

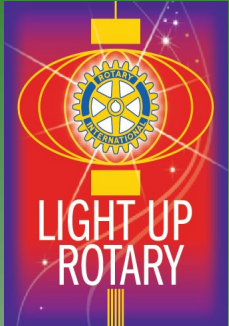
# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN



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President,

**MIKE SPARK & Wendy**

**Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully**

Benefactor,

**IVAN GIGOVIC,**

Vale: August 2003

**Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully**



### **Helen (Shivanii) Cameron Prabhat Allooi Inc**

Club members met Shivanii during the Volunteer's Expo earlier this year. She offered to visit our club and give a presentation on what she does. It proved to be an excellent offer—Shivanii is obviously a strongly motivated devotee of helping the underprivileged in India. Excellent presentation Shivanii—thank you.

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# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 4th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Sunday 10th August Afternoon	Monday 11th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 18th August [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 25th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 1st Sept [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	The Royal Hotel	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	Committee Meeting	Jazz	Interplast	The Red Cross Society	The Challenge to Lead Program	Committee Meeting
Speaker:	N/A	The New Melbourne Jazz Band	Len Brear	Camille Savage	Maurice Kerrigan	N/A
Committee Subject	TBA		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chair:	Mike S		Graham F	Greg D	Fran M	Mike S
Cashiers:	Paul McA & Virginia R		Greg D & Fran M	Graham F & Paul W	Bob H & Christine A	Graeme A & Virginia R
Grace & Toast:	Fran M		Stuart V	John F	Phil W	Paul W
Rotary Knowledge	TBA		TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Rob D		Rob D	Rob D	Rob D	Fran M
Scribe:	Christine A		Graeme A	Paul McA	Mike S	Christine A

<i>Birthdays:</i>	4th—Greg Downes 4th—Cheryl Wylie
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	9th—Wendy & Mike Spark—'86
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	8th—Paul Wilson—'05 8th—Greg Downes—'11



## "MIKE'S MUSINGS...."

Hi, all!

As mentioned at last week's meeting, the reception from all of the Knoxbrooke staff to my Monday morning tour of their diverse operations with the CEO, Rad Kilian, was fantastic, and they are all so happy that we are going to rekindle the relationship between the two organisations. Almost 50 years after we helped them start as a special school for kids, they have grown tremendously and now focus on employment and training of adults with disabilities. There are many ways we can help each other, and many future joint projects, I'm sure.

For our committee meeting tonight, I want you all to focus on MEMBERSHIP, as you are all on the MEMBERSHIP Committee. Think not only about short-term actions we can take to increase our membership this Rotary year, but also about the longer-term strategies we should adopt to ensure the growth we get this coming year will be sustained into the future. Things like gender balance (where we are doing pretty well) have to be considered along with the highly important age group balance (the younger ones are our future!) and also the ethnic balance to better match our local community's needs in the long term.

Any and all ideas will be considered seriously – but **especially** think about who you know that you'd like to share your Rotary time and fun with, and whom you can personally approach to join? "If you don't ask, you don't get!" So, ask a new prospective member every week – I have!

Keep well, and happy! TTFN - Mike

*Mike Spark  
President*

# THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

Monday, 21st July 2014

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m. with President Mike welcoming all members, plus Tim McCarthy on his second evening with us and our guest speaker Shivanii Cameron.

President's Announcements:

- Mike mentioned there will be a Cluster meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> August to focus on Foundation.

**Chairman: Graeme Aspinall**

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

**Secretary: John Flemming**

- Read and distributed the incoming mail
- Apologies—Fran Mandergeddes
- Make-Ups—Mike Spark, Rob Dawson

**Treasurer: Enid Hughes**

No report

**Vocational Service: Phil Walters**

No report

**Community Service: Graeme Aspinall**

- Community Raffle tickets need to be finalised asap
- Men's Shed at UFTG National Park – Graeme A and John attending discussions.
- Breath Testing Machines – Club has to collect the money, looking for different venues .

**International: Paul McAloney**

No report

**Youth Service: Paul Wilson**

No report

**Club Service: Mike Spark**

No report

**Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes**

No report (absent)

- **Other Business:** Guides Hall needs a new hot water service – John has mentioned to Bendigo bank and hopes they will donate towards a new one.
- Funeral Service for Ken Thompson – Bob Hurst thanked Stuart for his research and help in putting together a fitting eulogy on behalf of the club.
- Knoxbrooke – Mike suggested the club work with them towards celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017. Also noted that it was worth a visit to their nursery in Mt Evelyn.

