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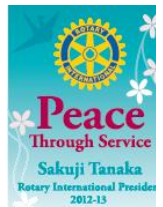
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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013**

**ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY  
50TH ANNIVERSARY  
2013**



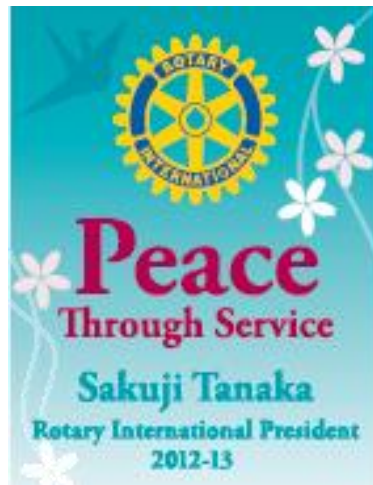
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**ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY INC**  
**Registered No A0023463V**  
**2012-13**



**50th Annual Report**

**Graeme Aspinall—President 2012—13**

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## OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- Second:** High ethical standards in business and professions; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his/her occupation as an opportunity to service society.
- Third:** The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his/her personal business, and community life.
- Fourth:** The advancement of international understanding, good-will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

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## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

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Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIP**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Graeme Aspinall**

Being asked to be president for this year following the sudden resignation of Ian McFarlane was something I had not planned on. My planning and focus had been on an overseas trip I was about to take. Returning a couple of weeks before changeover left little time to organize my thinking. I guess people thought "well, he's done it all before – everything will be Ok." But it was not that easy.

Attendance at our weekly meetings and monthly Board meetings were up and down throughout the year which made it difficult for members to be involved in club activities. However, for those who did manage to attend on a regular basis, a variety of guest speakers arranged by Mike Spark made for interesting and worthwhile evenings.

Our support was again given to the Ferntree Gully Discovery Day in November; an opportunity for Rotary to be represented in the community.

The activities of the club have been detailed by the various committee chairs in their reports so I will not comment on them further here. You will notice however that many of our activities are projects we do year to year

## **Youth Exchange**

Our support for our District Youth Exchange program has again been successful under the guidance of our student counselor, Enid Hughes. She dealt with the various problems which invariably arise and ensured the students' experience is/was a memorable one for Caroline, Kate and Damien.

We have agreed to again take up the YEP program but this year we will share the costs and responsibility with the Bayswater Rotary Club. Let's hope that Barbara and Rhiannon thrive under this arrangement between the two clubs.

## **Cluster Group**

With Knox cluster clubs working together we were able to bring to fruition our plans to present Knox Police with a Community Policing vehicle. All up, the project took three years to organize due to lack of funds and a lack of enthusiasm on the part of some clubs. All problems were overcome however and the vehicle was duly handed over on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Marketing**

In an endeavor to get ourselves better known in the area the women of our club organized a "Women's Indulgence Evening" with a view to raising awareness of the importance of women in Rotary. The evening was a great success and raised the awareness but unfortunately we didn't get any new members out of it.

## **Presidential Activities for the year:**

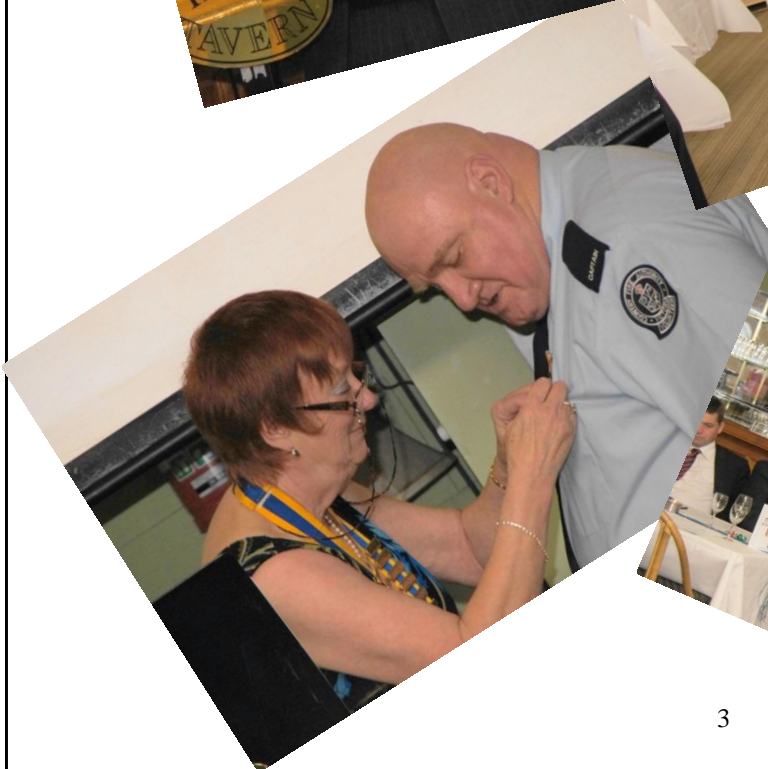
- CFA Region 13 recognition dinner
- FTG and Upper FTG Brigades' Annual Presentation Dinners
- GSE Welcome Home Dinner
- Youth Exchange functions (various)
- Foundation Dinner
- District Conference - Wangaratta
- Rotary Success Conference – Canberra
- District President's quarterly meetings
- Cluster meetings
- Changeover dinner for the District Governor

In conclusion, I would like to thank people in the club for their assistance in serving the community through Rotary. I found the year challenging but enjoyable.

**Graeme Aspinall**  
**President 2012-13**



# CHANGEVER 2012/13 Enid Hughes to Graeme Aspinall



# TREASURER'S REPORT



**Enid Hughes**

## Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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### Balance Sheet

As of May 2013

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Assets		
Current Assets		
NAB 4307 - Administration	\$6,016.24	
NAB - 4294 - Projects	\$3,585.68	
Benevolent A/c - Bendigo	\$1,331.33	
Savings Account - Bendigo	\$3,521.88	
Petty Cash	\$100.00	
Total Current Assets		\$14,555.13
Investments		
Term Deposit	\$92,000.00	
Total Investments		\$92,000.00
Fixed Assets		
Breathometers	\$22,000.00	
Gazebo	\$1,038.00	
less Accum Depreciation	-\$4,498.00	
Total Assets		\$125,095.13
Liabilities		
Skill Funds from Prior Year	\$51.00	
Total Liabilities		\$51.00
Net Assets		\$125,044.13
Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$123,181.68	
Current Earnings	\$1,862.45	
Total Equity		\$125,044.13

