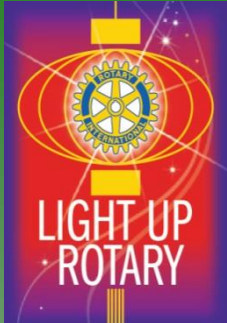


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Taiwan

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**MIKE SPARK & Wendy**  
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

**IVAN GIGOVIC,**  
Vale: August 2003  
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



### Ferntree Gully Discovery Day

Club members turned out in force to support this annual event.

*Pictured: L-R Phil Walters, Bob Hurst, Graeme Aspinall, Christine Anderson and Jill Wilson*



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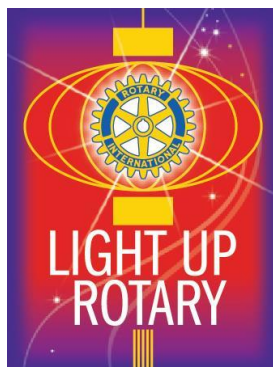
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**ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY INC**  
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**2014-15**



**52nd Annual Report**

**Mike Spark—President 2014—15**

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# Rotary

## Club of Fern Tree Gully



### 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 Roarian 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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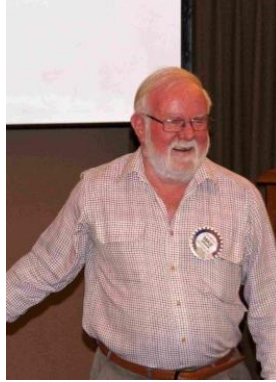
Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

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

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

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Mike Spark**

It's been a turbulent year for our Club as far as venues go, having lost our Knox Tavern venue in September, due to fire. The temporary venue we found at Delgano's did not work out because of the layout and noise factors, but Graeme and John came up with another – our new home, the Ferntree Gully Bowling Club. We have settled in well, and the venue gives us lots of options for different meeting styles and other club/fellowship functions.

The many and diverse activities of the club are described in detail in the individual Chairs' reports, so I won't repeat them here.

The focus for the first part of the year was to find a permanent venue, and throughout the year was to continue to make the club more visible and relevant in our local area. Participation in local/community expos, along with some advertising, has raised our profile, I believe, but much more needs to be done consistently and with greater focus. Exposure is the key to membership growth, not only for Rotary International but also for our great little club. We have to be seen more as significant contributors to our local community to attract like-minded citizens, initially as cause/project supporters and then as potential members.

We have continued to work closely with the other 'Knox Cluster' clubs, and participated with them in supporting the 2015 Knox Festival pilot activity to see if the clubs wished to enter into a long-term agreement to share the planning for and running of the Festival with the Council. Regrettably, at this stage, the majority of the cluster clubs did not feel happy about a complete commitment for the long term. This proposed Rotary/Knox City Council partnership decision can be, and should be, reviewed at a later stage, I believe, but our Club will in any case continue to maintain excellent relations with the Knox City council (the Knox CEO is an honorary member of our club, for example).

Arising directly from the feedback from the Knox Festival event, the recent Cluster Club dinner night in Rowville was an excellent way to share ideas and meet with other Rotarians. This is being encouraged as an ongoing annual or even bi-annual event.

On the Community front, I congratulate Graeme Aspinall on an excellent and expanding program of sausage sizzles and community raffles, all of which bring in much-needed money to support our community and other activities. Other activities are outlined in his report – and they are many and diverse!

On the membership front, we were pleased to welcome Lee Morris and Tim McCarthy in July and August as new members, but disappointed that we lost both during the year (Tim tragically from a heart attack while snorkelling when overseas on holiday in November). Sean Campbell replaced Greg Downes, who was transferred to Le Pines Head Office. Thanks for your company and your contribution to our club, Greg, and we are enjoying Sean's company as he settles in to Rotary and FTG.

On the Fellowship front, Fran Mandergeddes has again been active with our Christmas and changeover functions, the funny theatre nights and many other opportunities to get together, apart from meeting nights, and enjoy each other's company with friends and family. Well done, Fran.

We have ceased to participate in the Youth Exchange Program, after many fulfilling years, as host families become harder to get.

I have met with the CEO of Knoxbrooke (which you will remember from last year's report that we helped set up a long time ago) during the year, and I am sure that we can rebuild our 50-year association (particularly in the next two years, by helping them plan and implement their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations).



Our website is mature and well-informed, providing a focal point for our communications both with our members and the wider community. We are indebted to Enid Hughes for maintaining the website, as well as “looking after the cash, publishing the Bulletin, stepping into all manner of duties and generally keeping errant Presidents in line” (Phil’s words from last year, I know – but nothing has changed ☺). Thanks very much, Enid.

I was pleased to be informed in June that our Club Secretary for 15 years, John Flemming, was to receive a Victoria Day award from the Ferntree Gully electorate MP, Nick Wakeling in early July. John has done so much for the Club and the FTG and Knox

communities over many decades, and thoroughly deserves this award, in my not-so-humble opinion. Thank you, Stu, for initiating this deserved action.

Thanks to all the members for their valuable contributions during the year to many projects and activities, and I wish you all the best for the new Rotary year.

