

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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President, Rotary International

**K.R. (Ravi) RAVINDRAN**  
& Vanathy

**Rotary Club of Colombo**  
Sri Lanka



District Governor, Dist. 9810 –

**DAVID TOLSTRUP & Alison**  
**Rotary Club of Box Hill**

President,

**PAUL McALONEY & Kay**  
**Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully**

Benefactor,

**IVAN GIGOVIC,**

Vale: August 2003

**Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully**



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



### 2015 Ferntree Gully Electorate Victoria Day Awards

These awards have been presented since 2008 recognising and celebrating the amazing contributions so many volunteers make to the Knox community.

The club nominated John Flemming as an exceptional member of our club who continues to make a significant difference to our community through outstanding service and commitment.

John's contributions include:

- Club secretary since 2000
- A tireless worker for any project initiated by this club
- Mater Christi College Board member
- "Arbitrating Officer" for "Glengollan Village"
- Member of the original group establishing the Bendigo Bank in Ferntree Gully
- Involvement within Knox Council
- Provider of emotional and practical support to member families with critical health problems
- Member of group initiating local "Men's Shed"

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 13th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 20th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 27th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 3rd August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 6th July [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	RAM Coordinator District 9810	District Governor's Visit	Personal Story & St. Vincent De Paul Soc.	Committee Meeting	Club Assembly
Speaker:	Gloria Hargreaves	David & Alison Tolstrup	Gordon Veerasawmy	N/A	N/A
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBA	TBA
Chair:	Virginia R	Bob H	John F	Paul McA	Paul McA
Cashiers:	Sean C	Graeme A	Fran M	John F	Fran M
Rotary Toast	John R	Enid H	Graham F	Virginia R	John F
Rotary Knowledge	Graham F Polio Plus	N/A	Sean C Avenues of Service	N/A	N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Mike S		Bob H	Bob H	Mike S
Scribe:	Bob H	John F	Rob D	Christine A	Christine A

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	14th—Enid Hughes '08



## PAUL'S PONDERINGS

Hi everyone another week gone in our Rotary year. It was a little disappointing at our club assembly last week as I was hoping for more ideas to come forward. Over the last couple of weeks I have had people make suggestions and air grievances but maybe they are reluctant to speak out in front of a group. But at least it is a start and once people get used to the idea we will hopefully get more ideas and suggestions.

I was also disappointed that no one put their hand up to be President Elect. The sad fact is that if we don't get anyone to be President next year then we will have to close the doors. So the ball is in your court.

As I have said membership is my number one priority this year. So how do you approach a prospective member? Potential members may be your friends, business acquaintances, Rotaractors, or Rotary alumni, including former Youth Exchange participants. They could be family members, or even someone you have just met. Keep your message simple. Don't try to tell prospective members everything there is to know about Rotary before they've attended a club meeting or taken part in a service project. Try starting the conversation on how Rotary has had a meaningful impact on your life, career, or friendships. While facts and figures are useful, personal experiences and stories connect people on an emotional level. Once you've told your story, ask them what they would look for in a Rotary club. They may be most interested in making new friends, taking action on a specific community issue, or developing professional networks. Once you know what they're looking for, you can show how your Rotary club can fill that need. Think about what kind of event your prospective members would enjoy. Some people might be more comfortable attending a club meeting or social event., while others might prefer to learn about Rotary by working on a service project or participating in a fundraiser.

Catch you on Monday  
Yours in Rotary  
**Paul**  
President 2015-16

# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 6th July, 2015

The meeting was opened at 7.05pm by President Paul.

## **President Announcements:**

- President Paul welcomed everyone, a special welcome was extended to AG Alma Reynolds to our club assembly.
- Paul extended a big thankyou to those organising and helping on the Bunning's sausage sizzles.
- Paul urgently requested a President Elect for 2016-2017 someone to offer their services
- July is a busy month:-
- Interplast fund raiser Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July "Women He's Undressed" – details in last week's bulletin
- Public Expo to raise awareness of Rotary at the Queen Vic Market 12<sup>th</sup> July
- District Membership Seminar 31<sup>st</sup> July details in last week's bulletin
- Knox Rotaract present's "Red Faces" July 18<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for Peter Mac Cancer

**Chairperson:** Paul McAloney

**Secretary:** (Christine Anderson)

- Read and distributed the incoming mail.
  - An invitation from Knox Council for all volunteers to attend Civic Reception Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> at Knox Civic Centre
- **Apologies:** Bob Hurst, Stuart Vize
- **Treasurer:** Enid Hughes
- Reminder to all club members the annual fees are due now

## **Committee Reports**

**Community:** Graeme Aspinall

- The community raffle tickets sales at Maxi Foods is slower than last year, reminder to all club members to return tickets by 31 July
- Bunning Sausage Sizzle raised approx. \$800.00 in one week.

