

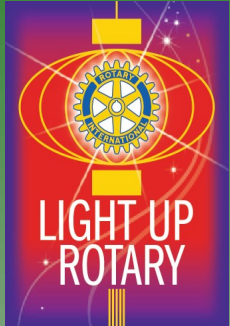
# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN



President, Rotary International

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**GARY C.K. HUANG**

**Rotary Club of Taipei,  
Taiwan**

District Governor, Dist. 9810 —

**TONY MONLEY & Kathy**

**Rotary Club of Templestowe**

President,

**MIKE SPARK & Wendy**

**Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully**

Benefactor,

**IVAN GIGOVIC,**

Vale: August 2003

**Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully**



## MARIA GRONER TRAVELLERS AID AUSTRALIA

Maria surprised a number of members with her presentation on Travellers Aid Australia. Many of us had never heard of them and others were aware but didn't really know what they do.

They do a great deal and make a terrific contribution to the community.

President Mike was proud to make a club contribution to the cause.

Thanks Maria.

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# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 23rd Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 2nd Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 9th Mar	Monday 16th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 23rd Mar [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club		FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Art Building Children's Dreams	Committee Meeting	Labour	Report on District Conference	Apprenticeships Group Australia
Speaker:	Ken Sharpe		Day	Mike Spark	Matthew Muller & James
Committee Subject	N/A	TBA		N/A	N/A
Chair:	Bob H	Paul McA	NO	Fran M	Virginia R
Cashiers:	Virginia R	Enid H		Paul McA	Paul W
Grace & Toast:	Phil W	Rob D	MEETING	Graeme A	Fran M
Rotary Knowledge	N/A	John F Safe Water Save Lives		Enid H Youth Exchange	
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Paul W	Paul W		Bob H	Bob H
Scribe:	Graeme A	Christine A		Rob D	John F

<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 members and their families for volunteering to "Do the gates" and "man/woman" the Water tent at the Knox Festival on Saturday February 28/Sunday March 1. The roster is still being finalized between the clubs, and should be OK later this week.

Graeme and I attended the main induction session on Thursday (the aircon in the cricket pavilion couldn't hack the heat generated by all the volunteers!), and feel that the planning is going OK so far.

I've sent out the (just received!) updated instructions on Sunday to those already on the roster, and stress that you must complete the online registration ASAP – if not sooner! A draft roster was also attached.

It'll be a busy weekend but we will adapt to the inevitable hiccoughs and come through with flying colours – as usual for FTG!

Keep well, and happy! TTFN from Mike.

**Mike Spark**  
President

# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 16th February 2015

The meeting opened at 7.40 Pm with President Mike welcoming members and guests.

## President's Announcements

- Knox Festival roster progressing slowly; short on last gate shifts. Sat/Sun—shift times may change (length of time).
- District Conference—Enid and Mike (only) going.

**Chairman:** Fran Mandergeddes

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

**Secretary:** John Flemming

- Read and distributed incoming mail
- Spoke about the Relay for Life BBQ

**Apologies:** Rob Dawson, Graham Faulkner

**Treasurer:** Enid Hughes

No financial report but advised she was not able to attend the Foundation Seminar (4th March) and asked if whoever is attending could bring her a copy of the notes.

**Vocational:** Phil Walters

- Apprenticeship Award date to be agreed on. Rob H to advise.

**Community:** Graeme Aspinall

- Had a meeting with the Breathometer people. Now has the keys to enable collecting the cash. They will try to place the two machines not currently in location but have not been advised yet of any source. Service fees are also a problem. GA awaiting response. They will give us a 3rd machine to place also.

**Club Service:** Paul McAloney

- Phoned Michael Jacobs (District Membership Chair) re speaking to the club on Membership. No response as yet.

**Youth:** Paul Wilson

- Rotary District Youth Seminar—attended by both Paul & Mike—great speakers. Attendees of programmes spoke of the courses they attended.
- Christine A and Enid H attended the Welcome Home Dinner for returning YEP students. Also a really good event.

**International:** Paul McAloney

No report

**Fellowship:** Fran Mandergeddes

No report.

