

# Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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DISTRICT 9810 VICTORIA AUSTRALIA

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District Governor, Dist. 9810 –

**DAVID TOLSTRUP & Alison  
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President,

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

Benefactor,

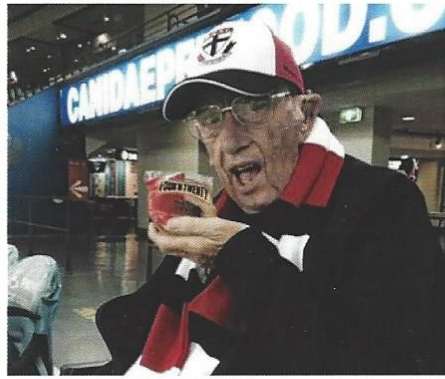
**IVAN GIGOVIC,**

Vale: August 2003

**Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully**



## WEEKLY BULLETIN



### MISS ME

*When I come to the end of the road,  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free.*

*Miss me a little – but not too long,  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me – but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you're lonely and sick of heart,  
Go to the friends we know,  
And lose your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
Miss me – but let me go.*

## STUART'S MESSAGE OF FAREWELL

Stuart will be sadly missed—but his task of collecting stamps will be carried on—thanks  
Fran.

## UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 9th May [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 16th May [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 23rd May [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 30th May [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 6th June [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	Knox Council Offices	FTG Bowling	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Volunteers Reception	RYPEN & Thai- land Trip	Branding & Marketing - Digital World	IMPACT	Committee Meeting
Speaker:	N/A	Fairhills HS Students	Russell Pear- son	Kathy Kaplan AOM	N/A
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBA
Chair:	N/A	Paul W	Rob D	Graeme A	Christine A
Rotary Toast	N/A	Enid H	John R	Sean C	Fran M
Cashier:	N/A	Rob H	Fran M	Graham F	John R
Scribe:	N/A	John R	Graeme A	Rob D	Rob H
Rotary Knowledge	N/A	Christine A Youth Ex- change			Paul W INTERACT
Sergeant-At-Arms:	N/A	John F	John F	John F	Rob D

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	16th May 1963—Club Charter
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	12th—Rob Dawson—'97



## PAUL'S PONDERINGS

Sadly last week Rotary lost one of their stalwarts and hard workers for many years in Carol Hedley who unfortunately passed away from a heart attack. The memorial services for Carol are:

Funeral Service at Mt Gambier Monday May 9th at 12noon.

Celebration of Life Service - Parkdale Monday May 16th at Parkdale Uniting Church - Parkers Road Parkdale.

In both instances no flowers by request. Donations if required to Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Council of Legislation have met and have brought in some progressive changes. The proposals put forward this year allow clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting as long as they meet at least twice a month. Representatives also approved removing six membership criteria from the RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.

I would like everyone in the club to give President Elect Christine total support by having as many members as possible attending District Assembly on the 22May. For the new members taking over the position of chairman, it is a wonderful opportunity to learn about your portfolio.

Don't forget there is no club meeting on the 9th May as we are visiting Knox Council instead. Our next club meeting on the 16th May will be a partners night, and our guest speakers will be the students from Fairhills High School, who will be talking about their recent trip to Thailand which the club helped sponsor and also their participation in RYPEN.

Until then,  
Yours in Rotary  
Paul

**Paul McAloney**  
President 2015-16

# "THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 2nd May, 2016

*The meeting opened with the toast to Rotary by one of our new members Rtn Gary and with **President Paul** welcoming all members.*

## **President Paul announced:**

- Paul's opening comments conveyed some sad news, the passing of Carol Hedley, wife of one of our former District Governor's. Unfortunately Carol had been ill for some time.
- PP John Fleming and he attended a seminar conducted by Le Pine Funerals in Ferntree Gully on 'Dementia' and its impact on lifestyle. President Paul was relieved to find out that it is not hereditary (as both his parents were inflicted with the disease) not only was the Pres. relieved but wife Kaye was equally relieved.

**Being a committee meeting night there was no guest speaker.**

**Chairman and Secretary:** President-elect Christine read out a rather lengthy composition of mail and other documentation, so much so that it is set out in dot form further in this report.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:** Were Pretty Much Taken up with President-elect Christine's correspondence and other Rotary information.

**Apologies:** Sean Campbell, Paul Wilson, Linc Reed-Nickerson and John Reid

**Treasurer: PP Enid Hughes :** Explained to new members the procedures that take place prior to the changeover of club management (the composition of the board etc) and gave members a 'heads up' on the forthcoming 1916 – 17 Rotary Year club budget.