# **ROTARY CLUB OF FERNTREE GULLY INC**

## **Detailed Profit & Loss Statement**

**For the Year Ended 31 May 2013**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Admin Income		
Admin Bank Interest	\$223.71	\$159.76
Annual Dues & Fees	\$4,571.00	\$4,896.00
Dinner levies - Members	\$9,210.00	\$10,430.00
Admin - Weekly Contributions	\$2,220.00	\$2,494.00
Sergeant's Fines	\$819.15	\$868.65
Royal Children's Hospital	\$186.95	\$0.00
Grants-Donations Monies	\$2,038.00	\$0.00
Member Sales	\$140.00	\$193.50
Total Admin Income	<u>\$19,408.81</u>	<u>\$19,041.91</u>
Fund Raising - Fellowship		
Theatre Nights	\$200.00	\$164.00
Dinner Functions	\$0.00	\$425.00
Games Night	\$0.00	\$728.70
Raffles	\$136.80	\$103.50
Presidents Changeover	\$1,234.35	\$1,059.40
Club's 50th Anniversary	\$1,970.00	\$0.00
Total Fund Raising - Fellowship	<u>\$3,541.15</u>	<u>\$2,480.60</u>
Income - Projects		
Projects Bank Interest	\$291.42	\$220.75
Sundry Receipts (Fund Raising)	\$9.00	\$80.00
Total Income - Projects	<u>\$300.42</u>	<u>\$300.75</u>
Income Projects (Community)		
Xmas Puddings & Cakes	\$0.00	\$744.00
Sausage Sizzles	\$6,338.70	\$619.25
Wheelchairs for Kids	\$0.30	\$485.60
Monash Community Raffle	\$1,232.00	\$2,506.24
Breathometers	\$4,132.00	\$18,700.00
Nasavusavu Special Ed. School	\$300.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$112.00	\$0.00
Trivia Night - Knox Aths	\$0.00	\$4,365.90
Total Income Projects (Community)	<u>\$12,115.00</u>	<u>\$27,420.99</u>
Income - Benevolent Account		
Benevolent Bank Interest	\$21.88	\$0.28
Interest - Term Deposit	\$7,432.21	\$2,737.32
Total Income - Benevolent Account	<u>\$7,454.09</u>	<u>\$2,737.60</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u><b>\$42,819.47</b></u>	<u><b>\$51,981.85</b></u>
 <b>Cost Of Sales</b>		
Costs re Xmas Puddings	\$0.00	\$599.04
Costs re Sausage Sizzles	\$1,670.64	\$333.75
Costs re Trivia Nights	\$62.30	\$320.00
<b>Total Cost Of Sales</b>	<u><b>\$1,732.94</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,252.79</b></u>
 <b>Gross Profit</b>	<u><b>\$41,086.53</b></u>	<u><b>\$50,729.06</b></u>
 <b>Expenses</b>		
Expenses - Administration		
Bank fees	\$20.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$99.00	\$93.00
Printing & Copying	\$348.60	\$178.00
Stationery & Office Supplies	\$320.96	\$246.57
Audit fee	\$330.00	\$330.00
Total Expenses - Administration	<u>\$1,118.56</u>	<u>\$847.57</u>
Expenses - Operating		



## ROTARY CLUB OF FERNTREE GULLY INC

### Detailed Profit & Loss Statement

For the Year Ended 31 May 2013

	2013	2012
Weekly Member Dinners	\$9,181.70	\$10,192.80
Weekly Dinner Guests	\$463.40	\$555.20
RI Subscriptions	\$1,053.00	\$1,046.05
District 9810 Dues	\$2,246.96	\$2,198.72
"Rotary Down Under"	\$680.00	\$289.70
RI Foundation Subscription	\$1,300.00	\$1,104.00
Badges & Pins	\$136.00	\$133.04
Membership & Marketing	\$385.00	\$159.50
Gifts and Presentations	\$156.17	\$514.93
Merchandise - Members	\$149.35	\$199.64
Website	\$149.00	\$718.90
Insurance	\$703.00	\$666.00
Sundry Operating Expenses	\$71.90	\$674.25
Total Expenses - Operating	<u>\$16,675.48</u>	<u>\$18,452.73</u>
Expenses - Fellowship		
President's Changeover	\$1,474.80	\$1,411.75
Club's 50th Anniversary	\$2,725.99	\$0.00
Total Expenses - Fellowship	<u>\$4,200.79</u>	<u>\$1,411.75</u>
Expenses - Projects		
Project Donations	\$832.85	\$2,503.70
Sundry Project Expenses	\$0.00	\$23.00
Total Expenses - Projects	<u>\$832.85</u>	<u>\$2,526.70</u>
Expenses - Community		
Depreciation	\$4,498.00	\$0.00
Wheelchairs for Kids Payments	\$0.00	\$485.60
Monash Comm Raffle Payment	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
Community Donations	\$2,673.00	\$4,597.25
Total Expenses - Community	<u>\$7,171.00</u>	<u>\$6,682.85</u>
Expenses - Benevolent A/c		
Donations - Benevolent Fund	\$5,701.00	\$4,846.00
Total Expenses - Benevolent A/c	\$5,701.00	\$4,846.00
Youth Exchange	\$3,524.40	\$3,289.21
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u><b>\$39,224.08</b></u>	<u><b>\$38,056.81</b></u>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	<u><b>\$1,862.45</b></u>	<u><b>\$12,672.25</b></u>

## TREASURERS REPORT 2012/13

### ADMINISTRATION

As in previous years, the Admin account was budgeted well with members' fees being kept to that of the previous year - \$260.00 per annum. There were sufficient funds in the account to cover those costs associated with the celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which were not covered by the amount charged to attendees.

### PROJECTS

As far as fundraising is concerned we did a little better than last year but unfortunately still didn't manage to completely cover the monies donated. We had a shortfall of \$592. However, we were able to draw on funds left over from a previous year so did not finish up the year 'in the red'.

### BENEVOLENT FUND

In accordance with the wishes of our benefactor, International donations were made to a number of recipients who were not covered by the Rotary Foundation. This account was managed well and finished up the year with a small surplus which can be added to next year's budget.

### SUMMARY

Overall the club's accounts have been reasonably well managed with funds being distributed in accordance with the Board of Directors' wishes. Regrettably, the breathometers have not turned out to be as lucrative as was first expected but have still contributed to the club's funds and will continue to do so in the future.

