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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

IVAN GIGOVIC,

Vale: August 2003

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



GORDON VEERASAWMY

Born in Guyana, brought up and worked as a teacher in England, before migrating to Australia, Gordon entertained us with details of his travels and how he came to be a Volunteer. His contributions to the community are wide and varied but these days he plays a large part in the running of the local arm of St Vincent de Paul (known these days as *Vinnies*).

An excellent speaker—thank you Gordon.



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 3rd August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 10th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 17th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 24th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 31st August [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	Knox Civic Centre	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Civic Reception	Committee Meeting	Days for Girls	RYDA Road safety education program	Headspace - Knox
Speaker:	All members invited	N/A	Margaret Cunningham	Nicole Van Brakel	Rima Kalaidjian
Committee Subject		TBA	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chair:		John F	Graeme A	Paul W	Mike S
Cashier:		Virginia R	John R	Fran M	John R
Rotary Toast		Sean C	Paul W	John R	Enid H
Rotary Knowledge					
Sergeant-At-Arms:		Mike S	John F	John F	John F
Scribe:		Christine A	Sean C	Mike s	Bob H

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	9th—Wendy & Mike Spark—'86
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	8th—Paul Wilson—'05



PAUL'S PONDERINGS

What a great speaker Gordon Veerasawmy was last week he was very inspirational. Gordon has certainly had an interesting and vibrant life. He would make an excellent Rotarian but unfortunately he is very busy with his volunteer work. Our cluster meeting last week was very promising in that we have decided to undertake a mental health project as well as a domestic violence project. This will enable the club to participate in these important issues where as on our own we haven't got the personnel to do so.

Our thanks must go to Stuart Vize for the great work he is doing with the collection of stamps even though he has been unwell. Well done Stuart. Also our thanks to all those who have been involved in the Bunnings barbeques over the last month specially Graeme A and John F who have done most of the work. Well done guys.

Next week is the council meeting so we will see you then.

Yours in Rotary
Paul



Paul McAloney
President 2015-16

"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 27th July, 2015

The meeting opened at 7:00pm with President Paul welcoming all members, and guest speaker Gordon Veerasawmy.

Chairman: John Flemming – called for reports.

Secretary: Christine Anderson – Read out the correspondence. Letter re need for funding to replace mosquito nets after 2 years (RAM)

Apologies: John Reid and Graham Faulkner

Make Ups: Nil

Treasurer: Enid Hughes –
Nil Report.

Vocational: Paul McAloney –
Nil Report

Community: Graeme Aspinall –
Would like all remaining raffle tickets and monies returned to him asap.

International: Virginia Rutledge –
Nil Report

Youth Service: Paul Wilson –
Nil Report.

Club Service: Paul McAloney –
Nil Report

Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes –
Nil Report

Other Business: Virginia would like the club to consider supporting the Royal Children's Hospital at Monash.

Sergeant At Arms: Bob Hurst – extracted the dollars as only he can.

Skill: Stuart Vize pulled the King of Spades.

Rotary Knowledge: Sean Campbell - Service through Rotary. Rather than the 4 Avenues of Service there are now 5 Avenues with Youth the new addition.

Program: Guest Speaker – Gordon Veerasawmy – St Vincent De Paul Society.

Gordon was born in Guyana, migrated to England and became a school teacher. He spent 3 years teaching the children of military personnel stationed at Gibraltar. Returning to England in 1983 he was a Vice Principal at a school in Essex. In 1996 he came to Australia to live in Rowville. This year saw him retire from his position at St John the Baptist primary school in FTG. He is now concentrating on his work with St Vinnies supporting local community and also asylum seekers through World Vision.

President Paul thanked Gordon for speaking to the club, read out the housekeeping for the coming week, reminding everyone that next week we will be meeting at City of Knox for the annual "Thank You to local Volunteers" get together. He then closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

Scribe: Rob Dawson

In 2015/2016, the proceeds from the sale of
USED POSTAGE STAMPS
will be directed to

R.O.M.A.C. (ROTARY OCEANIA MEDICAL AID FOR CHILDREN

In remote villages and islands across our region there are hundreds of children born with complex deformities and medical problems, and consequently little expectation of a normal life. Through the care and compassion of our surgeons and their teams here, often donating many hours of their time and skill, these children are given a second chance.

ROMAC succeeds with minimal overheads, no office, no paid staff and ensures that every single dollar raised is used to change and save the lives of fragile children, one child, one family at a time.

We are NOT asking for DOLLARS –
just your used STAMPS.
**Philatelic Garbology has raised
more than \$89,000.00
for Rotary projects during the last
24 yrs – please help us continue for
ROMAC, it won't cost you one
cent!!**

Contact Carrol Farmer on 9500-
0140 or
<ericfarmer@bigpond.com.>

COMING UP SOON.....

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

9.00—12.00 p.m.

12.00—3.00 pm

Friday, 21st August

Graeme Aspinall
Mike Spark
John Flemming

Graeme Aspinall
John Flemming

Friday, 30th October

Graeme Aspinall
John Flemming

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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
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

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29 July 2015



CCT is expanding and we have moved into a bigger office space in Battambang to help accommodate our growing team. Now each CCT program has a dedicated area including a much needed consultation space for our Medical Outreach Program and a training room where we can run educational sessions.

Recently we emailed out a feedback survey to all our child sponsors. If you have not had a chance to complete it yet, there's still time and we'd really love to hear from you.

One of our lovely survey respondents said they haven't received any sponsorship updates, but since the survey was anonymous we don't know who you are! If this is you - please contact us at info@cambodianchildrenstrust.org so we can make sure to send you updates on your sponsor child.