**Community: PP Graeme Aspinall** reported to the club the results of the sausage sizzle held at Bunnings recently, unfortunately it was not a good day weatherwise and the takings were something less than anticipated. 'Que Sera, Sera' we can't win every time but it's always an "A" for effort.

PP Graeme questioned our continuing involvement in the Ferntree Gully Community Kitchen as they appear to have a significant number of volunteers who are literally falling over each other.

PP Mike Spark advised the club that Knoxbrooke's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is to take place in March 2017. As the Rotary club of Fern Tree Gully was heavily involved in establishing the organisation they want our club involvement in the celebrations.

**Fellowship: PP Fran Mandergheddes** as we are all aware Fran has taken over the responsibility for collecting used stamps from our dearly departed PP Stuart Vize, she reminded everyone not to forget to bring them in each week to be deposited in "the box"

**Other:** PP Graham Faulkner also reminded members that the annual Bowel Scan kits are now available from those local pharmacies that are participating in the program.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** PP Mike Spark stepped into the breach in the absence of our scheduled Sergeant for the night and fortunately had on hand enough little quips to entertain the troops.

**Skill:** President-elect Christine drew the six of spades, or diamonds, or clubs, or some other useless card.

## **PROGRAM:**

**The following items were mentioned on the night by President-elect Christine in lieu of our normal committee meetings.**

- The club has made a submission to the District Governor of our plans for Rotary Year 2016/17 in 3 categories.
- We received a lovely card from Beth Vize thanking us for our support for PP Stuart during his ill-health.
- Next week's meeting will be at the Knox Council Chambers at 6:30 PM
- There were lots of emails with suggestions for various projects and ideas for the new Rotary year
- There will be a Foundation Grants seminar on 13th May at Mulgrave Country Club at 7 PM
- There was correspondence in graphic detail relating to the devastation wrought by 'Cyclone Winston' in Fiji and of the help they desperately need to recover.
- 10 members put up their hands for a visit to the "Donations in-kind" facility in West Footscray in the near future
- Members were reminded of the 2016 District Training Assembly to be held on Sunday, 22 May commencing 9 AM At the Burwood Campus of Deakin University, 221 Burwood Highway Burwood
- Results of the recent club survey completed by members was read out. Copies are available to individual members upon request.

**Meeting Closed at 8.35 p.m.**

**Scribe: PP Robert Hurst**



**DON'T FORGET!**

There is no meeting at FTG Bowling Club on 9th May. We are all attending the Volunteers Reception at Knox City Council Offices.

**6.30 p.m.**

May	Youth Services month	
9-May	Knox City Council - Civic Recept.	Knox Council Offices
16-May	RYPEN and Thailand Trip	Fairhills HS Students
22-May	District Assembly	
23-May	Branding & Marketing - Digital World	Russell Pearson
30-May	IMPACT	Kathy Kaplan AOM
June	is Rotary Fellowship month	
6-Jun	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	
13-Jun	<b>Queen's Birthday - No Meeting</b>	
17-Jun	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
20-Jun	Probus Clubs in Knox	Bruce Crago
27-Jun	<b>CHANGE OVER</b>	
<b>Goodbye Paul, WELCOME CHRISTINE</b>		

*What we choose to think today will  
create our tomorrows!*

*Each time we face our fear we gain strength,  
courage and confidence in the doing.*

*It is wise to direct your anger towards  
problems not people, to focus your  
energies on answers not excuses.*

**PROCRASTINATION IS THE GRAVE IN  
WHICH OPPORTUNITY IS BURIED.**

*The jealous are troublesome to others, but a  
torment to themselves.*

*Guilt is regret for what we have done.  
Regret is guilt for what we didn't do.*

*Self pity will parch your attitudes, it will  
paralyse your abilities and it will put off  
your achievements. It prohibits excellence  
and prevents expansion.*





## **ROTARY DISTRICT 9810**

### **2016 Changeover Dinner**

#### **Invitation**

*District Governor David Tolstrup and Alison*

*together with*

*District Governor Elect Carol Lawton and Frank*

*Request the pleasure of the company of*

*All District 9810 Rotarians and Partners*

*at the 2016 District Changeover Dinner*

*Venue: Karralyka Centre, Mines Road, Ringwood  
(Melway Ref: 50A6- Entry from both Maroondah Highway  
and Mt Dandenong Road)*

*Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 7.00 for 7.30pm*

**RSVP via attached Registration Form by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

*Enquiries:*

*Don Kinnear: Ph: 0418 329 086*

*Cost: \$60.00 / person*

*Email: [donkinnear9810@bigpond.com](mailto:donkinnear9810@bigpond.com)*

*Drinks: At bar prices*

*Dress:*

*Ladies: After Five*

*Gentlemen: Black Tie or Jacket & Tie*