

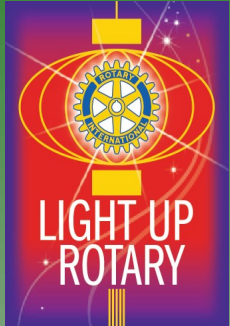
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WEEKLY BULLETIN



President, Rotary International

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GARY C.K. HUANG

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President,

MIKE SPARK & Wendy

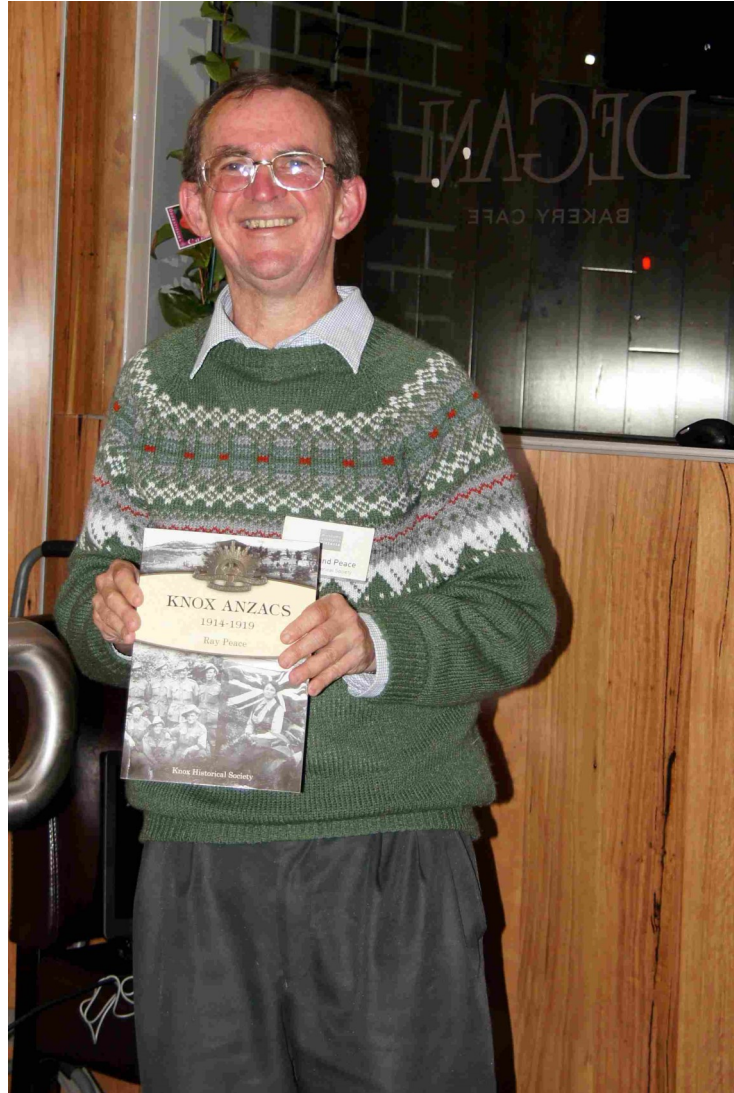
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

IVAN GIGOVIC,

Vale: August 2003

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



RAY PEACE

Knox historical society

Ray spoke at length, sharing his knowledge of Knox History. He spoke of many things that most of us were unaware of. A very interesting presentation. Thanks Ray. Our apologies for the acoustics which are not the best but the information was terrific.

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UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 6th October [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 13th October [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 20th October [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 27th Oct [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	Degani	Degani	Degani	Degani
Program:	Committee Meeting	Australian Rotary Health	"Chips"	Post RYLA talk
Speaker:	N/A	TBA	Eric	Rebecca Cane
Committee Subject	TBA	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chair:	Mike S	Christine A	Graeme A	Rob D
Cashiers:	Graeme A & Lee M	Phil W & Fran M	Bob H & Christine A	Paul McA & Paul W
Grace & Toast:	Fran M	John F	Graham F	Bob H
Rotary Knowledge	Graeme A Group Study Exchange	N/A	Fran M Rotary Peace Fellowship	N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Virginia R	Virginia R	Virginia R	Virginia R
Scribe:	Christine A	Greg D	Paul W	Graeme A

<i>Birthdays:</i>	12th—Virginia Rutledge 12th—Lee Morris
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None

"MIKE'S MUSINGS...."

