

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully, Inc. The Next Ten - Forty.

The 19th May, 2003 is the 40th Anniversary of the granting of the Charter of this Rotary Club. At that time, 1963, the area was known as Fern Tree Gully, which is the spelling on the Charter we received from Rotary International in Chicago, Il. USA. In recognition of our anniversary it is appropriate the Club up date its history.

Past member, *Milt Sells* has provided the following information:

“At the time of formation by our mother Club, Belgrave, when Geoff Hicks was President, the first meeting of the Provisional Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully was held in the Upper Fern Tree Gully hall on 14th March 1963 and as we know our Charter was granted on 16th May, 1963. In those days, before late night shopping, the Club met on a Thursday evening, initially at the R.S.L. Hall, afterwards at Bob’s Restaurant, Boronia (where three types of potato was part of the meal every week) from there to La Danza, followed by the Stamford Hotel, then to Willora followed by the Knox Club, Rembrandts, Cavalier Motor Inn, Coby’s Coffee Shoppe, Malibu on Stylus (the old Swagman), to Knox Tavern.”.

It is with considerable pleasure “The Next Ten”, following “The First 30 Years”, is now presented. Its compilation has been made possible due to the input of a number of people – the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully expresses appreciation to all past and present members who have assisted with this project.

In the early part of this ten-year period it was difficult to increase our Club’s membership numbers even though, during this time, we saw the introduction of women into Rotary.

We are proud of the fact we have already seen our first woman President.

Although in the final years of this decade the Club has improved its membership it appears the economic conditions and the weekly commitment makes it extremely difficult for “younger professionals” to accept membership of Rotary even though there is, in such a climate, a greater need for fellowship, networking and the support of others.

This support, which is an important facet of the world wide Rotary movement, is frequently not understood until experienced.

Today, with the relaxation of Classification rules there is greater opportunity to be invited to become a Rotarian, however we should always be vigilant as to whom we invite to join Rotary, after all “Service Above Self” and “The Four-Way Test” should always be uppermost in considering all prospective members.

The Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully can be very proud of its past and should ensure in the future it maintains its record of service to the community, fellowship and support of its members.

The “Next Ten” is a summary of the achievements and highlights of the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully in the period 1993 to 2003.

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1993-94

PRESIDENT:
PRESIDENT ELECT:
VICE-PRESIDENT:

Graeme ASPINALL
Robert MOORE
Ed WILLINGHAM

31st Year.

PAST PRESIDENT: Peter WYLIE
SECRETARY : John MASON
TREASURER: Ed WILLIMGHHAM

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Hilton EDMUNDS
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE: Sandy YEATS
VOCATIONAL SERVICE: Stuart VIZE

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: *Bob LASLETT*

President of Rotary International: Robert R. BARTH.
R.C. of Aarau, Switzerland.

Theme: “Believe in what you do. Do what you believe in.”

Inductions: Fred MASON [09:05:’94]& Roger COCHRANE [06:06:’94]

Resignations: Graham FAULKNER [...] & Reeve CRANE [...].

Membership: 25 (3 members 100%)

Paul Harris Fellow: No award.

The Rotary International Conference was held in May, ’93 at Melbourne and was attended daily by President Graeme Aspinall, PP Stuart and YEP student Yumiko, while many others Club members also took advantage of the Conference’s proximity to attended on numerous occasions.

This was a fantastic opportunity to meet, to learn and participate in Rotary International.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- ❖ Our Car Boot sale, at Safeway, was a success financially and in Club participation. It is unfortunate Safeway altered its opening times so this cannot become a regular service.
- ❖ Renovated bathroom at Harrison Youth Services in Boronia with donations and funds from a Theatre Night – “The Brides of March”.
- ❖ Supported “One Canna Ganna” with \$200 plus funds from R.C’s of The Basin & Knox resulted in \$400 to appeal. Canned food passed to the Salvation Army for distribution.
- ❖ Sold Christmas Trees to advantage & investigated possibility of establishing a Christmas tree plantation – not, in reality, viable.
- ❖ Heavily supported Knox Life Education – Prevention Is Better Than Cure [PIBTC]. Poster competition in schools with poor response.
- ❖ Joined the Combined Rotary Clubs of Knox in a Highway Tin Rattle for PIBTC for a Life Education Caravan for an educational approach against drugs
- ❖ Supported the Salvation Army’s *Red Shield Appeal*, which, like all other economic areas, was down despite a fine response from our members.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ Conducted an **International Cultural Evening** at the Malaysian Restaurant at Knox Tower Point where the guest speaker was Tsebin Tchen Bin from the Springvale Asian Business Association, his topic – “*Doing business with Asian business persons in Australia*”.
- ❖ **Youth Exchange Program:**

Out Bound - **Megan Hale** returned home from Kofu [D.2620] **Japan** as a YEP student in March, '94, where she had been a worthy ambassador & had had a wonderful time.

In Bound - **Yumiko Mizuno** from Tabata Kita-Ku, a northern suburb of Tokyo was here until March '94 & went home after proving herself to be a most impressive ambassador. "Yumi" attended Fairhills High and obtained good results. She possibly attended more sessions of the International Conference than many Rotarians.

In & Out Bound - Australia New Zealand Matched Youth Exchange – Due to costs, the Club has chosen to participate in Twin Exchange rather than the YEP program for next year.

- ❖ **RYPEN.** 6 schools approached but only **Kate O'Meara** applied & was sent. Kate profited from the experience as was shown when she addressed the Club.
- ❖ **Siemens' Summer Science School** – sent three students: **Thomas Fay, Charles Hocking & Peter Harding** who attended Monash University or the Victorian University of Technology. From their address to the Club all received considerable, suitable experience .
- ❖ **Group Study Exchange.**

Inbound – We hosted the GSE Team from South Africa on 14th Feb. & visited the National Bank, Knoxfield Research Institute, City of Knox (lunch with the CEO), Laimbok Leather, Telecom & Knox Shopping centre before they presented at our Club meeting .

Outbound – put forward 2 possible candidates for the GSE Team to go to South Africa, without success .

- ❖ **Grant for University Teachers in a Developing Country** – participated in this R.I. Program by approaching faculties of Education & Medicine at Monash University. **Mary O'Dowd** became our candidate but could not find an accepting University although she made seventeen approaches.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ Two successful industrial visits were undertaken to – the Scoresby Mail Exchange & the Knox District Police Station.
- ❖ Investigated the possibility of making an "Award for Excellence" & re-introducing "Job's Information Night" but without success.
- ❖ Businessperson's Dinner. We were powerless to conduct the Business-Person's Dinner despite approaching Paul Keating [PM]; Senator Bronwyn Bishop; Kevin Gosper [Chief Ex. of City of Melbourne]; & Ian McNamara [Australia All Over] – none were available at a time suitable to the Club.
- ❖ Participated in the Live Wire program but did not have a candidate who completed the exercise.

FELLOWSHIP: Remember the following :-

- ❖ Theatre Night – "My Fair Lady"
- ❖ Our Calcutta on the Melbourne Cup.
- ❖ The Christmas Party at "The Bank's"
- ❖ Fellowship at the District Conference in Ballarat.

1994-95

32nd Year.

