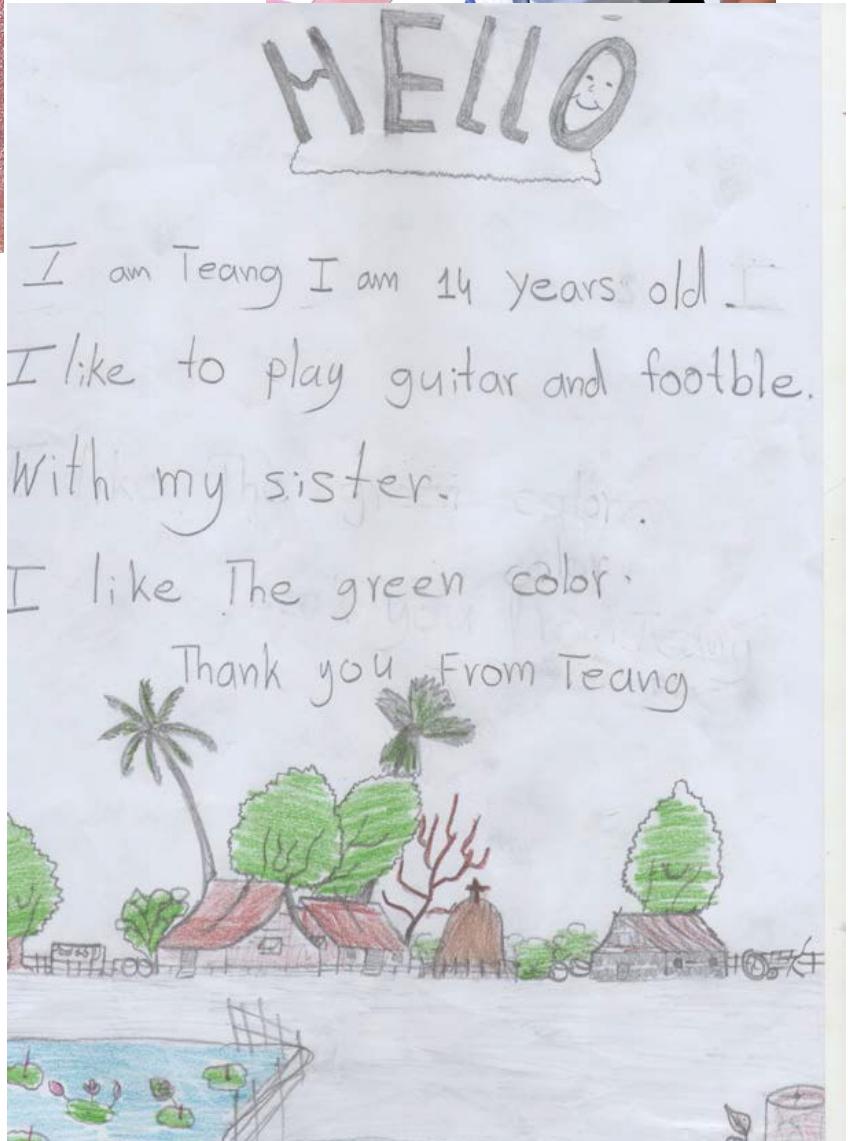
The 2014 RYPEN camp will be held from Friday 23 May to Sunday 25 May 2014.

A brochure giving further details of the next RYPEN camp, the application form and the health form will be available on this site some months before the event. The documents below relate to the completed 2013 RYPEN and are provided for reference purposes only.

See more at: <http://operations.9810rotary.org.au/new-generations/rypen/>

**DO YOU HAVE A PROPOSED CANDIDATE IN MIND? —PLEASE SEE VIRGINIA RUTLEDGE**

## OUR FAMILY IN CAMBODIA....



**Veurng** and her two children, baby Kimly and Theang, are a tight knit and affectionate family. Theang adores little Kimly, helping his mum whenever he can to look after his beautiful baby sister.

Since moving into their new home they have collaged their walls, making it the most beautiful house on the block! Theang is an excellent student, referred to affectionately as Teacher Theang by the local children, who he helps with their homework after school.

Veurng is incredibly proud of her bright young son, and we look forward to happy future for the family.

## JOKE FOR THE WEEK....

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00am by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push. "Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3:00 in the morning !!!" He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that ?" asked his wife.

"Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers.

"Did you help him ?" she asks.

"No, I did not - it's 3 in the morning and it's bloomin'-well pouring with rain out there !!!"

"Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember, about three months ago, when we broke down, and those two guys helped us ? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself !! God loves drunk people too, you know."

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"

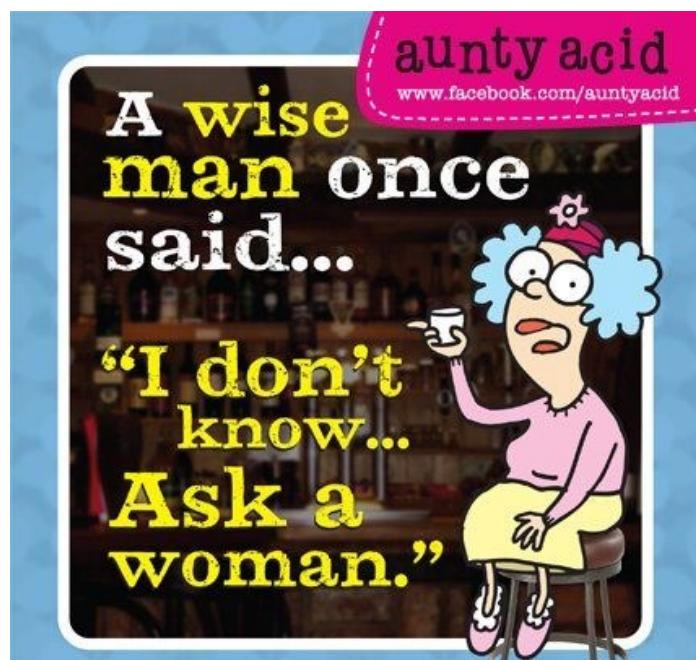
"Yes," comes back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband.

"Yes, please !!!" comes the reply from the dark.

"Where are you ?" asks the husband.

"Over here - on the swing," replied the drunk.



## 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  
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