

# 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



## ROTARY SUPPORTS LOCAL SCHOOL PROJECT

Paul McAloney, President of the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully was proud to hand over a cheque to the students of Fairhills High School (Rachel Harriage on the left and May Ou on the right)

In November this year, 14 Year 11 Fairhills students and two staff members will embark on a 14 day trip of a lifetime as part of a Community Service School Tour.

During their time there, they will participate in community building projects in the Chiang Rai region near the Burma border, trek through highland villages and immerse themselves in the humanitarian projects in the slums of Bangkok. The objectives of the Tour are to:

- Experience and understand global justice,
- Challenge their own personal and social values,
- Develop an appreciation for their own lives in Australia,
- Become advocates for a more equitable world upon their return,
- Build student ownership by way of outside school fundraising to offset costs.

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 14th September [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 21st Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 28th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 5th October [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 12th October [6.30 for 7.00]
<b>Venue:</b>	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
<b>Program:</b>	<b>National Oral Health Plan</b>	<b>Interplast</b>	<b>CFA</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Speaker:</b>	<b>Morris White</b>	<b>Len Brear</b>	<b>Graham Crichton</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Committee Subject</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBA	N/A
<b>Chair:</b>	Paul W	Rob H	Sean C	Paul McA	Graeme A
<b>Cashier:</b>	John R	Sean C	Paul W	Enid H	Mike S
<b>Rotary Toast</b>	Fran M	Mike S	Enid H	Sean C	Paul W
<b>Rotary Knowledge</b>	N/A	Enid H WASRAG	N/A	Graeme A The Joy of Retirement	
<b>Sergeant-At-Arms:</b>	Graeme A	Graeme A	Graham F	Graham F	Graham F
<b>Scribe:</b>	Sean C	JohnR	Bob H	Christine A	Rob D

<i><b>Birthdays:</b></i>	None
<i><b>Wedding Anniversaries:</b></i>	13th—Lindy & Graham Faulkner—'75 15th—Marj & Rob Dawson
<i><b>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</b></i>	None



## PAUL'S PONDERINGS

This week Paul Wilson and I attended Fairhills High School, where I had the pleasure of presenting to the School a cheque for \$1,000.00 as a contribution to their upcoming project in Thailand. The School were very appreciative of our donation. As I said on the day I hope that this is the start of a strong relationship between our club and the school which will not only benefit the school and our club but also the community at large.

We have made a really good start, already we have had two students attending RYPEN, and next week we have one student attending the Four way speaking competition. Next in line is involving the students in RYDA, and ultimately forming an Interact Club.

I have been very impressed with the standard of the students at Fairhills; they are very well behaved and so well mannered; there is hope in the future after all.

Catch you all on Monday.

Yours in Rotary

Paul



Paul McAloney  
President 2015-16

# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 7th September 2015

The meeting was opened at 7.15pm by President Paul.

## President Announcements:

- President Paul welcomed everyone,
- Paul Wilson and Paul McAloney had that afternoon presented Fairhills College with \$1000.00 cheque towards their Community Project in Thailand. Both were very impressed with students

**Chairperson:** Graeme Aspinall

**Secretary:** (Christine Anderson)

- Read and distributed the incoming mail.
- A reminder the District Community Seminar Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct Please all those who would like to be involved in exciting community projects please let Christine know by Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> we encourage all members to attend

**Apologies:** Rob Dawson, Stuart Vize John Flemming

**Treasurer:** Enid Hughes

- Fundraising mostly from Bunnings Sausage Sizzles and expenditure to 4 way test-RYLA End Polio Days for Girls donation and Breathometre so far this financial year.

## Committee Meetings- reports

**Community:** Graeme Aspinall

- Graeme attended the cheque presentation for the "Great Community Raffle" where first prize the car was won by Upper FTG footy club 103 organisations took part in the raffle raising \$186,000.00 for the community. Next Year's Raffle will be bigger and better with 2 cars as the prizes
- The Clubs involvement in the Knox festival Prices of Uniform T shirts, balloons small toy give away following with possible ideas – Dunking Chair-Ten Cent Throw Table Spinning Wheel.
- FTG Discovery Day suggestions still be discussed.

**International:** and Foundation met together

Clubs Wishing Well why is it not operating in the Bowling Club

Discussion of International project's in the budget: Benevolent fund- Fiji Project ABC Children's Dreams and Fairhills Thailand project

**Youth:** Paul Wilson

- Principal building relationships with Fairhills –RYPEN
- 2 candidates attending 4 way test schools speech contest.

**Fellowship:** Fran Mandergeddes- Rob Hirst

- Fellowship functions planned
- Games Night Family Feud 21<sup>st</sup> Nov
- Christmas Function
- Jan11th Fireside meeting
- Weekend away Feb at Bellbrae Torquay
- Australian Gardens Late January
- April Car Rally- and Trout Farm
- Presidents Picnic May

**Membership:** Sean Campbell

- Membership Information to be held at Knox Shopping Centre 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 10-4.00 a roster will be handed out next week

**Sergeant-at Arms:** Graeme Aspinall

- Graeme extracted out gold coins with Father's Day Quotes of Wisdom

**Skill** Paul W drew King of Diamonds:

**Other:**

A Weekend away at Bellbrae Torquay towards the end of February is being organised by Mike Spark. For more details contact Mike

President Paul closed the meeting at 8.45 pm

**Scribe:** Christine Anderson



## Your chance to support us and the Leukaemia Foundation

The Leukaemia Foundation is again conducting its fundraiser in honour of the halcyon days of Motorsport in Australia – the era of the Muscle Cars.

