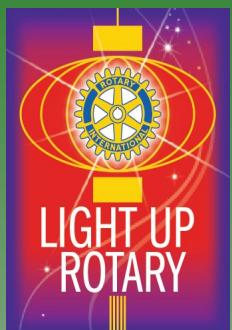


Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



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Rotary Club of Taipei,
Taiwan

District Governor, Dist. 9810 –

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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



WEEKLY BULLETIN



NICOLE PENNINGS

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully helped to sponsor Nicole on her recent trip to Africa. Nicole rewarded us by telling us what she and her companions got up to. Nicole's narration was clear, informative and often humorous. The trip was obviously a tremendous life experience for all of them. (See *The Week That Was*, on page 3 for more information)

Well done Nicole. Glad RC Fern Tree Gully was able to help.

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UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 27th April [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 4th May [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 11th May [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 18th May [6.30 for 7.00]	Tuesday 26th May [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	TBA
Program:	YEP - A Year in Austria	Committee Meeting	Community Service trip to Thailand	TBA	Cluster
Speaker:	Rhiannon Ives	N/A	Fairhills High School	TBA	Meeting
Committee Subject	N/A	TBA	N/A	N/A	
Chair:	Christine A	Paul McA	Graeme A	Rob D	To
Cashiers:	Graeme A	Enid H	Rob D	Fran M	be
Rotary Toast	Enid H	Sean C	Bob H	Virginia R	confirmed
Rotary Knowledge	Paul W RYLA	N/A	Mike S Rotaract	N/A	
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Rob D	Graham F	Graham F	Graham F	
Scribe:	Paul McA	Christine A	Phil S	Paul W	

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



REMINDER:

The club's financial year end is only one month away.

- Outgoing Chairs and Club Officers need to be thinking about their report for inclusion in the Annual Report.
- Incoming Chairs need to be thinking about their budget for 2015/16 (to be presented at the June Board Meeting)

"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 20th April 2015

Meeting Opened: at 7.04 pm with the Sergeant calling us to order and on P.P Paul McAloney for the Rotary toast.

President Mike: welcomed all members present together with a visiting Rotarian from Boronia Rotary Club Peter Malden and a guest of Robert Dawson, John Reid.

President's announcements: basically had bugger-all to say

Chairman : Rotn. Paul Wilson called on members for reports

Secretary: P.P. John Flemming, read the correspondence received, (usual begging letters) one item from our local MP caused a bit of a tussle with the Treasurer as to who should respond.

Apologies: received from P.P. Phil Walters and Rtn Sean Campbell

Make Ups: none reported

Treasurer: Other than having a tussle with the secretary not much to report

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Community Service: PP Graeme Aspinall reported that the Fern Tree Gully "Men's Shed" had received a donation from the Fern Tree Gully Rotary Club for which they were most grateful, also the "Shed" had received a grant from the Fern Tree Gully Bendigo Bank.

Vocational Service: no report

International Service: Chairman PP Paul McAloney received an email from Graham Chester asking the club to consider making a donation to ROMAC when considering the charities the club intends to support at the end of the year.

New Generations: No Report

Club Service: PP (and President-elect) Paul McAloney reminded members of the upcoming District assembly to be held at Parkdale Secondary College, Warren Rd. Mordialloc, on Sunday, 17 May commencing at 8 AM finishing at 2 PM, with lunch included.

Fellowship: Everyone was stunned! No report from our energetic chairperson PP Fran M.

Sergeant-At-Arms: PP. Robert Dawson (getting slack) decided to have the fine box passed from hand to hand while he stood in one spot and recounted the story of Remus Rudd a notorious bushranger, who is the great-great-granddaddy of one of our recent prime ministers Kevin Rudd. (Bushranging obviously runs in the family) When Kevin Rudd's staff received a request for infor-

mation about Remus they prepared a magnificent example of political spin. (Some unkind souls would say it's just as well hanging has been abolished for major criminal offences or history might have repeated itself)

Skills Attempt: PP Paul MacAloney had the right ticket but drew the wrong card "King of clubs"

PROGRAMME:

Peter Malden from the Rotary club of Boronia gave a short outline of one of his club's projects—Somosomo Primary School, seeking our club's support. See page 4 for more details .

