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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016



ROTARY JUNIOR COMMUNITY AWARD

Students at Ferntree Gully North Primary School have been participating in the Rotary Junior Community Award for more than fifteen years now. Presentation of the certificates is an annual event which is eagerly anticipated by both students and Rotarians. In recent years Fairhills Primary School have also come on board and members of RC Fern Tree Gully hope to expand this wonderful Award to other schools in the area.

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53rd Annual Report

Paul McAloney—President 2015—16

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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.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

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



Paul McAloney

My Presidential year started off with a bang, when I had the pleasure of presenting to Graeme Aspinall a Sapphire to his Paul Harris Fellowship. This was certainly well deserved as Graeme has been the backbone of our fundraising for many years, and without his tireless efforts the club would not be in the strong financial position as it is now. Graeme still continues with his fundraising, ably assisted by John Flemming. So thanks guys the club really appreciates your efforts.

But with every silver lining a dark cloud looms. And that dark cloud was the passing of our long time member Stuart Vize. Stuart and Beth have done so much for our club and Rotary in general over many years and their contribution and presence will be sadly missed. Like many things in life plans often don't eventuate. Due to his many medical appointments, Stuart could not attend the club so that we could farewell him prior to him moving to Gisborne, and it was decided to farewell him at changeover, but sadly that was not to be. However we have invited Beth to changeover and let's hope she is able to attend.

The club has achieved quite a lot this year, and I believe we are moving in the right direction; the future looks very bright. Membership has been a big plus for the club by introducing three new members to Rotary, and having Rotarian Martin Boettcher transfer to our club, from RC Collie in WA. We welcome our new members: Gary Braddock, Ray Hollis and Linc Reed-Nickerson to our club and we hope they enjoy their future in Rotary. They are very keen and in fact two of them will be on the board in this Rotary year. It is amazing what the addition of new blood does to a club, already I have noticed an increase in enthusiasm especially from the older members.

Another highlight this year has been the club's involvement in a scholarship scheme in a joint grant

with District. This scholarship is to sponsor two students from Mountain District Learning Centre for the years 2016-2017. The scholarship will enable these students to attend extra school activities, which they cannot at the moment, due to family financial restrictions. If District do not wish to continue with the grant after 2017, it is the club's intention to continue in its own right. It is sad that in a country like Australia every student doesn't have the same opportunity.

I would like to give a special thanks to Paul Wilson our Youth Chairman. It was my aim this year to establish a strong relationship with a Secondary School in our area and Paul has achieved that with Fairhills High School, despite some opposition from other Rotary clubs in the area. The club sponsored the School on their trip to Thailand and the students attended our club to tell us about their trip. It was an amazing experience for them.

We are very close to establishing an Interact club within Fairhills High and hopefully, in the not too distant future, this will occur. The school also provided two students for RYPEN and the students really enjoyed the experience. During the year we also had two fine young men attend RYLA, and afterwards they became members of Rotaract which was a real achievement.

I would also like to give a special thanks to Treasurer Enid Hughes. Not only does she look after the books, but she publishes the bulletin, maintains the website, and now she and Ray Hollis have established a club facebook page which is a great achievement and another tool to educate people about Rotary and perhaps get people interested in joining. She also arranged the accommodation at District Conference, and if that wasn't enough she is also an Assistant Governor, a job that she is going to continue in the new Rotary year. Where she gets

the time I don't know but thank you Enid the club really appreciates your efforts.

Fran once again was in charge of fellowship, and we had some good social events, and none better than the fellowship night at Martin's Boettcher's home which was a hoot and we need to have more like that. But thanks Fran for your efforts.

Robert Hurst was in charge of our programs, and during the year we had some very interesting and entertaining speakers. It is important to have excellent speakers as it makes members keen to attend a meeting, and if we are bringing guests to a meeting we like them to be entertained. Also it is important to have a good speaker on partners' nights. Robert runs a tight ship – all of our speakers turned up, with one exception but that was due to

a medical emergency. So thanks Robert for your contribution.

As my year is drawing to an end I would like to thank everyone for the support you have given me, and I am sure you will give the same support to Christine Anderson during her year. Christine is very enthusiastic and we have to keep that momentum rolling especially in the field of membership. We have noticed the change already due to our new members just imagine if we had twenty five or more in the club.

Yours in Rotary

Paul McAloney
President 2015-16



President Paul took great pleasure in presenting PP Graeme Aspinall with a Sapphire to his Paul Harris Fellowship. Very well deserved – Graeme has been by far the most ardent contributor to the fundraising activities of the club.

Congratulations Graeme

CHANGEOVER - 2015-16



Left: Outgoing President Mike Spark cheerfully handed over the chain of office to incoming President Paul McAloney.

