

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN



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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**



## ROBYN & TONY STOKES

Shared with us their passion about eliminating the enslavement of women and children in Nepal. It's hard to believe that slavery still exists in the world but the truth is it's rampant—and not just in the third world countries either. Slavery is more than selling women for sex; people (men too) are often kept captive and forced to work for little or no pay at all.

It's not that long ago that "Mail-order Brides" were quite prevalent in Australia and we still have "sweat shops" who under-pay their workers.

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# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Tuesday 26th May [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 1st June [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 8th June	Monday 15th June [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 22nd June [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	Tosario's Restaurant/Café	FTG Bowling Club		FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:		Committee Meeting	Queen's	TBA	TBA
Speaker:		N/A	Birthday		
Committee Subject	CLUSTER	TBA		N/A	N/A
Chair:	MEETING	Paul McA	NO	Graham F	Bob H
Cashiers:		Graeme A		Paul McA	Paul W
Rotary Toast		Paul W	MEETING	Enid H	Paul McA
Rotary Knowledge		Phil W - Avenues of Ser- vice		N/A	Christine A Rotary Inter- national
Sergeant-At-Arms:		Fran M		Fran M	Virginia R
Scribe:		Christine A		Rob D	Sean C

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

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

Hi, all!



Firstly, a clarification regarding the Cluster presidents' majority decision not to continue with the proposed long-term involvement involving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Knox City council to organize the Knox Festival and others - this need not affect our Club's excellent ongoing relations with Knox City council. In fact, we may get closer by focusing on our more immediate and personal involvement with the Council. The decision can be reviewed by the cluster in the next Rotary year, anyway.

Last Sunday, our Club had six people attend the District Assembly, and I think that would be the highest proportion of any of the clubs attending (and some clubs sent no-one!). Thanks to all, and the information given out and cluster discussions participated in were worthwhile.

Don't forget that Tuesday is our Cluster dinner, 6.30 for 7.00 at Tosario's restaurant, 60 Henderson Rd, Rowville. The cost is \$25 for a two-course dinner. It will be a great night to meet up with fellow Cluster Rotarians, as there won't be presentations – it's all about socializing and fellowship between the Cluster Clubs. Alma Reynolds, the incoming ADG, will also be there. As we have changed our meeting to Tuesday night for this event, I'm hoping that all members can attend (except for those swanning around in much warmer northern climes, of course!). See you there!

Keep well, and happy! TTFN from Mike.

*Mike Spark  
President*

# ***“THE WEEK THAT WAS”***

**Monday, 18th May 2015**

The meeting opened at 7.04p.m. with President Mike welcoming all members and presenters Robyn & Tony Stokes from RC Box Hill Central.

## **President's Announcements:**

- Was pleased to announce that six members of the club attended District Assembly on Sunday.
- PE Paul and Pres. Mike attended the (final) quarterly Presidents' Meeting.
- At a recent Cluster meeting it was decided not to enter a long-term relationship with Knox Council with regard to the Knox Festival. A number of our members felt this was not a good decision and it was suggested that RC FTG assure the Council they would be more than happy to continue to be a part of the Festival.

## **Chairman: Rob Dawson**

Called for reports:

## **Secretary: John Flemming**

- Read and distributed the incoming mail.

Apologies: Graeme Aspinall, Bob Hurst and Phil Walters

## **Treasurers: Enid Hughes**

- Reminded members that this week was the last meeting of the club's financial year. End of year accounts was well underway and at this point it looked as though the club would end the year well.

## **Vocational: Phil Walters**

No report (absent)

## **Community: Graeme Aspinall**

No report (absent)

## **International: Paul McAloney**

- Endorsed the club donating to the Fairhills Highschool project (Thailand)

## **Youth: Paul Wilson**

- Advised the Board had agreed to send two candidates to RYLA (see page 5 for details)

## **Club Service: Paul McAloney**

- Thanked those people who had contributed/visited the Volunteers Expo held in Ferntree Gully at the weekend. Regretted that the public attendance was slightly down on last year but still a successful event. We had two people put their names down as being interested in joining Rotary.
- District Assembly was good—well organised.

## **Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes**

- Thanked those who had indicated they were going to the show on Saturday.

## **Sergeant-at-Arms: Graham Faulkner**

- Asked lots of trivia questions to the amusement of the throng. Then he raffled off a bottle red wine after extracting further gold coins. Paul McAloney won the bottle.