PRESIDENT:	Robert MOORE
PRESIDENT ELECT:	Ed WILLINGHAM
VICE PRESIDENT:	Hilton EDMUNDS
PAST PRESIDENT:	Graeme ASPINALL
SECRETARY:	John MASON
ASST. SECRETARY:	Roger COCHRANE
TREASURER:	Heinz STOCKINGER

COMMUNITY SERVICE: **Joachim [Joe] PAWLACZYK**

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE: Hilton EDMUNDS
VOCATIONAL SERVICE: Graeme ASPINALL

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Max BUCHANAN

President of Rotary International: Bill HUNTLEY.
Sutton-On-Sea, Lincs., England.

Theme: "Be A Friend".

Inductions: Mike SPARK [17:10:'94] (from R.C.of Melbourne North), &
David GILBERT [3:4:'95].

Resignations: Laurie ADAMS [31:12:'94].

Membership: 24 (2 members 100%)

Paul Harris Fellow: *Sapphire pin to Ken Thomson's PHF.*

Venue: Moved from "Coby's" to **Stylus** [the former Swagman].

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Again supported the *Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal*, collecting \$2,000 plus, in very cold, wet conditions and considering the District Assembly was held that same morning, an excellent result.

The committee also concerned itself to support:

- ❖ "High Challenge Program" – Victorian Police 3 day camp to promote understanding between teenagers & the police.
 - ❖ "The Rotary Peter Nelson Leukaemia Research Fund" with \$100:00.
 - ❖ Donated \$100:00 to the Rotaract, D.9810 "The Fantastic Fun Fair" .
 - ❖ The "Peer Support Foundation" with \$100:00.
 - ❖ Marissa Turner (Downs Syndrome) received \$200:00 to attend Special Olympics.
 - ❖ The "Motor Neurone Disease Association" received \$200:00.
 - ❖ Fern Tree Gully Girl Guides with \$500:00 after a fire at their hall.
 - ❖ The Relationship Australia which runs "Family Violence Prevention Program".
 - ❖ The seminar at Wm Angliss Hospital on "Care For the Aged" given \$250:00.
- To raise the necessary cash for the above, members of the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully slaved over a hot BBQ every Saturday morning at the Gully shopping area.
We must acknowledge our appreciation of the traders who supplied, free of charge, the necessary requirements for us to sell sausages in bread with tomato sauce and or onions.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

Financially supported :

- ❖ R.I. Bangladesh Project [\$300]; assisted Ms Jan Quiney, an exchange student going to Japan, with \$50:00; raised \$58:10 for the Rwanda Appeal; provided \$500:00 for the District Chernobyl Hut Scheme; &, with extra contributions by Ken Thomson & Sandy Yeats were able to send off \$1,643:00 to the Anzac Kadoka Appeal.

- ❖ Hosted for a day the Belgian GSE Team. They visited the Siemens complex; Knox Council where they had lunch with the Commissioners, Lyn Davies & Douglas Geekie, who informed them & us of local government; followed by a tour of the local TAFE college; to finish their visits they toured the Telstra OTC complex before attending our Club meeting as guest speakers.
- ❖ The committee successfully undertook to organize & sell Christmas Trees on behalf of the Club at Fern Tree Gully Timber & Joinery – thanks Ken.

In the area of **Youth** our Club has effectively supported:

- ❖ Siemens Summer Science School.
- ❖ Rotary New Zealand Matched Twin Exchange.
- ❖ Rotary Youth Exchange Program with students both in and out.
- ❖ RYPEN Seminar.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ Participated in the “Operation Live-Wire” project with two “Live Wires”, unfortunately neither was successful in reaching their goal.
- ❖ Visited Hayman Reese factory, and had a number of most interesting job talks from members.
- ❖ It was not possible to obtain a suitable speaker for a Business Persons’ Dinner despite considerable endeavours.
- ❖ Planned an event centred around what business opportunities, in the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne, could be gained from the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Once again we were disappointed this did not come to fruition, due mainly to the lack of a suitable facilitator.

FELLOWSHIP: Remember the following:

- ❖ Our Calcutta on the Melbourne Cup.
- ❖ The Christmas Party, once again, at “The Bank’s” .
- ❖ Fellowship at the District Conference in Albury.

“On-To-Conference”, Albury:

Attended by a good representation from the Club made themselves known in & at Albury.

1995-96

33rd Year.

PRESIDENT:	Ed WILLINGHAM
PRESIDENT ELECT:	Hilton EDMUNDS
VICE PRESIDENT:	John FLEMMING
PAST PRESIDENT:	Robert MOORE
SECRETARY:	John MASON
ASST. SECRETARY:	Roger COCHRANE
TREASURER:	Heinz STOCKINGER
COMMUNITY SERVICE:	John FLEMMING
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:	John RICHARDS
VOCATIONAL SERVICE:	Sandy YEATS / Mike SPARK
DISTRICT GOVERNOR:	John HENDERSON

President of Rotary International: Herbert G. BROWN.
Clearwater, Florida, U.S.A.

Theme: **“Act with Integrity. Serve with Love. Work for Peace”.**

Inductions: Tony OGLE [25:03:’96]; &, Sandy YEATS [24:06:’96]

Resignations: John ELLIOTT [31:12:’95]; Sandy YEATS [28:08:’95]; &,
Ron MITCHELL [31:01:’96].
President Ed WILLINGHAM [31:06:’96].

Membership: **23** **(6 members 100%)**

Paul Harris Fellow: No award.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- ❖ The Club again supported the *Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal* collecting \$2028:10.
- ❖ The major project for the year was the “Paint Your Heart Out Project” when we were responsible for painting Mrs Hancock’s house. The Knox City Council & Community Services were involved. A successful and worthwhile project for the Committee & Club.
- ❖ Attempted to find accommodation for the family of a heart patient going to San Diego, USA.

Financially Assisted:

- ❖ Christine Mitchell to attend a Girl Guides gathering in India.
- ❖ Mark James (disabled) for a holiday with his mother .
- ❖ Knox Police’s “Christmas Dinner” for the elderly.
- ❖ Make A Wish Foundation.
- ❖ Crop A Cop (Cancer fundraising)

- ❖ **Sausage Sizzled** at the Open Day of the Institute of Horticultural Development.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

Unfortunately, our Business Person’s Dinner was again not able to come to fruition.

- ❖ A vocational visit was made to Stihl Pty Ltd, a debate between two teams from members and a number of “Job Talks” have been the work of this committee.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

Y.E.P.

- ❖ *Steven Gage* returned in September 1995 to complete our Twin Exchange with New Zealand.
- ❖ Another successful project has been **our hosting of Catharina Crolow from District 1890, Germany.** Catharina arrived in July 1995 for a twelve months stay. Her Counsellors have been Robert Moore and Joe Pawlaczyk. Obtaining host families has been a problem and the *Moore and Richards families* are to be commended for allowing this project to be completed. Catharina has made the most of her time: she has visited the Gold Coast with Margaret Moore and the Red Centre with other YEP’s; attended Tintern GGS; made her debut; attended the District Conference in Adelaide; visited Tasmania with Tintern and she has seen the Penguins !

Group Study Exchange.

- ❖ Our Club entertained the Team from District 1890, Germany for a day and we had the honour, on behalf of District 9810, of conducting the *District Welcome*.
- ❖ The evening was a resounding success, but was marred by a number of Rotarians from other Clubs failing to attend – at a financial cost to our Club. Stylus, our venue, was excellent.

Fundraising.