Below:

- L : Beth and Stuart Vize;
- R : Anne & John Femming,
- L : Jill and Paul Wilson.
- R: Hon. Member Nick Wakeling addresses the



After fifteen years as Club Secretary, John Flemming finally stepped down. He thoroughly enjoyed the alcoholic contents of

TREASURER'S REPORT



Enid Hughes

It has been a number of years now since I first took on the role of Treasurer. On the whole, it is a responsibility I enjoy though there are times (such as dealing with the bank!) that situations become slightly stressful. However, speaking financially, the club has once again done some important work both locally and overseas.

ADMINISTRATION

This year the club had a couple of unforeseen expenses which left us with a budget loss of more than \$900.00. Although we were able to cover this added expenditure with the buffer from previous years it has meant we can no longer put off increasing the club's membership fees. 2016-17 will see the membership fees rise from \$260 p.a. to \$300. However, as we haven't had an increase since 2009 I think we've managed quite well.

PROJECTS

This year we had a predominance of Youth projects which were fully funded from our fundraising efforts. Once

again fundraising finished the year with a small buffer which will enable us to fund projects such as RYLA which occur early in the new Rotary year.

BENEVOLENT FUND

These funds are the result of a bequest the club received from Ivan Gigovic and are subject to fairly rigid rules. One of these rules is that the money must be used to fund international projects and it is this money which has enabled us to support ten students who attend the Special Education School of Nasavusavu, Fiji. We are very grateful to Ivan for his generous bequest which enables the club to fund projects we would otherwise find difficult.

Enid Hughes
Treasurer

ROTARY CLUB OF FERNTREE GULLY INC Detailed Statement of Financial Position as at 31 May 2016

	2016	2015
Assets		
Current Assets		
NAB 4307 - Administration	\$0.00	\$4,886.35
Administration	\$3,821.86	\$0.00
Projects	\$8,214.23	\$0.00
NAB - 4294 - Projects	\$0.00	\$6,683.50
Benevolent A/c - Bendigo	\$2,519.14	\$739.00
Savings Account - Bendigo	\$0.00	\$544.91
Club Debit Card - Enid	\$0.00	\$200.00
Petty Cash	\$100.00	\$100.00
Sausage Sizzle Float	\$145.00	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$14,800.23	\$13,153.76
Investments		
Term Deposit	\$90,000.00	\$92,000.00
Total Investments	\$90,000.00	\$92,000.00
Fixed Assets		
Breathometers	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
Gazebo	\$1,038.00	\$1,038.00
less Accum Depreciation	(\$18,322.00)	(\$13,714.00)
Total Fixed Assets	\$4,716.00	\$9,324.00
Total Assets	\$109,516.23	\$114,477.76
Liabilities		
Skill Funds from Prior Year	\$29.00	\$210.00
Total Liabilities	\$29.00	\$210.00
Net Assets	\$109,487.23	\$114,267.76
Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$114,267.76	\$119,711.65
Current Earnings	(\$4,780.53)	(\$5,443.89)
Total Equity	\$109,487.23	\$114,267.76

ROTARY CLUB OF FERNTREE GULLY INC
Detailed Profit & Loss Statement
For the Year Ended 31 May 2016

	2016	2015
Income		
Admin Income		
Admin Bank Interest	\$44.60	\$174.25
Annual Dues & Fees	\$4,155.00	\$4,423.00
Dinner levies - Members	\$0.00	\$3,544.55
Sundry Receipts	\$0.00	\$40.00
Admin - Weekly Contributions	\$2,083.00	\$2,069.50
Copper Pot	\$56.80	\$163.35
Sergeant's Fines	\$650.45	\$696.10
Monash Children's Hospital	\$413.70	\$361.85
Grants-Donations Monies	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Member Sales	\$0.00	\$6.50
Total Admin Income	\$8,403.55	\$11,979.10
Fund Raising - Fellowship		
Theatre Nights	\$130.00	\$165.00
Vitality Events	\$0.00	\$80.00
Raffles	\$0.00	\$25.00
Presidents Changeover	\$0.00	\$924.25
Total Fund Raising - Fellowship	\$130.00	\$1,194.25
Income - Projects		
Projects Bank Interest	\$65.36	\$204.86
Youth Exchange	\$0.00	\$325.00
Sundry Receipts (Fund Raising)	\$197.50	\$340.00
Total Income - Projects	\$262.86	\$869.86
Income Projects (Community)		
Sausage Sizzles	\$9,863.80	\$6,778.15
Wheelchairs for Kids	\$0.00	\$100.05
Great Community Raffle	\$2,467.05	\$4,776.35
Breathometers	\$190.00	\$780.72
Total Income Projects (Community)	\$12,520.85	\$12,435.27
Income - Benevolent Account		
Benevolent Bank Interest	\$5.33	\$3.36
Interest - Term Deposit	\$2,729.90	\$3,310.11
Nasavusavu Special Ed. School	\$750.00	\$625.00
Total Income - Benevolent Account	\$3,485.23	\$3,938.47
Total Income	\$24,802.49	\$30,416.95
Cost Of Sales		
Costs re Sausage Sizzles	\$2,149.45	\$1,821.66
Total Cost Of Sales	\$2,149.45	\$1,821.66
Gross Profit	\$22,653.04	\$28,595.29

