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13 August 2018

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

### CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
13 Aug	"My Health Record" <i>Claire James &amp; Kirsty MacDougall</i>	Ron Brooks	Ray Smith
20 Aug	Club Forum BOARD	Mike Finke	?
27 Aug	Holiday talk <i>Ron Brooks</i>	Bob Laslett	Warwick Stott
3 Sep	Aged Care Planning <i>Wendy King</i>	Sue Ballard	Ron Brooks

### CELEBRATIONS

A mixed week. Hearty congratulations to Bob Williams on his well-deserved Deakin award. We celebrate the life and contribution to our club and beyond of Past President and Honorary member Reg Morkham who died on Monday.

### DUTY ROSTER

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<b>Recorder</b>	Bill Marsh	Barb Williams
<b>Greeter</b>	Ron Brooks	Barb Searle
<b>Emergency</b>	Bob Laslett	Bill Marsh
<b>Cashier</b>	Stuart Williams	Ray Smith

### ATTENDANCE

**APOLOGY – IF A MEMBER IS NOT GOING TO COME TO THE MEETING or you intend**

**bringing a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY on 0412 807 585 or [rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au)**

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS to Ray by 10am at the LATEST.

Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM *should* be made direct with the management of

Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

## Mike's Musings

Terry Lane once wrote that, for all that we talk about it, Australia isn't really a multicultural society. It is, he said, a tolerant monoculture. We're Australian. But Australian covers a lot of ground and allows for a wide variety of practices and preferences. Caricaturising and stereotyping specific groups to dehumanise them is one of the most effective ways to justify their mistreatment. History is rife with ethnic, religious and national clashes and worse. People tend to think their own behaviour is justified. Very few people think of themselves as the bad guys.

Whatever your political bent, it doesn't hurt to look back on some of the history of the world and this country. Newton's first law tells us that a body at rest tends to stay at rest, a body in motion will remain in motion, unless acted on by an outside force. Things don't happen or change on their own. People change them. Stephen Marantelli's talk provided some context about the choices and the changes in how specific groups were viewed by governments in two different countries, and how that changed over time. I got a lot out of it. I hope everybody else did as well.

### Coming Up

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| • Saturday, 11 August   | Blackburn Market   |
| • Sunday, 12 August     | Whitehorse Farmers' Market                                   |
| • Friday, 17 August:    | Rotary Club of Nunawading's Christmas in August Dinner       |
| • Wednesday, 22 August: | RCFH's Primary School Speech Contest                         |
| • Friday, 24 August     | Peridot Theatre's performance of <i>The Shoe Horn Sonata</i> |
| • Wednesday, 29 August  | Whitehorse Community Dinner 2018                             |

## Club Meeting Report 6 August

In Mike's reflections he challenged the concept of selfless volunteering. He (and many of us) have volunteered for reasons that include improving our lives and that of those around us and we will continue to improve lives.

Count: 8 member and 1 guest

Barb Searle was chair

Reports

Bob L

-breakfast club

- Bob has the LAARF singers cds – if you ordered them please give him \$20 and he will give you your copy(ies).

Warwick

Asked that everyone sends him their budgets if they haven't already. Wants to have completed asap

There are still some people who need to pay membership dues

Called for Mike and Ron to stay back for a meeting

Mike

Still looking for people to go to movie night. Will send out film list and get numbers asap

Ron

Program for next week - Kate Shirley talking about My Health record

The following week is the Forum

He also mentioned he can move his holiday talk as required ie if another speaker is found.

Sue

Craft market on this weekend. Thanks for all who can attend.

Planning with Mike for the photography competition. Scheduled for next year, notice to go out before the end of this school year.

Also mentioned the PSSC.

Most positions have been assigned but general hands to help always gratefully received. If people can bring a plate of food please let Sue and Barb Searle know. Tentative pledge of sandwiches from Robbie and Judy L.

Request of no nuts, also no cordial or soft drinks

Timers - Warwick and Ron

Sign in - Stuart

Supper coordinator Barb S

Mike

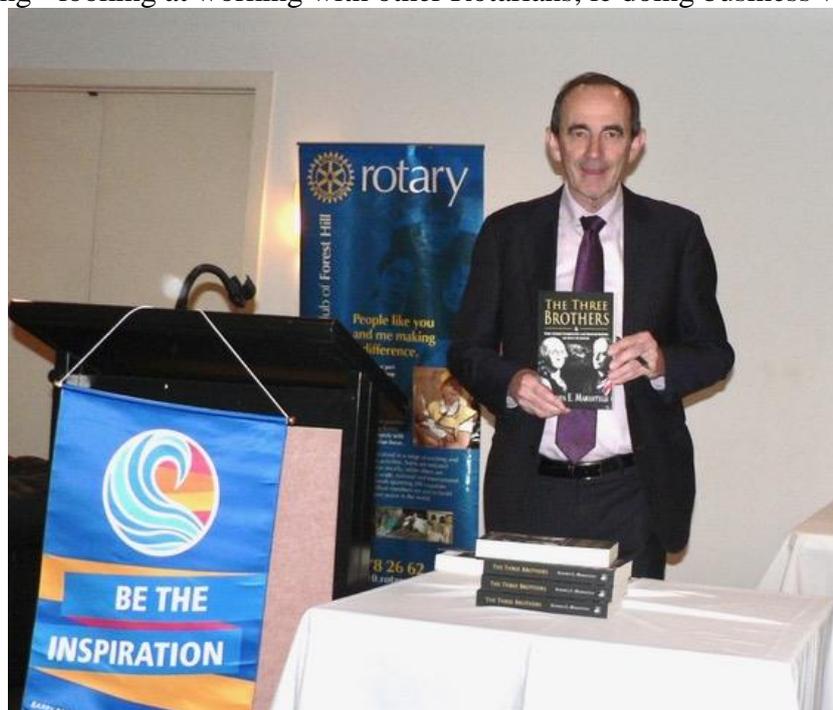
Also reminded us that Bob Williams was collecting his Deakin Award for years of volunteering. He had been asked to sign a Talent Form. We all know he is talented, glad others recognise it too.