- ❖ The Annual sale of Christmas Trees netted \$646:00.
- ❖ Our other success was a Trivia Night, raising \$2,375:00
- ❖ Sale of Christmas cakes & puddings, profit from thee ‘sales’ equalled \$1,104:00, a big year thanks to Sandy
- ❖ Weekly Sausage Sizzle realizing \$3,918:00.

World Community Services.

- ❖ \$400:00 was donated to provide 12 Sleeping Kits for children around the world. (IPAC #191.)
- ❖ Donated US\$1,000:00 to Rotary Foundation.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE - Youth:

- ❖ **R.Y.P.E.N.** and **R.Y.L.A.** were both supported. We sent two students to R.Y.P.E.N. and gave another two to the Rotary Club of Boronia to sponsor.
Elisa Milsome attended the weeklong R.Y.L.A. Camp due to our sponsorship.

The CRA National Youth Science Forum and the Siemen’s Summer Science School have both been supported.

“On-To-Conference”, Adelaide

Another little town which will remember our visit following a successful District Conference.

Attendees included: President Ed & Irene Willingham, Graeme Aspinall, Hilton & Marie Edmunds, Peter & Cheryl Wylie, David & Nerida Gilbert, & Catharina Crolow [German YEP].

WE HAVE :

- ❖ Conducted another successful Calcutta on the Melbourne Cup.
- ❖ Donated \$500:00, with the help of Ken Thomson, to the “Rotary International Shrine Restoration Appeal”.
- ❖ Collected “Cents For The Shrine” from 3 Hotels and 7 Tatts Agencies
- ❖ Sausage Sizzled each Saturday morning in the Lower Fern Tree Gully shopping area, with considerable financial success due to the generosity of many of the shops donating goods and services.
- ❖ Begun our 2nd year at Stylus on Malibu – our thanks to Laurie and his staff

1996-97

34th Year.

PRESIDENT:	Hilton EDMUNDS
PRESIDENT ELECT:	Mike SPARK
VICE PRESIDENT:	John FLEMMING
PAST PRESIDENT:	Graeme ASPINALL
SECRETARY:	John MASON
ASST. SECRETARY:	Graeme ASPINALL
TREASURER:	David GILBERT

COMMUNITY SERVICE:	Roger COCHRANE
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:	Joe PAWLACZYK
VOCATIONAL SERVICE:	Graeme ASPINALL

DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

Graeme WOOLACOTT

President of Rotary International:

Luis Vincente GIAY.

Arrecifes, Buenos Aries, Argentina.

Theme:

“Build the future with action & vision”.

Inductions:

Sandy YEATS[01:06:’96]; Geoff GERLACH[11:11:’96];
Robert DAWSON [12:05:’97]; &, Graham MAXFIELD[01: 07:’97].

Resignations:

Robert Moore [00:00:’97]; Brian Adams [31:06:’97];
Peter Banks [01:06:’97]; &, Heinz Stockinger [30:06:’97].

Membership:

22 (4 members 100%).

Annual Dues: \$160:00

Paul Harris Fellow:

Graeme ASPINALL; John FREGON; &, John MASON.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Achievements in this area of service included:

- ❖ Participation in the “Bike Mark Day”;
- ❖ Participation in the McHappy Day at McDonald’s, Fern Tree Gully;
- ❖ Again successfully supported the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal;
- ❖ Craig Wilson’s parents’ front steps replaced;
- ❖ Assisted in the supply of a refrigerator for Ms Simpson, a single mum with teenage children;
- ❖ Participated in the “Drains to the Bay” with local schools;
- ❖ Investigated involvement in capital funding for Angliss Community Hostel;
- ❖ Conducting a number of successful “shopping tours”;
- ❖ Assisted the ARHRF by participating in the “Fund-Razors” & “Toss the Coin” projects;
- ❖ Made regular collections from Newsagents & Hotels for “Cents-for-the-Shrine”; &,
- ❖ Pledged financial & physical support along with the Rotary Clubs of Berwick & Benalla in respect of the recent bush fires in the surrounding hills.

Conducted the regular Saturday morning **Sausage Sizzle** at Fern Tree Gully with the assistance, by donation, from Norm’s Quality Meats, Enzo’s Quality Meats, Adams’ Furniture, Gully Green Grocers, Foodtown SSW Supermarket, & Fairbrothers Hardware Store.

This project, staffed by FTG Rotarians, was a major fund-raiser for the Club.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ **Group Study Exchange.** Hosted the all women’s Team from D.7930, Boston, Mass. on 17:02:’97. They visited Glaxo, lunched with the Council & Commissioners from the City of Knox and Nutri-Metics before addressing our Club in the evening.
- ❖ Supported, unsuccessfully, *Megan Llewellyn* as a candidate for the team to go to Boston.
- ❖ Conducted a Trivia night to raise funds (\$1,300) .
- ❖ Supported the R.I. Shrine Restoration appeal.
- ❖ Supported the District “Fund Razor” for A.R.H.R.F.
- ❖ Entertained, at a Club meeting, the parents of the Club’s first Y.E.P. student, *Janet Gale*.
- ❖ Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship. Supported *Zaheed Evans* as a candidate but without success.

- ❖ Had **Lindsay Pollock**, an Ambassadorial Scholar from U.S.A., address the club on “Women In Business”.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ A low profile year in this area with members representing their vocation within the Club & upholding high ethical standards in their workplace.
- ❖ A number of members provided the Club with a Program based on their profession.
- ❖ Participated in “Operation Live-wire” with two Live-wires, with mentors Mike Spark & Graeme Aspinall; unfortunately they did not progress beyond the initial stages.
- ❖ Co-ordinated the sale of Christmas Trees, plus Rotary Christmas puddings & cakes realizing over \$1,600 for the Club. (All members participated in these projects).

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE – Youth:

- ❖ **Siemens Summer Science School** – sent two students from St Joseph’s College.
- ❖ **Peer Support Program** – supported.
- ❖ **C.R.A. National Science Forum** – supported two students but they were unsuccessful at District level.
- ❖ **RYPEN**– supported three students from St Joseph’s College.
- ❖ **RYLA** - supported an applicant who was unable to attend due to a university commitment.
- ❖ **Y.E.P.** – insufficient support for hosting.

“**On-To-Conference**”, **Launceston**: - P.P. Peter Wylie organized another appreciative group being able to attend “Conference”. The eleven participants enjoyed both the mental & social stimulation the over-seas experience provided.

FELLOWSHIP:

Organized – “8th Calcutta Night”, “Family Christmas Day”, “President’s Garden Party”.
 As a fund-raising project - organized “Fellowship Dinners”.
 The “**President’s Garden Party**”, held at De Bortoli’s Winery, was a great success.

1997-98

35th year.

PRESIDENT:	Mike SPARK
PRESIDENT ELECT:	John FLEMMING
VICE PRESIDENT:	David GILBERT
PAST PRESIDENT:	Hilton EDMUNDS
SECRETARY:	John MASON
ASST. SECRETARY:	Graeme ASPINALL
TREASURER:	David GILBERT

COMMUNITY SERVICE:	John FREGON
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:	Joe PAWLACZYK
VOCATIONAL SERVICE:	Graeme ASPINALL

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: **Eric FARMER**

President of Rotary International: **Glen W. KINROSS.**
 Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Theme: "Show Rotary Cares".