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For the Year Ended 31 May 2016

	2016	2015
Expenses		
Expenses - Administration		
Bank fees	\$27.50	\$0.00
Postage	\$121.00	\$115.00
Printing & Copying	\$79.60	\$84.60
Stationery & Office Supplies	\$312.47	\$122.79
Audit fee	\$440.00	\$385.00
Total Expenses - Administration	\$980.57	\$707.39
Expenses - Operating		
Weekly Member Dinners	\$0.00	\$3,239.00
Weekly Dinner Guests	\$733.45	\$667.69
RI Subscriptions	\$1,347.89	\$1,099.25
District 9810 Dues	\$1,852.50	\$1,886.50
"Rotary Down Under"	\$620.10	\$640.69
RI Foundation Subscription	\$1,410.00	\$1,200.00
Badges & Pins	\$190.70	\$62.70
Membership & Marketing	\$280.50	\$554.52
Gifts and Presentations	\$136.58	\$525.25
Merchandise - Members	\$0.00	\$6.50
Website	\$316.90	\$180.00
Insurance	\$675.00	\$555.00
Sundry Operating Expenses	\$848.60	\$340.34
Total Expenses - Operating	\$8,412.22	\$10,957.44
Expenses - Fellowship		
President's Changeover	\$214.25	\$1,061.35
Total Expenses - Fellowship	\$214.25	\$1,061.35
Expenses - Projects		
Project Donations	\$3,515.38	\$7,307.70
Sundry Project Expenses	\$535.50	\$360.00
Breathometers	\$264.00	\$528.00
Total Expenses - Projects	\$4,314.88	\$8,195.70
Expenses - Community		
Greater Comm Raffle Payment	\$1,200.00	\$2,314.00
Community Donations	\$3,453.65	\$50.00
Depreciation	\$4,608.00	\$4,608.00
Total Expenses - Community	\$9,261.65	\$6,972.00
Expenses - Benevolent A/c		
Donations - Benevolent Fund	\$3,500.00	\$4,950.00
Nasavusavu Special Ed School	\$750.00	\$875.00
Total Expenses - Benevolent A/c	\$4,250.00	\$5,825.00
Youth Exchange - Bayswater	\$0.00	\$320.30
Total Expenses	\$27,433.57	\$34,039.18
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$4,780.53)	(\$5,443.89)

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Graeme Aspinall

Fundraising was the major focus for the Community Service committee over the last twelve months with the bulk of funds being raised through sausage sizzles at Bunnings. We were again offered additional Friday's and Tuesday's and Thursday's during school holidays. With the support of club members we were able to have enough Rotarians in attendance to man the Bbq. Bunnings have been very generous to our club with the number of allocated dates we had this year and this will continue next year also. \$6100 was raised this year along with the additional exposure our club gains in the community is a positive. My thanks go to all our members who were able to help out no matter how much time they were able to give.

The Greek Ithacan Philanthropic Society approached our club to conduct a sausage sizzle at their centenary picnic being held at the Ferny Creek Reserve last February. Their original request was to cook 1000 sausages somewhat of a challenge, however this was later cut back to 500 a more manageable quantity. Our club really got behind this event with no shortage of members attending to cook and serve for the 2-3 hours we were there. The extended hospitality given to us to partake and enjoy the Greek sweets that were available was much appreciated. For the appreciated effort our club put in a generous donation of \$1200 was given to us.

The club continues to sell raffle tickets in the Great Community Raffle during June and July as all the money from ticket sales comes back to the club. The bulk of the tickets are sold at the Ferntree Plaza on cold and wintry Fridays and Saturdays to those who helped out and braved the elements your

support is really appreciated also members who take books and sell them to friends. The effort for selling these tickets raised \$1200 this year.

The Ferntree Gully Discovery Day now in its fourth year was again held in November. A new approach was taken this year with a market area set up in the car park on the eastern side of the railway line and the traditional events around the fire station. The feedback was that it was to spread out but will change back next year. Our club's involvements was concentrated on promoting Rotary and our involvement in the community. It's important we continue to be part of this event.

The Club's involvement with the Community Kitchen has been suspended, the number of volunteers there on our allotted Wednesdays is more than necessary with numbers attending for meals declining. I will be keeping in touch with Steve Barrington as to when our attendance will be required again. We continue to support Steve's Foothills Church Christmas luncheon with our donation of funds and men's gifts which are collected by Fran Mandergeddes for distribution at their lunch.

Christmas gifts from local real estate agent Ray White's Christmas Gift Giving initiative were again collected and donated to Steve Barrington's Christmas Luncheon for distribution. The generosity of the staff and clients of Ray White Ferntree Gully is very much appreciated by our Club and Steve.