Warmly
CCT Team



Mansfield High School, QLD

Speed and Stopping session hits the mark

Thousands of students each year leave the RYDA program with a clear and memorable picture of speed management and the safe (three second) following gap through an interactive and live demonstration. As highlighted from our evaluation, 94% of students surveyed said they had a greater or much greater understanding of the effect of speed on stopping distances after attending RYDA.

Speed and Stopping is a practical interactive experience that is highly rated by students, teachers and parents. No similar program in Australia and New Zealand involves students in a practical activity of this type.

The session sees a qualified driving instructor stop a car at different speeds. Students actively participate by deciding together where the car will come to a stop. Most underestimate, and are surprised by how far the car will travel.

It shows the difference between stopping at 50km/h vs 60km/h by assessing the impact on a dummy - the difference between a safe stop and a serious or deadly injury.

They then pace out where they think is a safe following distance behind the car if it were going 60km/h. Again, the students always significantly underestimate. The facilitator takes them back to the three second mark and talks through factors that could push the gaps out even further - a wet road, fog or icy conditions.

Howard Dennerstein, Managing Director of Queensland-based Rightway Driving School manages a team of 60 driving instructors, many of whom facilitate the session.

Howard says watching a live demonstration is an amazing opportunity to learn important safety aspects. "Students have no idea perceiving distance and time so the demonstration is great for them. The dummy hit and pacing out the 3 second gap blows them away."

"RYDA is the only program that provides the opportunity to see theory put into reality."

Howard Dennerstein, Managing Director, Rightway Driving School

"There is no other opportunity to see a practical session like this. Driving Schools don't often get the opportunity to provide this kind of demonstration."

Howard says students coming to their driving school that have been to RYDA don't need to be taught the safe following gap. "It's definitely effective - other students (non RYDA graduates) have a big knowledge gap", he says.

Students rate the session highly in terms of learning from the day. 92% said the

session is worthwhile or very worthwhile. A student from Abbotsleigh School, NSW said, "Being able to see how speed affected stopping distance rather than just being told was an eye opener and was a very effective way of teaching it to us".

Feedback from teachers led us to include more maths and physics content in the session, related to topics such as friction, momentum and acceleration. Students no longer ride in the car during the demonstrations, as evaluation showed it detracted from the main message of the session - that doubling your speed quadruples your stopping distance.

Howard agrees. "It gets their attention now they are not riding in the car", he says.



Meet Morgana, our crash test dummy from Newcastle. Every day dummies just like her stand in front of RYDA cars to help students understand the human impact of speeding.

Subject: DISTRICT 9810 STAMP ACCOUNTS

Hi Stuart and the R.C. of Fern Tree Gully ----- what a truly AMAZING donation!!!!!!! This would have taken us about a year to trim and sort, I do hope you had some assistance with all this.

The R.C. of Fern Tree Gully have been one of the major supporters of Philatelic Garbology over the years, mainly driven by you, Stuart. So, to you and everyone at your splendid Club, a huge than you from us. We are obviously going to be able to make a big difference to one or more of the sick children that ROMAC brings over for specialised care this year.

I am sending off a large amount to my dealer next Wed. so these will be able to go right in and swell the coffers. We already have \$580.00 in the kitty as we did stamps whilst we were away in May. This means we are well over the \$90k and when we get to \$100k I am retiring -- that means you too!!!!

Knowing you have not been at all well, Stuart, I can only stand in awe of what you do - truly Service Above Self.

Very sincere thanks and best regards to you and Beth, Carroll

ROTARY DISTRICT 9810 STAMP ACCOUNTS

(just to show you how valuable is your rubbish !!!)

1991/1992---- \$431.00---- a Perkins Brailler for a blind child
1992/1993---- \$781.00---- a lycra suit for a child with cerebral palsy.
1993/1994---- \$2326.00----donation to polio eradication.
1994/1995---- \$3698.00----donation to polio eradication.
1995/1996---- \$2249.50----donation to polio eradication.
1996/1997---- \$2876.10----donation to polio eradication.
1997/1998---- \$2165.00----a mine detector for Cambodia.
1998/1999---- \$1081.80----donation to polio eradication.
1999/2000---- \$1551.50----donation to polio eradication.
2000/2001---- \$2785.00----donation to polio eradication.
2001/2002---- \$2548.00----donation to polio eradication.
2002/2003---- \$2641.50----Sight for Sore Eyes – ocular implants for Nepal.
2003/2004---- \$3746.00----Adult Migrant Literacy program.
2004/2005---- \$4972.00---- R.A.M. – netted 4 complete villages against malaria.
2005/2006---- \$7000.00----Wheelchairs for Kids (2 yr program)
2006/2007---- \$3000.00----Wheelchairs for Kids == 100 wheel chairs provided.
2007/2008---- \$5008.00----Plumpy Nuts for Darfur (nutritional aid for children)
2008/2009---- \$5105.00----donation to polio eradication.
2009/2010---- \$5206.00----Sight for Sore Eyes- Fred Hollows F. (208 eyes)
2010/2011---- \$5287.00----Sight for Sore Eyes- Fred Hollows F. (211 eyes)
2011/2012---- \$5036.80----Bio Sand Filters, clean water for village in Honduras.
2012/2013---- \$6280.80----Cathy Freeman Foundation for Indigenous Youth.
2013/2014---- \$7091.00--- Water Pumps for Moradabad Village, India.
2014/2015----\$6381.00----50% to Fred H.F. & 50% to the Koorie Academy
2015/2016----\$ -----R.O.M.A.C.

TOTAL raised to date \$89,212. 00