## Other:

Stuart Vize advised Sara Dawe (ex Canadian Exchange Student) had a new baby. Mother and baby are doing fine. (David Gilbert's daughter-in-law).

**Rotary Education:** Paul McAloney

- ROMAC—Paul spoke on the work and history of ROMAC.
- Started at Kangaroo Flat. "Current Affair" has run 15 stories on ROMAC.

- More than 400 children have been helped.

**Sergeant-at Arms:** Paul Wilson

Took our hard earned! But not without humour!

**Skill** Rob Hurst drew King of Diamonds. We live!

**PROGRAM:** MARIA GRONER—Travellers Aid Society

- TA nearly 100 years old (commenced 99 years ago). Founded to help mainly women and children who had come from overseas.
- Since 1972 the focus has changed. Southern Cross & Flinders Street Stations are the main offices.
- Meals & toilet assistance are also available at F & SC stations.
- Help older people to go from platform to platform.
- Also have a pilot service at Seymour.
- Have mobility scooters etc. available and people to help visitors from country regions get to medical appointments etc.
- Another program they have helps those who need to go somewhere but don't have the funds. Unfortunately there has just been a Government funding cut so this program has been curtailed.
- TA help children getting to education facilities (some from regional Victoria or across Vic).
- Luggage storage/showers/internet/breastfeeding/toilets etc. are also available.
- 50% State Govt /Local Govt funded. V-line and station management also help.
- 23 paid (part time) and 15 volunteers.

A number of questions were asked, particularly about knowledge of the services and the ability to fund the demand. Amazing list of activities.

There being no further business President Mike closed the meeting at 8.40

**Scribe:** John Flemming

## Novel ideas—

Air con broken? Go natural.







I'm a new member of our Club (Box Hill Central) and I am very passionate about increasing women's involvement in Rotary and making this event an annual occasion in the eastern suburbs. The plan is that it become a multi-club event working with the "Women in Rotary" brand established by RC Albert Park.

Please help us make this event a success so we can make it bigger and better next year!

**Janine Scott**

#### EVENT DETAILS:

7:15am Wednesday, 4th March 2015  
Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill  
Easy public transport and lots of parking nearby

**SAVE - Use VIP code IWDROT to get a \$10 saving!**

Please have a look at the event web site and bring a friend if you can - men are welcome of course!

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Anyone remember the little lady below? Former Youth Exchange Student sponsored by RC FTG—**Isabela Zatti**—just look at her now!



# Community Kitchen

## Roster - 2015

### Guide Hall

Underwood Rd  
 Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car park)  
 Rotary roster - every second Wednesday, 5.30pm

DATE	ROTARIAN
25th February	John Flemming
11th March	Paul Wilson
25th March	Christine Anderson
8th April	Enid Hughes
22nd April	Graeme Aspinall
6th May	Paul McAloney
20th May	John Flemming
3rd June	Paul Wilson
17th June	Christine Anderson
1st July	Paul McAloney
15th July	John Flemming
29th July	Graeme Aspinall
12th August	Paul Wilson
26th August	John Flemming
9th September	Paul McAloney
23rd September	Christine Anderson
7th October	Graeme Aspinall
21st October	Paul Wilson
4th November	
18th November	John Flemming
2nd December	Graeme Aspinall
16th December	Christine Anderson

Dinner provided  
 Contact Graeme Aspinall for more  
 information  
 0425 432 290



## FIFTY SHADES OF GREY BY PAM AYRES

The missus bought a Paperback,  
 down Shepton Mallet way,  
 I had a look inside her bag;...  
 T'was "Fifty Shades of Grey".

Well I just left her to it,  
 And at ten I went to bed.  
 An hour later she appeared;  
 The sight filled me with dread.

In her left hand she held a rope;  
 And in her right a whip!  
 She threw them down upon the floor,  
 And then began to strip.

Well fifty years or so ago;  
 I might have had a peek;  
 But Mabel hasn't weathered well;  
 She's eighty four next week!!

Watching Mabel bump and grind;  
 Could not have been much grimmer.  
 And things then went from bad to worse;  
 She toppled off her Zimmer!

She struggled back upon her feet;  
 A couple minutes later;  
 She put her teeth back in and said  
 "I am a dominator!!"

