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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

3 September 2018

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CLUB PROGRAM				
Date	Event		Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
3 Sep	Aged Care Planning <i>Wendy King</i>		Sue Ballard	Ron Brooks
10 Sep	DG Russell Gurney <i>DG visit</i>	Club Birthday	Mike Finke	Bill Marsh
17 Sep	Club Forum	BOARD	Mike Finke	Barbara Searle

CELEBRATIONS

Many happy returns to Margaret McPhee for her big-O birthday (4 September).

DUTY ROSTER

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Recorder	Barb Williams	
Greeter	Barb Searle	
Emergency	Bill Marsh	
Cashier	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

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

Circumstances are often beyond our control, or they are at least unforeseen enough that they seem that way. We can find ourselves in a precarious situation not of our own making. When this occurs, and it is not within our

power to deal with it on our own, it can be difficult to ask for help. It can even be tough to accept help when it's offered unprompted.

People who take some justifiable pride in their strength, independence and resilience can have a hard time admitting they cannot do it on their own.

But we have all been the beneficiaries of some support and help in our lives. We were lucky enough to have a supportive family or we received a good-quality, affordable education. Perhaps we were fortunate enough to have a stable and peaceful home, untroubled by war or famine. We may have even been the entirely undeserved recipient of a bit of helpful financial assistance from a family member at some point.

Even the most gung-ho self-starter needs a break. You cannot get your foot in the door if it's not open, just a crack, in the first place.

Much of the country is in serious drought. Many farmers in Queensland and NSW are under a lot of pressure. The lack of rain is beyond the control of any individual farmer. Like many of the people Rotary helps, they could use some luck and a bit of a hand. We are very lucky, as members of the club and as part of Rotary International, to be part of an organisation that can offer some help.

The 2018 Drought Relief Fund for Australian Farmers (RARF), a RAWCS project, can be accessed with this link:

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/17-2018-19>

Upcoming:

The four days starting Friday week (7th) through Monday are a very, very busy time for the club. Please make yourselves available for volunteering shifts, assistance and the ongoing job of being an ambassador for Rotary and the club.

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| • Friday, 7 September | Fellowship Film Night |
| • Saturday, 8 September | Blackburn Station Craft Market |
| • Sunday, 9 September | Whitehorse Farmers Market |
| • Monday, 10 September | DG's visit (with club birthday on the 13 th) |
| • Monday, 29 October | Bucatini night |
| • Monday, 12 November | New Members Night (Good Potential Recruits Required) |

Additionally, training/fellowship/fundraising afternoons on the 31st of August and/or 3rd of September to learn to use the Square reader.

Club Meeting Report 27 August

President Mike opened the meeting and reflected on “change” – Rotary helps make change happen in areas such as education, vaccination and clean water. As not all changes are good, we must adapt.

Bob Laslett chaired the meeting at which 11 members were present with Robbie Brooks and Bom also attending. Mike mentioned that he with Sue went to Box Hill Institute open day to fly the flag for our club which has been providing apprenticeship awards for many years. Unfortunately, he was in a less than satisfactory position, but he made up an excellent leaflet for the club, and in the process came across one of our past awardees (Indi) who now has 13 apprentices and recently went to the Solomons volunteering and is also now helping with “tiny” homes – Mike suggested that the cluster may be interested in funding a tiny home. Our D9810 MUNA team winner, representing Jordan, recently travelled to Canberra to compete in the Australia-wide MUNA and out of 80 teams came third – a truly wonderful result, and I hope that these two students will go on to be good public speakers and possibly politicians who can show this current crop of polities how to behave. Mike also mentioned that a number of club members went to Peridot, saw an excellent production with a real message.

Reports. Sec Bob mentioned Robbie and Judy helping with breakfast at FHSC, and that those members who ordered Laarf CD's about 12 months ago should pay and collect. Warwick reminded us that we have a members information night on 12th November and we need names of interested people, and that all but one member have paid their annual subs.

Sue mentioned that the Primary Schools Speech Comp was held last week, very successfully, the principal was happy, and his school won again, and next year's date has been set. Andrew Wang, the winner, has a scholarship to Trinity next year, and his teacher is preparing him for D9810 PSSC.

Ron mentioned next week's speaker and then the DG's visit the following week, and that RC Manningham has provided 17kgs of coins through their op shop, whilst Stuart mentioned the footy tipping results of Sybil Yardin winning, whilst Sue got 9 winners this week.