Graeme Aspinall
Community Chair

Community Activities



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



Paul McAloney

ABCD (Art Building Childrens Dreams)

The club continues to support this worthwhile project. 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. ABCD is really progressing 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.

Rotary Club of Boronia's Fiji Project

Once again the club supported this project in providing funds to build a dormitory on Tavenui Island. In addition, we collected 152 pairs of sunglasses for the Islanders to wear after they have had surgery to prevent blindness.

Rotary Club of Rowville- Lysterfield Kiriwina Project

RC Rowville-Lysterfield were canvassing clubs in the District to donate funds to provide drinking water to the people on Kiriwina Island, which is situated off the coast of PNG. The club had to raise a certain amount of money to qualify for a District and International grant. With the help of clubs in the District like ourselves, they were able to achieve this goal.

Interplast

At the start of the year DG David Tolstrup requested that each club in the District donate \$1000.00 to Interplast. If every club contributed \$1000.00 there would be enough money to send a surgical team overseas to one of the poorer countries of the

world to perform much needed operations. I am proud to say that Ferntree Gully contributed a \$1000.00 to Interplast.

Fairhills High- Thailand Trip

Fairhills High School sent a team of 15 students and teachers to a remote village in Thailand, to carry out community projects in the village. The school asked us for support to donate funds to pay for materials they were going to use on their projects in the village. We were happy to comply as long as when they returned, they would visit the club and tell us about their experience. They ended up building a brick wall to help in providing irrigation water for the crops in the field. They worked really hard and all enjoyed the experience so much they wish to return next year. It was a different culture and life for them as they had to live in the village for ten days without phones or computers.

Wheelchairs for kids

As yet we have not made a decision on what to do with our wishing well, and there has been a suggestion that we hand it over to Fairhills HS to see if they can promote it. In the meantime however, with the unfortunate passing of Stuart Vize the club decided that instead of sending flowers we make a donation to Stuart's favourite organisation.

Paul McAloney
Acting Chairman



YOUTH SERVICE



Paul Wilson

Fairhills High

This year we have formed an exciting relationship with Fairhills High School. Initially the school asked for our help with a humanitarian project of theirs in Thailand. This was so successful we decided to continue our support of the school encompassing sponsorship of additional programs such as RYPEN, MUNA, the Four Way Test and are currently negotiating the starting up an INTERACT club at the school.

Four Way Test

The program promotes public speaking in a competition for Year 10 students on the topic of Rotary's Four Way Test, supported by sponsoring Rotary Clubs working in partnership with their local schools and Toastmasters International. Benefits to participating students include exposure to the ideals and ethical values of Rotary, proficiency in the art of public speaking, confidence and self-esteem gained from presenting to large audiences. In September 2015 we sponsored a student from Fairhills High, Callum MacLaclan in the Four Way Test Public Speaking Contest. Unfortunately, the standard was so high that in spite of a sterling performance, Callum did not make it through the first round.

In line with our above stated partnership with Fairhills, we will be sponsoring another student this year.

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.

This year the club has not had any nominations for the program. However, in line with our commitment to RYLA we have offered to sponsor a candidate nominated by the RYLA committee to anyone residing in the Ferntree Gully Area. Failing that we intend to sponsor an instructor.

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.

This year we sent two candidates from Fairhills High, Teagan Pearce and Mikayla to the 2015 RYPEN camp and anticipate sending a further two from Fairhills in 2016.

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



Paul McAloney

Due to my Presidential Duties, and also being acting chairman of the International portfolio, I really haven't had a lot of time to devote to Vocational. This is a problem when you have a low membership, and you have people in the club who are not prepared to put their hand up and help out. This shouldn't be a problem this year, as we have an increase in membership, and there is an increase in enthusiasm amongst the members of the club.

Peter Wylie Award

The board has decided that due to the difficulties in finding suitable apprentices that live in our area, that we will not continue with this award.

Rotary Scholarship for two MDLC Students

This year the club was delighted to successfully obtain a District Grant which enabled us to sponsor two students attending the Mountain District Learning Centre, in Ferntree Gully. This scholarship is awarded to students who are struggling to finish their VCE due to financial difficulty. The names of these students have been changed for privacy reasons:

Student 1: (David)

David is a conscientious year 11 (Intermediate VCAL) student who has a passion for photography. David endures many significant academic and personal barriers to education however continuously overcomes adversity through his unwavering dream to become a photographer. This year David has; organised his own work experience in a local 'Photography Studio', set up his own small business, become MDLC's inhouse photographer and has future study and career plans in this pathway. David is most deserving of this scholarship, he has never lost focus and displays both resilience and persistence in striving towards his goal and aspirations for the future.