**International:** Virginia Rutledge

- Virginia reported on the Bowl scan and thanked John Flemming and Mike Spark for the smooth running of this year's 2015 program

**Youth:** Paul Wilson

- Our 2 RYLA candidates were dropped off on Mon 6<sup>th</sup> to attend RYLA for the week.

**Fellowship:** Fran Mandergeddes

- Fran took numbers for the 28<sup>th</sup> Aug "Daddy's Dying"
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Jazz at the Royal Hotel

**Sergeant-at Arms:** Mike Spark

- Mike extracted our gold coins with some interesting Australian facts

Skill: Enid drew 4 of diamonds

## **Club Assembly:**

- **Portfolios from committee's followed**

- **Community; Graeme Aspinall**
- FTG Station Beautification
- Knox Festival-not as a cluster but what sort of activity could our club do need to register in 3 months
- Continuation of Bunning sausage Sizzles with 3 extra Fridays July Aug Oct
- Relay for Life
- Need a specific community project for the club to support-to provide a goal for all members and to raise awareness within the community of what Rotary is doing in FTG.

**International:** Virginia Rutledge

- A copy of the Ivan Gigovic Legacy Bequest
- Guidelines was handed to each member to ensure funds were appropriately being used in the International area that weren't funded by Rotary International
- Recommendation to support Fairhills Hills High school in this years and future Community Service school tours overseas.
- Emergency Aid Disaster
- A presentation was shown offering each club member the opportunity to nominate for next year's budget where the funding should be directed. The results of this brain storming will be given to the International committee to comment and make future recommendations.

**Vocational:** Paul McAloney

- Continuous support for the Apprenticeship Award
- Rotary Knowledge or talks to continue, with the board discussing subjects
- Rotary Visits- e.g. Parliament House –suggested by Nick Wakeling, please give your ideas to Paul Mc
- **Youth:** Paul Wilson
- Team up with local schools
- Approach Fairhills School for Rypen Candidates
- Rotary Youth build up slowly within the local schools
- **Membership:** John Flemming Sean Campbell
- John and Sean are attending the District Membership Seminar they will arrange a meeting after this to discuss the clubs approach
- Suggestion at this stage is to approach all the business along the Burwood Hwy from Upper FTG
- **PR & Marketing** Paul Wilson
- Paul will work hand in hand with Membership committee
- **Fellowship:** Fran Mandergeddes
- A brain storming session for all member's ideas for fellowship events the results will be given to Fran.
- Some assistance to arrange these events will be required.
- President Paul thanked all those present and there being no further business closed the meeting at 8.50pm

**Scribe Christine Anderson**

## BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

9.00—12.00 p.m.	12.00—3.00 pm
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Friday, 31st July	
Graeme Aspinall Mike Spark John Flemming	Graeme Aspinall John Flemming Rob Dawson

Friday, 21st August	
Graeme Aspinall Mike Spark John Flemming	Graeme Aspinall John Flemming

Friday, 30th October	
Graeme Aspinall John Flemming	Graeme Aspinall John Flemming



## 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
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	Enid Hughes
18th November	John Flemming
2nd December	Graeme Aspinall
16th December	Christine Anderson



