

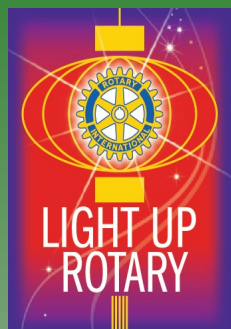
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



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WEEKLY BULLETIN



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**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



KEN WALL ABC DREAMS

Ken, accompanied by ABCD associate Ken Sharpe gave us an impressive run-down on what ABCD has been up to since they last saw us. We also got an update on our 17 Special Education Students in Nasavusavu, Fiji. It brought home to us the importance of what Rotarians are achieving worldwide. There is so much we can do for the underprivileged. We are blessed to live in Australia where we have a great way of life. There are tens of millions in the world who are not so lucky.

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DISTRICT 9810

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UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	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]	Monday 30th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club		FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Committee Meeting	Labour	Report on District Conference	Apprenticeships Group Australia	Clinical Depression
Speaker:		Day	Mike Spark	Matthew Muller & James	Jacqui Chaplin
Committee Subject	TBA		N/A	N/A	N/A
Chair:	Paul McA	NO	Fran M	Virginia R	Phil W
Cashiers:	Enid H		Paul McA	Paul W	Rob D
Grace & Toast:	Rob D	MEETING	Graeme A	Fran M	Virginia R
Rotary Knowledge	John F Safe Water Save Lives		Enid H Youth Exchange		Phil W Avenues of Service
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Paul W		Bob H	Bob H	Bob H
Scribe:	Christine A		Rob D	John F	Paul W

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	4th—Fran Mandergheddes—'02

"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 the weekend. I sent out the final roster on Friday to those on the roster, and hope it was all clear.

It was a busy weekend and we adapted to the inevitable/usual hiccoughs and came through with flying colours – as usual for FTG Rotary!

Keep well, and happy! TTFN from Mike.



Mike Spark
President

International
Women's Day
Breakfast in Box Hill



Women in Rotary
An initiative of The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central



Work Life Balance
Good for me, good for business?

Box Hill Town Hall
Wednesday 4th March 2015
7:00 for 7:15 AM – 9:00am

"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 23rd February 2015

The meeting opened at 7.25pm with Pres Mike welcoming members and Guest Speaker Ken Wall along with Ken Sharpe.

Presidents Announcements Combined Boronia Rotary and Inner Wheel meeting Tues 24th March.

- Attended induction process for Knox Festival
- Will pursue more Rotary involvement within the district for Junior Community Awards program.

Chairman: Robert Hurst

Chairman's Reports:

Secretary: John Flemming. Invoice for water purchased for Knox Festival, Receipt for donation to Travellers Aid, Club approached re supporting a big brother little brother program more details to come.

Apologies: Phil Walters, Virginia Rutledge, Christine Anderson

Treasurer: Enid Hughes
No Report

Vocational: Phil Walters
No Report

Community: Graeme Aspinall
Relay for Life roster will be distributed next meeting

International: Paul McAloney
No Report

Youth: Paul Wilson
Response received from Fairhills re student to attend to explain their proposed trip to Thailand.

Club Service: Mike Spark
No Report

Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes
Re confirmed the date of live theatre night being March 20th.

Sgt-at-Arms: Paul Wilson
Paul conducted the fines session and the raffle which was won by Rob Dawson who drew the 2 of Diamonds.

Guest Speaker: Ken Wall – Art Building Children's Dreams

Ken gave the club an update on the Nasavusava School for Special Education being the school where our club sponsors a number of students and showed pictures of structural improvements that need to be made at the school to improve their health and hygiene conditions. Changes in government funding in 2014 towards children in special schools enabled our sponsorship fee for each child we sponsor being halved to \$125 per child, RC FTG now sponsors ten children with a further seven being sponsored by individual club members or other Rotarians outside of the club. Children unable to go to school because of fees is more than 57 million. Now planning to expand ABCD to Sth Africa and to a number

of Asian countries. With partnerships with the school community, Rotary clubs, Schools and University's and ADCD Inc. Ongoing support has been through Deakin Univ, RMIT, Business (CSR) Philanthropic Trusts and RAWCS.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Scribe: Graeme Aspinall

VALE ANNETTE LINCOLN (Wife of PP Major Merv)



Pictured above, Annette with her treasured and much longed for grandson, Alex

It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing of Annette. She died peacefully in hospital at 9.00 p.m. on Friday, 27th February. Annette had suffered a stroke and despite all efforts of the hospital staff, did not recover.

Our deepest condolences go to Merv; a much loved Past President of the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully.

Our thoughts are with you and your family Merv.

R.I.P.



WELCOME HOME DINNER

FOR THE RETURNED YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

As usual, this event was the highlight of the year. Returned students had us laughing as they regaled us with their exploits during their year overseas. A wonderful group who will go on to do great things; their year as a Rotary Exchange Student will remain green in their memory as they continue to mature and grow, to reflect on the many experiences they had and to foster the friendships they made around the world.



Community Kitchen

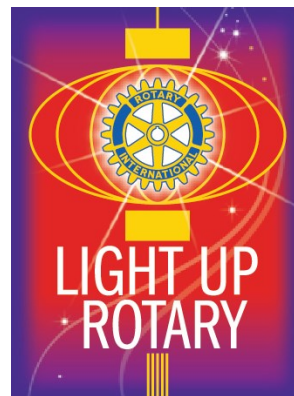
Roster - 2015

Guide Hall

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

DATE	ROTARIAN
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



February 2015

Over the past couple of weeks I've attended a couple of Youth Exchange events and one of the cluster Youth Service Seminars. One can't help but be inspired by the impact these programs have on the young people involved. It's just wonderful to see how many of our clubs support these programs. When I present at these events, one of the key messages I leave with the young people is the obligations that we expect of them once they've been through the program: the obligation to be an advocate for Rotary; the obligation of citizenship, to work for their community; and the obligation to take what they've learned, to be the best they can possibly be in their chosen field. It's up to us to hold these young people to account - to encourage them to fulfil these obligations and to present them with further opportunities to be the best they can be.

Last week I had the privilege of presiding over the launch of a domestic violence program with Australian of the Year, Rosie Batty. I believe that as a community we're at a tipping point on domestic violence. Just like drink driving and smoking in public venues are no longer socially acceptable, so too is domestic violence now registering in society's consciousness. We need to support this - provide forums for events, support agencies that work at the front line, change men's behaviour. Rotary needs to be at the forefront of this important community issue.

It was wonderful to be at the Manningham cluster's Rotary Day event on Australia Day. Has your club participated in a Rotary Day event yet?

Finally, a couple of reminders:

- Conference registrations.
- Future Leaders Seminar
- Presidential Citation (due to me by 31st March)

Let's continue lighting up Rotary!

Tony Monley

District Governor 2014-2015
Rotary District 9810, Australia



Mountain district Learning centre
13 –15 The Avenue Ferntree Gully 97587859
Leisure Course

Propagating Vegetables from Seed Workshop

Thursday 12th March

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm \$5.00



Never had much luck getting seeds to sprout?

Want to grow lush vegetables?

Want to eat fresh from your own garden?

Come along and learn about raising vegetables from seed.

Call the office on 9758 7859 to book your place!