Skill: John Flemming drew Queen of clubs.

## **PROGRAM: Child Slavery in Nepal—Robyn & Tony Stokes**

### **Tony:**

- Rotarian Action Group Against Child Slavery.
- Has RI recognition and is relatively new.
- Despite being illegal, nearly 35 million people are in slavery (1.2m children) around the world.
- Is the third biggest crime in the world. E.g. Diamonds, brides and drugs.
- There are many forms of slavery: Trafficking, bonded labour, sexual exploitation, child marriage, child soldiers, cost based crimes.

### **Robyn:**

- Showed a map of Nepal highlighting high risk human trafficking areas.
- Nepal has 29m people—estimate 20K girls are trafficked out of Nepal per annum. The borders between India and China are very
- In 1993 the Maiti district was founded. It is a trafficking-free area.
- Robyn then told the story of a girl who was married at 8 years of age; she ended up in Maiti.
- Maiti house and educate the girls so they can find a better life.

### **Tony:**

With the advent of the recent quake the Maiti buildings are largely intact but the girls are sleeping outside because of the dangers of after-quakes. In addition, Maiti have taken an additional 200 children who have been left homeless and/or orphaned by the disaster.

### **Aims of visit:**

- Awareness (of slavery) (at Maiti);
- Action (sponsorship)
- Supply chain awareness
- Raise awareness throughout Rotary
- District are showing interest.

Questions were asked and answered.

Rob thanked Robyn and Tony for coming and presented the usual speakers gift.

There being no further business President Mike reminded everyone that there would be no club meeting next Monday as we were attending the Cluster Meeting on Tuesday. Meeting closed at 8.37 p.m.

**Scribe: Paul Wilson**



## COMING UP SOON.....

### Cluster Clubs get-together meeting.

**When:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

**Time:** 6.30 for 7.00pm

**Where:** Tosario Restaurant/Café  
60 Henderson Road,  
Rowville 3178  
Ph: 9763 9168  
(situated in industrial estate, just off Kelletts Rd)

**Cost:** \$25 per head – 2 course meal  
(need to advise of dietary requirements)

## 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
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

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## VOLUNTEERS EXPO

Held last Saturday at the FTG Arts Centre





# YOUTH NEWS



Being proud Aussies in front of Notre Dame. — with [Keilee Lynd](#), [Grace Nicholls](#), [Avalon Mogensen](#), [Brendan Barrett](#), [Maddie Burt](#), [Briana Merritt](#), [Jamie Weiss](#), [Milena Mitic](#), [Ruby Elizabeth](#), [Hayley McFarlane](#), [Paige Higgins](#), [Sarah Wickham](#), [Kate Richardson](#) and [Erin O'Leary](#) at [Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris](#).



Hayley and friends on Eurotour



Hayley in front of the Berlin Wall





# RYLA

## (ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD)

This 6-day program is an intensive leadership training course for community minded young people. Participants are chosen for their leadership skills and their potential to have an impact on their community.

The participants discuss issues of professional responsibility, human relations, ethics, leadership and communication skills.

The program incorporates a range of seminars and workshops as well as team and skill building activities.

Participants also learn about Rotary's purpose and service to the community as well as the elements of community and global citizenship.

The Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully have a history of sending young people to RYLA and have elected this year to sponsor two candidates. Pictured below are Michael Linton and Scott Newstead.

RYLA will be held from 6th through to 11th July at the YMCA Camp, Dewar Lodge, Myrningong.

Michael and Scott—we'll be looking forward to having you both visit the club and hearing how you went.

## GOOD LUCK GUYS!



### Michael:

Went to the Belgrave Heights Christian School and hopes to complete a Bachelor of Science, Applied Mathematics major in July 2015 from Monash University.

Michael joined the *Country Fire Authority, Upper Ferntree Gully Brigade* in 2013 and was awarded the "Best First Year Firefighter" brigade award in 2014.

*When relaxing, Michael enjoys music and plays several instruments.*

### Scott:

Comes from Belgrave South and is studying at Box Hill TAFE for a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) degree.

Scott is involved with the Liberal Party Australia as a volunteer and loves to play the didgeridoo, ride his mountain bike and helping on his parents (hobby) farm in Olinda/Monbulk.