**Enid Hughes**

**Treasurer**

**31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013**

# DONATIONS - 2012/2013

## Local Community

Foothills Community Church - Christmas Lunch	400	
CFA – Ferntree Gully & Upper Ferntree Gully	13,700	
Community Policing Vehicle	1,500	
FTG Primary School - Diaries	150	
Relay for Life	200	
People in Need	500	
		16,450

## Larger Community (Projects)

Royal Children's Hospital	190	
Peter Wylie Apprenticeship Award	500	
Salvation Army (Red Shield Appeal)	7,000	
Youth Exchange	3,525	
		11,215

## International Community (Benevolent)

ABCD – Sponsoring School children in Fiji	1,000	
Adoption of Cambodian Family (Ganya)	1,700	
Cambodian Children's Fund	200	
Building of Primary School Toilet Block – Fiji	1,000	
Motor Vehicle – Rotary Club in Fiji	500	
Children's Family Home – Timor Leste	1,000	
		5,400

## International Community (Projects)

Rotary Foundation	1,300	
Wheelchairs for Kids	1,056	
		2,356

<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$35,421</b>
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# COMMUNITY SERVICE



**Julie Goodchild**

After almost 10 years on the New Generations Committee, it was a big step out of my comfort zone to take on the role as chairman of the Community Services Committee. There were still a lot of achievements though.

Some of the projects we participated in were:

- The Annual Tin Rattle to raise funds for our two local CFA brigades. Ferntree Gully and Upper Ferntree Gully. Upper Ferntree Gully are putting the funds towards purchasing a defibrillator, as well as allocating some funds towards the upgrade of the slip on utes.
- The donation of funds towards a community vehicle for the police to use.
- The implementation of breathalyser machines into four venues, ie
  - Cuckoo Restaurant, Olinda
  - Wantirna Club, Wantirna
  - Mooroolbark Bowling Club
  - Terminus Hotel – Healesville

I have realised that there are always a lot of programs that could use our support. It is a challenge to work out which program to support, and which program would benefit by being passed onto another community group to work with, like

the commemorative garden that a local nursery took on.

It was an interesting year, one that I was disappointed by the outcomes at times, and very happy and positive with the efforts at other times. Thanks to all those who supported me, and all the club members who rally when they are needed.

We continue to support the **Foothills Community Church** in a range of ways

- Community kitchen. A fortnightly roster on a Wednesday evening to assist with food preparation, serving, washing up and most importantly spending some time with diners. A huge thank you to those who attend on a regular basis.
- \$200 to Christmas lunch
- Provision of gifts for men at Christmas time. (The church advised that this is a particularly difficult group to provide for). The club was successful in providing several hundred individual items which were then put in Christmas gift bags to be handed out to the recipients.

**The Salvation Army** tin rattle went well raising in excess of \$7,000.

**Julie Goodchild**  
**Chair – Community Service**



Members of Upper Ferntree Gully Fire Brigade were happy to help out with our tin rattle while Fred Mason counted the takings.



Women's Indulgence Evening



Ferntree Gully Discovery Trail Day



Councillor Karin Orpen, Mayor of Knox presents our club with a certificate for their efforts in assisting in the local Community Kitchen over the past five years



Knox Community Policing Vehicle – a Rotary Cluster project



# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT



**Paul McAloney**

Once again it has been a busy year for the club regarding International. The club has supported the following projects:

## **Cambodian Children's Trust:**

The good news here is that the family we have been supporting for the last two years has become independent, in that both the parents have employment and the children are attending school. They now have a quality of life that they never would have achieved had they not had our support. I have now asked the Cambodian Children's Trust to nominate another family for us to sponsor.

## **Timor-Leste Project**

During the year District 9810 asked clubs to participate in a district fundraiser to raise money to build a family children's home in Timor-Leste. The club donated \$1,000 to this worthwhile project.

## **Art Building Children's Dreams**

The club has made a commitment to educate four children in Fiji from primary school through to secondary education. Some people may ask "why bother?" There is no doubt about the link between poverty and education. Without education poverty will continue to effect over half the world's population – nearly 3 billion people who live on less than \$2.00 per day. People living in poverty have little or no choice about where and how they live, and without a sound education that will continue to be the case. Incidentally, two of our members have felt so strongly about this project that they have each decided to sponsor a child privately.

## **Bucalevu – Fiji**

Rotary is building an 80-bed dormitory for girls

attending a school in Fiji. Because this is a project which qualifies for a Rotary Foundation grant our club cannot participate using our benefactor's funds. Instead, we are donating \$1,000 towards the construction of the school toilets.

## **Taveuni – Fiji**

The club participated in a project instigated by the Rotary Club of Chelsea to purchase a new vehicle for the Taveuni islanders for use in delivering supplies to the villages around the island. Our donation of \$500 was the last sum required to purchase the vehicle.

## **District Governor's Partner's Fund**

The club presented a cheque for \$200 to the DG's wife whose pet project for the year was the Cambodian Children's Fund. (A separate organisation to the CCT).

## **Wheelchairs for Kids**

We have again been pleased to make a donation to Wheelchairs for Kids. Monies have been collected from the wishing well located in the gaming room at The Knox Tavern. I would like to thank the management of this establishment and their patrons, for their generosity. I hope all the patrons' wishes come true!

## **Benevolent Fund**

We also thank our benefactor, the late Ivan Gigovic whose generosity has enabled the club to continue our International Service work.

**Paul McAloney**  
**Chair—International**

# OUR INTERNATIONAL FAMILY

## CAMBODIA:

Ganya and husband Borng with their daughter Viritha



## FIJI — NASAVUSAVU SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL

**Jonati Baleimacuata**



**Kiti Tuwai**



**Salote Rua**



**Tazmin Bi**



# NEW GENERATIONS REPORT



**Greg Downes**

I wish to acknowledge the hard work and effort of Enid Hughes and Paul Wilson with assistance with New Generations this year. Enid, along with support from President Graeme, has supported our exchange student for this year, Caroline Wilhjelm, with numerous activities and outings she has enjoyed whilst in our care. Additionally, Paul has been fantastic in his support and encouragement of our relationship with Ferntree Gully North Primary School, as well as the establishment of implementing the Junior Youth Community Award at an additional school – Fairhills Primary School.

## **JUNIOR YOUTH COMMUNITY AWARD**

This is a fantastic program for the students in Grade 6 at Ferntree Gully North Primary School. They have to cover 4 areas of social development, including finding a new challenge, exploring community issues, finding out about different charities and religions, and generally widening their experiences and opportunities. This program is run with minimal expense to our club, but has a positive impact on the students and staff who help support it.

