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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



## RYLA

### SCOTT NEWSTEAD & MICHAEL LINTON

*Scott and Michael entertained us—elaborating on some of the antics the RYLA group of participants got up to during their week long leadership course. They also touched on the more serious and very important aspects of this course but in the interests of future participants—you'll need to be there to find out what goes on!!*

*Fantastic presentation guys! Really well done!*

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 26th Oct [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 2nd Nov	Monday 9th Nov [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 16th November [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 23rd Nov [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club		FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling
Program:	N/A	MELBOURNE	Committee Meeting	ROMAC	Loyalty Program
Speaker:	N/A	CUP	N/A	Norm Casey	Reg Harris
Committee Subject	N/A	EVE	TBA	N/A	N/A
Chair:	Paul W		Paul McA	Grame A	Fran M
Cashier:	John R	NO	Graham F	John F	Rob H
Rotary Toast	Graeme A	MEETING	Sean C	Rob D	Stuart V
Rotary Knowledge	N/A		Rob H The Battle of Lone Pine		Graham F Rotary Foundation
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Rob D		Rob D	Paul W	Paul W
Scribe:	Graeme A		Christine A	Mike S	Graham F

<i><b>Birthdays:</b></i>	5th Nov—Robt Hurst
<i><b>Wedding Anniversaries:</b></i>	None
<i><b>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</b></i>	None

## BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER



9.00—12.00 p.m.      12.00—3.00 pm

Friday, 30th October	
Graeme Aspinall John Flemming Mike Spark	Graeme Aspinall John Flemming Paul Wilson

## 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
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



# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 12th October 2015

The meeting opened at 7:00pm with PP Mike, filling in for President Paul, welcoming all members present. He announced that there are 3 units booked at Bellbrae for next February.

**Chairman:** Enid Hughes – called for reports.

**Secretary:** Christine Anderson – Read out the correspondence.

- City of Knox will hold workshops on 9<sup>th</sup> November between 10am – 4pm.
- Australian Red Cross – Wills for Life.
- Flowers and Fruit Day Out - \$40p.p

**Apologies:** Graham Aspinall, John Flemming, Fran Mandergeddes, Robert Hurst, Paul McAloney, Virginia Rutledge

**The were no reports**

**Other Business:** Christine and Enid gave a presentation on the Melbourne Indigenous Metro School in Richmond. Opening for the 2016 school year, it will be a boarding school for 22 (11 Boys & 11 girls) twelve to fifteen year old indigenous students from remote areas of Northern Australia. Rotary has been approached to support the students, particularly in respect to clothing and sports equipment. It was suggested that our club have a “think tank” over the next few weeks in the best ways to offer our support.

**Sergeant At Arms:** Graham Faulkner – extracted the dollars as only he can.

**Skill:** Enid Hughes pulled the Ace of Hearts.

**Program:** There was no speaker

**Scribe:** Christine Anderson

'You guys line up alphabetically by height.' and 'You guys pair up in Groups of three, then line up in a circle.'

**(Barry Hall Sydney Captain at training)..**

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**Brock Maclean ( Melbourne )** on whether he had visited the Pyramids during his visit to Egypt :  
'I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to.'

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(THIS IS PRICELESS!!!!)

'He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is.'

**(Kevin Sheedy on James Hird).**

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**Jonathan Brown**, on night Grand Finals vs Day Games

'It's basically the same, just darker.'~~~

Hi friends at Ferntree Gully Rotary,

As 2015 is racing fast towards the end I again wanted to express my appreciation for the great practical support we have received from your members throughout this year serving at our Wednesday night Ferntree Gully Community meals at the Guide Hall.

Just to let you know our last night for 2015 is Wednesday December 16 and we will recommence on Wednesday February 3, 2016

Also to let you know that plans are well under way for our 14th annual Ferntree Gully Christmas Day Lunch. We are anticipating serving over 200 local people on the day, most of whom are doing it tough and/or would normally be spending Christmas Day alone

I am writing to again request support from your club as you have done so generously in the past through the following:

- Donation of goods towards men's packs, we normally put together around 65 packs for men and some suggested items are, under arm spray, toiletries, socks, mugs, pens, books
- Donation of funds towards other associated costs for the day

Again we thank you for your valuable support and look forward to hearing from you soon

kind regards

*Stephen*

Stephen Barrington  
Foothills Community Care

# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 19th October 2015

The meeting opened at 19.05 with the Rotary Toast and pp Mike Spark welcoming all members, guests, Jill & Jo Wilson, Andy Spark and guest speakers, Michael Linton and Scott Newstead, our two candidates from this year's RYLA.

Chairman: Graeme Aspinall called for chair reports:

## CHAIR REPORTS

### **Secretary: Christine Anderson.**

Read through and distributed the correspondence.

Apologies: John Ried, Fran Mandergeddes, Paul McAloney, Rob Hurst.

### **Treasurer: Enid Hughes.**

No Treasurers Report. However, as she will be on holiday next week and there will be no speaker she will not leave the computer at the club and give the cash bags to Christine. Enid told us of a "Donation in kind" warehouse she was told of and will put more in the Bulletin. Discussion of what it is and how we might avail ourselves of their "wares" ensued.

### **Vocation: Paul McAloney.**

No Report. Still roaming around Europe.

### **Community: Graeme Aspinall.**

No Report.

### **International: Paul McAloney / Enid Hughes.**

No Report.

### **Youth: Paul Wilson.**

No Report.

### **Club Service: Paul McAloney.**

No Report.

### **Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes.**

No Report. Gallivanting around Europe with Paul McAloney et al.

## SERGENTS SESSION

### **Sergeant at Arms: Rob Dawson.**

Rob astounded us with a litany of train facts and figures much to the amusement of the throng.