Student 2: (Sylvia)

Sylvia is a new student this year at MDLC, she is a year 10 (Foundation VCAL) student who has recently expressed a desire to begin her year 11 VCE next year. Sylvia is an inspiration to her peers and to her credit a positive role model and influence in the class. Sylvia's work ethic is exceptional, she works hard to complete all her set tasks in the allocated time frame, is organised and produces work of a high standard. At times Sylvia seems wiser than her years; she has a strong sense of social justice, is not afraid to speak up for herself and others, in a calm and respectful manner. Sylvia is a natural leader and it is her dream to complete her year 12 VCE. This scholarship will provide her with much needed financial support to continue her educational journey and turn her dreams into a reality.

Vocational Talks

Once again members of the club were given a subject to talk about at our meetings. Most of the subjects were about Rotary projects, however we did have four subjects that were outside the box such as:

- The Battle of Lone Pine
- The Battle of Long Tan
- Puffing Billy
- My life in retirement

I was very impressed with all the presentations; they were well researched and well presented.

Vocational Visits

There were no Vocational visits this year however we have two planned for the coming year and they are KIOSC, and Donations in Kind.

Paul McAloney
Vocational Chair

FELLOWSHIP



Fran Mandergeddes

During the 2015/2016 Rotary year we have enjoyed theatre nights; jazz afternoons; a Paris Art exhibition at Monash Art Gallery; music and meals at The Acorn English tavern in The Basin; a concert at Burringa Community Centre and other events.

We have also had fun at a Rotoract Red Faces night, which was hilarious.

Some of us joined in the Rock and Roll night supporting the Motor Neurone Disease foundation in memory of our beloved Cass Bench.

Another event was a "Family Feud" evening, where my daughter Claire acted as MC and quiz-master, with teams vying to be the winners. An all-male team took out the honours for the evening, but the rest of us were left with a sneaking suspicion that they had (*somehow*) *cheated*. Anyway, it was a night full of fun and laughter – just what the doctor ordered!

Our Christmas party was held at my home in Wantirna, with our Honorary member Nick Wakeling and his wife in attendance. Kris Kringle put in a standard appearance and handed out gifts to all – except – shock, horror- almost overlooking our President Paul ! Fortunately the situation was quickly remedied, much to my (and Paul's) great relief ! (I am having a word with Kris for this year's party!)

Our usual fireside meetings were held in January this year at members' homes. These are always extremely pleasant affairs, catching up after Christmas and the New Year, and easing into our Rotary service for the ensuing 6 months. My thanks to those members who so kindly offer their homes for these meetings.

In February several members and their partners spent a great few days in Torquay, courtesy of Mike Spark's time-share involvement. The weather was perfect and we all thoroughly enjoyed both the fellowship and the sunshine and having a good look

around such a wonderful spot in our State. We dined at the RACV club, walked along the foreshore watching the water sports, trawled through the local Market and did many other activities.

The girls in the group visited "The Dressmaker" movie costume exhibition at a grand mansion, had lots of fun and vowed to repeat such a good time – which we did a few weeks later, having a "girls only movie afternoon" replete with scrumptious afternoon tea and bubbly, where we watched the actual movie and unanimously drooled over Liam Hemsworth!

Our last fellowship event was our President Paul's "picnic" held on 1 May at the Toolangi Tavern near Kinglake. Although the weather was dreary and far from warm (or even mild), those who attended (16) had, as usual, a great time at that great venue, with lovely views, a roaring fire, good food, wine and – of course – getting together with our Rotary friends, to express thanks to, and in honour of, our President's service throughout the Rotary year.

I hope that Christine's next year as our President will include more events for us to enjoy together. Of course, there are always going to be some people who feel that the offerings made are of no interest to them. As usual, I invite their suggestions – however, please bear in mind that even the simplest get-together has to be organized by someone! In the majority of cases that organization includes taking numbers, sometimes taking and recording money, booking venues, thinking of activities that can be included in each activity and trying to vary it a bit and keep any costs down where possible.

Fran Mandergeddes
Fellowship Chair

CLUB SERVICE



Christine Anderson

District Conference

The District Conference was held at Shepparton 18-20 March. We had 5 members attend - Enid Hughes, Ray Hollis, Paul McAloney, Kay McAloney Graeme Aspinall, and Christine Anderson.

The conference theme this year was "Power of the Past, Force of the Future". DG David Tolstrup and his team certainly delivered this powerful message with inspirational speakers and delivered a conference of the highest exceptional standard. A wonderful time thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended, a definite date for your Rotary calendar for next year's conference to be held in Geelong.

President Elect Seminar

The President Elect Seminar was held at Federation University in Ballarat over the weekend of 9-10th April, attended by Christine Anderson, Enid Hughes as Assistant Governor and Ray Hollis. Each session was inspirational and very informative, with great networking opportunities, giving all participants the wonderful opportunity to embrace all that Rotary delivers both Locally and Internationally.

District Training Assembly.