Dinner provided  
Contact Graeme Aspinall for more  
information  
0425 432 290

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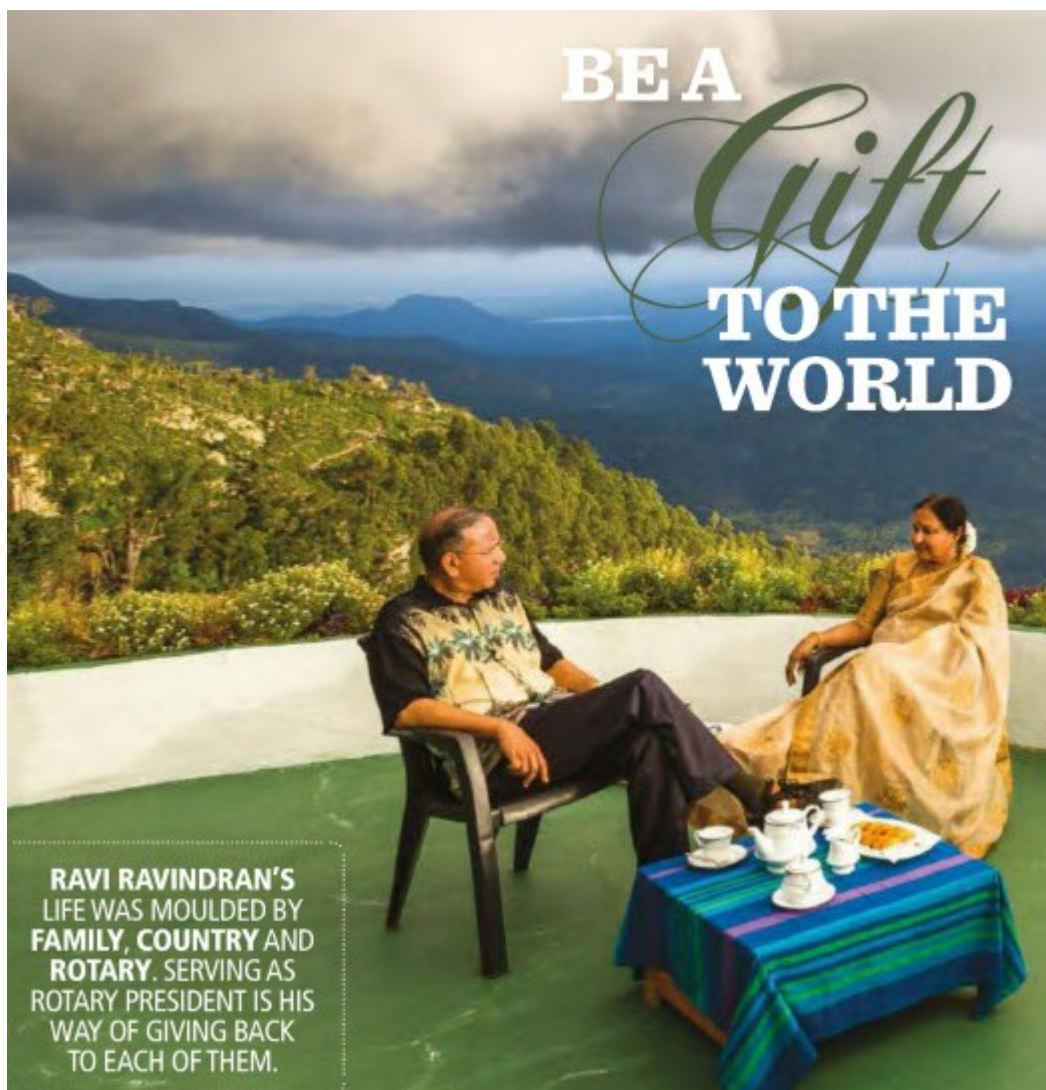
Thank you to all those who responded to my email re distribution of the bulletin. Alex Makin has made some adjustments on the website and hopefully, everyone on the distribution list will once again receive their email link this week.

Sorry for any inconvenience caused. Unfortunately these things happen with modern technology!

Have a great week!

Enid Hughes  
Bulletin Editor





*This excerpt from the July issue of The Rotarian magazine profiles the 2015-16 RI president.*

Before he gives a speech, K.R. Ravindran doesn't like flowery, adulatory introductions. They make him uncomfortable. The 2015-16 Rotary president would rather keep a low profile and share the credit. If it were up to him, you probably wouldn't even be reading this article.

Negotiating Days of Tranquility during the Sri Lankan civil war so that health workers could administer drops of polio vaccine? Although it was on his desk that the agreement landed, he says, a lot of people worked to make that happen. Rebuilding 23 tsunami-damaged schools for 14,000 children? He merely led the committee. Taking a label-printing business from a small outfit operating in a space the size of a garage to a global powerhouse in the packaging business that has helped change the value-added tea industry in his country? Well, he simply happened to be in the right place at the right time.

"I'm sometimes introduced as a self-made man," says Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo. "You've got to be utterly egocentric to believe you are self-made. Each one of us is made because so many people helped us become who we are.

One of the reasons I work so much for Rotary is that I have been helped by so many people, and often you never have a chance to reciprocate," he explains. "The only way you can is by helping others. When the people I help ask me, 'What can I do?' I say, 'Go and help someone else in return.'"

For Ravindran, paying it forward isn't a fad, it's a way of life. His theme for this Rotary year, *Be a Gift to the World*, also summarizes his personal philosophy.



# mountain district learning centre

**MDLC are hosting a free one hour road safety awareness program especially designed for older road users by the RACV.**

**Where MDLC 13-15 The Avenue Ferntree Gully**

**When Monday 17th August 2015 11:30—12.30pm**

**free**



**RSVP: Monday 10th August 2015 to 9758 7859 or to [office@mdlc.com.au](mailto:office@mdlc.com.au)**

## **Years Ahead** road safety for seniors

**The following areas are covered in the presentation**



- ◆ Road safety tips for drivers, passengers and pedestrians
- ◆ Choosing a safe vehicle
- ◆ The importance of being fit to drive
- ◆ The impact of health and medications on driving
- ◆ How to assess your own driving ability
- ◆ Information about alternative transport options
- ◆ How to plan for future mobility

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