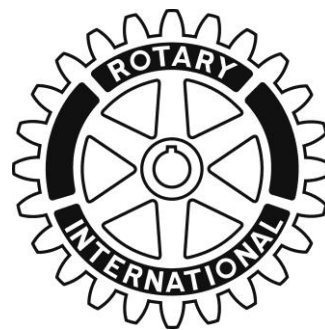
**Mike Spark**  
**President 2014-15**



Pictured above: Members of the Knox Cluster – gathered together for a fairly informal meeting with lots of networking. Hopefully, this is the first of what might become a regular event.

### **DID YOU KNOW.....**

Rotary's early emblem was a simple wagon wheel (in motion with dust). It was designed in 1905 by Montague M. Bear, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago who was an engraver. He designed the emblem to represent both civilization and movement. Most of the early Rotary clubs adopted the wheel in one form or another. The present emblem, 24 cogs and six spokes, was adopted in 1924. A keyway was added to signify usefulness. An official description of the emblem was adopted at the 1929 International Convention





# CHANGEOVER – 2014-15

Outgoing President Phil Walters congratulates incoming President Mike Spark



# TREASURER'S REPORT



**Enid Hughes**

Managing the funds of a small club is very important but not that difficult so my position as Treasurer has been onerous at times but overall not too traumatic. Once again, speaking financially, the year has been successful with the club being able to do some important work both locally and overseas.

## ADMINISTRATION

This year we managed to stay under budget (by a very small margin). This will enable us to keep the fees for 2015-16 at \$260.00 per member. We made no asset purchases this year as the equipment we have was sufficient for our needs.

## PROJECTS

Once again our fundraising exceeded our donations; only by a small margin but enough to give us a buffer with which to start the new Rotary year. However, it's worrying to see that the Breathometer machines which were originally seen as a good residual income earner is proving to be not so profitable. This situation will have to be carefully monitored if this project is to remain a viable option for the club.

I must commend Graeme Aspinall and John Flemming for their efforts in fundraising. They have both worked hard and with the assistance of a number of club members have raised enough funds to enable us to participate in some very worthy projects.

## BENEVOLENT FUND

As always, the projects funded from this account were handled in strict accordance with the rules set down by our benefactor, Ivan Gigovic. For some years now we have only spent the interest earned on the monies invested. However, due to the prevailing low interest rates which are deemed unlikely to improve for some time it may be necessary to draw down some funds from the principal in order to service ongoing commitments.

Again, our thanks must go to Ivan Gigovic for his generous bequest which enables our club to do some very important international work.

**Enid Hughes**  
**Treasurer**

## ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY INC Detailed Statement of Financial Position as at 31 May 2015

	2015	2014
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
NAB 4307 - Administration	\$4,886.35	\$4,800.38
NAB - 4294 - Projects	\$6,683.50	\$5,954.83
Benevolent A/c - Bendigo	\$739.00	\$928.89
Savings Account - Bendigo	\$544.91	\$2,541.55
Club Debit Card	\$200.00	\$0.00
Petty Cash	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$13,153.76</b>	<b>\$14,325.65</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
Term Deposit	\$92,000.00	\$92,000.00
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$92,000.00</b>	<b>\$92,000.00</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Breathometers	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
Gazebo	\$1,038.00	\$1,038.00
less Accum Depreciation	(\$13,714.00)	(\$9,106.00)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$9,324.00</b>	<b>\$13,932.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$114,477.76</b>	<b>\$120,257.65</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Skill Funds from Prior Year	\$210.00	\$546.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>	<b>\$546.00</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$114,267.76</b>	<b>\$119,711.65</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	\$119,711.65	\$125,044.13
Current Earnings	(\$5,443.89)	(\$5,332.48)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$114,267.76</b>	<b>\$119,711.65</b>



# **ROTARY CLUB OF FERNTREE GULLY INC**

## **Detailed Profit & Loss Statement**

**For the Year Ended 31 May 2015**

	2015	2014
<b>Income</b>		
Admin Income		
Admin Bank Interest	\$174.25	\$216.18
Annual Dues & Fees	\$4,423.00	\$4,220.00
Dinner levies - Members	\$3,544.55	\$8,420.00
Sundry Receipts	\$40.00	\$0.00
Admin - Weekly Contributions	\$2,069.50	\$2,080.00
Copper Pot	\$163.35	\$0.00
Sergeant's Fines	\$696.10	\$749.40
Royal Children's Hospital	\$361.85	\$329.95
Grants-Donations Monies	\$500.00	\$500.00
Member Sales	\$6.50	\$0.00
Total Admin Income	\$11,979.10	\$16,515.53
Fund Raising - Fellowship		
Theatre Nights	\$165.00	\$60.00
Dinner Functions	\$0.00	\$150.00
Vitality Events	\$80.00	\$60.00
Raffles	\$25.00	\$79.25
Presidents Changeover	\$924.25	\$899.05
Total Fund Raising - Fellowship	\$1,194.25	\$1,248.30
Income - Projects		
Projects Bank Interest	\$204.86	\$171.55
Youth Exchange	\$325.00	\$1,500.00
Sundry Receipts (Fund Raising)	\$340.00	\$105.00
Total Income - Projects	\$869.86	\$1,776.55
Income Projects (Community)		
Xmas Puddings & Cakes	\$0.00	\$933.50
Sausage Sizzles	\$6,778.15	\$4,645.60
Wheelchairs for Kids	\$100.05	\$270.15
Great Community Raffle	\$4,776.35	\$4,063.15
Breathometers	\$780.72	\$803.40
Miscellaneous Donations	\$0.00	\$135.75
Total Income Projects (Community)	\$12,435.27	\$10,851.55
Income - Benevolent Account		
Benevolent Bank Interest	\$3.36	\$19.67
Interest - Term Deposit	\$3,310.11	\$3,865.56
Nasavusavu Special Ed. School	\$625.00	\$1,750.00
Total Income - Benevolent Account	\$3,938.47	\$5,635.23
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$30,416.95</b>	<b>\$36,027.16</b>
<b>Cost Of Sales</b>		
Costs re Xmas Puddings	\$0.00	\$749.00
Costs re Sausage Sizzles	\$1,821.66	\$1,128.45
<b>Total Cost Of Sales</b>	<b>\$1,821.66</b>	<b>\$1,877.45</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$28,595.29</b>	<b>\$34,149.71</b>