Inductions: John GERRARD[4:5:'98]; Doug KOLLMORGAN[4:5:'98];
Gael TRAA [4:5:'98] & Tony NANKERVIS[00:00:'98].

Resignations: Grahan Maxfield [01:04:'98].

Membership: 24 (5 members 100%). **Annual Dues:** \$160:00

Paul Harris Fellow: **Bett THOMSON.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- ❖ Again supported the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.
 - ❖ Donated a Tympanic Thermometer to the Haematology ward at the Alfred hospital.
 - ❖ Donated to St Joseph's "Human Powered Vehicle" project.
 - ❖ Assisted Wayne Fielding attend a conference on "Elder Abuse" & organized a "lap top computer" for his work in assisting elders.
 - ❖ Donated significantly towards a specialized wheel chair for the "Hopton family's" daughter, Kim, who has Cerebral Palsy.
 - ❖ Donated finance for "Girl Guide Support Group" representative to attend an International Conference.
- * **Conducted** the regular Saturday morning Sausage Sizzle at Fern Tree Gully with the assistance, by donation, from Norm's Quality Meats, Enzo's Quality Meats, Adams' Furniture, Gully Green Grocers, Foodtown SSW Supermarket, & Fairbrothers' Hardware Store.
This project, staffed by FTG Rotarians, has been a major fund-raiser for the Club.
- * **Conducted** a Trivia Night & a Shopping Tour as successful fund-raisers.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ **Group Study Exchange.** Hosted the GSE Team from Dist.1250, Sussex, U.K. for a day (6th March,'98) at Australian Roses, Templeton Primary School, Knox Civic Centre (for lunch with the Mayor), & the Institute of Horticultural Development, before the team "Presented" at the Club Dinner at Stylus.
It was unfortunate this was a Friday and we did not have Stylus to ourselves.
 - ❖ **GSE home hosting.** Two families host team members from the D.1250 team – Richards & Vizes hosted *Susan Davies & Carol Cotterill*, respectively, for a week.
 - ❖ **Cultural Scholar & Honorary Rotarian** – was "guest speaker" at the Club. Dr. *Vasundhara Doraswamy*, with a PhD for Dance from Madras, India danced & explained her movements and dress.
 - ❖ **Ambassadorial Scholarships.**
 - * *Mark Schauerte*, from Perior, Illinois, USA spoke on his business study course at Melbourne University was "guest speaker" on one occasion.
 - * Had enquiries from local university students, *Teresa Kennedy & Damien Taylor*, who did not proceed due to some of the requirements.
 - ❖ **Donated** \$1,341 to fund three shelters for underprivileged family units in India.
 - ❖ **Donated** \$1,490 to Rotary Foundation.
- **Responsible** for the sale of Christmas trees from, once again, Fern Tree Gully Timber & Joinery [Ken Thomson's] with a profit of \$1,180:50.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ **Participated in “Operation Live-wire”** program with mentors Sandy Yeats, Robert Hurst & Mike Spark offering their skills but once again we were unsuccessful as none of the applicants completed their project.
- ❖ **Organized** many guest speakers and job talks throughout the year.
- ❖ **Responsible** for the organization of fund-raising through the sale of Christmas Trees and Rotary Christmas Cakes & Puddings.

The “BULLETIN”: It was with a great deal of pride the Club collected the “ **Best Bulletin Award** ” for District 9810, due to the support given editor Stuart Vize by Marg Hurst, Hilton Edmunds, Sandy & Irene Yeats. Began collecting “used Stamps”.

“On-To-Conference”, Warrnambool: Attendees – President Hilton, Graeme Aspinall, Bob & Margaret Hurst, Dave & Nerida Gilbert, Peter & Cheryl Wylie, John & Anne Flemming, Rob & Marj Dawson, & Mike Spark. A worthwhile experience for those attending and as usual what happens at Conference ***stays at Conference***.

Do You Remember ?

- Our 9th Annual Melbourne Cup Eve “**Calcutta**”.
- **The theatre night** “Crazy For You” – we eventually had a night at the theatre.
- The **Family Christmas Party** at Sandy & Irene’s at Cranbourne South.
- Our meetings, **in January**, at Sparks’ & Hurst’s; and yes, although we reversed the order it still rained when we were at Harnett Street.
- The **President’s Picnic** at Fergusson’s Winery in the Yarra Valley – a perfect setting & what a day.
- **Fellowship dinners** – were a great success.
- The night **Niki** danced & put the Rotary Club of FTG on everyone’s visiting list.
- The **2nd theatre night** – ‘Les Miserables’.
- &, for a few, the weekend away at Phillip Island.
- ‘Red Faces”, R.C. of Burwood’s Charter and the Monbulk Salvo’s Auction.
- The induction of our **1st lady member** – **Gael Traa**.
- Another **full year** at our venue – Stylus on Mailbu.

1998-99

36th Year.

PRESIDENT:	John FLEMMING
PRESIDENT ELECT:	Tony OGLE
VICE PRESIDENT:	Sandy YEATS
PAST PRESIDENT:	Mike SPARK
SECRETARY:	John MASON
ASST. SECRETARY:	John GERRARD
TREASURER:	Hilton EDMUNDS
COMMUNITY SERVICE:	Bob BOSCOTT
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:	Sandy YEATS
VOCATIONAL SERVICE:	Fred MASON
NEW GENERATIONS:	Graeme ASPINALL
<u>DISTRICT GOVERNOR:</u>	<i>Ian RISEBOROUGH</i>

President of Rotary International: James L. LACY.
Cookeville, Tennessee, U.S.A.

Theme: "Follow Your Rotary Dream".

Inductions: Debbie WEAVELL [26:10:'98]; Marilyn HALL [16:11:'98];
John O'CONNOR [22:02:'99]; Jo ATKINS [15:3:'99]; &
Paul McALONEY [15:03:1999].

Resignations: Joe Pawlaczyk [30:06:'98]; Tony Nankervis [31:12:'98]; &
Gael Traa [31:12:'98] – our 1st lady was regrettably transferred by work.

Membership: 27 (3 members were 100%). **Annual Dues:** \$160:00

Venue: A week prior to Christmas, 17th Dec., '98 **Stylus on Malibu closed** their doors & *we were without a "home"*;
February'99 saw us happily begin meeting at **Knox Tavern.** **Dinner cost: \$12:95**

Paul Harris Fellow: *Hilton EDMUNDS; &, Peter WYLIE.*

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- ❖ Again supported the **Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal** with the expertise of P.P. Graeme Aspinall's organizational skills.
- ❖ Had representation on the City of Knox "**Life (Drug) Education Committee**".
- ❖ Donated \$2,000:00 to the **District 9810's Gippsland Disaster flood appeal.**
- ❖ Painted as part of "**Paint Your Heart Out**" project, the St Vincent de Paul community house with labour provided by those on Community Based Orders.
- ❖ Supported the **Linton Bush-fire Appeal**; the local **CFA**; &, the **Nursing Mothers' Association.**
- ❖ Assisted **Max Lulham**, a blind carpenter who teaches other blind people & those with drug problems, to use power equipment. Organized repairs & new equipment for him.
- ❖ Nominated *Max Lulham & Neweyn Millen*, successfully, for "**Shine On**" Awards.
- ❖ Donated (\$100) for signage to the **Karoo Safety House Committee.**
- ❖ Provided shortfall from P.A.D.P. funds of \$430 to **purchase a wheel-chair** for Wayne Johnston.
- ❖ Donated \$500 to **Anglicare** for assistance to a grand-mother, who had lost her legs, but was caring for two children whose mother had died as a result of illness.
- ❖ Donated \$50 to the **Leukaemia Research Appeal.**

Conducted the regular Saturday morning **Sausage Sizzle** at Fern Tree Gully with the assistance, by donations, from Norm's Quality Meats, Enzo's Quality Meats, Gully Green Grocer, Foodtown SSW Supermarket, & Fairbrothers Hardware Store.

