

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

### BALI—YOGA RETREAT

No *Phili's Osphy* this week and having arrived home in the early hours of this morning after flying all night I'm a bit short on sleep, time and news so I thought I'd give you a few snapshots of my stay in Bali.



The Resort—Bali Santi, Candidasa

Below: Starting the day at 6.00 am with a yoga class.



Above: Our dining area

Below: Our classroom.



## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 2nd June [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 9th June	Monday 16th June [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 23rd June [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 30th June [6.30 for 7.00]
<b>Venue:</b>	Knox Tavern		Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
<b>Program:</b>	Committee Meeting	Queens Birthday	TBA	Southern Cross Kids Club	Changeover
<b>Speaker:</b>	N/A	No		Craig Schneider & Liz Green	Barbara Gaudencio
<b>Committee Subject</b>	TBA	Meeting	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Chair:</b>	Mike S		Greg D	Paul McA	Paul W
<b>Cashiers:</b>	Graham F & Graeme A		Mike S & Paul McA	Rob D & Graham F	Christine A & Bob H
<b>Grace &amp; Toast:</b>	Virginia R		Stuart V	John F	Enid Hughes
<b>Rotary Knowledge</b>	N/A		N/A	N/A	TBA
<b>Sergeant-At-Arms:</b>	Fran M		Fran M	Fran M	Fran M
<b>Scribe:</b>	Christine A		Virginia R	Graham A	John F

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	6th—Ken Thomson '63 (Charter Member)



# THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

Monday, 19th May, 2014

**Meeting Opened:** at 7.04 pm **President** welcoming all members present and our guest speaker, KNOXBROOKE CEO Rad Kilian.

**President's announcements:** Reminded members that our Secretary PP ENID requires Chairman's annual reports in the next few days in order to prepare the annual report

**Chairman :** PP Graham Faulkner called for reports from Chairman (also gloated about Collingwood win at the weekend but got his comeuppance in the Sgt's session)

**Secretary: P.P. John Flemming :** Read through the mail, quite a few letters from university students seeking some support with their study programs etc

**Apologies:** received from Rtn Greg Downes, PP Rob Dawson, PP Paul MacAloney, PP Julie Goodchild, Rtn Rahul and PP Enid Hughes

**Make Ups:** None reported

**Treasurer:** No report as our Secretary is on Holidays in Bali

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

**Community Service:** No report

**Vocational Service:** No report

**International Service:** No report

**New Generations:** Rtn Virginia said she had some reports that some of the bowel scan kits that were being sold through some local pharmacies had last years to date on them. Also said that unfortunately had to cancel at the last minute a meeting to be held the previous Thursday to commence the process of setting up a Rotaract club.

**Club Service:** No report

**Fellowship:** PP Fran said she had 6 starters for the concert on Sunday at Burringa Theatre in applying). She also read a poster prepared by the Lions Club of Wantirna seeking assistance for a little boy called "Oscar the Brave" (see attached)

**Sergeant-At-Arms: Rtn.** PP Fran was able to wreak revenge on the chairman for not only gloating about the Collingwood win but for failing to introduce her. She proceeded to fine each one present with a quote from the Encyclopedia of Collingwood jokes. Such as:-  
"There are 2 Collingwood supporters in a car without any music, who is driving? The answer a policeman".

What a shame Paul MacAloney wasn't there to enjoy the moment

**Skills Attempt:** Won by Rtn Paul Wilson who unfortunately drew 7 of clubs

## PROGRAMME:

Our guest speaker for the evening was the CEO of KNOXBROOKE Rad Kilian who is a retired accountant he was approached to take on the role in order to rescue the facility from dire financial straits. He gave us a rundown on the history of KNOXBROOKE focusing on the original involvement of the Rotary club of Fern Tree Gully and the Rotary Club of Belgrave, who were responsible for the establishment of the facility back in the late 60's which commenced with a public meeting in 1967 and the opening of the facility in 1969.

Originally KNOXBROOKE was to cater for intellectually and physically handicapped children but has progressed to catering for adults. It has a number of operations that generate income with a turnover for the 2012/2013 financial year of some \$7.6 million of which \$2 million came from their commercial operations will stop currently they have net assets of \$7.6 million. Administration is conducted from 2 locations, one in The Original Site in Fern Tree Gully and the other Mount Evelyn.

One of the purposes for the visit by Rad Kilian was to re-engage with Fern Tree Gully as the board of management of KNOXBROOKE is keen to renew their links with the organisation responsible for their establishment, namely the Rotary Clubs of Fern Tree Gully and Belgrave.

It was an extremely interesting talk and very enlightening for club members most of whom were totally unaware of our past relationship with Knobrooke. If room permits there will be copies of some correspondence and excerpts from the first board meeting from those early days attached to this bulletin.

After the Chairman thanked the speaker and presented him with a pen that has a 'computer thingy' in it he handed the meeting back to President Phil.