Reminder film night and Peridot are coming up.

Presidents dinner - club runner has made progress . Will be a good place to advertise events within the district. Will need some editing, please login and check your information.

The square reader will be taken to the craft market to be trialled. Please check your smart phone to find out how it locates hotspots. Mike to send out possibilities.

Vocation and networking - looking at working with other Rotarians, ie doing business with other Rotarians.



Guest speaker Stephen Marantelli

Slaves/Indians and the US constitution, aboriginals and the Australian constitution.

He is a barrister and author of "The Three Brothers". It can be purchased on his website for \$30.

Stephen provided a summary on the development of the US constitution, how population was counted, how representation in the upper and lower houses was worked out. Dissent amongst the states on if slaves were counted and if so how they were counted. Considering slaves were considered to be property there was arguments not to include them but representation in parliament would then be low compared to other states. A compromise was agreed on where 3/5 portion was agreed to. Slaves and slavery was not mentioned in the constitution until the end of slavery. Slavery was dealt with in 3 separate ways, slave trade, fugitive slaves and representation. American Indians were treated in a different way. Treaties had been made with the Indians very early but unless they lived with in a state and not in the territories they weren't counted in the population. Australia's constitution and parliament have some links with the American constitution. In the first census aboriginals were included, separated as full blooded or part aboriginal listed as non-European. There is documentation on the sessions in the constitution development though there is no definition on who was an aboriginal native. Aboriginal people were not included in numbers for representation.

Mike wore his Sergeant's hat and raised \$20.30. The raffle raised \$42 and \$20 was received from sales of the "The Three Brothers" books.

Sue

## President's Reflection:

I'm going to start this by making a blasphemous admission. I'm ambivalent about the motto 'Service Above Self'. Admittedly, that might be because I don't think I exemplify the sentiment. More than that, I don't have any plans to do so. I enjoy my own selfishness, sometimes. I like treating myself to a meal out with friends, or a movie or a lazy Sunday morning. I could choose to spend every spare minute I have in the service of others. I do not.

I read a lot of science fiction when I was a younger man. Robert Heinlein was one of the authors I got into. He wrote the book that became Starship Troopers. He was a graduate of West Point, the military academy for the

US Army. He had a character named Lazarus Long who appeared in some of his books. I happen to have bought a book containing some pithy quotes from that character twenty or so years ago. One of my favourites is, 'Never appeal to a man's better nature. He may not have one. Invoking his self-interest gives you more leverage'. The one I thought about recently, however, is 'Being generous is inborn, being altruistic is a learned perversity...'

That's excessive, but unfortunately captures the flavour of what I think about my own involvement with Rotary. I want the world I live in to be better than the one that we have now. I believe that I have the capacity and resources at this point in my life to do something to bring about that change. I know that my involvement with Rotary has been good for me and that, through my involvement, the world is a slightly better place than it would have been otherwise. I don't think my service has been selfless. One could argue it's wholly selfish. I have an interest in living in a better world. I have a selfish desire to live in a world where I know others will have cleaner, healthier and more prosperous lives. If I have some spare time and money to make that more likely, I'm going to do it.

I would like to think that there's a place in Rotary for everybody who wants to do some good in the world, regardless of what is at the core of their motivation.

### **Deakin Community Award**

A worthy recipient of a Deakin Community Award last Monday evening was our Bob Williams. Over 600 people attended the award presentation at Yarra Valley school. Bob received it as a member of the Rotary club of Forest Hill. Bob has volunteered thousands of hours to many local organisations. Congratulations Bob.



### **Reg Morkham**



The funeral of highly-regarded former member Reg will take place on Friday 10 August at 10.30am at the Renowden Chapel, Springvale Botanic Cemetery, 600 Princes Highway, Springvale.

## IC Robotics Sponsor Evening

To recognise the contributions our wonderful sponsors have made towards IC Robotics throughout the 2018 season, we would like to formally invite you to attend our Sponsor Open Evening.

Date: Wednesday 15th of August 2018

Time: 6:30pm until 8:00pm

Venue: KIOSC Trade Training Centre

Swinburne University of Technology

369 Stud Road, Wantirna

VIC 3152



## FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST

On 14 August Robbie and Judy L will venture forth and hopefully not finish fifth.

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

August	Membership and Extension
September	Basic Education and Literacy

## ARTICLES

Please forward your prize-winning articles once more to [rlaslett@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rlaslett@optusnet.com.au) by 5pm Wednesday.