

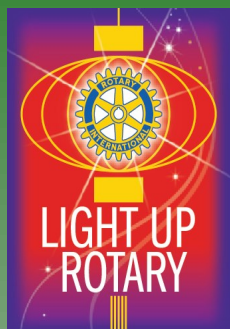
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WEEKLY BULLETIN



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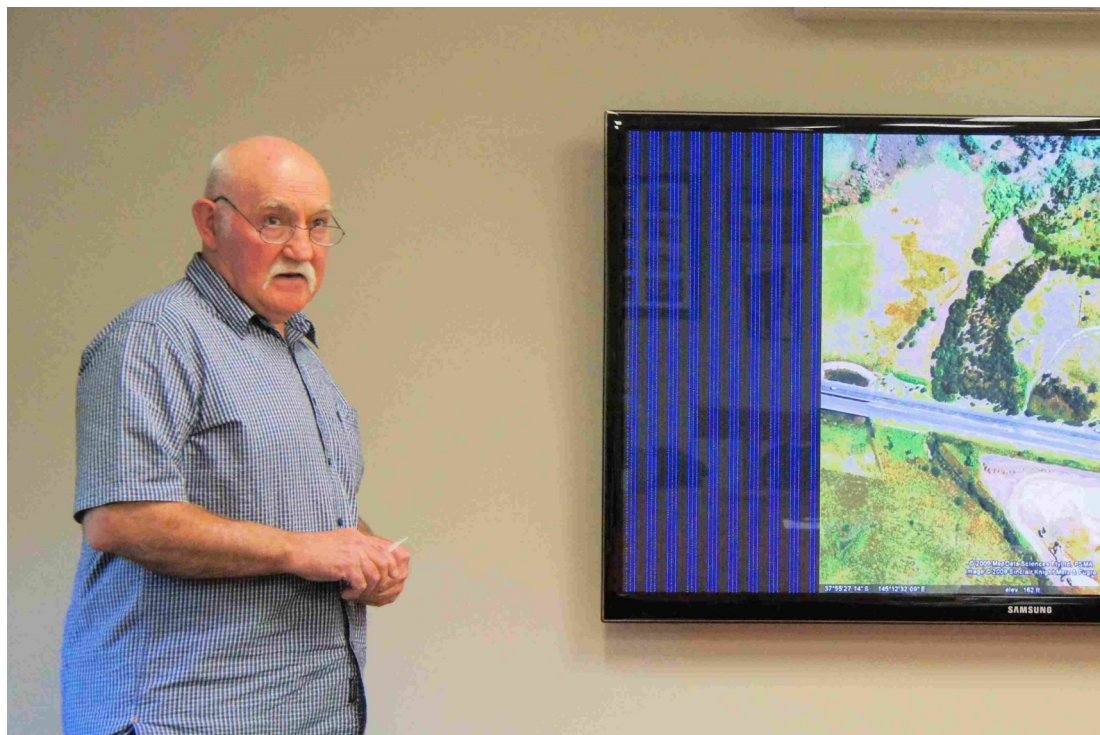
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Benefactor,

IVAN GIGOVIC,

Vale: August 2003

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



BILL IRELAND

Last Monday night Ferntree Gully members were treated to a very special evening looking and listening to Brian's presentation on the history of Fern Tree Gully.

Ferntree Gully was originally part of an outstation established by Rev. Clow in 1840. Settled during that decade, by the 1870s selectors enjoyed the facilities provided by two hotels and a post office. Further eastwards timber-cutters were penetrating the forest, and a school was built in 1880 to meet local needs. Soon a bakery, a butchery and Wesleyan and Anglican churches were built. On 30 May 1889 the Shire of Fern Tree Gully was proclaimed, consisting of 390 sq km severed from the Berwick shire. Its population was 750.



Image:

Medal - Edward VII Coronation, Fern Tree Gully Shire Council, 1902 AD

Source: Museum Victoria

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UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 26th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 2nd Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 9th Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 16th Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 23rd Feb [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:		FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Australia	Committee Meeting	Post RYLA Presentation	Travellers Aid Speaker	Art Building Children's Dreams
Speaker:	Day	N/A	Rebecca Cane	Maria Groner	Ken Sharpe
Committee Subject		TBA	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chair:	No	Paul McA	Rob D	Greg D	Bob H
Cashiers:		Fran M	Christine A	Graham F	Virginia R
Grace & Toast:	Meeting	Enid H	Graham F	John F	Phil W
Rotary Knowledge		Virginia R RYPEN	Graham F Rotary Foundation	Paul McA ROMAC	N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms:		Graeme A	Graeme A	Paul W	Paul W
Scribe:		Christine A	Phil W	Rob D	Graeme A

<i>Birthdays:</i>	22nd—Stuart Vize—80 years!
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	24th—Phil Walters—'00

REMINDER:

Bunnings have given RC FTG some dates for next year: Graeme A will be circulated a roster list. Members are asked to please check your diaries to see if you are available.

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.



NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

Please note—due to the Australia Day holiday on 27th January there will be no meeting and no bulletin issued on Sunday, 1st Feb.