## **YOUTH EXCHANGE**

We welcomed Caroline Wilhjelm from Denmark during the year. On behalf of our Club, I wish to thank Ian McFarlane and his family for the care and nurturing they have provided to Caroline in taking her in as a part of their family and also Julie and Mark Goodchild for providing a host home for Caroline. We have enjoyed Caroline's attendance at our meetings and the opportunity to hear from her of her "Aussie" experiences. She has represented her family well and been a fine ambassador for her country.

Only a couple of months back, Graeme and Enid, along with some Rotarians from Waverley and Forest Hill clubs attended a Rotary meeting at Healesville.

The main purpose of the meeting was to present two of the recently returned Youth Exchange Students with a recognition award for their written achievements during their year over-seas. Our own Damien Croke won the award. For his effort, he received a cheque for \$200 and a commemorative plaque.

Our outbound student, Kate left us in January to travel to Denmark. We have had some communication back from her and she too, is flying the Aussie flag in a favourable manner and enjoying the experiences afforded to her. We eagerly await her return when we can catch a glimpse of what life has been like for her in a foreign land. Maybe she will have the opportunity to share her experiences with Princess Mary, one of our most famous exports!

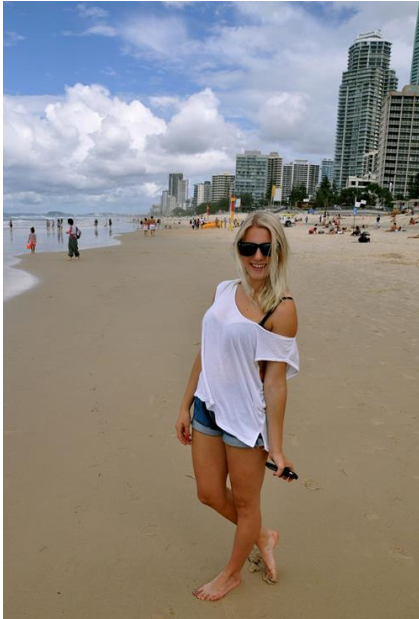
## **GOING FORWARD**

In an earlier Board meeting this year, it was discussed that due to the issue of people available, some programs would be scaled back in order for our club to function as best as possible. As a result, a number of programs involving New Generations have been temporarily cut. These will be reinstated during the course of the coming year as a restructure within our club takes place.

In the coming year, I wish Virginia all the best in accepting the position on the Board. This is a very time consuming role, of which I acknowledge has been difficult for me to fulfil as I would have liked. However, I have learned many things during the year and now have a greater understanding of some of the responsibilities required to be an effective Rotarian.

**Greg Downes**  
**Chair—New Generations**





Our three Exchange Students :

**Caroline Wilhjelm** - current inbound student from Denmark

**Damien Croke** - went to Germany

**Kate Campbell** - currently in Denmark



# VOCATIONAL SERVICE



**Phil Walters**

## **VOCATIONAL CHAIR**

This year, Phil Walters continued as Vocational Chair after taking on the role last year when PP Merv Lincoln moved out of the area.

## **PETER WHYLIE APPRENTICESHIP AWARD**

This award is presented annually to commemorate the memory of past member Peter Whyllie, who was always a supporter of the trades and apprenticeships, particularly his own electrical trade.

Peter lost his battle with cancer in 2005 and is fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Following the disappointing response from our earlier institution partner in selecting a suitable candidate and making an award last year, we withdrew from this agreement and sought out another provider.

Vocational Chair, Phil Walters and President Graeme successfully negotiated an expanded award with Apprentices Group Australia, who subsidised our contribution of \$500 with \$250 to allow an award with a total value of \$750 to be presented.

## **THE PETER WYLIE AWARD—WON BY DAVID MCFARLAINE**

The award was presented to David McFarlane by President Graeme at the Apprentices Group Australia Annual Awards function attended by Phil and Graeme. Unfortunately, David was unable to be present to accept the award on the night.

Like all AGA apprentices, David completed his Front End Training and then gained placements with domestic and commercial builders.

During this time David's wife had their 2nd child and all was going well for the McFarlane's. Whilst at work in December 2010 a severe storm hit Melbourne. Severe winds caused a large timber panel to come away from its fixings and contact David's back as he was working.

David's road to recovery has been a difficult one where he has had to undergo intensive physio treatment at Epworth Rehabilitation Centre.

David returned to AGA's training centre to work at a modified capacity to gain fitness to be fit for placement. David was unable to achieve this and had to reassess his career options. David's positive outlook on life has seen him undertake additional training so he can redirect his career.

David is studying a Diploma of Building Estimation at Swinburne and he hopes to gain employment in this field.

We are pleased to express the club's thanks to AGA, and the City of Knox who again supported us by funding the award.

## **VOCATIONAL TALKS**

Rotary information talks, whereby a member talks on a theme related to Rotary or on a 'free kick' topic of their choosing have continued this year.

## **VOCATIONAL VISITS**

There were no vocational visits this year.

**Phil Walters**  
**Chair – Vocational**

# FELLOWSHIP REPORT



**Fran Mandergeddes**

During this Rotary year the Club has again undertaken several social events, where we have enjoyed the friendship and fun of being together with our Rotary friends, simply for their own sake.

Again, we have attended several theatre productions; the most memorable ones for me being the Lilydale Theatre's productions of "*Mash*" and "*Calendar Girls*", where we were thoroughly entertained with great acting, good scripts and, not least, a fair bit of flesh as well!

A memorable afternoon was spent wandering the halls of the National Art Gallery where the Napoleon exhibition held us all in thrall. A few of us had never seen anything like it and were astounded to find there was a very real "French" connection with Australia. Finding ourselves weary after our

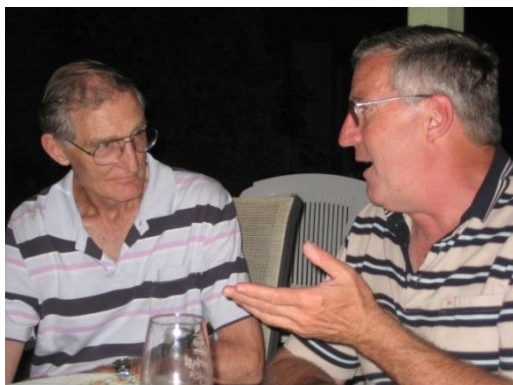
marathon walking tour we all repaired to Southbank for another memorable experience – tasty Italian food! Great Day!

We have also enjoyed really good jazz at the Royal Hotel in Upper Ferntree Gully, as well as a number of meals together.