**Sergeant At Arms:** Bob Hurst – extracted the dollars in style

**Skill:** Stuart Vize pulled the Queen of Clubs. Only 6 cards left in the pack!

**Program:** Guest Speaker – Helen (Shivanii) Cameron spoke on a submission for funding to provide and equip an ambulance, for the Prabhat Alloi Foundation to use in remote villages in the Purulia District, West Bengal, India. This organisation has been working over the past 4 years to support local development in the villages through health care, education and business development skills. In a poor area where there are no cars, the provision of an ambulance for transportation to a medical clinic would be "life saving". (See page 5 for further details).

There being no further business President Mike thanked Shivani for speaking to the club, read out the housekeeping duties for next week and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

**Scribe: Rob Dawson**

## 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
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



# Knox Community Skills Workshops & Forum,

A Knox City Council program supporting volunteer and not-for-profit community groups

## Community Skills Forum –

**4 September 2014**

The Community Skills Forum is held to benefit volunteer and not-for-profit community groups who provide valuable services or programs in Knox.

**Join us for a single session or more – the choice is yours!**

Volunteer for Knox will commence the forum with information about their service and how they can support and benefit your community group. This will be followed by sessions on volunteer recruitment, marketing, budgeting and roles and responsibilities of office bearers.

Handouts and resources will also be available for collection.

To register for the sessions or get additional information at <http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/commskills>

**Date:** Thursday 4 September 2014

**Venue:** Knox Civic Centre,  
511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South

**RSVP before:** Monday 1 September 2014

**Cost:** \$20 (payment covers the cost of attending one or more sessions)

### Community Skills Forum - Program:

#### 3.30-4.00pm **Volunteer for Knox**

Volunteer for Knox is Knox's new volunteer resource centre. Come and find out everything you need to know about volunteering in the Knox municipality and about how volunteering is changing in the community. Find out how Volunteer for Knox can assist your group/organisation with recruitment, support, training and resources for your volunteers and volunteer co-ordinator.

**Presented by Volunteer for Knox Co-ordinator Liz Grigg**

#### 4.30-6.30pm **Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers**

There is more to successfully recruiting volunteers than you think. This session will assist with different strategies to attract different volunteers.

A follow up workshop will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – Orientating Volunteers

**Presented by Tara Cantwell – Volunteering Victoria**

**OR**

### Marketing Basics

As a not for profit group, you understand the importance of effective marketing, but where do you start, how do you make

your marketing stand out, and how do you measure its success?

This seminar will assist in demystifying the marketing process-

**Presented by Small Business Victoria**

#### 7.00-9.00pm **Budgeting and Forecasting**

As a not for profit group, this seminar will equip you with the knowledge to understand the procedures and skills required to maintain profitability and improve cash flow. This hands on session will assist you to identify areas where you can improve the finances of your business.

**Presented by Small Business Victoria**

**OR**

### Office Bearer Roles and Responsibilities

A hands on and practical session designed to explain the roles and responsibilities of office bearers including President/Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Participants are encouraged to bring a copy of their constitution and current duty statement for these positions.

**Presented by Jean Roberts**

## Community Skills Workshops –

### Developing Effective E-Newsletters/E-Bulletins

**Facilitator: Marina Cook, Motivating Marketing**

This workshop will provide participants with a broader knowledge of social media and specifically how to develop and maintain effective electronic newsletters and e-bulletins to increase communication, marketing and promotion.

**Date:** Wednesday 6 August 2014

**Time:** 7.00pm - 9.30pm

**Venue:** Knox Civic Centre,  
Room 3,  
511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South

**RSVP before:** Monday 4 August 2014

**Cost:** Free

**Bookings:** [Register to attend this workshop.](#)

Book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited to 12

**There will be a practical component of this workshop, please bring own laptop or ipad if available**



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## AMBULANCE NEEDED FOR DABAR AND NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES

Prabhatalloi Foundation is a charity based in the village of Dabar, near Purulia, which is a District Town in the Indian State of West Bengal. It was founded five years ago and is run by local people with a mission to improve the health and education, infrastructure and employment prospects of local people. They have made real progress with the help of the encouragement and financial support from people and organizations outside India, in particular from Australia. One of their projects has been to set up free medical clinic. A doctor attends a clinic twice a week and now on average about 30 people attend each session. The consultations and medicines are free.