SOUTH AFRICAN TRIP:

The night's talk was presented by **Nicole Pennings** who is a returned "International Student Volunteer" from South Africa. She spent 40 days there working on humanitarian projects, was hosted locally on the south-east coast of South Africa in a town called Mandella and another location called Chintsa East.

It was an incredible opportunity for someone her age to experience life in a Third World community, she commented on some of the following.

- Insufficient power to service the entire community so there were rolling blackouts continuously
- Poor quality water in short supply, food also in short supply to the local population
- Altogether there were 57 volunteers but 15 in the Nicole's Group who worked on:
 - Upgrading the schoolroom in 40° heat by carrying out cement rendering and other works
 - Dug post holes for school benches et cetera
 - Prepared open paddocks to plant vegetables and fruit trees (for which water had to be carted 200 m by hand to irrigate)

Notwithstanding that South Africa is a temperate climate it was not sunny every day and at times they worked in the rain, when finished they had doubled the size of the school playground and gardens et cetera.

Nicole thanked the club for providing the opportunity of a lifetime to experience living in another Society and she would do it again without hesitation.

There being no further business President Mike announced next week's housekeeping duties; there were no anniversaries/birthdays/inductions.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm or thereabouts .

Scribe: Robert Hurst

Taveuni Facts

Population :- 15,000 - approx 75% Indigenous Fijians

Known as " The Garden Island of Fiji "

Length - 42 kms Width - 15 kms

Lies on the 180 degree meridian (date change)

12 villages, 30 settlements, 1 ferry wharf, 1 Airport, 1 Hospital

They Grow - Coconuts, Taro, Tapioca, Kava, Pineapples, Bananas, Vegetables

Climate :- Humid / Tropical

2600mm per year at Matei 4500mm per year in the Highlands

Average Temperature Max - 27 to 30 degrees

Average Temperature Min - 22 to 24 degrees

Average Relative Humidity - 76 to 86 %



No all weather access from the school



What is needed to complete the three classrooms which will accommodate a total of 35 students in each classrooms is :-

- Purchase Paint \$AUD4000.00
- Purchase Floor tiles \$AUD2500.00
- Skilled labour \$AUD2000.00

Somosomo District Primary

How will the money be raised ? All in A\$

• RC Boronia (Junk Auction Night) \$AUD1,000.00

• Members Donations \$AUD1,000.00

• Others \$AUD6,500.00

• RC Taveuni Island Project Management

Ladders, planks, trestles, tools, generator, fuel, transport, meals, onsite training.

All free to this project.

• Somosomo School Assistance as they can

Total AUD\$8,500.00

Septics not completed

No tiling/painting done



ferntree gully VOLUNTEER EXPO



Saturday May 16th

10am - 1pm

Ferntree Gully Arts Centre

1010 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully
(next to the Ferntree Gully Library).