This project, staffed by FTG Rotarians, continued to be a major fund-raiser for the Club.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ Supported the **Solomon Island Literacy project** – donation \$264:07.
- ❖ Donated \$2,000 to the **Papua New Guinea Flood Disaster District 9810's Appeal** - the result of a tidal wave wiping out whole villages.
- ❖ Raised funds for "**RAWCS**" & "**RAM**" [Rotarians Against Malaria] through sale of badge stickers.
- ❖ PNG Disaster – Roger Cochrane **volunteered his services** to help reconstruction.

R. I. FOUNDATION.

- ❖ Donated \$200 to Presidential Appeal to assist displaced persons resulting from the wars in the **Balkans Relief Project**.
- ❖ Supported **Megan Hunter's** application as an **Ambassadorial Scholar**. Megan is a Lithographer who wished to extend her skills by attending University in Italy. Unfortunately her application was not successful at District level – only 1 chosen for D9810.
- ❖ **Hosted the GSE Team from D.5050** [USA/Canada, west coast] for a day, 11th March'99.
- ❖ Unfortunately neither of the two candidates, for the out going GSE team to Scotland, was successful.

Fund Raising – the Club sold Christmas Puddings & Cakes resulting in a profit of \$726:00.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ All members participated in “**the person behind the badge**”.
- ❖ Participated in “**Live Wire**” project. However neither of our two applicants proceeded beyond initial stages.
- ❖ During Vocational Service Month (October) sixteen invitations were sent to the Carribbean Gardens Industrial Estate. From the seven responses, **three excellent speakers** unfortunately did not increase our membership.
- ❖ Participated, successfully, in the “**Victorian Shine On Awards**”
- ❖ **Raised funds** by selling the Christmas trees [\$669].
- ❖ Prepared the way for next year's committee to be able to conduct an “**Apprenticeship Award**” as desired by President John.

NEW GENERATIONS:

- ❖ Funded *Samantha Blogg* to the **RYLA** camp.
- ❖ Funded three year 9 girls from Fairhills High to the **RYPEN** camp in late February,'99.
- ❖ Nine applicants for the **Siemen Science Experience**.
Three from Fairhills High & six from Rowville Secondary College.
We sponsored three from each school and recommended the others were self funded.
- ❖ **Funding to local schools:-**
Ferntree Gully College received \$500 for implementation of “**Supportive Friends Program of the Peer Support Program**”.
Ferntree Gully North Primary received \$500 for “**Peer Mediation Support Program**”
- “**Rotary International “Children's Opportunity Grants”**”.
Following our application to R.I. we received \$US9,000:00, one of three in D.9810.
Further funds were necessary to construct “Shade Sails” at the local Athletic Track to protect against the UV ray of the sun.
Knox Councillors, Athletic Clubs & the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully provided the balance of the funds required.

“**On-To-Conference**”, **Bendigo: Attendees:** John & Anne Flemming; Sandy & Irene Yeats; Hilton Edmunds; Graeme Aspinall; &, Peter & Cheryl Wylie. There was little or no reported information about this Conference except –“It was very good!”

Do You REMEMBER ?

- ✓ Our **first lady member** moved to Gippsland & *resigned from FTG* ?
- ✓ Our **10th Calcutta** with Bob & Stuart ?
- ✓ **Stylus** is no more & our move to Knox Tavern ?
- ✓ We revised the Club's **Constitution & By-Laws** !

- ✓ We **inducted more** lady members ?
- ✓ The party on Anne & John's **back patio** [few can]?
- ✓ Hilton Edmunds & Peter Wylie being surprised with **P.H.F. awards** ?

1999-2000

37th Year.

PRESIDENT: Tony OGLE
PRESIDENT ELECT: Sandy YEATS
VICE PRESIDENT: Roger COCHRANE
PAST PRESIDENT: John FLEMMING
SECRETARY: John MASON
ASST. SECRETARY: John GERRARD
TREASURER: Hilton EDMUNDS

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Doug KOLLMORGEN
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE: Robert DAWSON
VOCATIONAL SERVICE: Roger COCHRANE
NEW GENERATIONS: David GILBERT

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Ian RISELEY

President of Rotary International: Carlo RAVIZZA
 Milan, Italy.

Theme: "Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity".

Inductions: Ian McFarlane [06:04:2000] & Phil Walters [24:01:2000].

Resignations: Debbie Weavell & Geoff Gerlach [31:12:1999].

Membership: 25 (2 members were 100%). **Annual Dues:** \$160:00 ?

Paul Harris Fellow: Fred Mason.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- ❖ Donated \$400 to **Equiknox** for a local preschool in Knox.
- ❖ Donated \$848 to **V.S.D.C.** (Victorian School for Deaf Children) for accommodation of deaf country students.
- ❖ Provided assistance to **1st Upwey Scout Group** to help a scout obtain a uniform.
- ❖ Assisted Simon Anning make a **cricket tour of Sri Lanka** – received a photo of the Team plus a plaque of appreciation on his return.
- ❖ Provided funds for **A.R.H.R.F.** by selling *Toss the Coin* raffle tickets plus a \$500 donation.
- ❖ Organized guest speakers on "**Youth Suicide**"
- ❖ Investigated a monthly **Car Boot Sale** at Chesterfield Farm – not viable.
- ❖ Continued our Annual assistance of the **Salvation army's "Red Shield Appeal"**, with many of our members [as usual] out collecting over a wide area..
 Money was tight this year possibly due to the economy.

- **Conducted** the regular Saturday morning **Sausage Sizzle at Fern Tree Gully** with the assistance, by donation, from Norm's Quality Meats, Gully Green Grocers, Foodtown SSW Supermarket, & The Salvation Army Store.
This project, staffed by FTG Rotarians, has been a major fund-raiser for the Club.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ Saw the fruition of last year's committee's work for an **Apprentice Encouragement Award** (\$300 Tool Voucher & Certificate). This proved difficult & two **Awards** were made – *Steven Sigismund* [Fit out] & *Daren Frost* [Electrical], both live locally & were 1st year apprentices.
- ❖ Enjoyed an **industrial visit & tour of "The Angliss"** to learn of the aspects of the hospital.
- ❖ Investigated how we might **assist older unemployed** in the area – after an approach to a number of agencies Centrelink was the only one with suggestions – that we assist through advice on CV's & interview practice. We were involved with two such persons.
- ❖ Offered our expertise to the **"Live Wire"** central committee but no-one in the area applied for assistance.
- ❖ **"What's New In My Business"** weekly three minute talks initiated.