PA Foundation badly need an ambulance to service Dabar and its neighboring villages as presently there is no service at all, government or private, that is available to the public. They need to transport not only patients in need of emergency care but also those who need to undergo outpatient treatment or consultation. They need a reliable vehicle which has space for a stretcher and shelter from the elements for the patient and those assisting.

The main hospital, Deven Mahato Sadar, is fifteen kilometers away from Dabar and even further away from some of the other villages. Given the poor state of the roads and the often inclement weather this distance is difficult for any reliable vehicle to cover, and it becomes impossible for any of the poor in the villages around Dabar, who have no motorized transport at all.

Today, if someone is hurt or has some other medical emergency, he has to be stabilized using local, traditional methods and treatments because to run a local accident provision with modern equipment and techniques would be prohibitively expensive. Then, to get to hospital, people have to hope that some local person with a car or van is willing and able to drive them there. Failing this, people often end up trying to stop passing traffic along the main road into Purulia, hoping somebody will be willing to give them a lift into the hospital.

Too often they never make it to hospital, resulting in a tragedy which might have been avoided elsewhere.

The lack of emergency transport particularly affects pregnant women. Sanjay Kumar Mahato, the Secretary of PA Foundation Tinku is one of the very few people who have a car or van. And in fact over the last five years he has himself driven over 100 women to hospital while they were in labour. Unfortunately, three of these women died and about 20 actually gave birth in the van before they could reach hospital. Added to other sorts of emergencies he has averaged almost one emergency run every week over the last five years. In the event his van is now too old and unreliable to be counted on for this purpose.

People also need transport to go to hospital as outpatients. People in this area have never been able to get this sort of treatment. Clearly the lack of transport is a major obstacle. But another problem sometimes not considered is that, for poor sometimes illiterate people, to attend at hospital for consultation or treatment may well be a very new, even bewildering experience. The doctors, midwives and nurses working through PA Foundation are qualified and experienced. Because they are known and trusted by the villagers, outpatient treatment can now be an option. These medical staff can advise people as to what treatment is required, where to get it and how to go about arranging it. Having an ambulance would mean that the patients can get to the hospital on time and nurses can even accompany them and their families to the hospital for first consultations or when they need an operation.

When outpatient treatment becomes available and practical, ailments can be treated early, before the problem becomes chronic or possibly fatal. So even when a happy day passes and there is no emergency to deal with, the ambulance will provide a valuable service, providing the chance for a real improvement in people's health by making the central hospitals available to them.







**30 July 2014**

We've had a busy month, and a fantastic first half of 2014.

We're now winding down to the end of the school year. This brings school holidays and some exciting new programs down at the Activity Centre. This means end of year exams as well - it's crunch time for everyone in grade 9 and 12!

We've also got new trainees down at Jaan Bai, who bring a great energy and enthusiasm to the team.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our generous donors and child sponsors, so a huge thank you to everyone who has helped us continue our work. Thanks to your help we're looking forward to a bright second half of 2014 and a brighter future for Cambodia.

#### **Holidays at the Activity Centre**



With the Cambodian public school holidays starting this month, our Activity Centre is in full swing! All of the kids in our programs will be taking part in a range of exciting classes such as gardening, martial arts, traditional theatre and dance, football, yoga and percussion.

We believe that the lessons the kids learn outside of the classroom are fundamental to providing them with a well-rounded, holistic education.

#### **Grade 9 graduates and grade 12 exams**



The kids in our programs have all come from circumstances in which they experienced significant barriers to receiving an education. Many had never attended school before meeting CCT and others had lost hope of ever finishing primary school.

This month 12 of the kids in our programs have completed their school certificate and 3 are getting ready for their grade 12 exams. They are a great source of inspiration for the hundreds of younger kids in our programs who are aiming to follow in their footsteps.

With International Youth Week coming up this month, there's much discussion in CCT's classrooms about what it means to be a good leader. These kids' have big hopes and dreams for their future and the future of their country. With educated, ethical and empowered youth like this, we're confident that Cambodia's future is bright!

#### **Srey Thom's bright new future**



Srey Thom is an eighteen-year-old with a huge smile and bright eyes, which beam with happiness. When asked about her dreams for the future, she can't decide - boxer or chef.

Srey Thom didn't always have big dreams. Until she met CCT she and her family were faced with the many obstacles of extreme poverty. Now she is training to become a chef at CCT's Jaan Bai Restaurant and last month she had her first boxing lesson at CCT's Activity Centre.

Srey Thom is one of the many young people CCT has been able to empower to fulfill their own dreams.