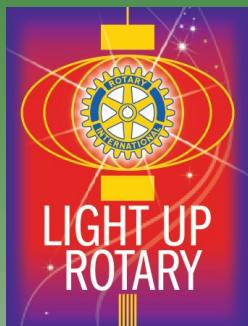


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Rotary Club of Templestowe

President,

MIKE SPARK & Wendy

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

IVAN GGOVIC,

Vale: August 2003

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN



The End of an Era.

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the passing of one of our founding members.

Ken Thomson.

Ken died peacefully on Saturday, 13th July. He was a wonderful man; a great Rotarian who will be remembered for a long time to come.

For those who would like to attend his funeral the service will be at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 23rd July at St John the Divine Church, 5 Toorak Avenue, Croydon. He is to be cremated so there will be no other service. His family advise there will be "a wake" afterwards for those who wish to raise a glass to the memory of an old friend and comrade.

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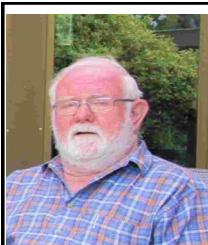
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UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

| Date & Time: | Monday 21st July [6.30 for 7.00] | Monday 28th July [6.30 for 7.00] | Monday 4th August [6.30 for 7.00] | Monday 11th August [6.30 for 7.00] | Monday 18th August [6:30 for 7:00] |
|-------------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| Venue: | Knox Tavern | Knox Tavern | Knox Tavern | Knox Tavern | Knox Tavern |
| Program: | District Governor's Visit | Prabhat Alloii - Home of a New Dawn | Committee Meeting | TBA | TBA |
| Speaker: | Tony Monley & Kathy | Shivanii Cameron | N/A | | |
| Committee Subject | N/A | N/A | TBA | N/A | N/A |
| Chair: | Paul McA | Graeme A | Mike S | Graham F | Greg D |
| Cashiers: | Graeme A & Rob D | Paul W & Christine A | Paul McA & Virginia R | Greg D & Fran M | Graham F & Paul W |
| Grace & Toast: | Enid H | Paul McA | Fran M | Stuart V | John F |
| Rotary Knowledge | TBA | TBA | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| Sergeant-At-Arms: | Bob H | Bob H | Rob D | Rob D | Rob D |
| Scribe: | Paul W | Rob D | Christine A | Graeme A | Paul McA |

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



“MIKE’S MUSINGS....

Hi, all!

On Thursday, Wendy and I attended the changeover night for Inner Wheel of Boronia, with John and Ann Flemming. A good venue (Quest), nice food and great company made for an enjoyable night (a lot of toasts, though! J). It was our first time at an Inner Wheel event, and we were very impressed with what they do and how they go about it – very impressive!

I’m looking forward to the annual District Governor’s visit on Monday to hear about District plans for the coming year, and to report to him prior to the meeting on our Club’s intentions for the year (along with John and Enid).

The membership plan will be finalized after Rob Dawson and I attend the district membership workshop on July 25 – more on that matter later.

Keep well, and happy! TTFN - Mike

*Mike Spark
President*

THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

Monday, 7th July 2014

The meeting opened at 7.04 p.m. with President Mike welcoming all members

President Mike announced:

- DG's visit next monday partners are most welcome.
- Saturday 18th Oct is Purple for Polio Day. The club will organise a social event on this day.
- Presented a cheque to Fran Mandergeddes for \$420.00 dollars being the club's contribution towards the Lions fundraiser for "Oscar"

Chairman: Rob Dawson called for reports.

Secretary John Flemming

- Read the incoming mail
- Aston Ward re Community awards.
- District congratulating Phil Walters on his year and his achievements.
- District re 4 way speech contest.
- Apologies—Greg Downes, Virginia Rutledge

Treasurer Enid Hughes

- Advised the club had presented a cheque for \$200.00 to the Southern Cross Kids Camp.

Vocational Service Phil Walters

No report

Community Service Graeme Aspinall

- Advised the meeting that past member David Gilbert has been made a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Pambula. The citation recognised his service with our club. Well done David.

International Service Paul McAloney

No report

Youth Service Paul Wilson

- Paul gave a report on the RYLA camp.

Club Service Mike Spark

No report

Fellowship Fran Mandergeddes

- Asked if members would be interested in seeing Mrs Brown the movie. Most members were interested in attending.

Other:

- President Mike advised that our inaugural member Ken Thomson passed away last Sat night. Now that's a bloody disgrace. Rest in peace digger you will never be forgotten.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Hurst

Fined us for our previous occupations, and some of us who had dreams of certain occupations.

Skill: Enid drew the 3 of hearts. We still live.

PROGRAM - MUSINGS OF A BAIL JUSTICE

Guest Speaker: Robert Mealyea

- Bail Justices provide a voluntary service to the community by convening out of session hearings when the courts are closed. Bail Justices determine whether a person arrested during the night, weekends or public holidays should be released on bail or held in custody, until the courts are open.
- Bail Justices also hear urgent requests by the Department of Human Services in relation to child protection matters.
- Bail Justices are appointed by the Victorian Attorney-General under the provisions of the Magistrates Court Act 1989
- There are three crimes that result in a person being automatically being placed in custody and they are:
 1. Murder
 2. Treason
 3. Drug dealing.
- If a person is eligible for parole it will be granted.

