

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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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



## ROTARY JUNIOR COMMUNITY AWARD

This Award has become an annual event at Ferntree Gully North Primary School. This year, eighteen Grade 6 students fulfilled the requirements of the Award.

The Rotary Junior Community Award is a program aimed at giving young children the opportunity to develop attitudes towards volunteerism by assisting organisations and people in need, to learn about their own community, to develop healthy attitudes towards physical recreation and to develop new skills. (See page 4 for further details)

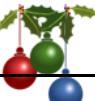
On 9th December students, staff, parents and Rotarians gathered at the school for the presentation of the results of their projects. As always—the students efforts were mind boggling. The projects covered photographs taken from their visit to the local Hindu Temple, and a visit to Dandenong Market, a Powerpoint presentation of the various projects undertaken, wall hangings and scrap books to mention just a few.

Due thanks must go to both parents and staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to enable these students to fulfil the requirements of this Award.

**Well done everyone!**

A wonderful evening which was followed by dinner at Zagame's.

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 14th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 21st Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 30th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 4th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 11th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	The home of Fran and Brian Mandergeddes		The home of John and Anne Flemming	The home of Jill and Paul Wilson
Program:	District Conference Launch	Christmas	New	Fireside Meeting	Fireside Meeting
Speaker:	Peter Cummings	Break-Up	Year's	BYO Every- thing	BYO Every- thing
Committee Subject	N/A	Party	Holiday		
Chair:	Graeme A	(BBQ)			
Cashier:	Rod D		NO		
Rotary Toast	Stuart V				
Rotary Knowledge	N/A		MEETING		
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Sean C				
Scribe:	Rob H				

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



## PAUL'S PONDERINGS

Last Wednesday night, Kay and I, Paul and Jill, Enid and Christine and John Flemming attended FTG North Primary School, for the Rotary Junior Community Awards. Once again the children had excelled in their projects and I had great pleasure in presenting the students with their achievement certificates. It is really refreshing to see children at Primary School level so confident and enthusiastic, and being able to express their ideas and feelings so readily. It is a credit not only to the children, but to their teachers, and the administration of the school. Hopefully some of the children and their parents will be able to attend Mondays meeting, to talk about their projects.

At Mondays meeting Peter Cummings is our guest speaker. Peter is going to talk about District Conference, and hopefully from that we will get a lot of interest from our members in attending. District Conference is a great way to learn what Rotary is all about. Not only new members get the benefit, but old ones as well, as every year Rotary undertakes new projects.

I was reading with interest the FTG News the other day, and especially the article on the Men's Shed. The Men's Shed is growing in numbers and they have just completed three more wooden park table and bench seats for the picnic ground at the National Park in Upper Gully. They have also made a firewood box for the Parks Victoria Education Centre. They also had a stall at Discovery Day where they were selling wooden pieces they have made. They hope to make a small profit so they can purchase much needed equipment. We have a few retirees in the club, so if anyone is interested please contact Paul on 0407560168 or Geoff on 0408359873 for more information.

Until Monday,  
Yours in Rotary,  
Paul McAloney

Paul McAloney  
President 2015-16

# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 7th December 2015

The meeting was opened at 7.00pm by President Paul.

#### **President Announcements:**

- President Paul welcomed everyone,
- On a more serious note if a President Elect is not found by next board meeting 9th Dec the club will have to start to wind down.

**Chairperson: Paul McAloney**

**Secretary:** (Christine Anderson)

Read and distributed the incoming mail.

**Apologies:** John Reid

**Treasurer:** Enid Hughes

- Annual Giving funds have been forwarded to Rotary Foundation.
- Rotary Club of Boronia Tavenui Project.—\$1,000 has been forwarded as promised
- Interplast. \$1,000 donation has been submitted.
- No Donation to Wheel Chair for Kids has been made as yet—Wishing Well has not been set up. donation amount to be discussed at board meeting

#### **Committee Meetings-**

Members broke into committee groups to discuss how to improve our clubs relationship with Knox City Council

**Community:** Graeme Aspinall

- Graeme thanked those that assisted at the Ferntree Gully Discovery Day
- Graeme to attend "Busy Feet" run by the Rotary Club of Malvern to see how FTG could start this dance club for children with disabilities

**Youth:** Paul Wilson

- Paul invited all members to attend the Rotary Junior Community Award night on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at FTG North Primary School

**Fellowship:** Fran Mandergeddes- Rob Hurst

- Our Christmas Party 21<sup>st</sup> Dec Pot Luck Dinner Menu will be distributed. All members to choose/advise what they would like to contribute to what promises to be a great Christmas Celebration along with Kris Kringle gifts

**Membership:** Sean Campbell John Flemming

- John F approached business along the Burwood Hwy at Upper FTG

**Rotary Knowledge John Flemming :**

**MUNA Model United Nations Assembly**

MUNA arose in Nth America from the desire of young people

to simulate the debates of the United Nations.

It comprises a 2 day weekend which is part of a Rotary project to educate years 10-12 year students in a commitment to world peace, health, education and having standards. It is held as forum for students' to develop their public speaking skills whilst debating topical issues

Being a Board Meeting night there was no speaker.

President Paul read out next week's housekeeping duties and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm

**Scribe:** Christine Anderson



**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL  
BE NO MEETING AT  
FERNTREE GULLY BOWLING  
CLUB ON 21ST DECEMBER—  
FRAN AND BRIAN MAN-  
DERGEDDES WILL BE HOST-  
ING OUR CHRISTMAS BREAK-  
UP BBQ.**

**Footballers' quotes:**

I never comment on umpires and I'm not going to break the habit of a Lifetime for that prat.' (Terry Wallace).



## PARAPLEGIA INSURANCE

Since 2002 RC FTG has taken out Paraplegia insurance with PBF Australia. Each year we also ask Rotary Club members to indicate whether they are in favour of this insurance. PBF stands for Paraplegic Benefit Fund (a national charity) Promoting Safety & Well-Being as a Core Life Value 24/365 – a way of preventing quadriplegia and paraplegia in Australia. Details of the cover are as follows:

Cover:	Paraplegia, Tetraplegia and Quadriplegia for self and immediate family, ie spouse and all children under 80 years of age. (Partners and offspring of children not included)
Geographical Limit:	Anywhere in Australia
Scope of Cover	24 hours per day (365 days per year)
Aggregate Limit of Liability	\$2 million
Cost	\$45.00 per member (included in your annual fees, so no additional cost)

This year PBF have increased the Member Benefit Payment from \$100,000 to \$250,000. What an incredible difference this will make to a member or family member should an accident occur resulting in quadriplegia or paraplegia.

To fund this increase we have, for the first time in 4 years, increased the annual fee per member from \$37pp to \$45pp for family cover. A very small increase in proportion to the increased benefit.

Please note that this insurance cover is **not a General Accident cover**. It is restricted to **Spinal Injury**. However, as it covers not just the Rotary member but immediate family as well this is incredibly good value.

Voting on this matter will be done at our next club meeting—14th December 2015.



# THE ROTARY JUNIOR COMMUNITY AWARD



The Award is based on the Duke of Edinburgh Award but with modifications to suit a younger age group and also a different set of aims. The Duke of Edinburgh Award commences with the Bronze Award for children who are 14 years of age. The Rotary Junior Community Award is for children in Year 6 in Primary School.

The Award is non-competitive and can be designed to cater for the mental and physical capabilities of all children. The program is readily adaptable to children in small rural schools or the large urban school. It is based on a series of activities that take place during the first three terms of the year, (the first year a pilot program over one term is recommended). Each participating child has the opportunity to design the activities to suit their own set of skills and opportunities. Adults monitor their progress.

The Award asks children to focus on four main aspects of community life;

- Community Service where children help other people.
- Skills, where children learn a new hobby or interest,
- Physical Recreation with the accent on participation as well as performance and
- Social Experience where children take part in a range of community activities including a community celebration, a community meeting, a cultural exchange, a religious experience and an arts performance.





## **Fantastic News for District 9810- An Interplast Surgical and Training Program- to Laos**

**Thanks** to those Clubs and persons in D9810 who donated to Interplast in 2014/15- nearly **\$39,000**.

**Our District is using those funds**, combined with funds from an Australian private donor (with business interests in Laos who is keen to assist) to contribute to the cost of a **two week surgical program in Vientiane, Laos** which will occur in **February 2016**.

**It will consist of a team of 7 volunteers** - 2 surgeons, 2 anaesthetists and 3 nurses to deliver this two week program of **free** plastic and reconstructive surgery and training.

Our involvement in this program was requested by Interplast recently. Our District 9810 Interplast Committee, at its meeting on the **19<sup>th</sup> November** last, wholeheartedly agreed.

Interplast has been working in Laos since 1996, where it initially focused on surgical programs and the **training** of local surgeons in cleft surgery. However, with the establishment of a cleft team of local surgeons, Interplast programs- **surgical and training now focus on burns surgery** based at the **Mahosot Hospital in Vientiane**. Further details and a **Report** will be given later on.

**Since 1996**, Interplast has delivered **29 program activities** (surgical and separate training programs) to Laos. This February 2015 program will be the 31st activity. Across these programs, Interplast teams have undertaken **1355 life changing operations** and consulted **2291** patients.

**D9810 funds totalling \$39,000** will combine with \$35,000 from the said private donor, to cover the estimated total of \$74,000 in costs. Laos is a high cost program.

**The Costs we are paying for are:** Airfares \$9500; Accommodation \$10,500; Surgical equipment and supplies \$14,000, Freight of equipment \$5000- totalling **\$39,000**. **The costs** being paid by the **second donor** are: insurance, visas, medical registrations, translators, volunteer meals, local hospital costs for in patient operative care and local drugs, program coordination and incidental costs, totalling **\$35,000**.

**The 26 Contributing Clubs** in 2014/15 are set out on page 39 of the **2014/15 Annual Report**. They are, in alphabetical order: *Bayswater, Bentleigh Moorabbin Central, Box Hill, Box Hill Central, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Clayton, Dingley Village, Emerald & District, Forest Hill, Glen Waverley, Hampton, Healesville, Lilydale, Manningham, Mitcham, Mont Albert and Surrey Hills, Moorleigh Moorabbin, Mordialloc, Noble Park, Nunawading, Oakleigh, Ringwood, Templestowe, Wandin and Warandyte -Donvale*. **Thanks Again!**

### **A Plea**

**Please support District Governor David's objective** to raise **\$45,000** this year to fund a Surgical Team. **If we reach the target early** it is possible that a surgical program will be allocated **by June 2016**.

In 2014/15, six Clubs accounted for \$23,000 in both Club and individual donations. We cannot take this level of wonderful support for granted and ask for support from all Clubs !

If those 26 Clubs that supported Interplast last year continue to support Interplast this year, and hopefully to the same, or an increased the level of support, **that would be fantastic**.

If your Club is **one of the 21 Clubs that did not contribute to Interplast last year** then please discuss within your Club the opportunity to participate in a similar program, to '**take ownership**' with others, of a program this year, and to reach our objective.

**Please** promote the opportunity for **individual donations**. See the District Directory for details. **Thanks!**

**Any query? Can we make a new presentation?**

**Please contact** me at [lhbrear@bigpond.com](mailto:lhbrear@bigpond.com) or 0455022229; or other Members of the Committee, PP Harvey Lane, PP Bob Williams, PP Warwick Bisley, PP Geoff Weeks, PP Chris Mara or PP John Scroi.