### **Skill: Rob Dawson.**

Rob won the draw and selected the 7 of Hearts..... we live again!

## Annual General Meeting

Christine opened the AGM at 19.12

The minutes of the last AGM were accepted by John Fleming, seconded by Enid Hughes.

The meeting was conducted in accordance with the minutes of said meeting.

The AGM closed at 19.16

## PROGRAM

Our speakers for the evening were our two RYLA candidates for this year, Michael Linton & Scott Newstead.

Michael and Scott presented their talk together using a Power Point presentation they had prepared earlier. Their talk took us through the program briefly, then focused on the speakers, what the speaker said, and what they themselves took away. ....Very inspiring.

In addition they took us through one of the exercises they did on camp with the help of ex RYLA members in the audience and showed some pics of the "fun" parts of the program.

Their talk was particularly informative to us as Sponsors, in that they told us what they did, specifically (but as I found out later still kept the "secrets") and demonstrated in concrete terms what they were taught and more importantly learned from their RYLA experience. Once again, a very inspiring and informative talk.

Graeme Aspinall thanked them for an excellent presentation and handed the meeting back to Mike who closed the meeting at 20.38

**Scribe: Paul Wilson**



Ex-RYLA member Andy Spark demonstrates the consequences of uttering the "wrong" phrase. (He did ten of them!)



## THE HAPPY WANDERERS

After a 22 hour flight from Melbourne, plus a 3 hour stopover in Singapore we finally arrived in Amsterdam, and naturally we were exhausted. Amsterdam is a bustling busy city and very cosmopolitan. It has a 100km of canals which include 1500 bridges and 90 islands. The buildings are absolutely amazing with designs dating back many centuries. We went window shopping in the red light district, which was an interesting experience, and we had to drag Robert out of there kicking and screaming as he didn't want to leave.

We are now cruising down the Rhine, and have already visited the cities of Düsseldorf and Cologne. The scenery on the river is absolutely amazing, what with numerous German villages, castles and locks. We are being spoilt rotten and it is going to be extremely hard to return to reality when we leave. We are currently on our way to Freudenberg where we are due to go on a winery tour. Well I must close as the lunch bell is ringing.

Have had a fantastic day today. Whilst the weather is not very warm, the sun is shining and the sky is blue- perfect for sightseeing. Today we were at Miltenberg, as with many villages in Europe, very old. We walked up to the castle after visiting the town before being bussed to Marktheidenfeld where I attended a traditional cooking class while Paul McA visited a winery. At the end of the day we had a traditional barbecue and singalong- fantastic fun for all - Marg H and Fran M.

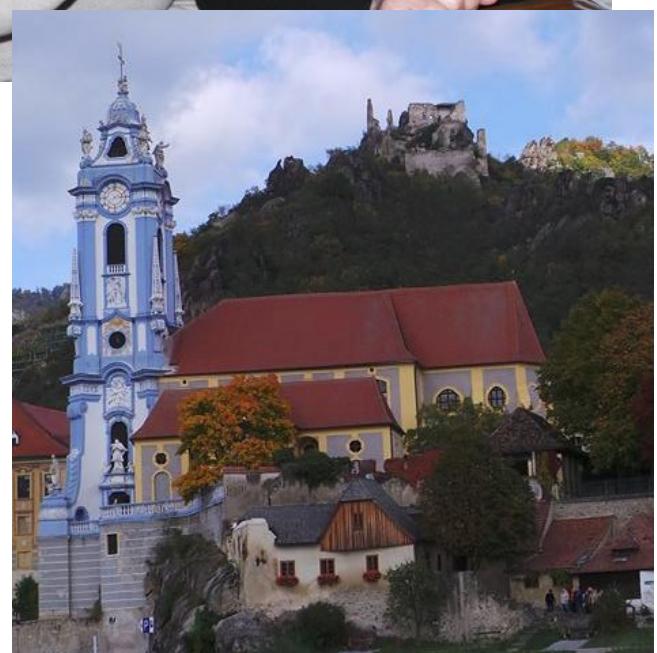


Traditional Bavarian Pretzel with the Danube in the background

We've spent a wonderful morning in Wurzburg. Cannot begin to describe in words what we have seen. As someone who has always loved, studied and appreciated art I feel very blessed by my experiences today. The Bishops Princes residence had to be seen to be believed and to be able to view the amazing frescos and stucco work that dated back to the 17th century, still immaculately preserved, cannot be described. I have bought a heap of postcards as you were unable to take photos of this Unesco heritage listed property and its priceless art works. Whilst enjoying coffee and wine in the glorious sunshine we met up with the president of a Rotary club in Germany. We have had a long chat, exchanged information and plan to keep in touch. Back on the ship now sailing to Bamberg.



While the weather forecast for our trip to Cesky Krumlov was not good, the day could not have been more perfect. Cool but not freezing, beautiful Autumn colours and tourist numbers much lower now. I can understand why this town is Unesco world listed. The huge castle was built in 13th century and the village/town developed between the 14th and 17th centuries.



Sailing past the ruins of the castle where Richard The Lionheart was imprisoned. We're sitting in the corner of the lounge, drinking tea, yes tea, watching the world go by. We'll dock here in Durnstein while we wait for Paul, Rob and the rest of the bike riders to catch up.





## NASAVUSAVU SPECIAL ED. STUDENTS

There have been some changes in our students with some being transferred (though still sponsored) and some leaving school altogether. The Rotary Club of SavuSavu are busily updating the data and will keep us informed. More news later.

Right: L-R - Neman Raddo, level 1; Kiti Tuwai, level 4; Tazmin Bi, level 8 and Ruveni Nagone level 7.