# **ROTARY CLUB OF FERNTREE GULLY INC**

## **Detailed Profit & Loss Statement**

**For the Year Ended 31 May 2015**

	2015	2014
<b>Expenses</b>		
Expenses - Administration		
Postage	\$115.00	\$107.00
Printing & Copying	\$84.60	\$596.40
Stationery & Office Supplies	\$122.79	\$746.80
Audit fee	\$385.00	\$385.00
Total Expenses - Administration	<u>\$707.39</u>	<u>\$1,835.20</u>
Expenses - Operating		
Weekly Member Dinners	\$3,239.00	\$8,449.35
Weekly Dinner Guests	\$667.69	\$493.35
RI Subscriptions	\$1,099.25	\$1,078.12
District 9810 Dues	\$1,886.50	\$1,997.04
"Rotary Down Under"	\$640.69	\$640.00
RI Foundation Subscription	\$1,200.00	\$1,090.00
Badges & Pins	\$62.70	\$15.40
Membership & Marketing	\$554.52	\$100.00
Paul Harris Fellowship Exp.	\$0.00	\$16.35
Gifts and Presentations	\$525.25	\$537.35
Merchandise - Members	\$6.50	\$0.00
Website	\$180.00	\$199.90
Insurance	\$555.00	\$592.00
Sundry Operating Expenses	\$340.34	\$256.53
Total Expenses - Operating	<u>\$10,957.44</u>	<u>\$15,465.39</u>
Expenses - Fellowship		
President's Changeover	\$1,061.35	\$1,111.00
Total Expenses - Fellowship	<u>\$1,061.35</u>	<u>\$1,111.00</u>
Expenses - Projects		
Project Donations	\$7,307.70	\$2,523.95
Sundry Project Expenses	\$360.00	\$0.00
Breathometers	\$528.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses - Projects	<u>\$8,195.70</u>	<u>\$2,523.95</u>
Expenses - Community		
Wheelchairs for Kids Payments	\$0.00	\$270.00
Greater Comm Raffle Payment	\$2,314.00	\$2,000.00
Community Donations	\$50.00	\$437.10
Depreciation	\$4,608.00	\$5,697.00
Total Expenses - Community	<u>\$6,972.00</u>	<u>\$8,404.10</u>
Expenses - Benevolent A/c		
Donations - Benevolent Fund	\$4,950.00	\$5,518.00
Nasavusavu Special Ed School	\$875.00	\$1,500.00
Total Expenses - Benevolent A/c	<u>\$5,825.00</u>	<u>\$7,018.00</u>
Expenses - Youth Exchange		
Youth Exchange	\$0.00	\$605.45
Youth Exchange - Bayswater	\$320.30	\$2,519.10
Total Expenses - Youth Exchange	<u>\$320.30</u>	<u>\$3,124.55</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u><b>\$34,039.18</b></u>	<u><b>\$39,482.19</b></u>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	<u><b>(\$5,443.89)</b></u>	<u><b>(\$5,332.48)</b></u>

# DONATIONS – 2014-15

## Community

Foothills Community Church – Christmas Lunch	200	
Relay for Life	300	
Men's Shed	300	
Royal Children's Hospital	362	
Knox Festival	100	
Oscar the Brave	420	
Southern Cross Kids Camp	200	
Cass Bench Memorial Walk (MND)	200	
Indigenous Health	200	
Student trip overseas	200	
Ronald McDonald House	132	
Travelers Aid Australia	200	
Knox Historical Society	50	
		<b>2,864</b>

## Vocational

Peter Wylie Memorial – Apprenticeship Award	500	
		<b>500</b>

## Youth

Rotary Junior Community Award	204	
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment	260	
Rotaract	100	
Rotary Youth Leadership Award	780	
		<b>1,504</b>

## International Community (Benevolent)

Art Building Children's Dreams – Special Ed. Children in Nasavusavu, Fiji	1250	
Adoption of Cambodian Family	1700	
Building/Renovation – Girls School in Fiji	2000	
Field Trip – Assisting Schools in Africa	300	
		<b>5,250</b>

## International Community (Projects)

Rotary Foundation	1200	
Wheelchairs for Kids	500	
Eradication of Polio	500	
Vanuatu Cyclone Disaster Recovery	1000	
Abused Women in Nepal	100	
		<b>3,300</b>

**Total Donations                      \$13,418**



# COMMUNITY SERVICE



**Graeme Aspinall**

Following on from the success the Club had in raising funds from the Great Community Raffle last year we again, with the commitment of the club, sold more tickets this year. During June and July we sold the majority of our tickets at the Ferntree Gully Plaza. Our members braved the cold wintery days to raise \$2,500. During my absence overseas many members supported John Flemming with their presence on Fridays and Saturdays. Past member Ian McFarlane again helped out on Saturday afternoons; each year everyone he asks buys a ticket. We really appreciate the support he gives our Club during this raffle selling period.