Now if you knew our Mabel,  
 You'd see just why I spluttered,  
 I'd spent two months in traction  
 For the last complaint I'd uttered.

She stood there nude and naked  
 Bent forward just a bit  
 I went to hold her, sensual like  
 and stood on her left tit!

Mabel screamed, her teeth shot out;  
 My God what had I done!  
 She moaned and groaned then shouted out:  
 "Step on the other one!!"

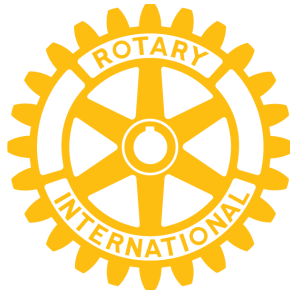
Well readers, I can tell no more;  
 Of what occurred that day.  
 Suffice to say my jet black hair,  
 Turned fifty shades of grey!!



Charlie Hunnam

# Rotary

## District 9810



Tony Monley District Governor 2014-2015

### **Malaria Awareness Day—April 30th**

Around the world April 25th is declared as World Malaria Awareness Day. Here in Australia, because of Anzac Day, we have moved this day to April 30th. It's a time to reflect on the impact of malaria upon the world and the progress we are making in fighting and controlling it in our areas of focus ie Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Timor Leste

The war against malaria continues to be waged on many fronts. We should be very proud that Australia is at the forefront of world research seeking to find a suitable, cheap, long lasting and easy to administer vaccine.

Here's a summary of recent activities:

#### **Papua New Guinea**

An enormous five year program to cover PNG twice has been finalised. A total of just over 6 million Long Lasting Insecticide treated Nets (LLIN's) have been distributed. Their latest endeavour that is about to be put into practice is a program called "Chasing Malaria". It is a RAM program that will monitor every aid post in the country issuing free nets to positive cases of malaria. The movement history of the patient for the three weeks prior to these cases is recorded to facilitate the mapping of areas of malaria to allow remedial action to be taken. This includes cleaning up the village to remove any mosquito breeding sites.

#### **The Solomon Islands**

The very successful Healthy Village Program in the Solomon Islands is going extremely well and continues to grow. RAM provides the funding of \$1100 for each village (once it's made the application) to purchase the initial set of tools. These tools are used to remove stagnant water and to improve general drainage around the village. A recent report from the Solomon's stated that RAM forwarded over \$40,000 last December which allowed a further 38 villages to join the HV Program and that brings the total number to 120.

The Healthy Village Program is being trialled in PNG and RAM hopes to initiate the program in Timor Leste.

#### **Timor Leste**

In the last two years RAM, due to the generous support of Australian Rotary Clubs plus a Rotary Foundation Grant, has contributed significant funding to the Timorese National Malaria Control Program and this money has funded the Timorese Expectant Mothers' Program. To the end of October, 28,000 LLIN's of the 42,700 supplied, have been distributed to pregnant women in prenatal care. The National Malaria Control Program has, under the inspired leadership of Maria Mota initiated a vigorous antimalarial effort across the country that has resulted in very impressive results.

RAM is also funding a **Post Graduate Scholarship in Vector Borne Disease** and this has been made available through a partnership between RAM and the James Cook University's Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine. The scholarship will enable one international student to undertake studies and research and is open to applications from Timor Leste, the Solomon Islands, PNG or Vanuatu.

The above update only outlines the most recent activities in our areas of focus. If you would like a fuller picture of the past and current RAM activities, I would be happy to speak at one of your Club Meetings.

Malaria Awareness Day gives your club an excellent opportunity to plan an activity that will raise awareness of what RAM is and what it has achieved to members of your community. It is also a great time to raise funds for this totally worthwhile cause. If you have a contribution please forward the cheque to me so that I can acknowledge them and my return letter will be a receipt for your funds. I will then send the cheque on the PP Richmond Manyweathers who is the National RAM Treasurer. Cheques are to be made payable to ROTARY AUSTRALIA OVERSEAS AID FUND (RAM).

Thank you for your consideration

Gloria Hargreaves

District 9810 Chairperson of RAM (2014-2015)

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