

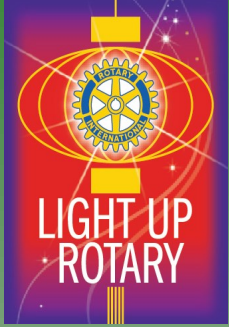
# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN



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**Rotary Club of Taipei,  
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District Governor, Dist. 9810 —

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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**



## GONZALO

St John Ambulance Service

Excellent and timely presentation on how to treat burns. With bushfire season just around the corner and a number of our members living in danger areas, this was information well taken. Thanks Gonzalo.

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# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 1st Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 8th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 15th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 22nd Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 29th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowls	FTG Bowls	FTG Bowles		
Program:	Committee Meeting	RYPEN	Christmas Break-Up Party	No	No
Speaker:	N/A	Jess McFarlane	N/A	Meeting	Meeting
Committee Subject	TBA	N/A	TBA		
Chair:	Mike S	Bob H	Fran M		
Cashiers:	Graham F	Phil W	Bob H	Christmas	Christmas
Grace & Toast:	Paul W	Stuart V	John F	Break	Break
Rotary Knowledge	Rob D RAWCS	N/A	N/A		
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Paul McA	Paul McA	N/A		
Scribe:	Christine A	Graham F	N/A		

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

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

Hi, all!



Thanks to all the club members who spent parts of their election day manning the FTG Rotary Discovery Day tent in the Village – a great publicity effort!

Thanks also to John Flemming and my Rotaracter son Andy who, along with me, spent a totally underwhelming day at Glengollan, selling only 60-odd snags in 4.5 hours of unmitigated boredom (even the grass seemed to grow slower, to frustrate us more!). The polling booth was in a new place (not the usual FTG North Primary School) and totally under-promoted – a waste of time and effort for all involved (Victorian Electoral Commission staff, political party volunteers and us).

Tonight is a Club Meeting, not a Speaker Meeting, so please chat in your committees over your meal before the meeting, so that your committee chair can report at the meeting. The Board meeting will follow the Club Meeting, as usual.

Remember to think about a potential new member whom you would like to join "our happy little crew in our new home" – then ask them to come along to a Speaker Meeting, and enjoy our hospitality!

Keep well, and happy! TTFN from Mike.

**Mike Spark**  
President

# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday 24th November 2014

The meeting opened at 7:34pm with President Mike welcoming all members and speaker Gonzalo

President's Announcements:

- Presented Greg Downes with his "swindle" cheque.

**Chairman:** Graham Faulkner - called for reports from:

**Secretary:** John Flemming –

- Read and distributed the mail

**Apologies:** Stuart Vize, Virginia Rutledge & Rob Hurst

**Make Ups:** Nil

**Community:** Graeme Aspinall –

- FTG Discovery Day—Rotarians to assist and must also do a Sausage Sizzle at Glengollan. We are to act as spruikers (DD) advising people of what is happening. 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Saturday.
- Sausage Sizzle at Glengollan is 10.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m.
- Volunteers were noted for both events

**Youth Service:** Paul Wilson –

- Monday 8th December at FTG North Primary School, between 5:30 – 6pm, to present certificates to 6 children. 15th December for the Fairhills PS students

**Fellowship:** Fran Mandergeddes –

- 20th March 2015 = Vicar of Dibley. Members to let Fran know within the next 2 weeks.

**Sergeant At Arms:** Paul McAlenoney—What did years ago (manners); what types of food were available; etc.

**Skill:** Phil W drew 9 of clubs—we live again!

**Program:** Guest Speaker – Gonzalo—St John's Ambulance Service / -CFA/St Johns initiative



- One of Gonzalo's subjects was *How to act if you get injured*. The need is to get a person treated ASAP.
- Burns—cool water is the best initial treatment.
- Embers travel a long way and people get burns in their neck, and clothing, openings. *Prepare!*
- Fires exacerbate shock and problems such as asthma. Be aware of people's appearance to see if they need help. Keep the feet up when people have these problems.
- Asthma is a major problem in Melbourne (8 deaths per week—used to be 20).
- Diabetics have problems healing so burns can cause

major problems. So focus your plans on family members who have specific health problems.

- Water is a major help but not with children—"Cool the wound, warm the person". Water does not have to be really cold but poured on the wound area for 20 minutes.
- The message—with a burn, keep it cool and cover it up (with something that won't stick, ie non-stick bandages or gladwrap).
- Sunburn—cold water is best,. Aloe Vera and Manuka Honey are also apparently helpful but water is the initial recommendation.
- Blood consistency, if on medication, can be a problem so water is necessary for drinking. (Blood pressure can also be affected).
- Water can be effective for 3 hours if necessary
- 42% of people in car accidents die from asphyxiation (due to their head dropping/ neck wounds).

Many questions were asked.

**President Mike** thanked Gonzalo for speaking to the club, read out the housekeeping for the coming week, then closed the meeting at 8:35pm.

**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
3rd December	Paul Wilson
17th December	Enid Hughes

Dinner provided  
Contact Graeme Aspinall for more  
information  
0425 432 290

**"Slow down and  
everything you are chasing  
will come around  
and catch you."**

~ John De Paola

## WALK TO DEFEAT MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE

Fran and family, together with Cass' family and many, many friends took part in the Walk to Defeat Motor Neurone Disease on 16 November, in memory of our dear member Cass Bench.

There were approximately 45 of us in the team to celebrate the life of Cass;; to reminisce, to talk about special times we shared, to laugh and to cry with each other as we celebrated her life of love, madcap humour and generous spirit; and to contribute to the fight to cure this obscene disease, that will not let its sufferers either live or die.

Please God, help us to find a cure for all debilitating and wasting diseases. where people suffer so much. Help us to alleviate their pain, retain their dignity and recover to experience peace and joy once again.

On behalf of Cass, her family and everyone who loved her, thank you for participating in her name, talking about her and your friendship, the events you shared with her, the laughter, the love, for having that special memory of having been involved with her in her life; for donating your time and your money in such a generous fashion.

Forever she will remain in our hearts and memories!

To all in the club who contributed - thank you, thank you - from the bottom of the heart of everyone who loved our Cass.

## COMING UP SOON.....



Bunnings have given RC FTG some dates for next year:

Sunday

5th April 2015 (Easter Sunday),

Fridays:

31 July,  
21 August, and  
30 October.

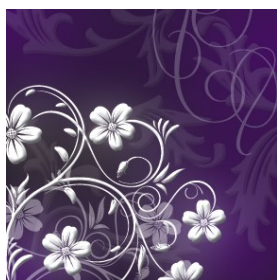
Tuesdays:

31 March,  
7 April,  
30 June,  
7 July

Thursdays

9 April  
2 July,  
9 July.

**Please put these dates in your diary**



### Vale Tim McCarthy

It is with deepest regret that we announce the untimely death of our newest member, Tim McCarthy. Tim was on holiday overseas and suffered a heart attack while snorkeling. Our condolences and sympathy go out to his wife and family.



### Annual District Foundation Dinner

**8th December 2014**

WHITEHORSE CLUB 298-336 BURWOOD HIGHWAY

EAST BURWOOD

GUEST SPEAKER; RIPE RAVI RAVINDRAN

More details to follow



Saturday  
29th November, 2014  
Ferntree Gully Discovery Day



Bottom left) : John Flemming, Mike Spark and Mike's son Andy spent a grueling four hours trying to sell sausages to voters at Glengollan Village. Poor venue—hardly anyone knew there was a polling booth there!