Sausage sizzles at Bunnings raised \$3,745 this year. We were also given the opportunity to trial some extra, weekday sizzles during school holidays. Of course, these turned out to be not as lucrative as the weekends but still well worth the effort. With the support of our club members we were able to take up Bunnings offer and raise an additional \$2,100. The opportunity enabled us to raise much needed funds and gain exposure in the community which is a positive for our club. My thanks go to all our members who are able to help out on these days no matter how much time they are able to give.

We continue to support the Foothills Church with our donation to help fund their annual Christmas luncheon. Fran Mandergheddes continues to collect men's gifts for distribution at this lunch. The Community Kitchen also continues to be well supported by club members who attend every second Wednesday to help out in the preparation of food, the serving and washing up.

Christmas gifts from local real estate agent Ray White's Christmas Gift Giving initiative were again collected and donated to Steve Barrington's Foothills Church for distribution at their Christmas Lunch. The generosity of people at Ray White is very much appreciated by Steve.

The Ferntree Gully Discovery Day held at the end of November. A number of members helped both in organising the event and on the day itself by handing out show bags. Next year we will concentrate on doing more promotion of our Rotary Club. This is the area we need to be seen in.

The two local CFA brigades (Ferntree Gully and Upper Ferntree Gully) held their annual collection in October. This year we were unable to provide the manpower to co-ordinate the collection as in the past. So the brigades took it over. However we assisted in the counting of monies raised and provided limited collectors. The CFA will continue to co-ordinate this fund raiser in future.

The club was again asked by Knox Relay for Life to participate in this annual event with our BBQ stand. Although the number of teams were down on previous years we were kept busy throughout Saturday afternoon and early Sunday morning with egg and bacon rolls. The club donated \$300 toward cancer research from the takings on the day. Special thanks must go to Ferntree Gully Holden and Bakers Delight for providing the gas BBQ and hundreds of bread rolls.

The Rotary Clubs in the Knox Cluster worked together in providing volunteers to man the entry gates at the Knox Festival over Saturday and Sunday of this community festival. President Mike did a lot of work in co-ordinating the volunteers from the five clubs into a workable roster. Our club support was strong with many members attending over long periods during the weekend. It was great to see the cluster doing something together and we hope this may continue. Our club will consider taking up a stand at next year's event as part of our community service.

The Ferntree Gully Volunteers Expo was again held in May. The Club stand was co-ordinated by Enid Hughes who secured rotary promotional display and material from District 9810. This Expo is to promote volunteering within the local Ferntree Gully community and is an excellent event to gain membership.

In order for the club to be involved in these community events we need the support of our members, and I would like to thank everyone for their support given throughout the year in our community involvement.

**Graeme Aspinall**  
**Community Chairman**





## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Ferntree Gully Discovery Day
  - Volunteer's Expo
    - Relay for Life
  - Knox Festival
    - Men's Shed





# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



**Paul McAloney**

## **CCT (Cambodian Children's Trust)**

Once again the club has supported the CCT and our family we are sponsoring have settled in well in their new home. The children are really doing well at school in Battambang where the school has developed in recent months. Through donations they have been able to build a library which is a further tool to improve the children's education. They have also been able to employ a full time gardener to provide vegetables for the children. What has also been pleasing is that the government is now starting to provide some assistance to the children and recently a government team visited the school to provide dental checks.

## **ABCD (Art Building Children's Dreams)**

The mission of ABCD is to provide financial assistance to the schools and families of orphans and children at risk by using children's art to raise funds for their education and for community development. Once again the club supported this worthwhile organisation. ABCD is really progressing really well and more and more children are being sponsored every year to obtain that education which is the hope of life in those poorer countries of the world.

## **Nicole Pennings (South African Trip)**

The club donated \$300.00 to Nicole Penning so she could attend a community project in South Africa. As a part of a group Nicole provided support and conducted work parties for the underprivileged

villages in South Africa. Nicole visited our club and gave a talk on her experience, and everyone in the club agreed it was money well spent

## **Wheel Chairs for Kids**

Unfortunately due to the fire at Knox Tavern no monies were raised for this worthwhile organisation through our Wishing Well. Because of this we used club funds to donate \$500.00 to Wheel Chair for Kids.

## **Rotary Club of Boronia's Fiji Project**

Once again the club supported the building of a dormitory on Tavenui Island. The club donated \$2000.00 which included \$1000.00 held over from the previous year.

## **Cyclone Pam**

On the 13th March 2015 Cyclone Pam hit Vanuatu. Sixteen people perished and 75,000 were in need of emergency shelter. Unfortunately 96% of food crops were destroyed. I am proud to say that the club donated \$1000.00 to the relief appeal.

I am now standing down as International Chairman due to Presidential duties and Virginia Rutledge will be replacing me. Virginia I know has the same passion for International projects as I do.

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





# YOUTH SERVICE



Paul Wilson



*Pictured above (in purple), Rebecca with the other members of her team and DG Tony Monley*

## **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)**

is an intensive six-day training program held at YMCA Lake Dewar Lodge, Myrniong, for young people aged 18 to 30. The program covers fundamentals and ethics of positive leadership, communication skills, problem-solving and conflict management, Rotary's purpose and service to the community, building self confidence and self esteem and elements of community and global citizenship.

Our club was fortunate to nominate Rebecca Cane who demonstrated great potential for community youth leadership. In relating her experiences at one of our club meetings Rebecca admitted it had changed her life around. She has since shown interest in helping to get Knox ROTARACT going – a project which has been given much support from the Knox Cluster.



*Students from Fairhills Primary School show parents & Rotarians their projects.*



*Jessie with President Mike Spark*

## **RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment).**

is a residential experience, where participants are involved in a variety of sessions, workshops and activities, which provide an opportunity for them to personally develop, challenge themselves, build friendships with like-minded people, and build life skills and / or awareness in areas such as leadership, working in a team, communication, goal setting, public speaking, contributing to the community, growing up in a digital world; and safe driving. Our Club sent Jessie McFarlane to attend the 2014 RYPEN camp. In 2015-16 we anticipate sending two candidates to RYPEN.

## **RJCA (Rotary Junior Community Award)**

is an exciting and innovative program initiated by the Rotary Club of Mitchell River which aims to assist children in the final year of primary school gain a more informed and balanced view of our community. It offers children the opportunity to develop personal skills that can be used both for themselves or shared more widely with community members or organizations. It introduces young people to a very necessary aspect of our communities – the work of the volunteer and can be thought of as a mini Duke of Edinburgh Award.

This year we have both Ferntree Gully North Primary and Fairhills Primary Schools participating in the program under our sponsorship.

**Paul Wilson**  
**Youth Chair**

# VOCATIONAL SERVICE



**Phil Walters**

## **PETER WYLIE APPRENTICESHIP AWARD**

This award is presented annually to commemorate the memory of past member Peter Wylie, 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.

We were pleased that we were able to partner again with Apprentices Group Australia again.

## **THE PETER WYLIE AWARD—WON BY JAMES PENN**

The award was presented to James Penn by President Mike at our regular club meeting on 23 March. For the presentation James was accompanied by his parents and his AGA supervisor, Mathew Muller.

James chose Electrical Fitting as his trade and has been employed by Tenix Australia in the area of substation construction and maintenance.

Early in his apprenticeship James was diagnosed with a medical condition that severely limited his ability to attend his work. His supervisors advise that he was able to remain focused on his career and is now in better health and progressing well.

We were pleased to make the award of \$500 to James.

We also 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**

**Vocational Chair**



# FELLOWSHIP



**Fran Mandergeddes**

You might think that organizing Fellowship events is an easy job. Not necessarily so, believe me.

This Rotary year our Fellowship events have been mostly the “tried and the true,” i.e. jazz afternoons, several theatre productions, and a rather wonderful visit to a trout fishing farm.

At that event, participants enjoyed the fun of catching “lunch” and then cooking it on one of the many barbeques available at the venue.

It was a great day, enjoyed by all members who attended, together with friends, partners, and even my grandchildren, who spent most of the time trying to fall in the water !

It is always my wish to “mix it up” a bit with our Fellowship events, but suggestions can – and do - fall on deaf ears to an extent.

Nevertheless, it is my hope that this Rotary year will see us enjoying fun and laughter together again, and I am consulting Mr Google for events that are easily accessible, inexpensive and that can be enjoyed by all.

So, watch this space.....

## **Fran Mandergeddes Fellowship Chair**



*Top Left: Enid Hughes, Christine Anderson and Paul McAloney enjoying a fireside meeting.*

*Left: Graeme Aspinall tries out his new camera.*

*Top Right: Enjoying a Sunday afternoon with The New Melbourne Jazz Band*

*Right: Paul Wilson and Phil Walters enjoying another Sunday afternoon at Burrinja.*





# CLUB SERVICE



**Paul McAloney**

## **District Conference:**

The District Conference was held at Federation University in Ballarat from the 13-15 March 2015. Only Mike Spark and Enid Hughes from the club attended. They were impressed with how well the conference was run, and the speakers were of an exceptional standard.

The 2016 Conference is from the 18th-20th March 2016, in Shepparton, Victoria

## **President Elect Seminar:**

The President Elect Seminar was also held at Federation University in Ballarat, over the weekend 28th February/March 1st 2015. Unfortunately I could not attend as I was participating in the Lawn Bowls finals.

## **District Training Assembly:**

The Assembly was held on Sunday 17th May 2015 at Parkdale Secondary College in Mordialloc. Besides myself there were five other club members who attended. They were: Enid Hughes, John Flemming, Mike Spark, Christine Anderson, and Robert Dawson. My thanks go to those people for their attendance. It is a pity we can't get the whole club attending as every year there is new information being distributed about Rotary

The Assembly was well organised and the training sessions were of great value especially when we broke up into our cluster groups. Some excellent ideas came out of the cluster group sessions which we hope will develop into cluster projects during the year.

**Club Development and Growth:** Progress has been very disappointing and our membership is declining rather than developing. No membership programs were conducted during the year consequently we are in the position of only having fourteen members as we go to press. Needless to say membership is going to be my number one priority in the coming year.

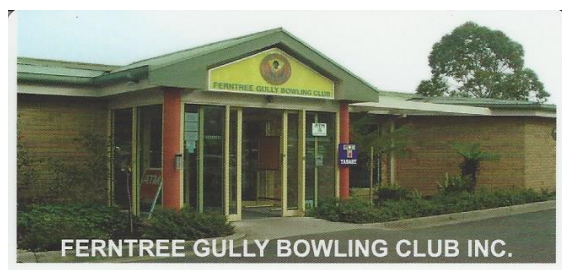
**Stamps:** This is a district project and the charity that benefits from the sale of the stamps is decided by each new DG. Unfortunately with the age of technology, emails, electronic transfers etc the use of stamps is rapidly declining. However, I would like to thank Stuart Vize for the hard work he undertakes in this project. The sorting and trimming of the stamps is long and painstaking work.

**Paul McAloney**

**President Elect**



*Knox Tavern – our home for many years, had a fire in August last year and has been closed down ever since.*



*Ferntree Gully Bowling Club – our new home which has proved to be a great meeting place with good food and service.*

# MEMBERSHIP



**Rob Dawson**

We have had an interesting battle with trying to increase our membership and at the same time hold our current members.

Lee Morris joined us for a short period and then moved on to Belgrave Club due to the meeting being held on a more suitable night for her. I believe she has since left there also.

Tim McCarthy joined us just prior to leaving on an overseas holiday. Sadly, whilst overseas he suffered a fatal heart attack.

Greg Downes resigned because of his work relocation, however we were fortunate to have his replacement, Sean Campbell join the Club.

Past President Phil Walters has had to resign from Rotary due to his heavy work commitments.

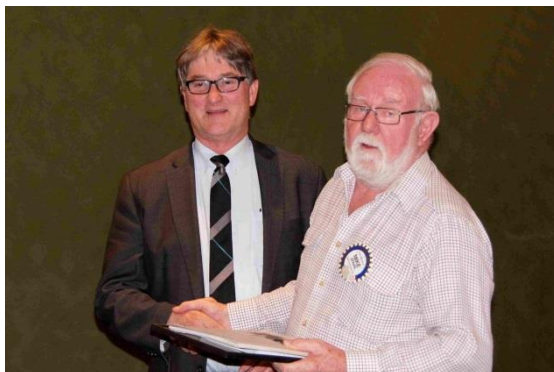
John Reid has been welcomed into Rotary just two weeks ago and we wish him a long and enjoyable association with Rotary and this Club in particular.

Our “face” in the community has been regular, thanks to the participation in Community Kitchen, numerous sausage sizzles, Ferntree Gully Discovery Day, the Volunteers Expo and Knox Festival. Hopefully this will attract new members.

A joint meeting with Rotaract was encouraging and should be seen as a potential pool for future membership.

As always it can be hard to attract like minded people to commit their time, energy and money towards Rotary, when there are many other competing causes and interests. So please continue to fly the Rotary flag at every opportunity, by talking of your own experiences of what it means to you to belong to the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully.

**Rob Dawson**  
**Membership**



# PR & MARKETING



**Paul Wilson**

## **FERNTREE GULLY VILLAGE DISCOVERY DAY**

Our presence at the Ferntree Gully Discovery Day was an opportunity to be more visible in the community, being the first opportunity to erect our new heavily signed Rotary marquee and tear drop banner. We again were handing out Discovery Day show bags and provided some manpower to erect and dismantle a number of stall marquees at the newly established artisan market. This event is growing in size each year and is an excellent opportunity for Rotary to establish a presence in the community and gain new members.

## **VOLUNTEER'S EXPO**

At the Ferntree Gully Volunteers Expo, our attendance and club stand was one of 22 volunteer groups attending and handing out promotional materials was co-ordinated by Enid Hughes. The event was well attended by local members of the public seeking information on volunteering. We spoke to a number of people about Rotary and what we do as a Club in our community. The success of this year's event will ensure it will be bigger next year.



*Pictured above - Rotary's stand at the Volunteers Expo.*

*Above right – Ferntree Gully Discovery Day  
Right: Knox Festival.*

This year the Knox Rotary Club Cluster, in conjunction with the Knox Council, manned the Gates and sold water in a stall, providing us with both a display of presence to the public via our distinctive T-Shirts and water bottle labelling and fostering a better relationship with the Knox Council.

## **Paul Wilson**

### **PR & Marketing**





# PROGRAM REPORT



**Bob Hurst**

Rotary meetings should be kept as interesting as possible, whilst it is important to not lose sight of the purpose of Rotary but to constantly have speakers only about Rotary can lead to dull and boring evenings.

In my opinion the best way to encourage members to not miss a meeting is to provide as varied and interesting a program as possible. Speakers should come from all walks of life and on all subject matters.

Sometimes they may be controversial, sometimes there are those who may feel the subject was inappropriate for a Rotary meeting but no matter what the reaction the important thing is to create interest.

I have attempted to do that this year and hope that members found them stimulating and thought-provoking.

You may recall some such as :

- A Bail Justice
- The Red Cross Society
- Challenge to lead Program
- Peace Palette
- The CFA on fire safety in the home
- A couple of local fellows, one from the Knox Historical Society and the other gave a talk on the history of Fern tree gully
- Travellers Aid
- Clinical Depression
- Nepal and Child Slavery

There were a number of other speakers who had an interesting story to tell but I think the ones I've listed were worth recalling.

In between there were speakers on Rotary projects so that we didn't lose sight of what we really gather together on a Monday night for.

For instance there was our outgoing exchange student who had returned from Austria, Rhiannon Ives, there was also Nicole Pennings who gave us a rundown on her trip to South Africa.

And of course our local students from Fairhill's High School on their Community Service Trip to Thailand.

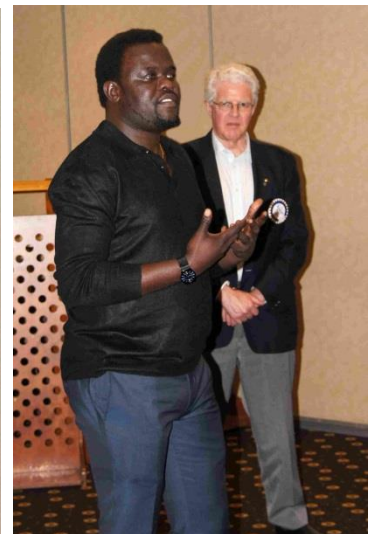
One new development this year was the commencement of "Cluster meetings", it is hoped they will be held 2 to 3 times per year between the Rotary clubs in Knox. This type of meeting will not only promote fellowship between local Rotarians but with the combined strength of membership enable projects to be carried out that would normally be beyond the capability of any single club.

In closing I would like to thank those members who put forward the names and contact details of interesting speakers they had come across. As I'm going to continue this role in the coming year I hope you keep it up ladies and fellows as I'm running out of ideas.

**Robert Hurst**  
**Program Chairman**

# SPEAKERS – 2014-15

Topic	Presenter
Musings of a Bail Justice	Robert Mealyea
Prabhat Alloj – Home of New Dawn	Shivanii Cameron
Interplast	Len Brear
The Red Cross Society	Camille Savage
The Challenge to Lead Program	Maurice Kerrigan
Peace Palette	David Nyol Vincent
Stroke Safe Foundation	Richard Strachan
Knox Historical Society	Ray Peace
Australian Rotary Health	Glenn Tippett
Helping Kids in Trauma	Captain Eric CHIPS
CFA – Home Fire Safety Session	John Bolton
First Aid – St John's Ambulance	Gonzalo
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment	Jess McFarlane
History of Ferntree Gully and District	Bill Ireland
Post RYLA Presentation	Rebecca Cane
Travelers' Aid Assoc.	Maria Groner
Art Building Children's Dreams	Ken Wall
Apprenticeships Group Australia	Matthew Muller (James Penn – Apprentice)
Clinical Depression	Jacqui Chaplin
Trip to South Africa – Humanitarian	Nicole Pennings
Rotary Youth Exchange – A Year in Austria	Rhiannon Ives
Child Slavery in Nepal	Tony Stokes
Interchange Outer East	Marcelo Calderon
Kiriwina Water & Sanitation Project	Alan Lunghusen



# BULLETIN REPORT



Enid Hughes

2014-15 has been a busy year for me but not, I suspect as much as 2015-16 is going to be. "Putting the Bulletin to bed" as the printing industry refer to it, is not necessarily easy but always a pleasure for me. Putting it together keeps me well informed and very much in touch with activities both within the club and also the District. I hope that club members find this to be true as well. Fern Tree Gully is a small club but we manage to be involved with a number of local events and photo shoots are always a priority(!) *One picture is worth a thousand words*. I forget who said that but it is so true. So once again Paul (Wilson), thank you for your efforts in keeping me supplied with photographic evidence.

In the interests of continuity, the layout of the bulletin for 2015-16 will remain in the current format with small changes to the front page. As always though, I'm looking for ways to update and change the bulletin in order to keep people interested so if anyone has any ideas or suggestions as to how to improve it please let me know. All suggestions will be considered.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the bulletin, President Mike in particular; his "Musings" have been succinct and informative. As you all know, in taking on some District duties I'm going to be even busier next year so will be a lot more reliant on assistance from club members in the way of articles and information.

As the Bulletin Editor one gets to use the annual Rotary Theme a great deal and I found it interesting to look back at the differing themes that have been used since I joined Rotary in 2008. I haven't been able to find/download the 2008-09 logo but I know the theme was "Make Dreams Real". However, I have to admit, of all the logos my favourite is the year I was Club President – the beautiful lotus flower with the words *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*. I still wear the brooch DG Juliet gave to me that year.

Enid Hughes  
Editor



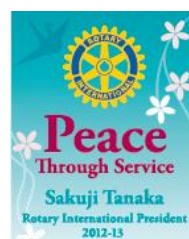
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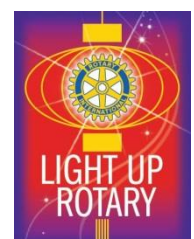
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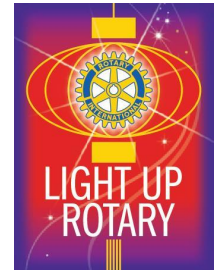
# PAST PRESIDENTS

1963-64 <b>HALL</b> Frank	1990-91 <b>VIZE</b> Stuart
1964-65 <b>THOMSON</b> * Ken	1991-92 <b>ADAMS</b> Brian
1965-66 <b>CLARKE</b> * Harold	1992-93 <b>WYLIE</b> * Peter
1966-67 <b>MARTIN</b> Laurie	1993-94 <b>ASPINALL</b> Graeme
1967-68 <b>ELDRIDGE</b> Jeff	1994-95 <b>MOORE</b> Robert
1968-69 <b>RUSSELL</b> Harry	1995-96 <b>WILLINGHAM</b> Ed
1969-70 <b>CHAPPILL</b> Geoff	1996-97 <b>EDMUNDS</b> Hilton
1970-71 <b>COOK</b> Duncan	1997-98 <b>SPARK</b> Mike
1971-72 <b>CASTRICUM</b> * John and <b>MILLER</b> Ken	1998-99 <b>FLEMMING</b> John
1972-73 <b>LANGFORD</b> * Greg	1999-2000 <b>OGLE</b> Tony
1973-74 <b>de JONGE</b> Lawrence	2000-01 <b>YEATS</b> Sandy
1974-75 <b>CRANE</b> * Reeve	2001-02 <b>HALL</b> Marilyn (First Woman President).
1975-76 <b>BROWN</b> John	2002-03 <b>McALONEY</b> Paul
1976-77 <b>FOSTER</b> Ken	2003-04 <b>DAWSON</b> Rob
1977-78 <b>CALLAHAN</b> * Jack	2004-05 <b>MANDERGEDDES</b> Fran
1978-79 <b>MILLER</b> Ken	2005-06 <b>WALTERS</b> Phil
1979-80 <b>RICHARDS</b> John	2006-07 <b>GOODCHILD</b> Julie
1980-81 <b>BEASLEY</b> * Royce	2007-08 <b>ASPINALL</b> Graeme
1981-82 <b>SHORTER</b> Barry	2008-09 <b>FAULKNER</b> Graham
1982-83 <b>BOSCOTT</b> Bob	2009-10 <b>LINCOLN</b> Merv.
1983-84 <b>BARUDAY</b> George and <b>DASBOROUGH</b> Don	2010-11 <b>LINCOLN</b> Merv
1984-85 <b>MITCHELL</b> * Ron	2011-12 <b>HUGHES</b> Enid
1985-86 <b>HURST</b> Robert	2012-13 <b>ASPINALL</b> Graeme
1986-87 <b>GLADWIN</b> Bill	2013-14 <b>WALTERS</b> Phil
1987-88 <b>ELLIOTT</b> John	2014-15 <b>SPARK</b> Mike
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1989-90 <b>FREGON</b> John	





**Rotary**  
Club of Fern Tree Gully



## 2014-15

### The Board

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	-	<b>Mike Spark</b>
<b>PRESIDENT ELECT</b>	-	<b>Paul McAloney</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	-	<b>John Flemming</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	-	<b>Enid Hughes</b>
<b>PAST PRESIDENT</b>	-	<b>Phil Walters</b>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	-	<b>Graeme Aspinall</b>
<b>VOCATIONAL</b>	-	<b>Phil Walters</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	-	<b>Paul McAloney</b>
<b>YOUTH</b>	-	<b>Paul Wilson</b>

### Office Bearers

<b>FOUNDATION</b>	-	<b>Graham Faulkner</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	-	<b>Robert Dawson</b>
<b>P.R. &amp; MARKETING</b>	-	<b>Paul Wilson</b>
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	-	<b>Fran Mandergeddes</b>
<b>PROGRAM</b>	-	<b>Robert Hurst</b>
<b>BULLETIN EDITOR</b>	-	<b>Enid Hughes</b>
<b>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>	by David GUINEY
	to	<b>VIZE Stuart Rtn.</b>	
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>	by Brian ADAMS
	to	<b>GUINEY David P.P.*</b>	
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	
3:6:1997	to	<b>FREGON John P.P.</b>	by Hilton EDMUNDS
	to	<b>ASPINALL Graeme P.P.</b>	
	to	<b>MASON John Rtn. *</b>	
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>	by John FLEMMING
	to	<b>WYLIE Peter P.P. *</b>	
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>	by Paul McALONEY
	to	<b>VIZE Stuart P.P.</b>	
		<b>[Sapphire to Stuart's PHF]</b>	
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>	by Julie GOODCHILD
	to	<b>FLEMMING John P.P.</b> <b>[Sapphire to John's PHF]</b>	
2007-08	to	<b>DAWSON Robert P.P.</b>	by Graeme ASPINALL
	to	<b>Beth VIZE</b>	
2008 –09	to	<b>McALONEY Paul P.P.</b>	by Graham FAULKNER
	to	<b>GOODCHILD Julie P.P.</b>	
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
2012-13	to	<b>HUGHES, Enid P.P.</b>	by Graeme ASPINALL

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# ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY

2014-2015

## CURRENT MEMBERS

### Name

### Date of Induction

**ANDERSON**, Christine  
**ASPINALL**, Graeme  
**CAMPBELL**, Sean  
**DAWSON**, Robert  
**FAULKNER**, Graham

14<sup>th</sup> April 2014  
1<sup>st</sup> November 1988  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015  
12<sup>th</sup> May 1997  
16<sup>th</sup> February, 2004  
(30<sup>th</sup> October 1986)

**FLEMMING**, John  
**HUGHES**, Enid  
**HURST**, Robert  
**MANDERGEDDES**, Fran  
**McALONEY**, Paul  
**RUTLEDGE**, Virginia  
**REID**, John  
**SPARK**, Mike  
**VIZE**, Stuart  
**WALTERS**, Phil  
**WILSON**, Paul

1<sup>st</sup> April, 1993  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2008  
1<sup>st</sup> July 1982  
4<sup>th</sup> March 2002  
15<sup>th</sup> March 1999  
20<sup>th</sup> August 2012  
15<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
1<sup>st</sup> November 1994  
1<sup>st</sup> June 1970  
24<sup>th</sup> January 2000  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2005