A number of questions were asked by members.

After doing the housekeeping President Mike closed the meeting at 8.46pm

Scribe: Paul McA





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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 |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 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
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An old Cherokee told his grandson, "My son, there is a battle between two wolves inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies and ego. The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy, & truth."

The boy thought about it, and asked, "Grandfather, which wolf wins?"

The old man quietly replied, "The one you feed."

- author unknown

GREAT COMMUNITY RAFFLE

Maxi's Mall
Upper Ferntree Gully

Saturday 26 July
2.00—5.00 Ian McFarlane

WE NEED MORE PEOPLE
GRAEME A IS NOW BACK
PLEASE SEE HIM



FROM RHIANNON IN AUSTRIA.....



With Rhiannon Ives, Kelly Baker, Sophie Howard, Emma Stubbs and Mitch Petreski at Klagenfurt, Austria.

Dear Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully. I can not believe I have been in Österreich for almost 6 months. Time has been flying by so quickly. Before I know it I will be back in Australia and back to the life I lived for the first 14 years of my life. After my two week German language course in Altmünster I started school at BG Werndlpark in Steyr. I am in the 4th class which is equivalent to our year 7. My class is extremely nice and even



I thoroughly enjoyed it. My host mum and my host sister Iris and I even went to see Mumma Mia the Musical in Wien which was in German but luckily I knew the story so I could follow along. There was also a long weekend that my host dad and I spent in Wien with a friend of his and his daughters. During this time we visited Prater and went to another museum as well as to St Stephen's Cathedral.

Then came the week before Eurotour which began on May 1st and ended on May 16th. During the week before, my host family took me on a small tour around parts of Austria. We drove in the car visiting different museums, churches and zoos around Burgenland and Steiermark (Styria). I enjoyed these few days with my host parents as I knew that as soon as Eu-



though the majority of them are younger than me we all get on really well.

I have also been involved in a few Rotary events. In March, myself and the rest of district 1910 and 1920 went to Schladming for a one week ski course. Here I learnt how to ski and I had an amazing time being with all of the other exchange students for a week. This was also the first time I got to meet a lot of the "oldies".

The next couple of months were filled with small outings with my host family the Brandstätters. I visited the Tiergarten in Haag (The town that I was living in), Schönbrunn Palace, Schönbrunn Tiergarten and many interesting museums. I also got to go to Carnival which was a very different experience but



rotour finished, I was moving to a new family. Then finally came Eurotour.

Eurotour was probably the best two weeks I have ever had as I got to spend this time visiting amazing countries with amazing people. We started in Linz Austria and visited countries such as France, Germany, Belgium, Monaco, Spain and Italy. My favourite place would probably have to be Barcelona as I had never been there before. At the end of Eurotour it was hard for everyone to say goodbye. It was the last time a lot of us

would see our “oldies”. I cried as it was the last time I would see 4 of my best friends who had to go back to their home countries. After Eurotour, I had my last week with my first host family. I then moved to the Sparr family in Ternberg. It was very sad saying goodbye to the Brandstätters but I know we will all see each other again as we already have done a few gatherings since.

Since living in Ternberg I have been to Wien once to see two of my friends who live there. All three of us enjoyed going to the life ball and walking around the beautiful city. However luckily it was not the last time I would see one of them as in June I had a district conference where I got to see a lot of the exchange students again. The conference was fun being with everyone and I enjoyed that we got to go on a boat ride along the river in Klagenfurt. However it was also sad because this was the last time I would see one of my best friends in Austria. The next week my class at school and I all went to Munich where we visited Dachau concentration camp which was Germany’s first Nazi concentration camp. We also visited Allianz Arena and had a tour of the stadium.

It was then my last week of school and what a busy week it was. On Tuesday our school had the schulefest (school party) and my class sold fairy floss. Then on Wednesday I went to the pools with a few girls and a boy in my class before going to one of their houses for dinner. On Thursday, my class had our party which was very different to what I experienced in Australia. Here we organised it all by ourselves and we went to the Steyr river near our school and had a barbecue, went swimming and just had fun. The Friday was sad because it was not only my last day of school before summer holidays, but it was also the last time I would be in a class with a few of the others kids.

After school my friends Jenny and Anna went with me to get ice creams before going swimming in the stadtbäder (citypool). It has been a good start to the school holidays as on Sunday I also went to see my first German film with a girl called Vereena. We went to see *Das Schicksal ist ein miser Verräter* (The fault in our stars). I also spent Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with Anna and Jenny again, swimming, watching movies, cooking and baking and having fun with my friends. And that brings us to today, Friday 11th of July. Only 181 days to go until the best adventure of my life comes to a close.

Rhiannon.