The Assembly was held on Sunday 22nd May at Deakin University. A wonderful support was shown by twelve members from Fern Tree Gully. A huge thank you to Graeme Aspinall, Gary Braddock, Sean Campbell, Rob Dawson, John Flemming, Ray Hollis, Enid Hughes, Paul McAloney, Linc Reed-Nickerson, Mike Spark, Paul Wilson, and Christine Anderson.

A wonderful opportunity for our club members to be informed of the changes and updates in the various club services and committees within Rotary International, and to empower all our club members to make us a vibrant club over the next twelve months.

Club Development and Growth: What a wonderful year; we have seen four new members inducted this year: Ray Hollis, Gary Braddock, Linc Redd Nickerson, and Martin Boettcher who transferred from Collie in WA. Our new members have great enthusiasm and are taking on major roles within the club. What a wonderful effort - Thank you

The coming Rotary Year will see the biggest Membership drive, encouraging a younger generation to join us, we will be working very closely with our cluster clubs to ensure we tell the wonderful Rotary story.

Stamps: This is a district project and the charity that benefits from the sale of the stamps is decided by each new DG. With the age of technology etc the use of stamps is rapidly declining. However, our club will continue to collect them as long as we can and we are much indebted to all members who bring stamps along to each meeting; every little bit helps if we all are involved.

Christine Anderson
President Elect

MEMBERSHIP



John Flemming

Membership

The club's 2015/16 year has seen the induction of four new members – Martin Boettcher, Gary Braddock, Ray Hollis and Linc Reed-Nickerson.

Unfortunately, we had to deal with the passing of Stuart Vize, a club stalwart and member for almost forty-six years. The membership now stands at eighteen.

We have used a number of initiatives throughout the year to try to attract members. Apart from our club website we have called at the businesses on Burwood Highway, and exhibited our pamphlets wherever we have conducted events. (Bunnings Sausages sizzles, selling raffle tickets at the Upper Ferntree Gully grocery complex and at a Ferny Creek catering engagement. We have also advertised in the local newspaper).

Membership is, however, a very difficult area for all service clubs and many other groups. In a world where work is no longer a Monday-to-Friday, 9 to 5 situation, where families have their children later and where young couples are faced with such large mortgages, there are very legitimate reasons for not joining a service club. Obviously young people have both time and financial pressures and these are the reasons generally conveyed when I speak to prospective members.

If it is to survive however, our club must continue to strive in every way possible to obtain new members as it is obvious that our average age is well above what it was, not that many years ago.

John Flemming
Membership Chair



President Paul congratulates new member Martin Boettcher



L-R - Pres Paul inducts new members: Gary Braddock, Ray Hollis and Linc Reed-Nickerson

PROGRAM REPORT



Robert Hurst

Having completed a second year as the Fern Tree Gully Rotary Club Program Chairman you would think that I might be running out of ideas for interesting speakers! However one of the amazing things about Rotary is the never-ending procession of people and organisations it encompasses.

This of course means there is always something new and different occurring either within the Rotary Family or the wider community upon which I can rely for speakers to inform us of their project or passion for their particular field of interest.

Whilst meetings should be kept as interesting as possible, and it's important to not lose sight of the reason we are members of Rotary, there is a need to have a varied and interesting program to avoid dull and boring meetings covering the same old thing s.

Sometimes the subject matter may be controversial or inappropriate for a Rotary meeting but no matter what the reaction the important thing is to make the meetings as interesting as possible, even if they result in a passionate discussion afterwards.

Some of the speakers this year you may recall were:

- A story about the St Vincent Paul Society and the personal story of Gordon Veerasawmy
- Graham Crichton from the Ferntree gully CFA
- Bright B Chinganya and the Carers of Africa
- The girls from Fairhills High School and the presentation on their trip to Thailand
- Andrew Gardiner's talk on 'Hedspace Knox'

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 why we really gather together on a Monday night.

Robert Hurst Program Chairman 2015/16

Pictured below: (L-R)
*Margaret Cunningham, Jane Verity and
Danielle Storey*



SPEAKERS – 2015-16

Topic	Presenter
St Vincent De Paul Society	Gordon Veraswamy
Days for Girls	Margaret Cunningham
RYDA (Road Safety Education Program)	Nicole Van Brakel
	Andrew Gardiner
National Oral Health Plan	Morris White
Interplast	Lean Brear
CFA	Graham Crichton
RYLA	Scott Newstead /
ROMAC	Norm Casey
Loyalty Program	Reg Harris
Dementia Care	Jane Verity
The Carribbean Gardens Story	Ilias Varas
Schools 4-Way Speech Contest	Calum McLachlan
Attracting People Who Serve	Danielle Storey
Spaneast	Nicky Culhane
Compassionate Friends	Andrew Weatherhead
KIOSC	Kate Kent Evans
INTERACT	Salwan Shahine
Carers of Africa	Bright B Chinganya
RYPEN / Thailand Trip	Students of Fairhills High School
Branding & Marketing - Digital World	Russell Pearson
IMPACT	Kathy Kaplan
Probus Clubs in Knox	Bruce Crago