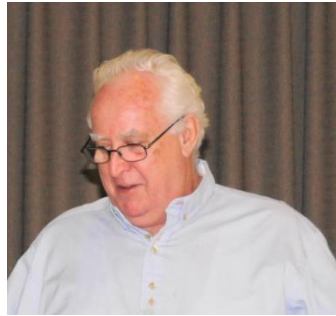
This coming Rotary year I am hoping that we can enlarge our fellowship activities, having them a little more frequently and, hopefully, branching out into other areas of interest.

If anyone has any suggestions, be assured they will be very gratefully received!

**Fran Mandergeddes  
Fellowship**



# CLUB SERVICE REPORT



**Phil Walters**

## **President Elect Seminar:**

Again this year our District conducted its traditional single District PETS which was held on 7 April. PE Phil attended for our club. Again it was a long day and very informative. The old Knox Cluster will continue next year. The first meeting of the cluster was held on 7 April, with members keen to work together as a cluster. The opportunity to do so came early, with four members assisting the RC Boronia with staffing their Sausage Sizzle at Masters Scoresby. This was seen as a small, but significant, illustration of cluster co-operation.

The theme next year will be “Engage Rotary, Change Lives”. Rotary International continued their objective of engagement of members and the importance of promoting the Rotary brand.

## **Club Development and Growth:**

Progress continues to be slow but there are some good initiatives in planning stages that should result in further Club Development and Growth.

**District Assembly:** This year District Assembly was held at the Deakin University Campus in Burwood. It was attended by President Graeme Aspinall, PE Phil Walters, Treasurer, Enid Hughes, current Foundation

Chair Rob Dawson and incoming New Generations chair, Virginia Rutledge.

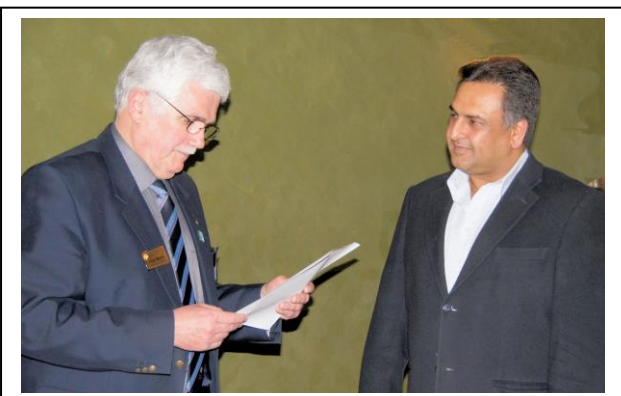
## **Stamps:**

This is again a District project. The charity which is to benefit from the sale of the stamps is decided by each new DG. The stamps collected are brought to our Club and sorted before being forwarded to Carole Farmer (RC Wantirna). Stamps are sold by weight –on paper, with up to 2cm border. We received a steady supply from our members during the year, albeit with the further development of the World Wide Web the availability of stamps is decreasing.

## **Corks:**

This is an internal project following the visit by a speaker from Motor Neuron Disease and the Club took it up. The corks are collected and when an appropriate number is reached they are delivered to MND. It is more difficult since screw tops have been used by wine companies but we continue to do our best. Again, members have been very supportive of this project.

**Phil Walters**  
**Chair – Club Service**





# MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING REPORT



**Graeme Aspinall**

## **Membership:**

Achieving growth in our membership is still proving difficult as with many of the smaller clubs in our District. Twenty-one of the forty-nine clubs in District 9810 have a membership of twenty or less and all are striving to increase their membership.

We have had some success this year. Having started the year following our changeover, with Helen Lingard and Ian McFarlane resigning and Cass Bench who transferred to Honorary membership, our numbers started at 16 but with the advent of Virginia Rutledge and Rahaul Mediratta who joined the club soon after, (identifying a local Rotary Club from our website), our numbers increased to 18. Another potential member withdrew due to family reasons just before her induction. Several enquiries about Rotary were made to Secretary John but did not follow up on the invitation to attend one of our meetings.

The following is an extract from our "Rotary On

The Move" newsletter I received recently. "Where to from Here" – our clubs need to be "right" for new members. It cannot be emphasised too much how critical it is for our clubs to be "right". Well run, organised, involved in the community, locally and internationally, welcoming and friendly to all people. Clubs need to have all their members involved in the Club and involved in Rotary. All clubs need to make sure that they retain their current membership; they need to look after their members. Members need to feel needed and they need to be involved. If they are involved they will stay. Rotary has to be fun; fun is infectious and will contribute to the life of our club.

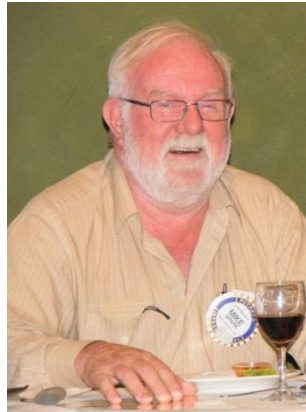
Next year our entire Club Board will be responsible for developing a membership growth plan, thereby involving all our members in achieving growth through new members.

**Graeme Aspinall**  
**Membership & Marketing**





# PROGRAM REPORT



**Mike Spark**

In my second year as program director, I have hopefully ensured a supply of interesting, informative, relevant and topical speakers to enhance our weekly meetings.

We had speakers from a variety of institutions and associations, talking about a wide range of issues and interests (including Department of Human Services programs, Wills, Community Banking, Bunnings' operations and community support, and Bridges Connecting Communities) to a range of medical and health issues (Eastern Health professors, Aged care at Wheeler's Hill, First Aid for All training, Dance Family and the Australian Red Cross, to name a few).

Of course, we had many speakers talking about their diverse Rotary projects in Nepal, Cambodia, and Australia. Isabella, Damien and Caroline, our Youth

Exchange students, informed us about their stays, during the year.

I had a speaker arranged for every night apart from the Club Committee /Board nights – and, luckily, all but one turned up! And he was a Rotarian☺! – I managed to reschedule him at relatively short notice.

I thank the members of the club for referring potential speakers to me – you have made my job much easier. Keep up the good work, please!

I look forward to continuing to provide an interesting, relevant program in the coming year, so that our members can better enjoy their Monday nights – and to get potential members along and interested in what we can offer.

