

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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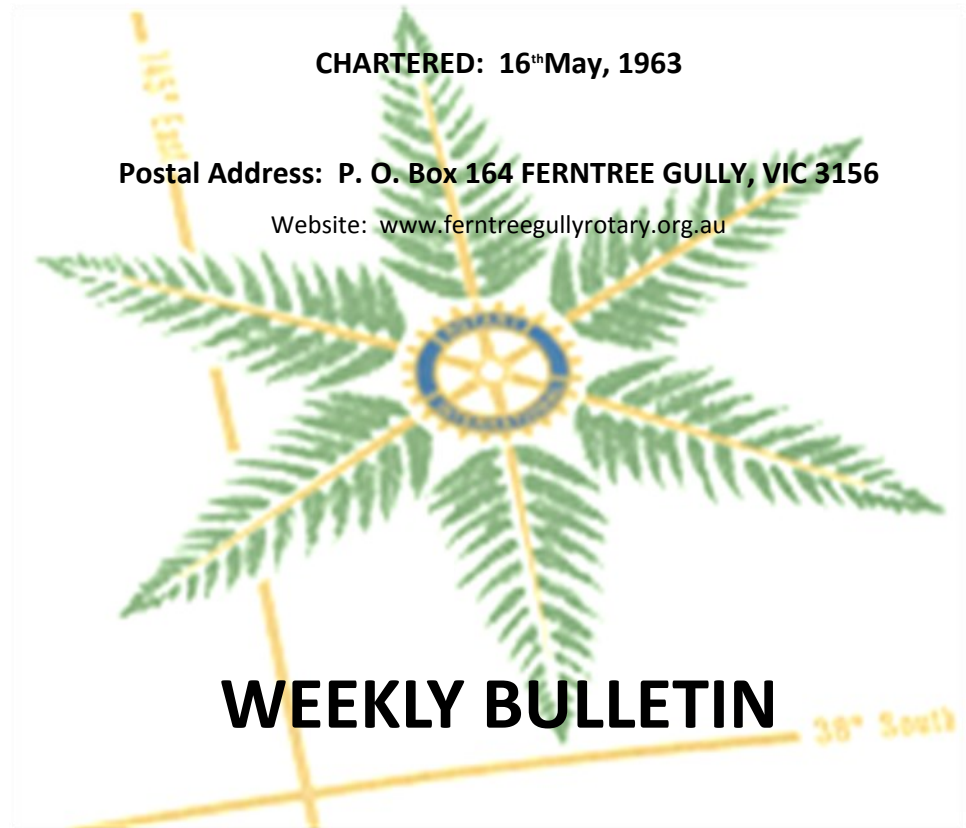
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## ***Gemma Sisia and Barbara Gaudencio***

Past Youth Exchange Student, and Group Study Exchange participant Gemma Sisia established the School of St Jude in Tanzania. Her presentation to the conference attendees was practical, down to earth and very moving. Club members may recall that RC Fern Tree Gully was a sponsor some years ago when Gemma first came up with the idea. You should see the school now! All praise to Gemma for establishing such a magnificent project.

## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>Monday 31st March [6.30 for 7.00]</b>	<b>Monday 7th April [6.30 for 7.00]</b>	<b>Monday 14th April [6.30 for 7.00]</b>	<b>Monday 21st April 6.30 for 7.00</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
<b>Program:</b>	Chinese Dance Culture	Committee Meeting	Diseaseproofing Your Diet	Easter
<b>Speaker:</b>	Elaine Featherstone	N/A	Tess O'Shea	Monday
<b>Committee Subject</b>	N/A	TBA	N/A	No
<b>Chair:</b>	Rob D	Mike S	Graeme A	
<b>Cashiers:</b>	Bob H & Graeme A	Greg D & Paul W	Graham F & Paul McA	Meeting
<b>Grace &amp; Toast:</b>	John F	Stuart V	Enid H	
<b>Rotary Knowledge</b>	TBA	N/A	TBA	
<b>Sergeant-At-Arms:</b>	Paul W	Fran M	Fran M	
<b>Scribe:</b>	Paul Mc	Rob D	Bob H	

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



# THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

Monday, 24th March, 2014

Meeting opened at 7.00pm with Pres. Phil welcoming all members and our guest speaker Sue Worland, exchange student Barbara and soon to be new member Christine.

**Chairman:** Bob Hurst

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

**Secretary:** John Flemming

- Read and distributed the incoming mail
  - Notification of National Youth science Forum

**Apologies:** Rahul Mediratta, Julie Goodchild, Paul Wilson, Greg Downes

**Treasurer:** Enid Hughes

- Advised that a software upgrade was required to update MYOB to be compatible with latest version of Windows on new laptop

**Vocational:** Phil Walters  
No report

**Community:** Graeme Aspinall

- Sought support from member's to attend club BBQ at Relay for Life on Saturday PM and Sunday AM.
- An article appeared in last week's Knox Leader re CFA intersection collection last year.

**New Generations:** Virginia Rutledge

- Requested guidance as to the process of becoming involved in the National Youth Science Forum.