Gordon Chrichton



Salwan Shahine



Gordon Veraswamy

BULLETIN REPORT



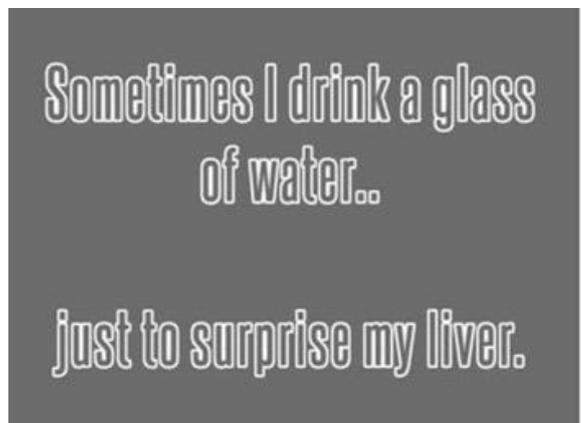
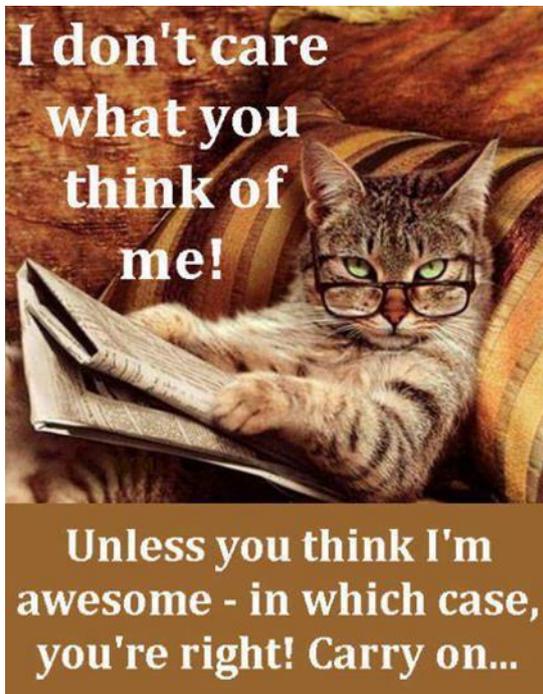
Enid Hughes

This year the role of bulletin editor has been a little more difficult. My duties as an Assistant Governor have kept me away from a number of club meetings and keeping up with Fern Tree Gully's activities has been hard. However, with a lot of help from various members I've managed to put out a creditable bulletin most weeks, although occasionally it's been rather thin! They say a picture is worth a thousand words and in that respect I have to thank various people for their contributions, mainly Paul Wilson and Graeme Aspinall but I mustn't forget Kay McAloney's terrific depictions of the holiday trips they and the Mandergeddes/Hursts have taken this year. Thank you to all of you for your photos – please keep them coming.

An editor is always looking for interesting stories and this year I've particularly missed hearing of the antics of our outbound exchange students. They always did make interesting reading. RC Fern Tree Gully are not in a position to support this program at the moment but hopefully we will be again sometime in the future.

The layout for next year's bulletin has not been finalised. Having read a number of other club's bulletins I think our is still quite distinctive and so the 2016-17 issues will probably be similar to this year's. As always though, I'm open to suggestions from club members if they can come up with ways to improve it.

Enid Hughes
Editor



PAST PRESIDENTS

1963-64 **HALL** Frank

1964-65 **THOMSON** * Ken

1965-66 **CLARKE** * Harold

1966-67 **MARTIN** Laurie

1967-68 **ELDRIDGE** Jeff

1968-69 **RUSSELL** Harry

1969-70 **CHAPPILL** Geoff

1970-71 **COOK** Duncan

1971-72 **CASTRICUM** * John
and **MILLER** Ken

1972-73 **LANGFORD** * Greg

1973-74 **de JONGE** Lawrence

1974-75 **CRANE** * Reeve

1975-76 **BROWN** John

1976-77 **FOSTER** Ken

1977-78 **CALLAHAN** * Jack

1978-79 **MILLER** Ken

1979-80 **RICHARDS** John

1980-81 **BEASLEY** * Royce

1981-82 **SHORTER** Barry

1982-83 **BOSCOTT** Bob

1983-84 **BARUDAY** George and
DASBOROUGH Don

1984-85 **MITCHELL*** Ron

1985-86 **HURST** Robert

1986-87 **GLADWIN** Bill

1987-88 **ELLIOTT** John

1988-89 **GUINEY** * David

1989-90 **FREGON** John

1990-91 **VIZE** Stuart*

1991-92 **ADAMS** Brian

1992-93 **WYLIE** * Peter

1993-94 **ASPINALL** Graeme

1994-95 **MOORE** Robert

1995-96 **WILLINGHAM** Ed

1996-97 **EDMUNDS** Hilton

1997-98 **SPARK** Mike

1998-99 **FLEMMING** John

1999-2000 **OGLE** Tony

2000-01 **YEATS** Sandy

2001-02 **HALL** Marilyn
(First Woman President).

