

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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President, Rotary International

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& Vanathy

**Rotary Club of Colombo**

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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**



## MARTIN BOETTCHER

President Paul McAloney was delighted to welcome Martin as the fourth member in two weeks to join RC Fern Tree Gully. Martin was formerly with the Rotary Club of Collie, Western Australia. He transferred to Victoria for business reasons and we were lucky enough to have him come to FTG.

Welcome Martin—Good to have you.

# UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 18th April [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 25th April [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 2nd May [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 9th May [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 16th May [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club		FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling
Program:	Carers of Africa	ANZAC	Committee Meeting	Probus Clubs in Knox	RYPEN & Thailand Trip
Speaker:	Bright B Chinganya	DAY	N/A	Bruce Crago	Fairhills HS Students
Committee Subject	N/A		TBA	N/A	N/A
Chair:	Enid H	No	Christine A	Mike S	Paul W
Rotary Toast	Ray H		Gary B	Rob D	Enid H
Cashier:	Graeme A	Meeting	Paul W	Fran M	Rob H
Scribe:	Sean C		Rob H	Paul W	John R
Rotary Knowledge	John R Ambassadorial Scholars		Fran M ROTARACT		Christine A Youth Exchange
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Fran M		Graham F	Graham F	John F

<i><b>Birthdays:</b></i>	None
<i><b>Wedding Anniversaries:</b></i>	18th Graeme & Kerri Emerson
<i><b>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</b></i>	19th—John Flemming—'93



## PAUL'S PONDERINGS

At Monday's Board Meeting the Board decided that the club wouldn't participate in Youth Exchange in this coming Rotary year. Youth Exchange is a great project, but at the moment the club's priorities lie elsewhere. This decision will be reviewed annually, and if we are in a more healthy financial position we well may take part at a later date. I put a suggestion to the Cluster Group, that the Group host an Exchange Student, but I had no replies so it seems the other clubs are not interested either.

Treasure Enid H proposed to club members that our President Elect Christine be asked to accept a 2-year tenure as President. PE Christine accepted. So well done Christine, and no one can say you are not enthusiastic about the task ahead of you. One advantage of your decision is that we don't have to worry about looking for a President Elect for the following year.

This Monday's meeting will be a Partners night and it would be great to see some new faces in attendance rather than the usual regulars. Our guest speaker this week is Bright B Chinyanya who is going to talk about the Carers of Africa.

Until Monday

Yours in Rotary

Paul

Paul McAloney  
President 2015-16

# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 11th April, 2016

*The meeting opened with the toast to Rotary by new Rotarian **Linc R-N** and with **President Paul** welcoming all members. (Committee meeting night no guest speaker)*

**President Paul announced:** The District Assembly this year will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> of May at Deakin University, Burwood campus. He also announced that the first **Female** has been admitted as a member of the Fern Tree Gully **Men's Shed** (*go figure*) Pres. Paul's most important activity for the evening was to admit a new member to the **Rotary club of Fern Tree Gully, Martin Boettcher** previously of the **Rotary club of 'Collie'** in Western Australia.

## **WELCOME ABOARD MARTIN!!**

**Chairman:** President-elect Christine advised members that a luncheon is being held for the incoming World President of Rotary International, Ian Riseley (a former district governor of our district) and his wife Juliet to wish them well as they embark on their journey as Rotary International President for the 2017/2018 Rotary Year.

**Details are: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of June 12:30 PM for 1 PM at the Whitehorse Club 298 to 336 Burwood Highway, East Burwood (2 courses including drinks) cost: \$45 per person.**

**Members are encouraged to put a group together for the day, car pool etc**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:**

**Secretary:** **Pres. Elect; Christine Anderson** read out the correspondence,

- Stuart McDonald regarding youth exchange.
- Monash Woman's Health asking for donations for help to raise \$35,000 to purchase phototherapy blankets for sick newborn babies so they can be treated at home.
- "Retina Australia Victoria" seeking assistance with '**Fighting Blindness**' and a fundraising function they are running, a "**movie extravaganza**"
- Nick Wakeling - 2016 Victoria Day Awards being held on Friday, 01/07/2016 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at Polish house "SYRENA" 1325 Stud Road Rowville

**Apologies:** PP John Fleming and PP Robert Dawson

**Treasurer:** **PP Enid Hughes:** No treasurer's report as such but gave a glowing account of the progress of our President-elect Christine in absorbing the requirements of being a Rotary Club President despite her short time as a Rotarian, the club looks like it's going to be in good hands.

Following this Enid asked club members to vote by a show of hands to propose that Christine take on a 2-year tenure as President (2016-18). As an example she pointed out that it was becoming common practice in Rotary and that in our District Assistant District Governors often serve 2 years.

Members voted unanimously and Christine accepted.

**Community:** **PP Graeme Aspinall** informed the club that the Bunnings sausage sizzle raised over \$1800 for the 4 days it ran during School Holidays. And that this year's great community raffle is being sponsored by Fern Tree Gully Nissan who will be providing a choice of 4 cars as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize. Tickets will be sold at Upper Fern Tree Gully Plaza Shopping Centre from 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Graeme also advised there is a program running called "Busy Feet" which is a dance project for intellectually handicapped children and may be of interest as a future project for the club.

**Youth: Rtn. Paul Wilson:**

**Rotary Junior community award:**

There appears to be some problem with communications either to or within Fairhill's High School regarding the progress of this program. Diaries have yet to be delivered.

Diaries were delivered to Fern Tree Gully North primary School prior to the end of last term.

**Fairhill's High School:** students will visit the club on 16/05/2016 regarding the Thailand trip and RYPEN

**Interact Club:**

Successful visit by Salwan Shahine, District Interact Chair and Adrienne Tanner from Fairhills at last meeting. All on same page, Adrienne is to set up a meeting with the club between Salwan and Fairhills in the new term.

Salwan said to allow a \$7000 budget but on discussion this was disputed as it included several RYLA participants.

**Literacy Program (Fairhills HS):**

Tracey still to supply more details.

**RYLA**

Still looking for candidates

**Fellowship: PP Fran Mandergeddes:**

- Those ladies that attended 'Saturday afternoon at the movies' watching "the Dressmaker" apparently had such a good time that they intend to do it on a regular basis.
- Fran wants it known that she is now taking over collecting the use stamps, a function our beloved PP Stuart used to carry out
- On Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of May the President's Picnic will be held at the Macclesfield Trout farm weather permitting (apron blue). If the weather stinks (apron pink) it will be held at her place in Wantirna.
- Our latest member Martin Boettcher (as of tonight) has not only joined the Fellowship committee but has offered to host a function at his home at 24 Grandview Crescent Upper Fern Tree Gully on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> of May. This will be in the form of a Hawaiian night, (come along dressed appropriately), it's BYO grog and the cost is \$10 per head which is then donated to Polio Plus

**Sergeant-At-Arms: PP Fran:** had us all groaning in agony during the extraction process, her jokes that should have caused a BOOM BOOM!! were more like Boooooooooom! Boooooooooom!

**Skill:** the draw was won by PP Graeme Aspinall who fortunately for the rest of us, pulled the 10 of diamonds from the pack.

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

**Scribe: PP Robert Hurst**

April is Maternal & Child Health month		
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	RYPEN & Thailand Trip	Fairhills Highschool Students
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		

Community Kitchen Roster - 2016	
Guide Hall	
Underwood Rd	
Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car park)	
Rotary roster – every second Wednesday, 5.30pm	
DATE	ROTARIAN
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
Dinner provided Contact Graeme Aspinall for more information 0425 432 290	



# Rotary

District 9810



## Dear Club Presidents

A few weeks ago I contacted you regarding the chartering of a club of Timorese Nationals in Dili. You will recall that the club will comprise existing Rotaractors who need to retire from Rotaract due to their age. A plea has been made to the Australian Rotary Community to support these folk in getting this club off the ground. It is essential that our support be sustainable – three to five years is the time frame being discussed.

The attached email trail explains the necessity and the basis of the project.

I would encourage clubs, or a cluster, to consider “adopting” a member of this new club. It has been suggested that \$500 a year committed for up to five years be the unit of support. I understand that \$500 may be too much for most individual clubs, but if all clubs in a cluster were to join together the target may be more achievable. If our District was able to support ten members [or even five] that would be fantastic.

You will note that the need is imminent and that banking details are contained in the details below.

Please advise me if you think that your club may be able to assist.

Thank you for considering this project.

Cheers

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