Hi, all.

Our speaker from the Knox Historical Society, Ray Peace, gave a very interesting talk, and I'm sure we all found out something new about our locale.



The big TV at the end of the room was used as a projection screen for our laptop, and worked well on Ray's Powerpoint slides.

Although we booked the venue for the next four or five weeks, to give us time to better evaluate our needs, we need to discuss whether the noise problem can be fixed or where else we can go to. The different style of meal for last week (Lamb in paper) was interesting!

Can anyone step up to be President-Elect, as the training commences at the end of the month? Please give it serious consideration.

Lastly, Jazz at the Royal Hotel is booked for Sunday week (12th October 2:00—4.00 p.m.). Would appreciate interested parties letting me know at tomorrow's meeting so I can confirm the booking. As usual, some of us will meet for lunch beforehand.

Keep well, and happy! TTFN from Mike.

***Mike Spark
President***

"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday 29th September 2014

The meeting opened at 7.05p.m. with President Mike welcoming all members and Speaker Ray Peace.

President Mike's Announcements:

- Vocational Seminar—5th October
- Royal Flying Doctor Service 124th October—Mike/Lee/Christine attending
- Presented Enid H with a badge from Rotary International for sponsoring a new club member

Chairman: Phil Walters

Called for reports

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Secretary: John Flemming

Read and distributed the incoming mail

Apologies: Greg Downes, Stuart Vize, Tim McCarthy

Make-Ups: Virginia Rutledge

Treasurer: Enid Hughes

Tabled samples of the club brochure showing the amendments (change of venue/club officers etc) to be used for conducting a possible letterbox drop in Harcrest.

Vocational: Phil Walters

- First Rotary Education talk next week—Graeme A will speak about Group Study Exchange being changed to Vocation.
- John F suggested that each member be invited to speak about themselves to inform new members. Pres. Mike proposed that new member Christine A followed by Lee M start first.

Community: Graeme Aspinall

No report

International: Paul McAloney

No report

Youth: Paul Wilson

No report

Club Service: Mike Spark

No report

Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes

- Nicholas Chamber Orchestra and lunch—wonderful concert and an enjoyable afternoon. Will advise members of future concerts.

- Future events might include winery visits and Anzac Day
- 18th October—fundraising evening for Polio Plus. \$20 per head / bring a plate and drinks.

Other Reports:

- There was some discussion about the difficulty of conversation being heard in the new venue. Speakers were asked to make an effort to speak to the group. Pres Mike felt that the problem is the acoustics of the venue.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Christine Anderson

Came up with amazing Australia facts and fined us all.

Skill: Paul McA—drew the Joker.

PROGRAM: Ray Peace—Knox Historical Society

Ray began by telling us the Society preserves artifacts, documents, photos etc. and deals with research.

- Knox was first inhabited by the Koori/Aboriginal people. They were free ranging and spent their days hunting and gathering firewood, and food.
- They were decimated by disease spread by the Sealers in Bass Strait.
- Native Police Corps—1837—1853
 - (Police Paddocks) and use of traders managed by a European officer
- Early Euro Settlers 1838—1857.
- 1858 the area was subdivided from a few acres to 300+ acres but intensive agriculture was unsuccessful.
- Railway came in 1889 attracting tourists and allowing transport of produce to market.
- Land boom in FTG in 1880's which busted in 1890's when subsistence living failed.
- Ray spoke about FTG's participation in the wars—Boer, WW1 and WWII.
- In WWI and WWII there was a military camp in Rowville. Colonel Knox was in charge. Italian POW's provided colourful history.
- Post war urban development
- Spoke about George Knox's life 1885-1960
- Showed us the new "Knox Anzacs" publication by Ray Peace about to be released.

There being no further business President Mike read out next week's housekeeping duties; there were no birthdays anniversaries or inductions. Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Scribe: Phil Walters

COMING UP SOON.....

Purple for Polio

18th October, 2014

Guess Who's coming for dinner?

We'll be gathering at the home of Brian and Fran Mandergeddes. See Fran for further details.