2002-03 **McALONEY** Paul

2003-04 **DAWSON** Rob

2004-05 **MANDERGEDDES** Fran

2005-06 **WALTERS** Phil

2006-07 **GOODCHILD** Julie

2007-08 **ASPINALL** Graeme

2008-09 **FAULKNER** Graham

2009-10 **LINCOLN** Merv.

2010-11 **LINCOLN** Merv

2011-12 **HUGHES** Enid

2012-13 **ASPINALL** Graeme

2013-14 **WALTERS** Phil

2014-15 **SPARK** Mike

2015-16 **McALONEY** Paul

* Have "Passed on to meet Paul HARRIS

Rotary

Club of Fern Tree Gully



2015-16

The Board

PRESIDENT	-	Paul McAloney
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SECRETARY	-	Christine Anderson
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Aust. Rotary Health	-	John Flemming



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

<u>Presented</u>		<u>FELLOWS</u>		<u>President.</u>
1963 to 1980		No Awards Made		
03:9:1981	to	MILLER Ken P.P.	by	Barry SHORTER
1982 –1985		No Awards Made		
03:4:1986	to	RICHARDS John P.P.	by	Robert HURST
1986-1987		No Awards Made		
17:6:1988	to	THOMSON Ken P.P.	by	John ELLIOTT
26:6:1989	to	COOK Duncan P.P.		
	to	VIZE Stuart Rtn.	by	David GUINEY
22:6:1990	to	HURST Robert P.P.	by	John FREGON
16:6:1991	to	MITCHELL Ron P.P.	by	Stuart VIZE
19:6:1992	to	CRANE Reeve P.P. *		
	to	GUINEY David P.P.*	by	Brian ADAMS
28:6:1993	to	BOSCOTT Bob P.P.	by	Peter WYLIE
1993-1994		No Awards Made		
26:6:1995	to	THOMSON Ken P.P. [Sapphire to Ken's PH]	by	Bob MOORE
3:6:1997	to	FREGON John P.P.		
	to	ASPINALL Graeme P.P.		
	to	MASON John Rtn. *	by	Hilton EDMUNDS
29:6:1998	to	THOMSON Bett 1st Lady	by	Mike SPARK
28:6:1999	to	EDMUNDS Hilton P.P.		
	to	WYLIE Peter P.P. *	by	John FLEMMING
26:6:2000	to	MASON Fred P.P.	by	Tony OGLE
25:6:2001	to	FLEMMING John P.P.	by	Sandy YEATS
19:5:2003	to	WYLIE Cheryl		
	to	VIZE Stuart P.P. [Sapphire to Stuart's PHF]	by	Paul McALONEY
2004-05	to	SPARK Mike P.P.	by	Fran MANDERGEDDES
2006-07	to	BENCH Cass Rtn.		
	to	FLEMMING John P.P. [Sapphire to John's PHF]	by	Julie GOODCHILD
2007-08	to	DAWSON Robert P.P.		
	to	Beth VIZE	by	Graeme ASPINALL
2008 –09	to	McALONEY Paul P.P.		
	to	GOODCHILD Julie P.P.	by	Graham FAULKNER
2009-10	to	MANDERGEDDES Fran PP	by	Merv LINCOLN
2011-12	to	SMITH, Peter Captain – CFA	by	Enid HUGHES
2012-13	to	HUGHES, Enid P.P.	by	Graeme ASPINALL
2015	to	ASPINALL, Graeme PP [Sapphire to Graeme's PHF]	by	Paul McALONEY

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ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY

2015-16

CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	Date of Induction
ANDERSON, Christine	14 th April 2014
ASPINALL, Graeme	1 st November 1988
BOETTCHER, Martin	18 th April 2016
BRADDOCK, Gary	4 th April 2016
CAMPBELL, Sean	23 rd March 2015
DAWSON, Robert	12 th May 1997
FAULKNER, Graham	16 th February 2004 (30 th October 1986)
FLEMMING, John	1 st April 1993
HUGHES, Enid	30 th June 2008
HOLLIS, Ray	4 th April 2016
HURST, Robert	1 st July 1982
MANDERGEDDES, Fran	4 th March 2002
McALONEY, Paul	15 th March 1999
RUTLEDGE Virginia	20 th August 2012
REED-NICKERSON, Linc	4 th April 2015
REID, John	15 th June 2015
SPARK, Mike	1 st November 1994
VIZE, Stuart	1 st June 1970
WILSON, Paul	31 st December 2005



MISS ME

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

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

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

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