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 19th January, 2015

The meeting opened at 7.35 p.m. with acting President Graeme welcoming all members and guest Bill Ireland.

President's Announcements:

- Welcomed members for 2015
- Thanked Graham and Lindy F for their hospitality
- Referred to last week's BBQ at the Bowling Club.

Chairman: Paul Wilson

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Secretary: John Flemming

- Read and distributed the incoming mail

Apologies: Greg D, Mike S, Phil W

Treasurer: Enid Hughes

- No financial report but handed out Christmas cards and school reports received from our Special Ed. Students in Nasavusavu.

Community: Graeme Aspinall

- Advised Community Kitchen commences 12th February. A roster sheet will be circulated at our next meeting.
- Gifts for Christmas were picked up from Ray White Real Estate and given to Foothills Community for distribution at their Christmas Lunch.
- Relay for Life—will raise this again at our next meeting to determine a roster and catering needs.
- Reminded members also coming up were the Bunnings Sausage Sizzles and Community raffle tickets to be sold. A roster for the S/S's will also be circulated at our next meeting.

Youth: Paul Wilson

- Knox Rotaract are having a BBQ at Ringwood Lake on Thursday, 22nd January. (This was a late announcement by email).

Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes

- Those going to watch *The Vicar of Dibley* are now required to pay their \$25.00 per ticket. (20th March, Lilydale).
- Disappointed to be told there was no sausage sizzle on Australia Day. (There is one on Easter Sunday).

Other:

Stuart Vize reminded members that we were still collected stamps and hoped everyone had kept their Christmas card ones.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Graeme Aspinall

Ripped off our dollars with quotes on New Year's Resolutions.

Skill: Graham Faulkner drew 2 of clubs. We live!

PROGRAM: HISTORY OF FERN TREE GULLY & DISTRICT.

Bill Ireland

Bill spoke on the history of Ferntree Gully :

- James Clow was the first white settler; there was also Eugene Gerrard (famous artist) and Thomas Dobson.
- Spoke of the The Club Hotel, the Middle and the Royal. The Middle was built circa 1860 but was preceded by a beer shanty. The present Middle Hotel was built in the 1930's (1880 the original hotel).
- Fern Tree Gully was a popular place for Melburnians to visit or camp. 1889 saw the first train to FTG (originally the train was to come from Oakleigh but a politician owned land further north (where FTG now is) and the eventual township was therefore north of the original intended site.
- 26 trains ran on Easter Thursday, 1926—FTG—Belgrave (Puffing Billy). FTG was obviously a popular place to visit.
- Showed early photos of the Education Centre and the National Park.
- Prior to the Shire of Fern Tree Gully it was part of the Shire of Berwick. In 1963 it became the Shire of Knox and in 1964 the City of Knox.
- In 1894 the Shire Hall was opened (part of this building still stands).
- Bill spoke of the rail area of Upper Fern Tree Gully and the buses and transport which took people to the guest houses. He also spoke of Puffing Billy and the path it took.
- 1925 electric trains arrived. (1962 Upper Ferntree Gully—Belgrave)
- Some of the real estate advertisements testified to both the development and the cost of various types of land in the area.
- Bill had many old photos of the Gully and identified the buildings.
- Brenock Park opened in 1945—a sports area. Fern Tree Gully Show, car racing,
- Angliss Hospital built 1939.

A very interesting presentation. Questions followed.

Chairman Paul thanked Bill and presented him with a small gift.

There being no further business Acting Pres. Graeme reminded members there would be no meeting next week due to the Australia Day holiday and that the following week would be committee/board meeting meetings. Announced the birthdays—Stuart Vize turns 80 on 22nd January(!).

Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Scribe: John Flemming

Be a gift to the world



Rotary 

K.R. Ravindran
2015-16 President, Rotary International

Ravi will be a most inspirational President of Rotary International in 2015-16. It will be an honour to serve under him ! We are having an invigorating time in San Diego.

David Tolstrup
District Governor Elect
District 9810



Rotary International President-elect K.R. Ravindran asks Rotary members to “Be a Gift to the World” as the theme of his 2015-2016 presidential year. Meet K.R. Ravindran: <http://ow.ly/Hz06l>

“In Rotary, we give of our resources—but more importantly, we give of ourselves. Because there is such a difference, between a handout, and an outstretched hand—especially when the outstretched hand, is warmed by a caring heart.”

KNOX ROTARACT

RC FTG members Paul Wilson and Jill, with Graeme Aspinall and Enid Hughes joined Knox Rotaractors last Thursday at Ringwood Lake for a *Welcome Back BBQ dinner*. Gorgeous weather, great company with good food and drink made for a convivial evening. Well done guys!



"Fireside" Meeting
Monday, 12th January, 2015
Held in the outside BBQ area of the Ferntree Gully Bowling Club

The Bistro was closed for January but the Bowls Club gave us permission to use their outside BBQ area for one of our fireside meetings. Good venue—we must bear it in mind for future events. Paul W, our resident photographer was happy to discuss, at length, the ins and outs of Graeme's favourite Christmas present—a Canon SLR camera. See Graeme's efforts below:

