

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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**DAVID TOLSTRUP & Alison**  
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President,

**PAUL McALONEY & Kay**  
**Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully**

Benefactor,

**IVAN GIGOVIC,**  
Vale: August 2003

**Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully**



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



*Pictured above L-R Enid Hughes, President Paul McAloney, MDLC Centre Manager Janet Claringbold and Chairman of the Board Chris Markwick.*

## Rotary FTG funds scholarships for two students at MDLC

As part of our youth support program, RC FTG is offering two scholarships per year to provide support for 'financially disadvantaged secondary students to complete their Year 11 and year 12 schooling' in 2016 and 2017 at Mountain District Learning Centre.

Each scholarship is to be for \$2,000, to be used for the same student over two years (that is: \$1,000 for 2016 and the same for 2017). Since these scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial disadvantage rather than academic merit, the names of the students will not be disclosed.

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 8th Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 15th Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 22nd Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 29th Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 7th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTB Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Attracting People Who Serve	Spaneast	TBA	Compassionate Friends	Committee Meeting
Speaker:	Danielle Storey	Nicky Culhane		TBA	N/A
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBA
Chair:	Paul W	Graeme A	Rob D	Fran M	Christine A
Rotary Toast	Stuart V	John F	Paul McA	Graham F	Enid H
Cashier:	Graeme A	Graham F	Fran M	Sean C	Rob D
Scribe:	Sean C	Rob D	John R	Christine A	Rob H
Rotary Knowledge	Graeme A - Joys of Retirement	N/A	Paul McA - Battle of Long Tan	N/A	John R Ambassadorial Scholarships
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Rob H	Rob H	Rob H	Mike S	Mike S

<i><b>Birthdays:</b></i>	None
<i><b>Wedding Anniversaries:</b></i>	12th—Jill & Paul Wilson—'77
<i><b>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</b></i>	None



## PAUL'S PONDERINGS

Last week at our Committee Meeting night we had a very stimulated discussion on our club's future projects. It was very refreshing to have people putting their ideas forward which is something that has been lacking from our club for some time. I think the general census is that we make the Fairhills High School our No 1 priority and urgently get an Interact club up and running at the school. This will require a special committee to formulate it and we need people to put their hand up at the appropriate time.

We have received two Emails congratulating the club for our involvement in the District Scholarship Grant with the Mountain District Learning Centre. The first one was from our District Governor David Tolstrup, and the other was from District Foundation Chairman Bob Richards. Incidentally I used to go to Sandringham Primary School with Bob so many years ago. Our involvement in this venture has not only given us a little bit of kudos with District, but it has also enabled us to be involved in a most worthy community project.

We still have two vacancies for our social excursion to Bellbrae resort. So if anyone is interested please let Mike Spark know. It promises to be a great time. Our speaker on Monday is Danielle Storey who is going to speak about attracting people who serve. Apparently she is a very interesting and inspiring speaker.

Until Monday

Yours in Rotary

Paul

Paul McAloney  
President 2015-16

# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 1st February, 2016

The meeting opened at 7 PM with the toast to Rotary by PP Mike Spark and President Paul welcoming all members.

**President Paul announced:** Stuart MacDonald District chairman of youth exchange has advised the club that district is seeking host families for the coming Rotary year, and that they do not need to be connected with Rotary (provided of course they are approved by Rotary).

D G David wants Rotary award for excellence nominations to be in by 31<sup>st</sup> of March next. They must be non-Rotarians. There will be no seminar arranged this year for Rotarians against domestic violence, instead the relevant committee will be visiting cricket clubs in the area to show a video on the subject.

**Chairman:** Rtn Christine Anderson (and Secretary) called for reports and read the mail,

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

**Secretary:** Christine informed members of the following mail received by the club:

- Year-end report from Art Building Children's Dreams (ABCD) from special Schools in Fiji that are supported by the FTG Rotary club. There was an individual report on each child
- letter from the Australian childhood foundation
- letter from local member Nick Wakelin Shadow Minister for education, on fundraising opportunities via chocolate hampers.

**There was a trip down memory lane:** A RYLA certificate dated 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 1972 awarded to Christine Heyman by Ken Miller then President of the Fern Tree Gully Rotary club in 1972 was handed around for members interest. In that year the club was in District 282.

Another trip down memory lane was a series of photos (dating back some 40+ years) of various members in the club down through the ages. These were brought in by PP Stuart Vize

**Apologies:** received from Graeme Aspinall, Graham Faulkner and Sean Campbell.

**Treasurer:** PP Enid Hughes commented that at the halfway stage through the current Rotary year we are on track with our budget though Operating costs were increasing flagging a possible increase in club fees this year.

**Vocational:** Pres. Paul McAloney nothing specific to vocational service

**Community:** PP Graeme Aspinall was an apology

**International:** no report other than earlier comments in the president's announcements

**Youth:** Rtn Paul Wilson: Rotarian Paul had 2 items of interest;

Fairhills High School is looking for support for a literacy program they wish to run at a cost of \$800

Posed the question to the club in general do they wish to pursue an involvement in **Interact** thus making Fairhills High-school our major project—which led to an interesting discussion on whether or not the club should focus more on local programs rather than on international programs.

## Club Service: Pres. Paul McAloney

It was announced that our honorary member and Knox CEO Graeme Eammonson and resigned his position as Knox CEO to take up a position as Head of Ministry and Planning at state government level. There was further discussion as to whether we should offer him continuing honorary membership and to ensure that we approach the new Knox the CEO ( however that might be) to take up honorary membership.

**Fellowship:** PP Fran Mandergeddes : PP Fran advised members that a barbecuing cricket match had been planned for Sunday, 3 April, probably in the small park beside the FTG library and children's play area.

PP Mike Spark said we still had 2 rooms available for the fellowship weekend at Bell Brae country club on the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. Currently we have 7 couples attending.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Rtn John Reed entertained us as he relieved us of our hard earned cash with some interesting anecdotes about life in this "On Line" world

**Skill** was won against all with the right number but drew the card of the wrong denomination "Queen of Hearts "

**Meeting Closed at 8.30 p.m.**

**Scribe:** Robert Hurst





# mountain district learning centre



**MDLC Friendship Group**

## Donations Please!

*We would be very grateful for any donations of:-*

*\*wool \*knitting needles \*thread (any colour) \*buttons \*crochet hooks \*lace \*string \*faux fur \*any sensory craft bits and pieces that you are no longer needing or using.*

*This year, some of the members of the newly formed MDLC Social Friendship Group will be making "fiddle blankets" and "activity muffs" for those suffering the effects of Dementia. The lap sized blankets will be donated to Alzheimers Australia, as well as local Aged Care Facilities and those in the Community who are being cared for at home.*

*A "Fiddle Blanket" is a lap sized sensory blanket that provides both warmth and a distraction, and are designed to allow "doing", and "touching". The blankets are usually made from wool or fabric, and have things like buttons, bows, laces, zips and other sensory items sewn onto the blanket. "Activity Muffs" are based on the same idea as the fiddle blanket, but are sewn in the shape of a hand muff to keep hands warm.*

*All donations can be left at Reception or with Rachel in the Leisure Program Office.*



**Thank You!**



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## District 9810 – Youth Service Seminar

For teachers, Rotarians and those interested in exceptional youth programs  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**hosted by the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley**

**Venue:** Village Green Hotel Cnr Springvale and Ferntree Gully Rds Mulgrave (Mel:71 81 11 11)

**Time:** 6.00pm for 6.30pm

**Cost:** \$25 .00 per person, 2 course meal – drinks at bar prices

**RSVP:** By Monday 22nd February

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Contact:** (Please Print Clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

	Name (Please Print Clearly)	Rotarian / Club Guest	School / College	Dietary Requirement
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There will be NO CASH DESK on the evening, and all Clubs are requested to either: send a Club Chairperson with the above booking form to:

The Treasurer, Rotary Club of Glen Waverley, P.O. Box 218, Glen Waverley Vic 3150  
or: pay by electronic transfer to : Rotary Club of Glen Waverley, BSB 633-000, account number 128508488. Please include club name and 'cluster' in deposit information then email booking form to Jan Rattray : [jan@janrattray.com](mailto:jan@janrattray.com) Mobile : 0408 555 195

Please return by Monday 22nd Febuary.

Please advise non-attendance by club as that will assist organisers.

# RECENT FIRESIDE MEETINGS:

We had two fireside meetings during the January break. Great fellowship was enjoyed as the photos below show.



Community Kitchen Roster - 2016

Guide Hall  
Underwood Rd  
Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car park)

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DATE	ROTARIAN	ry - sec-
10th Feb	Graeme Aspinall	
24th Feb	Paul McAloney	
9th Mar	John Flemming	
23rd Mar	Christine Anderson	
6th April	Paul Wilson	
20th April	Graeme Aspinall	
4th May	Mike Spark	
18th May	Paul McAloney	
1st June	Paul Wilson	
18th June	John Flemming	
29th June	Mike Spark	
13th July	Graeme Aspinall	
27th July	Paul Wilson	
10th August	Mike Spark	
24th Aug	Christine Anderson	
7th Sept	John Flemming	
21st Sept	Paul Wilson	
5th Oct	Graeme Aspinall	
19th Oct	Paul McAloney	
2nd Nov	John Flemming	
16th Nov	Christine Anderson	
30th Nov	Paul Wilson	
14th Dec	Mike Spark	

Wednesday, 5.30pm  
Dinner provided  
Contact Graeme Aspinall for more information  
0425 432 290



# IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

February is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution month		
08-Feb	Attracting people who serve	Danielle Storey
14-Feb	Greek Festival (Sausage Sizzle)	Ferney Creek
15-Feb	Spaneast	Nicky Culhane
22-Feb	Leave open for Fellowship W/E Torquay	
26-Feb	Pre PETS (AG's/PE's only)	Dorset Gardens Hotel, Croydon
29-Feb	Compassionate Friends	TBA
March is Water & Sanitation month		
07-Mar	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	N/A
14-Mar	<b>Labour Day - No Meeting</b>	
18-20th	District Conference	Shepparton
21-Mar	KIOSC	Kate Kent Evans
28-Mar	Dist. 9810 INTERACT Program	Selwyn Shahine
29-Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
31-Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
April is Maternal & Child Health month		
03-Apr	Fellowship—BBQ & Cricket	
04-Apr	<b>Easter Monday - No Meeting</b>	
05-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
07-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
9/10th	Multi District PETS (AG's/PE's only)	Ballarat
11-Apr	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	
18-Apr	Carers of Africa	Bright B Chinganya
25-Apr	<b>ANZAC Day - No Meeting</b>	
29-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
May Youth Services month		
02-May	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	
09-May	Probus Clubs in Knox	Bruce Crago
16-May		
22-May	District Assembly	
23-May		
30-May		
June is Rotary Fellowship month		
06-Jun	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	
13-Jun	<b>Queen's Birthday - No Meeting</b>	
17-Jun	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
20-Jun		
27-Jun	<b>CHANGE OVER</b>	
Goodbye Paul, WELCOME CHRISTINE		