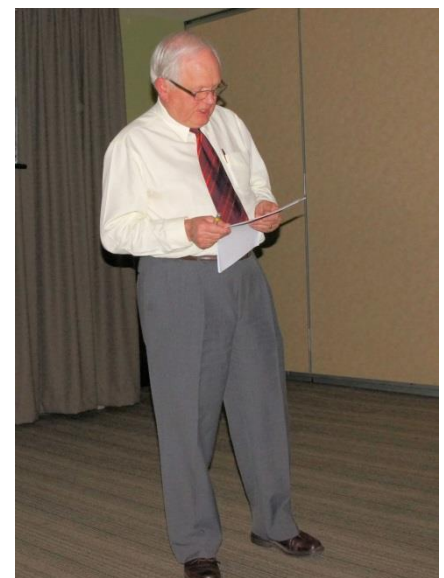
**Mike Spark**  
**Program Director**



**Alex Makin – Marketing  
and Membership**



**Julie Goodchild with Jayashree Vasan – DHS –  
Services and Programs**



**John Liddell – Empowering Australia**

## Club's Weekly

## Duty Roster

Date: 2012	Program.	Chairman	Speaker	Toasts	Cashiers	Scribe	Rty Educn.	Topic	Sgt.at.arms
July	<b>Goodbye Enid WELCOME Graeme</b>								
July	is Literacy month.								
2-Jul	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	Mike S	N/A	Paul W	Rob D & Greg D	John F			Bob H
Sat 7 July	<b>Sausage Sizzle</b> Bunnings								
9-Jul	Incoming YEP Final Presentation	Rob D	Isabela Zatti	Helen L	Graham F & Julie G	Greg D	Paul W		Bob H
16-Jul	Bridges Connecting Communities	Greg D	Joe Femino	Julie G	Angela L & Fran M	Julie G	Enid H		Bob H
23-Jul	Update on 7 Women - Nepal	Paul W	Stephanie Woollard - Failed to Show	Mike S	Paul W & Stuart V	Phil W			Rob D
30-Jul	Aged Care	Julie G	Marion Halket - Waverley SRS	Enid H	Fred M & Greg D	Mike S	Fran M		Rob D
August	is Membership & Extension month								
6-Aug	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	Mike S	N/A	Bob H	Ian McF & Stuart V	Bob H			Rob D
13-Aug	Rotary's range of Youth programs from the participant's point of view.	Enid H	Andy Spark - Rotaract	John F	Angela L & Fran M	John F			Mike S
16-Aug	<b>Cluster Foundation Roadshow</b> 335 Dorset Rd. Croydon 6.30 for 7.00								
20-Aug	Marketing Strategies	Bob H	Alex Makin - RC Ringwood	Fran M	Rob D & Greg D	Enid H			Mike S
27-Aug	History of Hang Gliding	Paul W	John Liddell	Virginia R	Graham F & Julie G	Phil W			Mike S
September	is New Generations month								
3-Sep	<b>Committee Meeting</b>		AG Tony Monley to attend	John F	Bob H & Stuart V	Paul W	Graeme A		Phil W
10-Sep	"Wills – will you or won't you?",	Fran M	Andrea Olsen	Enid H	Virginia R & Paul W	Rob D			Phil W
17-Sep	Our Community Bank	Rob D	Janine Shepherd	Angela L	Paul W & Stuart V	Greg D			Phil W
24-Sep	District Governor's Visit	Bob H	Brian Martin (Sue)	Phil W	Fred M & Fran M	Enid H			Phil W
October	is Vocational Services month								
1-Oct	<b>Committee Meeting</b>		Geon Limmer - District 9610 - 2013 Conference at Wangaratta	Rahul M	Phil W & Paul W	Bob H			Rob D
8-Oct	Incoming YEP - Presentation AGM	Phil W	Caroline Wilhelm	Enid H	Fran M & Greg D	Virginia R			Julie G
13-Oct	<b>Sausage Sizzle</b> Masters								
15-Oct	Australian Red Cross	Enid H	Sue Werland	Phil W	Fran M & Rahul M	Greg D			Rob D
20/21 Oct	<b>CFA Collection - Dawson St Intersection</b>								
22-Oct	Empowering Australia	Rob D	John Liddell	John F	Fran M & Virginia R	Julie G			Paul W
29-Oct	One Diet Does Not Fit All	Greg D	Jenifer Elliott	Graham F	Angela L & Fran M	John F	Rahul M	About Me	Paul W
November	is Rotary Foundation month								
5-Nov	<b>Melbourne Cup Eve - NO MEETING</b>								
12-Nov	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	Graeme A	Presentation by FTGN PS Student	Julie G	Fred M & Phil W	Angela L			Paul W
16th Nov	<b>Women's Indulgence Evening</b> Club Rooms of Bayswater RC								
19-Nov	World Cruise on the <i>Orion</i>	Paul W	John Liddell	Virginia R	Paul W & Stuart V	Bob H	Virginia R	About Me	Fran M
26-Nov	Outbound YEP - Presentation	Fran M	Kate Campbell	John F	Paul W & Rob D	Enid H			Julie G
December	is Rotary Family month								
3-Dec	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	Graeme A	N/A	Bob H	Angela L & Greg D	Phil W			Julie G
5-Dec	<b>Presentation of Certificates to FTGN PS Students</b>								
10-Dec	Carpets For Communities	Enid H	Anna Jolly	John F	Graham F & Julie G	Rahul M			Phil W
17-Dec	Christmas Break-Up Party	Bob H	N/A	Angela L	Rahul M & Fran M				Phil W
24-Dec	<b>Christmas Eve - NO MEETING</b>								
31-Dec	<b>New Year's Eve - NO MEETING</b>								