The guest speaker was our own Ron Brooks, who has travelled to Dubai many times because his son, daughter-in-law and fairly new granddaughter live and work there, and his subject was the United Arab Republic and Dubai. It is a kingdom of superlatives, starting as the Trucial States or the Pirate Coast, consisting of 10 countries originally in 1820 and then reduced to 7 emirates in 1968, with Abu Dhabi being by far the largest with the most oil reserves. It owns the company which makes the biggest flagpoles in the world, has the biggest mosque which has a carpet for 40,000 worshippers, has 40% of the world's gold trading, has the tallest building in the world (Burj Kalifa) with capacity to be enlarged by 50% if other buildings challenge it, and there is a 1.2km zip line between two skyscrapers, whilst The Palm is the largest man-made island, the biggest frame building, and the biggest "Eye". Alcohol is available to non-Muslims fairly freely, whilst some other emirates are ruthlessly strict. Son Nicholas was instrumental in having the Sheik organise 120 kms of cycle-safe tracks, whilst there are both outdoor and indoor zoos, together with a driverless train line of 80kms. The largest flower garden, the biggest indoor aquarium, but no postal system.



With all this, Ron suggested tourists spend 3 to 5 days to lookover the area, and it certainly sounds fascinating, but one can see what the mega mega mega bucks that come from the oil can provide, although I reckon the temperature gets a little high at times.

The raffle raised \$47 whilst the sergeant raised \$31.15, and then the meeting closed about 15 minutes later than normal due to the speaker, but no-one noticed because the talk was absolutely fascinating

Warwick

President's Reflection:

Rotary is about change. It's about recognising the gap between the current, inadequate state and the ideal. When children don't have access to education, when children are dying from preventable illnesses and when farmers are in dire straits, having trouble feeding their stock, something needs to change. Rotary can create a project, or support one, that helps make that change.

Mahatma Ghandi said, 'Be the change you want to see in the world'. We do that, over and over again.

Margaret Mead said, 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has'.

They say the only constant is change, and not every change is a good one. Sometimes the ground shifts underneath your feet and you stumble and need to find your orientation again. Adapting to change can be hard; making change can be hard.

Remember that when Rotary makes a change in the world, even one that's positive, we're asking others to change as well. We're asking communities that have never sent their girls to school to change their minds.

We're asking people in countries with unvaccinated children, who do not trust outsiders, to change their hearts. We're asking communities that have been drinking contaminated water to change their practices.

Change can be positive or negative, but it can't be stopped. So when we make a change, or we ask for change in others, it's important to know that we're moving things in the right direction.

Primary School Speech Contest

Wednesday last week had the club presenting its sixth Primary Schools' Speech Competition. The standard reached by the fourteen young representatives from seven local primary schools was amazing. Their schools, and their parents, can be very proud of the children's efforts. Eloquent, confident, in command of their facts and humorous all gave a great account of themselves. It was good that we had Toastmasters on hand as judges because no one else would have wanted to try and separate the various presentations.

In the end Andrew Zhang from Mount Pleasant Road filled first place with Anju Tulk from Blackburn Lake second closely followed by Rachel Nash from Burwood Heights third. Following the speeches the parents, children, staff, Rotarians and Toastmasters all enjoyed the opportunity to socialize and enjoy the excellent supper provided by the club. Our thanks go to Mount Pleasant Road Primary School for allowing us to use their facilities for the evening and to the staff from the seven schools for their support of the program and the children presenting.



Rachel Andrew Anju



Winning school – Mount Pleasant Road

What a great team effort by our club for this special event. Building on the great foundation that Glenys and Sue had laid and with the assistance of partners, Toastmasters and visiting dignitaries approx. 150 people were able to hear 14 outstanding young scholars demonstrate their public -speaking skills. The venue was a very satisfactory place to hold the event and we thank acting Principal Kim Streitberger for providing it. Her right-hand person Andrew went over and above the call of duty to ensure the event ran smoothly. The toastmaster representatives led by Marlene Sinclair were in their element and assisted greatly our future leaders. Topics included were • Do animals really think or do we only think they do • If I could change one thing in the world it would be • A person I admire • My secret life as a heroine • the best scientific invention ever -Was that a spaceship-.What food do you like to eat every meal -It's OK to be different-Sports are not for everyone. The winners will proceed via heats and semi-finals to the grand final of the District 9810 rotary speech contest in November. The club wishes them every success.