Stringybark Suburban Sustainability Festival

Saturday 18th
and
Sunday 19th October 2014
10.00 a.m.—5.00 p.m. both days
Rowville Community Centre
40 Fulham Road
ROWVILLE
(Melbway 81K1)

Rotary Club of Boronia are looking for help in providing volunteers. Any-one interested should contact Graeme Aspinall (RC FTG) 0425 432 290

MOTOR NEURON DISEASE—WALK

(bring your pet—cat/dog/bunny rabbit)

16th November

Make a diary note.

See Fran M for more information.

SENIOR'S HERITAGE FESTIVAL

4-31st October

Visit AMBLESIDE
(Knox Historical Society Headquarters)

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
8th October	Enid Hughes
22nd October	John Flemming
5th November	Christine Anderson
19th November	Graeme Aspinall
3rd December	Paul Wilson
17th December	Enid Hughes

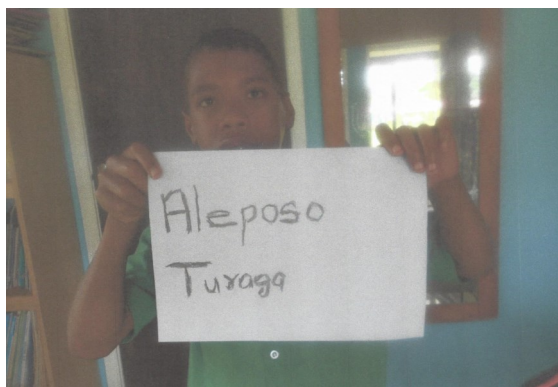
Dinner provided
Contact Graeme Aspinall for more
information
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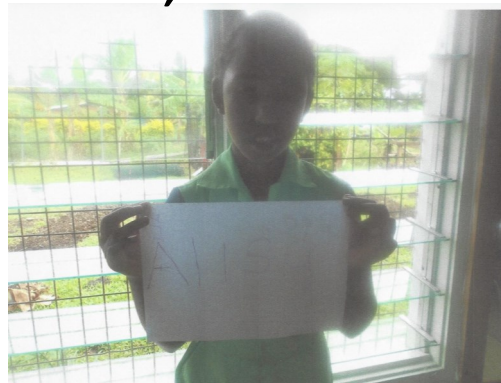
FIVE ADDITIONS TO OUR ROLL OF STUDENTS AT NASAVSAVU SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL, FIJI



Aleposo Turanga

Aleposo is 12 years old and lives with his mother and grandparents. He has learning disabilities.

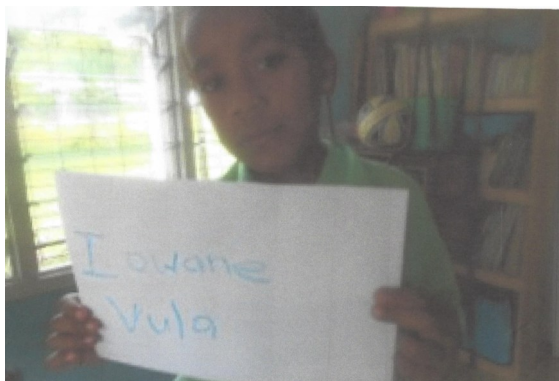
Aleposo lives in the village of Korotasere which is a long distance from his school. He has to travel 2 and a half hours each way to get to school, spending a total of five hours every day on the bus. His mother has to wait at the roadside for the bus, because Aleposo often falls asleep and would otherwise miss his stop. Aleposo loves riding on the bus, loves going to school and wants to become a carpenter when he leaves school.



Alisa Gloria

Alisa is 12 years old. She lives with her father close to Koro Sun Resort, about 10 km's from Savusavu town. Alisa has a heart problem and has missed a lot of school due to her health problems. This is why she is attending the School for Special Education.

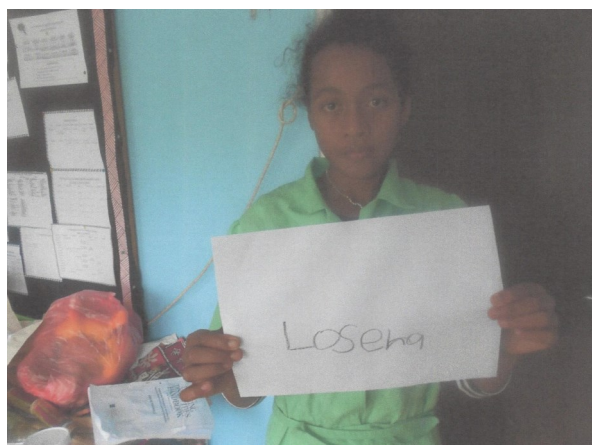
Alisa lives with her father as her parents are separated. Her father works as a caretaker. When she leaves school, Alisa wants to become a chef, so she can cook for her father.