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## Duty Roster

Date: 2012	Program.	Chairman	Speaker	Toasts	Cashiers	Scribe	Rty Educn.	Topic	Sgt.at.arms
January	is Rotary Awareness month								
7-Jan	Fireside Meeting	Graeme Aspinall's 6 McCrae Close, Scoresby			N/A				
14-Jan	Damien Croke returns from Germany - (7.30 a.m.) QF 010								
14-Jan	Fireside Meeting	Paul Wilson's, 18 Frederick St, FTG			N/A				
18-Jan	Kate Campbell departs Melbourne for Denmark (3.30 p.m.) Thai Airlines/Bangkok								
21-Jan	Wheelchairs for Kids	Rob D	Peter Klaaysen	Phil W	Greg D & Graham F	Bob H	Graham A	Future Vision	Virginia R
28-Jan	Australia Day Holiday - NO MEETING								
February	is World Understanding month								
4-Feb	Committee Meeting	Phil W	N/A	Greg D	Julie G & Bob H	Paul McA	Rob D	Free Choice	Rob D
11-Feb	A Year in Germany	Greg D	Damien Croke (YEP)	Julie G	Fred M & Paul McA	Paul W			Virginia R
18-Feb	First Aid 4 All	Mike S	Vanessa Williams	Bob H	Angela L & Fran M	Rob D	Enid H	Dist Simplif'd Grant	Rahul M
25-Feb	DHS - Services and Programs	Julie G	Jayashree Vasan	Phil W	Paul W & Virginia R	Angela L			
March	is Literacy month								
4-Mar	Committee Meeting	Phil W	N/A	Enid H	Mike S & Virginia R	Virginia R	Fran M	Free Choice	
11-Mar	Labour Day Holiday - NO MEETING								
15-17/3/12	District Conference		Wangaratta						
18-Mar	Dance Family	Enid H	Heather Hill	Angela L	Stuart V & Rob D	Julie G	Phil Walters	Rotary Direct	Paul W
23/24/Mar	Relay for Life - BBQ		Knox Park						
25-Mar	ABCD Dreams	Fran M	Ken Wall	John F	Greg D & Graham F	Phil W			Paul W
April	is Magazine month								
1-Apr	Easter Monday - NO MEETING								
8-Apr	Committee Meeting	Phil W	Peter Malden RC Boronia	Graeme A	Julie G & Bob H	Angela L			Paul W
15-Apr	A Decision to Discriminate	Bob H	Alex Adam	Phil W	Mike S & Paul W	Paul McA			Phil W
22-Apr	Cambodia Today - Rural Poverty	Virginia R	King Gan (No Show)	Enid H	Paul McA & Rob D	Bob H			Phil W
29-Apr	Bunnings - Scoresby	Mike S	Craig Bleksley	Graham F	Virginia R & Paul W	Greg D			Phil W
May	is International month								
6-May	Committee Meeting	Phil W	N/A	John F	Graham F & Rahul M	Mike S	Paul Wilson	The Four Way	Greg D
13-May	Mental Health	Paul W	Paul Katz / Paul Leyden	Greg D	Angela L & Fran M	Phil W	Greg Downes	Free Choice	Bob H
19-May	District Assembly		Deakin Uni. Burwood						
20-May	Cambodia Today - Rural Poverty	Paul McA	King Gan	Julie G	Phil W & Stuart V	Rob D	Mike S	Rotaract & Int	Bob H
25-May	Club's 50th Anniversary Event		Kingston Links Golf Course						
27-May	No Meeting								
June	is Rotary Fellowship month								
3-Jun	Committee Meeting	Phil W	N/A	John F	Julie G & Bob H	Angela L	Graham F	Friendship Ex	Paul McA
10-Jun	Queens Birthday - NO MEETING								
17-Jun	Ageing and Wellness	Paul W	Donna Jordan	Fran M	Mike S & Rahul M	John F	Rahul M	Polio Plus	Paul McA
24-Jun	Life After a Liver Transplant	Julie G	Warwick Duncan	Enid H	Virginia R & Paul W	Greg D			Paul McA
July	Goodbye Graeme WELCOME PHIL								



# AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH



**Virginia Rutledge**

## **ROTARY'S BOWELSCAN PROGRAM 2012/13.**

Again this year our club continued to be involved in this very worthwhile program. Our Rotary District (9810) has been running this program since 2003 - our club started from 2007.

Along with many other clubs, we arrange to sell Bowelscan test kits through some local pharmacies. Local newspapers have again helped promote this public awareness & early detection program. Men & women 40 years & over are encouraged to buy & use this non-invasive test which can detect unseen blood in the bowel motion which can be an early sign of Bowel cancer or polyps(likely future cancers).

This year the price has maintained at \$10.00 – however this is still half the price of commercial kits.

The Federal government bowel cancer screening program continues again but only targets those turning 50, 55 & 65 - however anyone receiving a free kit from the government can use it instead of a bowelscan kit.

So the role of Rotary's Bowelscan program each

year is still valid, vital and will continue.

We know that every year in Australia there are going to be 12,000 new cases of bowel cancer and 5,000 deaths from bowel cancer. Fifteen men and seventeen women living in Melbourne's eastern suburbs had life-saving procedures during the past six years following early detection by using a Bowelscan test kit.

This year we sold 216 kits through our 3 pharmacies – Upper Ferntree Gully, Mountain Gate and Stud Park. Of these 216 kits at the time of going to print we have had 178 returned.

Thanks again to John Flemming for co-ordinating the delivery of new kits & collection of used ones from all the pharmacies.

**Virginia Rutledge**  
**(Bowelscan Co-Ordinator)**





# BULLETIN REPORT



**Enid Hughes**

My second year as Bulletin Editor is drawing to a close. Having some experience under my belt however has not meant publishing the bulletin each week has become easier. Finding interesting news items each and every week is sometimes very difficult. It's my good fortune that I enjoy a challenge and I must admit the regular, excellent (and welcome) efforts of our resident photographer – Paul Wilson – has made doing the bulletin so very much easier. Thank you Paul; your contributions have been very much appreciated. May it long continue!

Of course, this year was our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and I took much pleasure in organising the celebrations. The event itself was held at the Kingston Links Golf Club and the theme for the evening was "The 60's". You will see from the pictures below, the 'oldies' took great delight in showing the young people how rock 'n' roll was really performed way back in the sixties. What a night! The dress-ups were excellent with a number of people going to a great deal of trouble to look the part. Well done

everyone. I hope a few bulletins were downloaded from the website and printed as a keepsake. They'll be needed when someone comes to organise the 60<sup>th</sup>!

Once again, with the commencement of the new Rotary year members will see a change in the bulletin. As we no longer print it but publish it as a PDF there is no point in the layout being in booklet form. Therefore, in future you will be able to read pages consecutively. I hope this will be seen as an improvement but if not, I'm sure someone will quickly let me know.

Thank you to President Graeme for his weekly reports. Having done them myself I know it's sometimes difficult. Well worth the effort though as it keeps members in touch with what's happening in the club.