**For more details call
Mountain District Learning Centre 9758 7859**

share the time - share the rewards



Community Kitchen Roster - 2015

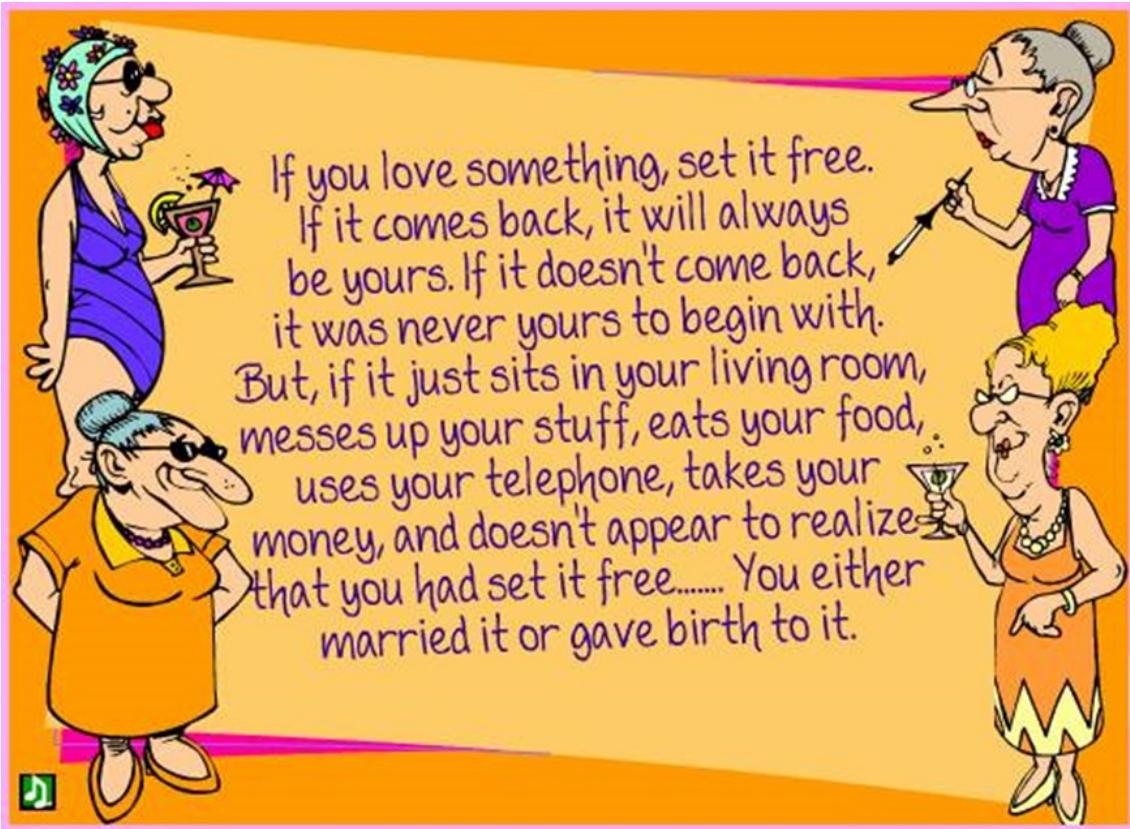
Guide Hall

Underwood Rd

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

DATE	ROTARIAN
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



WHAT'S ON IN DISTRICT 9810

April 2015

The year is rapidly approaching a close but there is still a lot going on.

On 19th May the District Governor 2017-18 Nomination Panel met and have nominated **Malcolm Chiverton** of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central. Our congratulations go to Malcolm and Karen.

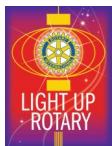
A number of clubs are celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. Over the past week we've attended two 50th celebrations. It's wonderful to see the cumulative impact our clubs have had on their communities over the years, as well as the enduring friendships that grow through Rotary.

Congratulations also to the Rotary Club of Hampton for their Guinness Book of Records effort in "Glow for Good". A thousand people braved the blustering winds to wave their glow sticks and set a new record, following a very successful community festival. What a great way to Light up Rotary!

The 18th April saw 74 members from 19 Rotary and Rotaract Clubs across Districts 9810 and 9800 work together in moving 118 beds and medical equipment from Box Hill Hospital into containers for two donations-in-kind projects. This was an outstanding effort, demonstrating true "Rotary in action"!

We're now approaching the District Assembly - a time to prepare for the next Rotary year. I encourage you to work with your incoming Board to ensure your plans are in place for the year ahead.

Lighting up Rotary,



Tony Monley
District Governor 2014-2015
Rotary District 9810, Australia



Hi Rotary friends

Whilst we are complaining about the cold this winter, yet are warm and cosy in our heated houses, spare a thought for the many thousands of homeless people who not only have nowhere warm and safe to lay their heads at night, but also have no way of warding off winter's severe chills as their clothing is often completely inappropriate for the season.

So, what can you do?

Some of you may have wearable winter coats and jackets you no longer use; **all of you can ask around your family, friends, colleagues, neighbours and acquaintances if they would have something to contribute.**

I am happy to receive them (bagged, please) and will arrange to transport them to a collection point.

PLEASE: *To show respect, ONLY donate items that are CLEAN and in good wearable condition. Your disadvantaged fellow Australians will silently thank you for it, by wearing it and feeling the bliss of warmth and protection.*

And perhaps knowing that someone cared.

Thank you to all who will make the effort.

Fran M