

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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**Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully**



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



## MARGARET CUNNINGHAM *Days for Girls*

Margaret an obviously skilled and passionate speaker kept us riveted as she took us through the story of how she started by teaching her local community how to sew which eventually resulted in them filling and taking a container load of sewing machines and other supplies to Africa where she and her team taught the local women how to sew. They found the women were sewing together the left over scraps of fabric to use as hygiene products which led, eventually to the making of Days for Girls kits being made and distributed.

A wonderful presentation Margaret—thank you. It put a whole new perspective on feminine hygiene!

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 24th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 31st August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 7th September [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 14th September [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 21st Sept [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	RYDA Road safety education program	Headspace - Knox	Committee Meeting	National Oral Health Plan	Interplast
Speaker:	Nicole Van Brakel	Andrew Gardner	N/A	Morris White	Len Brear
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	TBA	N/A	N/A
Chair:	Paul W	Mike S	Mike S	Paul W	Rob H
Cashier:	Fran M	Graeme A	Paul W	John R	Sean C
Rotary Toast	John R	Enid H	Graham F	Fran M	Mike S
Rotary Knowledge			TBA	TBA	N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms:	John F	John F	Graeme A	Graeme A	Graeme A
Scribe:	Mike s	Bob H	Christine A	Mike S	JohnR

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



## PAUL'S PONDERINGS

What a fantastic meeting last week, especially being able to award Graeme Aspinall a sapphire to his Paul Harris fellowship. It is very satisfying to be able to recognise and reward someone for all their hard work. Graeme has been the backbone of our fundraising and without his efforts our coffers wouldn't be as flush as they are now.

We also had an inspiring speaker in Margaret Cunningham whose subject was **Days for Girls**. It is really sad that in our world today people are so poor where they have to make a decision as to whether they feed their family or purchase sanitary supplies. Instead of using proper sanitary supplies, girls use leaves, mattress stuffing, newspaper, corn husks, rocks, anything they can find. They are at risk of infections and exploitation and can miss up to two months of school or work every year. We hope that our donation will enable Days for Girls to provide quite a few sanitary kits.

Keep the 18-20th March 2016 free because that is the date for the **District Conference**. The Conference is being held in Shepparton, and if it is anything like the last Shepparton Conference it will be a good weekend. There are some great keynote speakers including John Silvester better known as Sly of the Underworld.

Until Monday  
Yours in Rotary  
Paul



Paul McAloney  
President 2015-16

# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 17th August 2015

The meeting commenced at 7.10pm with President Paul welcoming all members and guests including the District Governor Elect Carol Lawton and her partner as well as Margaret Cunningham from Days for Girls.

## **Chairman Graeme A**

Called for reports:

## **Secretary: Christine A**

- presented the week's correspondence.
- Our newly updated Club Rules have been drafted and are available to be viewed over the next 21 days on request.

**Apologies:** Virginia, Rob D and John R

**Treasurer:** NIL report

**Vocational:** NIL report

**Community:** NIL report

**International:** NIL report

## **Youth—Paul W:**

- Fairhills SC have put forward a candidate for the Four Way Test. Paul W to discuss with the board following meeting.

**Club Service:** NIL report

## **Fellowship—Fran M:**

- Fran thanked all attendees to the "Impressions of Paris" night. A great time was had by all however opinion was divided on the merits of the band afterwards!
- Fran also reminded everyone of the upcoming theatre night on Friday August 28th.

## **Membership: John F**

- sought volunteers to man the Rotary New Members stand at Knox Shopping Centre from 29/8 – 30/8 over various shifts. Most if not all shifts now covered.

**Sergeant-At-Arms: John F** impressed in his new role with some "better than average" jokes.

**Skill:** Christine drew the Jack of Clubs

**Other:** President Paul recognised the outstanding record of service of Graeme Aspinall by presenting him with the Sapphire Pin to the Paul Harris Fellowship. Congratulations Graeme from us all.

## **PROGRAM:**

**Guest Speaker: Margaret Cunningham from Days for Girls (DFG)**

Margaret provided A very interesting presentation of her charity Days for Girls which makes and raises funds to provide sanitary hygiene kits to women and young girls world-

wide. They also encourage and support training for communities to make and produce their own kits. Their vision is that every girl and woman in the world should have ready feasible access to quality sustainable hygiene and health education by 2022.

President Paul presented Margaret with a donation from Rotary Fern Tree Gully which was gratefully accepted.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

**Scribe: Sean Campbell**

## 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
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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## CLUB NOTICE

Please note there will be a special meeting to vote on the acceptance of the amended Club Rules and By-laws, on Monday, 7th December.

Such amendments have been made to accord with those required by Rotary International and the laws of our State/Country and need to be formally adopted by Club Members

Over the next few months this page will highlight some of our Conference Speakers—read and take note; there are going to be some whiz bangers!

## 2016 Conference Rotary District 9810

Shepparton 18-20 March 2016



# Alex Raineri

### Area of expertise

Performer: Pianist

Twenty-two year old pianist Alex Raineri is currently based in both Melbourne and Brisbane. Some of Alex's performance experience includes tours of California, South-East Asia, England, New Zealand, Germany and a vast amount of recital and chamber music engagements in Australia including regular broadcasts on ABC Classic FM and the MBS Networks. He has performed concertos with the Queensland, Tasmanian, West Australian and Darwin Symphony Orchestras, Orchestra Victoria, Southern Cross Soloists and Queensland Pops Orchestras.

Alex is presently under the tutelage of Leah Horwitz OAM and Timothy Young and is studying at the Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM). Concurrently he is also undertaking a Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) program at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music (Griffith University) and is a current recipient of a Griffith University Postgraduate Research Scholarship.

Having had several successes in the competition field, In 2014 Alex was the winner of several prizes including the Kerikeri International Piano Competition, Australian National Piano Award, ANAM Concerto Competition, Joyce Campbell Lloyd Scholarship, Theme and Variations Foundation Scholarship and a 'Kranichstein Musikpries' at the International Summer Courses for New Music in Darmstadt (Germany).

A passionate chamber musician, Alex is the pianist and co-artistic director of the Brisbane contemporary music ensemble Kupka's Piano who are currently in residence at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts. He has also performed duo recitals with clarinettist Andreas Ottensamer (Deutsche Gramophon/Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra) on the BBC, Sydney Opera House Utzon Room Series and for Andreas' Australian tour in 2013. Other chamber music partnerships have been with Southern Cross Soloists, Sara MacIver, Brett Dean, ELISION Ensemble, ensemble interface, Ensemble Offspring, eighth blackbird, Victoria Sayles, Ensemble Nikel, Speak Percussion, Kroumata Percussion, Greta Bradman, Richard Haynes, Jessica Aszodi, Tabatha McFadyen and Angus Wilson.