**Enid Hughes**  
**Bulletin Editor**

**THE CLUB'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Below—What they wore/how they behaved back in the 60's!!



## PAST PRESIDENTS :

1963-64	<b>HALL</b> Frank	1991-92	<b>ADAMS</b> Brian
1964-65	<b>THOMSON</b> Ken	1992-93	<b>WYLIE</b> * Peter
1965-66	<b>CLARKE</b> * Harold	1993-94	<b>ASPINALL</b> Graeme
1966-67	<b>MARTIN</b> Laurie	1994-95	<b>MOORE</b> Robert
1967-68	<b>ELDRIDGE</b> Jeff	1995-96	<b>WILLINGHAM</b> Ed
1968-69	<b>RUSSELL</b> Harry	1996-97	<b>EDMUNDS</b> Hilton
1969-70	<b>CHAPPILL</b> Geoff	1997-98	<b>SPARK</b> Mike
1970-71	<b>COOK</b> Duncan	1998-99	<b>FLEMMING</b> John
1971-72	<b>CASTRICUM</b> * John and <b>MILLER</b> Ken	1999-2000	<b>OGLE</b> Tony
1972-73	<b>LANGFORD</b> * Greg	2000-01	<b>YEATS</b> Sandy
1973-74	<b>de JONGE</b> Lawrence	2001-02	<b>HALL</b> Marilyn (First Woman President).
1974-75	<b>CRANE</b> * Reeve	2002-03	<b>McALONEY</b> Paul
1975-76	<b>BROWN</b> John	2003-04	<b>DAWSON</b> Rob
1976-77	<b>FOSTER</b> Ken	2004-05	<b>MANDERGEDDES</b> Fran
1977-78	<b>CALLAHAN</b> * Jack	2005-06	<b>WALTERS</b> Phil
1978-79	<b>MILLER</b> Ken	2006-07	<b>GOODCHILD</b> Julie
1979-80	<b>RICHARDS</b> John	2007-08	<b>ASPINALL</b> Graeme
1980-81	<b>BEASLEY</b> * Royce	2008-09	<b>FAULKNER</b> Graham
1981-82	<b>SHORTER</b> Barry	2009-10	<b>LINCOLN</b> Merv.
1982-83	<b>BOSCOTT</b> Bob	2010-11	<b>LINCOLN</b> Merv
1983-84	<b>BARUDAY</b> George and <b>DASBOROUGH</b> Don	2011-12	<b>HUGHES</b> Enid
1984-85	<b>MITCHELL</b> * Ron	2012-13	<b>ASPINALL</b> Graeme
1985-86	<b>HURST</b> Robert	* Have "Passed on to meet Paul HARRIS	
1986-87	<b>GLADWIN</b> Bill		
1987-88	<b>ELLIOTT</b> John		
1988-89	<b>GUINEY</b> * David		
1989-90	<b>FREGON</b> John		
1990-91	<b>VIZE</b> Stuart		



# **THE ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY INC., 2012-2013**



## **The Board**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	-	<b>Graeme Aspinall</b>
<b>PRESIDENT ELECT</b>	-	<b>Phil Walters</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	-	<b>John Flemming</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	-	<b>Enid Hughes</b>
<b>PAST PRESIDENT</b>	-	<b>Enid Hughes</b>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	-	<b>Julie Goodchild</b>
<b>VOCATIONAL</b>	-	<b>Phil Walters</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	-	<b>Paul McAloney</b>
<b>NEW GENERATIONS</b>	-	<b>Greg Downes</b>

## **Office Bearers**

<b>FOUNDATION</b>	-	<b>Robert Dawson</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; MARKETING</b>	-	<b>Graeme Aspinall</b>
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	-	<b>Fran Mandergeddes</b>
<b>PROGRAM</b>	-	<b>Mike Spark</b>
<b>BULLETIN EDITOR</b>	-	<b>Enid Hughes</b>
<b>BOWEL SCAN (Aus. Rotary Health)</b>	-	<b>Virginia Rutledge</b>

# PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

<u>Presented</u>		<u>FELLOWS</u>		<u>President.</u>
<b>1963 to 1980</b>		No Awards Made		
03:9:1981	to	<b>MILLER Ken P.P.</b>	by	Barry SHORTER
<b>1982 –1985</b>		No Awards Made		
03:4:1986	to	<b>RICHARDS John P.P.</b>	by	Robert HURST
<b>1986-1987</b>		No Awards Made		
17:6:1988	to	<b>THOMSON Ken P.P.</b>	by	John ELLIOTT
26:6:1989	to	<b>COOK Duncan P.P .</b>		
	to	<b>VIZE Stuart Rtn.</b>	by	David GUINEY
22:6:1990	to	<b>HURST Robert P.P.</b>	by	John FREGON
16:6:1991	to	<b>MITCHELL Ron P.P.</b>	by	Stuart VIZE
19:6:1992	to	<b>CRANE Reeve P.P. *</b>		
	to	<b>GUINEY David P.P.*</b>	by	Brian ADAMS
28:6:1993	to	<b>BOSCOTT Bob P.P.</b>	by	Peter WYLIE
1993-1994		No Awards Made		
26:6:1995	to	<b>THOMSON Ken P.P.</b> <b>[Sapphire to Ken's PH]</b>	by	Bob MOORE
1995-1996		No Awards Made		
1996-1997		No Awards Made		
30:6:1997	to	<b>FREGON John P.P.</b>		
	to	<b>ASPINALL Graeme P.P.</b>		
	to	<b>MASON John Rtn. *</b>	by	Hilton EDMUNDS
29:6:1998	to	<b>THOMSON Bett 1<sup>st</sup> Lady</b>	by	Mike SPARK
28:6:1999	to	<b>EDMUNDS Hilton P.P.</b>		
	to	<b>WYLIE Peter P.P. *</b>	by	John FLEMMING
26:6:2000	to	<b>MASON Fred P.P.</b>	by	Tony OGLE
25:6:2001	to	<b>FLEMMING John P.P.</b>	by	Sandy YEATS
2001-2002		No awards Made		
19:5:2003	to	<b>WYLIE Cheryl</b>		
	to	<b>VIZE Stuart P.P.</b> <b>[Sapphire to Stuart's PHF]</b>	by	Paul McALONEY
2003-04		No awards Made.		
2004-05	to	<b>SPARK Mike P.P.</b>	by	Fran MANDERGEDDES
2005-06		No awards Made		
2006-07	to	<b>BENCH Cass Rtn.</b>		
	to	<b>FLEMMING John P.P.</b> <b>[Sapphire to John's PHF]</b>	by	Julie GOODCHILD
2007-08	to	<b>DAWSON Robert P.P.</b>		
	to	<b>Beth VIZE</b>	by	Graeme ASPINALL
2008 –09	to	<b>McALONEY Paul P.P.</b>		
	to	<b>GOODCHILD Julie P.P.</b>	by	Graham FAULKNER
2009-10	to	<b>MANDERGEDDES Fran PP</b>	by	Merv LINCOLN
2010-11		No awards Made		
2011-12	to	<b>SMITH, Peter Captain – CFA</b>	by	Enid HUGHES