Fund-raising:

Responsible for the sale of Christmas Trees at two venues – at Fern Tree Gully Timber & Joinery and also at Mountain Gate Shopping Centre with a nett profit of \$1,142:00 – a very solid effort.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ Donated \$1,630 to **Rotary Foundation**.
- ❖ Donated \$100 to R.C. of Burwood's **"Thongs for Timor"** project.
- ❖ Donated \$500 to Rotary District 9810's **"Interplast Australia"**, who send a team of doctors & support people overseas to our north to perform plastic & reconstruction surgery.
- ❖ Donated \$100 to the R.C. of East Doncaster's **"East Timor Appeal"**.
- ❖ They provided a machine to produce corrugated iron for roofing for buildings destroyed by the 'war'.

Rotary Foundation.

Group Study Exchange Program.

- ❖ Participated in both of the in-coming **Teams from D.1020 Scotland, & D.5450 Colorado, USA**.
- ❖ **GSE from D.1020, Scotland**. Provided a program for the day – Australian Roses, Templeton P.S., Knox Council for lunch, Swinburne Institute followed by their presentation at our meeting. *Vic Pemberton*, their Team Leader, gave us a Scottish grace which only they & possibly Sandy understood.
- ❖ **GSE from D.5450, Colorado**. Provided home hosting, for a week, by four of our families - Fregons, Hursts, Richards & Vizes. Attended the R.C. of The Basin's meeting to hear their presentation – very interesting, as they were all involved with youth problems as a pre-requisite to being a member of this Team.
- ❖ Supported the successful application by *Melissa Nossack* for the **GSE Team to visit D.5450, Colorado**, a pre-requisite being - concerned with youth problems.
- ❖ Observed the *benefit of GSE* when Melissa spoke at the 'Welcome Back' for the Team, also when she spoke at the District Conference.
- ❖ Proposed *Nichole Stockinger* for the **GSE Team to visit Japan in Oct., 2000**. Unfortunately, Nichole, after being accepted, had to withdraw due to a major career change.

NEW GENERATIONS:

- ❖ **Siemen's Science Experience**. Received ten applications to attend and supported three from each of Fairhills High, Mater Christi, & Rowville Secondary College. This was the largest group we have supported.

- ❖ **R.Y.L.A.** Supported, successfully, the application from **Stephanie Smyth** to attend the week long camp. Stephanie spoke on her return & demonstrated she had greatly benefited from the experience.
- ❖ **Shade Sails for Knox Park.**
The finance for this project & the progress towards its fruition was only possible through the tireless work of **David Gilbert**, assisted by **Tony Ogle, John Flemming, Roger Cochrane, & John Richards.**
- **Rotary Youth Exchange.** Paul & Kay McAloney participated in the R.C.of Knox's exchange by hosting 'Phil', a German student. As a result of this experience Paul challenged the R.C. of Fern Tree Gully to become involved in this program once again.

"On-To-Conference", Canberra: **Attendees:-** Tony & Julie Ogle, Stuart & Beth Vize.

Do You REMEMBER ?

- ❖ Alas we **lost our second lady member** because she moved to the Western suburbs.
- ✓ Our **11th Calcutta** & Debbie Weavell's decorations before she moved.
- ✓ **Fred Mason's** surprise on receiving his P.H.F. award ?
- ✓ Our **1st Christmas Party at Knox Tavern** & who sat on Father Christmas's knee & whose knee F.C. sat on ?
- ✓ **"Red Faces"**, why didn't our "Elvis" win ?
- ✓ The first night at **'The Basin Theatre'** and the Champagne & Chicken sandwiches with the cast afterwards ?
- ✓ The inaugural **'Car Rally'** in place of the President's Garden Party. What a day !

2000-01

38th Year.

PRESIDENT:	Sandy YEATS
PRESIDENT ELECT:	Marilyn HALL
VICE PRESIDENT:	Paul McALONEY
PAST PRESIDENT	Tony OGLE
SECRETARY:	John FLEMMING
ASST. SECRETARY:	John MASON
TREASURER:	Hilton EDMUNDS
COMMUNITY SERVICE:	Graeme ASPINALL
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:	Doug KOLLMORGEN
VOCATIONAL SERVICE:	John O'CONNOR
NEW GENERATIONS:	David GILBERT

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: **Patrick HARTLEY**

President of Rotary International: **Frank J. DEVLYN.**
Anahuac, DX, Mexico.

Theme: **"Create Awareness, Taken Action".**

Inductions: Richard CANE [18:06:2001].

Resignations: John MASON [01:01:'01], & John RICHARDS [18:05:'01].

Membership: **24** (4 members 100%). **Annual Dues:** \$160:00 ?

Paul Harris Fellow:

John FLEMMING [25:06:'01].

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- ❖ Again supported the annual **Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal**.
 - ❖ Supported the initiative of forming a **Community Bank** with a financial contribution & representation on the investigating committee.
 - ❖ Supported the **Upwey Baptist Church's Christmas Carol Night** with a B.B.Q. raising \$400.
 - ❖ Co-ordinated the selling of **Christmas Trees, Cakes & Puddings** realizing \$1368:00.
 - ❖ Donated \$450 to Wattlevue P.S. to **enable three [3] Year 6 students attend a camp**.
 - ❖ Donated \$200 to Australian Sports Foundation for Sam Quinn to attend the **Deaf Games** in Rome.
 - ❖ Donated \$500, to a Year 11 **blind student**, at Rowville to permit her to attend a special Space Camp run by NASA.
 - ❖ **Conducted a Mental Illness Forum** on 23rd May at the Knox School with 100 members of the community attending.
- **Conducted** the regular Saturday morning **Sausage Sizzle at Fern Tree Gully** with the assistance, by donation, from Norm's Quality Meats, Gully Green Grocers, Foodtown SSW Supermarket, & The Salvation Army Store.
- This project continues to be a major fund-raiser for the Club.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ Participated in **RAWCS project #86** – donated \$200 to Salvation Army in Indonesia for medical assistance for leprosy patients.
- ❖ **ROMAC DINNER. Raised \$2918.** Guest speaker: **Olympian Jane Flemming**. Joint Rotary meeting.
- ❖ **Papua New Guinea Donation-In-Kind.** Redundant Moreland College equipment shipped to school in converted hospital on Kokoda Trail. Paid \$1500:00 to ship one, of 3, Containers packed. Special commendation to **Peter Wylie** for obtaining equipment & **Robert Dawson et al** for packing the containers so efficiently.

Rotary Foundation.

Group Study Exchange Program.

- ❖ Participated in the in-coming Teams from D.2620 Japan by **hosting the Team for a day**, with them presenting at our club meeting in the evening.
- ❖ Tony & Julie Ogle & the Vizes **home hosted team members** for 5 days.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ Regular job talks "**What's New in My Business**" have enlightened members on other members.
- ❖ Vocational **visits** to **Glaxo Pharmaceutical Company** & to **Port Philip Prison**.
- ❖ Continued the "**Rotary First Year Apprentice Encouragement Award**".

NEW GENERATIONS:

- ❖ "**Shade Sails**" were **finally completed** and 'Opened' by the Mayor, Cr. Jenny Moore. This project has taken a considerable time to come to its final fruition but can now be signed off as a successful "Rotary International's Rotary Foundation Children's Opportunity Grant".
- ❖ Sponsored 3, Year10 students from Fairhills High to the **Siemen's Science Experience**.
- ❖ Donated \$250 to assist St Simmonds P.S., Rowville implement **Peer Support**.
- ❖ Sponsored two students from Mater Christi to the **R.Y.P.E.N.** camp Mt. Evelyn.