Funds raised by participants in the Aussie Muscle Car Run raise money to help the Leukaemia Foundation provide Support for families who need temporary accommodation for treatment.

Participants (like us) in the Aussie Muscle Car Run pay all of their own expenses, and commit to raise much needed funds for the Foundation. Our target this year is \$10 000.

You can help by donating to our account on the Aussie Muscle Car Run website at:

<https://secure.leukaemiacoundation.org.au/registrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?Referrer=%26Referrer%3ds&Team>

All donations are direct to the Leukaemia Foundation and a tax deductible receipt is provided.

We'd love you to help if you can.

Phil Walters & Michael Pratt.  
Team Fork (don't ask – it's a long story)  
Car 18, 1970 Mach 1 Mustang





## mountain district learning centre

MDLC Friendship Group, as part of Knox Seniors Festival week during October 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, are holding an event of special interests to seniors. The CFA will give a talk on home fire safety. This will be followed by a light lunch, after which Senior Rights Victoria will give a talk.

**When:** Wednesday, 7th October

**Time :** 11am—3 pm

**Venue:** MDLC,  
13-15 The Avenue, Ferntree Gully  
3156

**Entry Fee:** Gold coin donation

Please call Rachel on 9758 7859 for bookings or further information.  
**Bookings Essential—RSVP by 2nd October 2015**



### HOME FIRE SAFETY

11:00am – 12:00pm

Join us for a one hour discussion and information session on fire safety in the home.



### Light Lunch

12:00 pm  
to  
1:00 pm



### INFO SESSION

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Join us for a one hour discussion and information session on seniors rights Victoria, topics will cover the following

- Protecting your rights
- Money, Ageing and Family
- Planning ahead





## IT'S ON!

The Weekend Away, that is!

I have booked 2 X 3-bedroom units at Bellbrae Resort for the week 19-26 February, 2016.

These cover the following couples who have so far signified their desire to attend – Flemmings, Hursts, Mandergeddes, McAloneys, Sparks and Wilsons.

When I hear from others, (**BUT it has to be in the very near future!**), I can try to get another 3-bedroom unit (or a 2-bedroom one, but at a higher cost per room/couple, as explained in my initial spiel in the Bulletin of 7 September).

Remember that the units are allocated for the whole week (Friday 4PM to Friday 10AM), so if you wanted to stay down there beyond Monday (when most expect to drive back to town for Rotary or work commitments), you can. (You can even come back on Monday for Rotary and drive down again on the Tuesday - J).

A great response so far, and I look forward to hearing from others to join the merry throng!

Mike.



## 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
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



Listen honey!  
The outfit is  
by Christian  
Dior and  
the body by  
Lindt  
Chocolate.



Hi friends,

Trust you are all well

Hard to believe it is just over 100 days till Christmas

At our end we are planning for our 14th annual Ferntree Gully Christmas Day Lunch.

As someone who has volunteered in the past with us, or expressed some interest, we would like to give you the opportunity to volunteer again either on December 25 or with the set up the day before.

In the past we usually get far more requests for people to volunteer than we have opportunities for people to serve.

We thank you for your generous support of Foothills in the past if you would like to volunteer please let us know ASAP so we can send you some further information

When you let us know I'll send you the link to our online application form, that **EVERYONE** must fill out, even if you have helped before, and we will get back to you about availability

Thanks again, this day could not happen without the very generous support of so many within our local community

kind regards

*Stephen*

Stephen Barrington  
Foothills Community Care  
2015 Knox City Council Citizen of the Year  
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facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FoothillsCommunityCare>

act justly, love mercy, walk humbly  
I live, work and play on Wurundjeri land

# 2016 conference Rotary District 9810

Shepparton 18-20 March 2016



Another of our Conference Speakers.....

## Caroline Overington



Area of expertise

Journalism

**Caroline Overington** is an award-winning Australian author and journalist. She has published nine books including six novels, and three works of non-fiction.

She has been a foreign correspondent in New York for *The Sydney Morning Herald* and a senior writer on *The Australian* in Sydney. She is currently the associate editor of *The Australian Women's Weekly*.

Caroline has profiled many of the world's most famous and powerful women, including **Hillary Clinton**, **Ellen de Generes**, **Helen Mirren**, Australia's first female prime minister **Julia Gillard**; the world's richest woman, **Gina Rinehart**, and many more.

Caroline has twice won Australia's most prestigious award for journalism, the Walkley Award for Investigative Journalism. She has also won the Sir Keith Murdoch award for Journalistic Excellence; and the richest prize for business writing, the Blake Dawson Prize. Her books have earned critical and commercial success: Caroline's second novel, *I Came To Say Goodbye*, was short-listed for both Book of the Year, and Fiction Book of the Year, at the 2012 Australian Book Industry Awards; her most recent work of non-fiction, *Last Woman Hanged*, was a Booktopia Book of the Year, and a Top 10 bestseller.

Caroline has 14-year-old twins, a blue dog, and a blue-tongue lizard.