**International:** Paul McAloney

- Tara Winkler who established the Cambodian Children's Trust (a Club Project) was featured on last weeks The Australian Story (ABC TV). Suggested members try to view it, can be seen on IView

**Fellowship:** Fran Mandergeddes  
No report

**Club Service:** Mike Spark

- Having attended the recent District Conference Mike gave an outline of the guest speaker's presentations. Thought it was a well-run conference with more involvement of exchange students.

**Sergeant-at-Arms—Fran Mandergeddes**

Fran extracted a gold coin for a limerick on each member.

**Skill:** Enid H drew 5 of Hearts

## PROGRAM: SCOPE—Sue Worland

Sue outlined the services of Scope (formally the Spastic Children Society) and its life style education centres for teenagers through to adults

The Spastic Children Society was established back in 1948 to support children with Cerebral Palsy, it now has 50 centres throughout Metro Melbourne and country Victoria providing a purpose for their individual needs along with providing respite for their families.

Sue presented a number of visuals of how participants are involved having jobs with a purpose being employed in their sheltered workshops.

Volunteers are always required to help with the many tasks of running such an organisation.

Chairman Bob Thanked Sue and presented a gift of appreciation. President Phill, in also thanking Sue presented her with a cheque for \$200—a club donation to this very worthy cause.

There being no further business President Phil thanked all the attendees, announced the housekeeping duties and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Scribe: Graeme Aspinall

## Silent Morning Teas across Victoria

Scope encouraged the community to celebrate AAC Awareness Month by holding Silent Morning Teas. Over 65 events were held with over 2000 people experiencing what it is like in not being able to talk. The Silent Morning Tea encouraged the community to communicate in ways other than speech, and to raise awareness about the different ways people communicate



Scope offers a wide range of services from services for people with a disability to services for carers, employers and other groups.

Central to our service offering is the direct support offered through our Client Services, Disability Employment through Employment Futures, Packaging & Assembly, Communication Resource Centre and Scope Research.



# DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2014—ALL SEASONS RESORT, BENDIGO



DG Merv Ericson with the outgoing GSE team who will be heading out very shortly to District 6580 Indiana, USA.



DGE Tony Monley announces next year's conference will be in Ballarat—13th to 15th March, 2015



Keynote speaker **Mark Squirrel**—*Fighting hunger on Mount Everest*



The *Eradicate Polio* team who went to India a second time



Youth Exchange Students Victoria Isaac and Bella Tsai pose with the Conference Banner



Youth Exchange Students presented a cheque for \$25,000 to Kay Ericson as part of her DG's Partner's Special Project.—End Polio Now.



# RELAY FOR LIFE KNOX

29th & 30th March, 2014

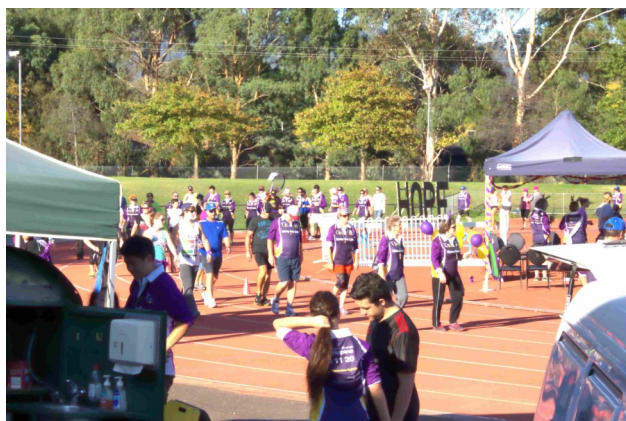


On Saturday a number of club members gathered to set up for the Relay for Life barbeque—sausages, hamburgers and drinks were on the menu. Dinner business was brisk. We under catered on the sausages and over catered on the hamburgers but all was well.

Sunday morning (6.00 a.m.!) John Flemming once again lit the barbeque as hungry walkers lined up for bacon and egg rolls. We'd planned on cooking and serving until 10.00 a.m. but ran out of both food and customers by about 9.00—9.30 a.m.

Thanks go to Graeme A and John F for doing the bulk of the organizing. Thanks also to those who helped cook, serve and clean up—Virginia R, Paul W, Phil W and soon-to-be-member Christine Anderson. Did a great job Christine—welcome aboard!

*Enid Hughes  
Editor*





COMING UP....

## Ferntree Gully Volunteers' Expo

17th May, 2014

10.00 a.m.—2.00 p.m

Ferntree Gully Community  
Arts Centre

This is an opportunity for RC FTG to re-establish our presence in the district.

Members will be asked to participate in manning the Rotary stand. More details shortly.

Arrangements for this are progressing well—club members will be updated verbally.



## Should Kids Witness a Birth?

It was late at night and Heidi, who was expecting her second child was home alone with her 3-year old daughter Katelyn. When Heidi started going into labour, she called "911". Due to a power outage at the time, only one paramedic responded to the call.

The house was very, very dark, so the paramedic asked Katelyn to hold a flashlight high over her mommy so he could see while he helped deliver the baby.

Very diligently, Katelyn did as she was asked. Heidi pushed and pushed, and after a little while Connor was born. The paramedic lifted him by his little feet and spanked him on the bottom. Connor began to cry.

The paramedic then thanked Katelyn for her help and asked the wide-eyed 3-year old what she thought about what she had just witnessed.

Katelyn quickly responded, "**He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place. Smack him again!**"



## 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
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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