- ❖ **National Youth Science Forum.** Attempted, once again, to sponsor a student to this 2 weeks in Canberra. *Shae Hansen*, from Fairhills High, was an excellent candidate but was unsuccessful at District level - most disappointing.
- ❖ **Rotary Youth Exchange.** After 5 years the Club decided to sponsor an exchange. **Tegan Smith**, our candidate, went to Denmark & **Sarah Dawe** from Flamborough, Ontario, Canada came to us for a year.

On-To-Conference”, Adelaide: Those who **attended** included Sandy & Irene Yeats, Graeme Aspinall, Stuart & Beth Vize, John & Ann Flemming, Peter & Cheryl Wylie, Paul & Kay McAloney; & who had the largest room all to himself ? [GA]

A most informative & enjoyable Conference and the company & accommodation were fabulous.

FELLOWSHIP: This has been a ‘vintage’ year from one changeover to the next.

- ✓ 28 attended **The Basin Theatre** in August to see “The Herbal Bed”.
- ✓ September saw a **Fishing Weekend** where Graeme Aspinall won the “Penguin Award”.
- ✓ The **12th Melbourne Cup Calcutta**, best attended for years, saw many colourful costumes & much hilarity; also, in November we went to **The Basin Theatre** to see “Do Not Disturb”.
- ✓ December & we went **Bowling – Ten Pin** at Boronia.
- ✓ The **Annual Christmas Party** was again at Glengollan & the **Partner’s Night** at Knox Tavern. We heard ‘The 12 days of Xmas’ Rotary style rendered by President Sandy & Irene.
- ✓ Fellowship evenings were the order of **Mondays in January**. [We needed rain].
- ✓ The “Gully Wannabees” prepared for months for **“Red Faces”** !
- ✓ Then there was the **“ROAST”** of an *old Sec.* .
- ✓ Finally, **another great changeover** arrived.

Do You REMEMBER ?

- ✓ **Sandy being “piped in”** to become our new President.
- ✓ Peter Wylie’s **DIK** & Robert Dawson supervising the packing of the Container ?
- ✓ **Who was John Mason ?** Oh! What a roast it was, with Judge Adams & Prosecutor Elliott in attendance to conduct the ?????????????? .

2001-02

39th Year.

PRESIDENT:	Marilyn HALL
PRESIDENT ELECT:	Paul McALONEY
PAST PRESIDENT:	Sandy YEATS
VICE PRESIDENT:	John O’CONNOR
SECRETARY:	John FLEMMING
ASST. SECRETARY:	John GERRARD
TREASURER:	Fred MASON
COMMUNITY SERVICE:	Graeme ASPINALL
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:	Doug KOLLMORGEN
VOCATIONAL SERVICE:	Ian McFARLANE
NEW GENERATIONS:	Mike SPARK
DISTRICT GOVERNOR:	Brian FOLEY

President of Rotary International: Richard D. KING,
Fremont, California, USA.

Theme: **“Mankind is our business”.**

Inductions: Sheryl THOMAS [30:06:’01]; Dean WISHART [20:08:’01];
Julie GOODCHILD [17:09:’01]; Lawrie HURLEY [08:10’01];
Cassandra BENCH [18:02:’02]; Fran MANDERGEDDESS [04:03:’02]

Retirement: Terry MAHER [31:06:’02] CEO of City of Knox who retired as CEO;

Resignations: John GERRARD [30:12:’01]; Ian McFARLANE [30:06:’02]; & ,

Terminated: Sheryl Thomas [30:06:’02]

Membership: 24 to 28 (five [5]members 100%) **Annual Dues:** \$198:00

District Citation: One of only four awards for D.9810.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- ❖ Again successfully supported the **Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal** (\$1,100).
 - ❖ Involved in **“Pedalling Pete”** in the fund-raising ride to Shepparton.
 - ❖ Collected **corks** for the Motor Neurone Association.
 - ❖ Acted as **pre Christmas Traffic Wardens** at Knox City.
 - ❖ Manned a stall at **the FTG Community Fair**.
 - ❖ Donated \$1,000 towards a **wheel-chair** for a local – Bill Finney.
 - ❖ Donated \$150 to assist Ron Muller, **Pastoral Care** person at ‘The Angliss’, for property maintenance.
 - ❖ Sold **Christmas cakes & puddings** [\$500] plus **Christmas trees** [\$1,020].
- **Conducted** the regular Saturday morning **Sausage Sizzle** at Fern Tree Gully with the assistance, by donation, from Norm’s Quality Meats, Gully Green Grocers, Foodtown SSW Supermarket, & The Salvation Army Store.
This project has been a major fund-raiser for the Club. [\$2,800:00]

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ Donated to **Red Cross & World Vision**, \$2260, for assistance to the **Congolese after the volcanic eruption**.
- ❖ Continued collecting **used stamps** to help clear landmines from Cambodia.
- ❖ Sold Christmas Cards for **RAWCS**.
- ❖ **Hosted GSE Team from D.1580, The Netherlands** for a day (4th March) including our meeting at night. Visited the Knox Police Station, Fairhills High School, Knox City Council for lunch with the Mayor Gary Scates, & the new CEO Graham Emondson, the Arboretum, and the Institute of Agricultural Research. Their presentation at the meeting was excellent even though the projector would not function & they were forced to give an “off the cuff” version.
- ❖ The Vize’s **hosted Marjolijn** van Essenburg, one of the Team, for a week.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ Continued **‘What’s New In My Business’** talks.
- ❖ Conducted **two vocational visits** – Melrose Food, Mitcham & Cadbury Schweppes, Ringwood.
- ❖ Conducted /continued the **“First Year Apprentice Encouragement Award”** – Matthew Scheele, an electronics apprentice at Swinburne TAFE was the successful recipient..

- ❖ Investigated & recommended an **“Encouragement Award” for Year 10** Ferntree Gully College students to be awarded at the end of the school year.

NEW GENERATIONS:

- ❖ Two students from Rowville Secondary supported at **RYPEN**, & two from Ferntree Gully Secondary College. [RYPEN = Rotary Youth Program for Enrichment].
- ❖ Supported Kellie Eberbach at week long **RYLA camp**. [Rotary Youth Leadership Award]
- ❖ **National Youth Science Forum**
P.P. Marilyn Hall has been invited to be on the District selection committee next year.
- ❖ **Camp Awakenings** (new program) Year 9 students needing self-confidence; two from Upwey High sent for weekend to great advantage.
- ❖ **Rotary Junior Community Awards** – Year 6 pupils at Ferntree Gully North P.S. participated in R.C.of Bairnsdale program of Community Service over two terms. Initially successful; will be developed more fully next year.
- ❖ Considered the possibility of re-awakening of the **FTG Rotaract Club**.
- ❖ Club continued hosting **Sarah Dawes**, the YEP student from Canada and sent off **Tegan Smith to Demark**. Sarah certainly endeared herself to every-one.
- ❖ Organized for Olympe Bory, a 16-year-old girl from Loire district in France to arrive in July, as a **new YEP student**.
- ❖ Chose **Emma Hemsler** as our **out going YEP** to go to Finland in 2003.
- ❖ President Elect Paul McAloney & YEP student Sarah Dawes participated in the **“Ride to Conference”**. A first for our Club.