Iowane Vula

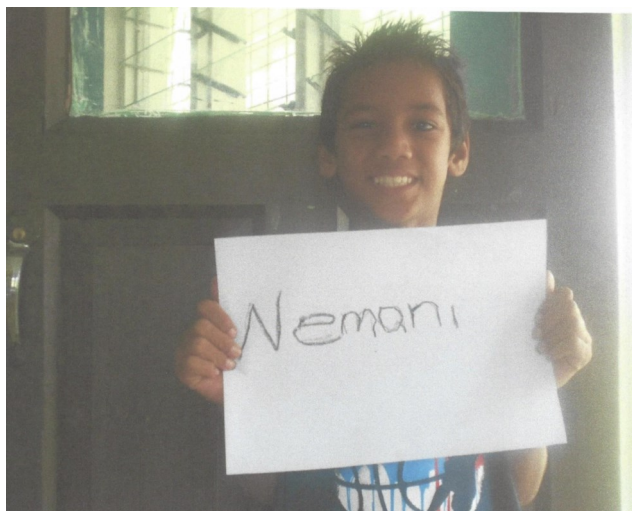
Iowan is 8 years old. He lives with his parents and siblings in the village of Nabaci.

Iowane is the youngest child in a family of six. He often comes to school without lunch and is not provided with any support from his parents, although he has extended family that endeavor to assist him. Iowane wants to become a bus driver. He attends the Special Education School because he has learning disabilities.



Losena Gukilau

Losena is a 13 year old girl and the only child in the family. She lives in Dromuninuku Village. As her parents are absent from home for most of the time Losena is cared for by her grandmother. She has learning disabilities but loves attending school. Losena hopes to become a teacher one day.



Nemani Raddo

Nemani is 8 years old and lives with his guardians. His mother left him when he was born.

Nemani is attending Savusavu Special Education School because his caregivers have been unable to obtain a birth certificate for him. Rather than see him miss any education, the Special School has taken him on even though he cannot be formally enrolled. He is an intelligent boy who exhibits minor behavioural problems. If his caregivers can obtain his birth certificate he should be able to attend a mainstream school next year in 2015.

Nemani wants to become a soldier when he finishes school.



19 September 2014

Dear Rotary Club Members,

Re: mEYE World Photographic Competition

Macular Disease Foundation Australia would like to thank Rotary Clubs for their continuing support in raising awareness of macular disease in Australian communities.

As part of the Foundation's ongoing awareness activities we are currently running the fourth annual mEYE World Photographic Competition and I would like to invite all Rotary members to participate by entering a photo capturing the competition theme 'a sight worth saving'. There are some fantastic prizes to be won!

HOW YOU AND YOUR CLUB CAN SUPPORT THE PHOTO COMPETITION

- ✓ Enter yourself at www.meyephoto.com.au
- ✓ Promote the competition in your next club newsletter
- ✓ Promote the competition on your club website, Facebook or Twitter page (images available on request)
- ✓ Connect with Macular Disease Foundation Australia on Facebook
- ✓ Distribute competition flyers at your next club meeting (additional copies available on request)

The mEYE World Photographic Competition runs until 12 November 2014.

This year's competition boasts a high profile judging panel including media identity and Patron of the Macular Disease Foundation Australia Ita Buttrose, AO, OBE, iconic Australian artist Ken Done, AM, internationally recognised photographer Rex Dupain and one of Australia's longest serving news photographers, Alan Pryke.

Macular disease is Australia's leading cause of blindness and severe vision loss. Early detection is vital to preserving sight, and we thank you for your dedication in spreading awareness of eye-health to your members and communities.

For further information do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 8268 8409 or zoe@mdfoundation.com.au.

Yours faithfully,

Zoe Baines
Communications Officer

Macular disease, including macular degeneration, is the leading cause of blindness in Australia

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