The Pres. said there were no announcements regarding birthdays or anniversaries but that a very important induction took place this week way back in 1970; it was that of Past President Stuart Vize, **congratulations Stuart on 44 years of Rotary service**

Meeting Closed at 8.45 pm or thereabouts

Scribe: Robert Hurst

## COMING UP....



### Car Rally & President's Picnic

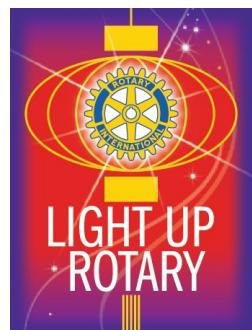
Sunday, 15th June  
Details shortly—see Fran



### CHANGEOVER DINNER

Monday 30th June, 2014  
Knox Tavern  
6.30 for 7.00 p.m.

Goodbye Phil—Welcome Mike



## 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
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	Christine Anderson
19th November	Graeme Aspinall
3rd December	Paul Wilson
17th December	Enid Hughes

Dinner provided  
Contact Graeme Aspinall for  
more information  
0425 432 290



# Wanted!!!

## 300 donors for "Oscar the Brave"

Lions Club of Wantirna seeks the support of 300 generous people or organisations to donate \$100 each [or any amount you can!!] to raise **\$30,000 urgently needed for a special vehicle for "Oscar the Brave".**

Oscar is the son of Vicki and Andrew and brother to Madison. In 2012, on the day before his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday, Oscar was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). DMD is the most aggressive form of Muscular Dystrophy causing muscles to break down, leading to progressive difficulty with walking and general mobility and eventual complete muscle failure, including heart and lungs. The disease affects 1 in 3500 boys, is genetic and has no cure. Now 8 years old, Oscar will soon be permanently wheelchair bound and the family is now in urgent need of a suitable vehicle with hydraulics to accommodate an electric wheelchair.

**The vehicle is vital for Oscar to attend medical appointments, the Children's Hospital, weekly therapy, school and outings including watching his beloved football games.**

The family has devoted their financial resources toward preparing their home for wheelchair access and operation and is unable to fund the purchase and fit-out of a vehicle. Such a specialised vehicle costs around \$40,000. They have submitted an application to SWEP (Statewide Equipment Program) for a grant of up to \$10,000 towards the vehicle purchase. The disease has been devastating emotionally, physically and economically. Ongoing costs to modify the family home and the desire to have as much quality time with Oscar is taking its toll. They are a great family and have exercised significant "self help" but they now need our support. This is where you come in!!

### Tax deductible donations

May be made to the Lions Club Oscar the Brave Public Fund – Vehicle Project by:

- Depositing to project account: BSB 633 000 Ac# 151 578 317 (Bendigo Community Bank Wantirna)
- Sending a cheque to Lions Club of Wantirna, PO Box 5199 Studfield 3152
- **NOTE!!** to obtain a tax receipt ensure you record a unique reference on your deposit and send email to [cdanson@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cdanson@bigpond.net.au) (allow 4 weeks for receipt)

**We will be very grateful for your support!!**

**LIONS CLUB**



## KNOXBROOKE TRAINING CENTRE

### FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

20TH SEPTEMBER, 1968

Fern Tree Gully and Districts Welfare Association for the  
Intellectually Handicapped.

This is the first annual report of the Fern Tree Gully and Districts Welfare Association for the Intellectually Handicapped. It will also define the historical background to Knoxbrooke. If not officially recorded at this point these things may be forgotten.

We have, of course, nothing above ground to show you, but in the drawer we have a constitution and files of correspondence, we have the title to three acres of land and a set of working drawings for a day training centre which we believe will not be shamed by any other in the world at this time, we have a bank balance in credit and an organization of some size and complexity.

Historically, these are the details. In March, 1966, the Rotary Club of Belgrave rated as urgent the need in the Dandenongs Ranges area for training facilities for intellectually handicapped children and young people. No schools of any kind existed for them. Parents, independently, were required to transport their children long distances to training centres outside the district. Other children were receiving no expert training and were offered no promise of it. The Rotary Club of Belgrave therefore adopted as its major project for 1966 the raising of funds to buy a bus which would be used to transport children between their homes and the nearest centre able to absorb the intake.

There were unexpected difficulties. All training centres within reasonable reach were fully and indefinitely committed. The bus would offer a service to those children in the Shire of Sherbrooke who were already attending centres but would not assist the larger number of children for whom no training was being provided.

At this time, July, 1966 the Community Service Committee of the Belgrave Rotary Club began regular joint meetings with the Community Service Committee of the Fern Tree Gully Rotary Club. The Fern Tree Gully Club, independently aware of the same situation, had, with the assistance of the Mental Hygiene Department of the State Government, commenced a survey of its own area to determine the precise needs and numbers of the intellectually handicapped. The clubs accepted the wisdom of working together to solve a major problem. The solution seemed to be the establishment of a new Day Training Centre to be located, ideally, at Fern Gully.

By December, 1966, with the help of the Mental Hygiene Department and the Welfare Officers of the Shires of Knox and Sherbrooke (Mrs. M. Rule and Mrs. A. De Prada respectively) the two clubs listed twenty children as known and suitable for training and formally requested by deputation the assistance of both Shire Councils. Consideration was promised by the Councils, subject to the submission of firm proposals. Preliminary research at this time indicated that at least \$60,000 would be needed to cover the purchase of a suitable site and the cost of erection of a Day Training Centre for forty children. Rotary had been advised to plan for a larger number of children than the survey had found; experience throughout the world had shown that others inevitably were brought forward by parents when a centre was established. Of this \$60,000, provided the

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