“On-To-Conference”, Shepparton:

P.P. Sandy organized attendees, we stayed at Mike Sparks’ time-share at Numurkah, President Elect Paul McAloney & YEP student Sarah Dawes rode bicycles to Shepparton,

- ❖ **The Blow-flies** included President Marilyn Hall, Julie Goodchild, Graeme & Ruby Aspinall, John & Ann Flemming, Bob Hurst, Stuart & Beth Vize, Mike Spark, Rob & Marj Dawson, Paul & Kay McAloney, Sandy & Irene Yeats, & Sarah Dawes (YEP student, Canada).
- ❖ **The Club Dinner** at Monichino Restaurant & Winery will long be remembered by “The Blow-flies” & the staff. What a wonderful evening ! The food was terrific and ...
- ❖ It really is a pity what goes on at Conference, **stays at Conference**.

Do You REMEMBER ?

- ✓ **Change-over:** The Change-Over which began Marilyn’s year and “the slaves” carrying in the new President plus the bevy of beautiful “belly dancers” ?
- ✓ **Christmas** at Knox Tavern and **Father Christmas’s** visit ?

2002-03

40th Year.

PRESIDENT:	Paul McALONEY
PRESIDENT ELECT:	John O’CONNOR / Robert DAWSON [from 11:11:’02]
VICE PRESIDENT:	Robert DAWSON
PAST PRESIDENT:	Marilyn HALL
SECRETARY:	John FLEMMING
TREASURER:	Fred MASON

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Robert DAWSON
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE: Phil WALTERS
VOCATIONAL SERVICE: Graeme ASPINALL
NEW GENERATIONS: Mike SPARK

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: John GLENN

President of Rotary International: Bhichali RATTAKUL,
Dhonburi, Bangkok, Thailand
Theme: "Sow the seeds of love".



Inductions: Michael KOOPMAN [21:10:2002];
Steven LINDSAY [?:05:2003]
Transfers: **In** Vanessa NOBLE [01:07:2002] from South Perth;
Out Doug KOLLMORGEN [31:12:'02] to Bendigo;
John O'CONNOR [30:06:'03] to Leongatha;

Resignations:

Membership: 28 **Annual Dues:** \$220:00 + \$25 levy [1:1:'03]

Paul Harris Fellow: Cheryl WYLIE.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Involved in "**Pedalling Pete**" in the fund-raising ride to Geelong – Paul & Olympe rode.
- **Conducted** the regular Saturday morning **Sausage Sizzle** at Fern Tree Gully with the assistance from Norm's Quality Meats, Gully Green Grocers, Foodtown SSW Supermarket, & the Salvation Army shop.
- This project continues to be a major fund-raiser for the Club.
- **Sold 186 Rotary Christmas Cakes & Christmas Puddings** with success. Profit: \$502:00.
- **Re organized Playground** for the Anchor Foster Care Centre.
- **Rob D. removed rubbish** from the "little old lady's" home, as Rob had done last year.
- **Supported Knox Community Services** with a donation of \$1,000:00.
- We will again support **the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal** in May.
- As we will have a new Salvation Army Captain at Fern Tree Gully, it is hoped our number of collectors will have swollen by the time the Appeal comes around.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ **Nominated** Llewela Humphries for the GSE Team to go to Milan but she withdrew, immediately prior to selection, which was a disappointment as she appeared a likely team member. This is the second time, in recent years, this has happened to our candidate. Let's hope the next candidate will be successful.
- ❖ **Hosted the GSE Team**, from D.2040, Milan, Italy, successfully for a day (17:03:'03); including our meeting at night. Visited the Knox Police Station, Swinburne University of Technology (which included lunch), Checkpoint Meto (make security tags), Knox City Council for a late meeting & drinks with the Mayor Karin Orpen, & the new CEO Graham Emondson, plus a number of other officers.
- ❖ The Teams' presentation, at our meeting, was excellent especially as the RC of Boronia joined us, with 34 members & friends, to make the evening a success.
Special thanks to President Paul, Secretary John & Irene Yeats for their part in the Team's transport during the day and Tony & Julie Ogle for their assistance after the meeting.
- ❖ Continued to collect **Used Stamps** to assist Polio Plus.

- ❖ **A Trivia Night** is planned in order to raise funds for future projects.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

- ❖ **The Sale of Christmas Trees**, once again, was left for Graeme Aspinall to organize & be in attendance for the whole time of selling. The trees were the best ever and, although there was considerable opposition from other sellers, the Club benefited by \$1,450:00. Special mention as the “best at sales” goes to Cass Bench – well done Cass !
We are buying twice as many trees next year.
- ❖ Conducted /continued the “**First Year Apprentice Encouragement Award.**”
- ❖ Continued “The Person Behind the Badge” talks throughout the year.

NEW GENERATIONS:

- ❖ **Sarah Dawes** left early in July for home in Canada, & before the end of the July **Olympe Bory** arrived, as our new YEP student, from Loire district in France.
Emma Hemsler, left for a year in Finland during January. The Club presented her with her Blazer at our Christmas Meeting at Knox Tavern.
- ❖ **Junior Community Rotary Awards** - the Committee’s project, in conjunction with some 2002 Year 6 students at Fern Tree Gully North Primary School, relating to the **students’ overall development**, was most successful.
As the program is designed to run over a full period of twelve months they worked very hard to complete the requirements of the Award over two(2) Terms.
- ❖ We can report the 2003 students have begun the project with enthusiasm.
- ❖ The Club has agreed to apply for a **YEP student for 2003-'04**, host parents are being sought.

Do You REMEMBER ?

- ✓ Who could forget **Elvis**, the **dancing girls**, the **½ Barbershop Quartet’s** “Don’t step on the President’s Toes” to Elvis’s “Don’t step on my Blue Suede shoes”. Well done Bob & Sandy.
Another “Change-over” with a difference.
- ✓ The weekly message from **Elvis**, in the Bulletin, with his photo so it must be him!
- ✓ Those two excellent members who transferred to other Clubs – **John O’Connor**, off to his hometown of Leongatha, after being offered a position he ‘just couldn’t refuse’; & **Doug Kollmorgen**, like many before him in the Salvation Army, was moved to Bendigo. We are sorry to see them transferring but at the same time wish them, and their families, every success in the future.
- ✓ The Club is particularly thrilled **Rob Dawson** volunteered to step up a year and become President for 2003-04.
- ✓ Thirty people enjoyed “**Run To Your Wife**” at The Basin Theatre in November. Excellent show which kept us all laughing all night.
- ✓ Our **Christmas meeting** at Knox Tavern and later receiving a refund in the N.Y.
- ✓ There was **no rain** in FTG on the first Monday in January, 2003. We met at McAloney’s.
- ✓ The **train trip to Echuca** organized by President Elect Rob Dawson – a great social occasion.
- ✓ **The District Conference in Geelong** - an “*extraororordinary*” time was had by the 23 who attended from the Rotary Club of FTG – President Paul & Kay McAloney; John & Anne Flemming; Graeme & Ruby Aspinall; Peter & Cheryl Wylie; Tegan Smith & Olympe Bowery [YEP’s]; Rob & Marj Dawson; Roger & Chris Cochrane; Mike Spark; Fran & Brian Mandergeddes; Julie Goodchild; Bob & Margaret Hurst; Stuart & BethVize and **YES**, what happens at Conference stays at Conference to the “Sound of Music”!

Finis Coronus Opus.