Footy Tipping

Another season over. A lot of fun and some new names featuring at the pointy end of the season. A big mention to Sue who picked 9 winners in round 23. Barbara Williams went from steady tipster, to excellent tipster. Barbara was second behind Sybil Yardin who has been in the top 3 for the past 4 years. Bob Laslett and Stuart were equal third, and injuries caught up with Saint Warwick in the last round and he slipped to fourth. Melanie Haley- a mad passionate Bomber supporter came home with a big surge as the Bombers started to put together many impressive wins. Mel always picks the Bombers. Mel had the same score as Warwick, We have fun and Hope Katolo Nursery School (which Mel and her sister founded) benefits from our donation. Go on, be in it next season-- it is so easy, a couple of minutes each week. All done on the computer. and if you go away pick ahead- usually guaranteed you will pick winners. Thanks to all who were part of it. We will provide a financial breakdown and make presentations at our footy night, after the Grand Final. Go Cats.

OUR winning MUNA team in CANBERRA



The Rotary national Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) was conducted in the historic House of Representatives Chamber of the Old Parliament House, home to the Museum of Australian Democracy from 17-19 August.

Fifty-four Year 10 to 12 students from schools in Queensland, NSW, ACT, Victoria and Tasmania participated in the event. Teams of two or three students made up 20 teams, each representing a country to debate six real-world United Nations resolutions over the weekend. The topics, all of which were well researched by students and debated with passion were:

- Measures to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons in the Korean peninsula;
- Regulating international migration;
- The situation in the South China Sea;
- Protection of the global climate;
- The situation in the Syrian Arab Republic; and
- Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people.

We truly believe that all participants in MUNA are winners, coming away with a greater awareness of world issues and the way that the UN operates to bring about change. Testimonies from some of those that have attended past events show that MUNA can be a life changing experience. Our adjudicators had a difficult task identifying winning teams for the debate because the standard was high across the board. The results this year were:

- 1st: United Kingdom - St Philip's Christian College - Newcastle; sponsored by Rotary District D9670.
- 2nd: Israel - Hurlstone Agricultural High School; sponsored by Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains.
- **3rd: Jordan - Box Hill High School; sponsored by Rotary District D9810 (Victoria).**
- District 9810 paid for their accommodation and registration, while RCFHill paid fares and their counsellor's accommodation. In the photo Tom Yakubowski is in the second back row (tall, with grey suit), while Aashna Shah is in the front row, third from left.
- They were the second team from B.H. High They won against 80 competitors and so were offered the chance to go to MUNA Canberra.
- The two students emailed the result when they came third in the National Competition. They were delighted, thanking the Club for their continual support throughout MUNA 9810 and now MUNA National. They are thrilled that they did so well, as are we.

The MUNA dinner was also a highlight with guest speaker, Catherine Stubberfield, External Relations Officer at UNHCR. Catherine spoke about not only the problems, but also the value and rewards of working for refugees around the world and shared her experiences in building a career in the UN system.

Another highlight of MUNA was the involvement and support from a number of Embassies and High Commissions for the event. Several teams were hosted by their supporting Embassy for a visit and provided information on the country's position in relation to the debate topics. A number of diplomatic representatives joined the participants at the MUNA dinner, and one also came along for part of the debate. This opportunity to meet diplomats and to understand some of the factors influencing a country's position on world issues was grasped by many participants.

Our Thai friend

I wish to thank all club members for making Buaban (Bum) so welcome to our club. She flew back to Bangkok on Tuesday morning.

Life for most Thais is tough, hand to mouth survival,. They work 6 or 7 days a week (Bum 6..she has a responsible job in an insurance company) She travels 2 hours to work, often in horrendously slow traffic or catches a klong ferry boat and a motor bike taxi. Two hours again home. She shares a comfortable condo with an older sister in the area called Ban Kapi.

She is so impressed with the work our club does to help underprivileged overseas and the effort we put in to encourage young people. She really enjoys the sausage sizzle, WFM, and the warmth and friendship at club dinners. This time she also was involved with Probus activities, four Monday morning walks, coffee, lunches, a club meeting. dinners etc. She was warmly welcomed there as well.

We did not do as much sight-seeing this trip but she was really happy just to be part of the Aussie community and to have a chance to mix with lovely, caring people. She understands Aussie rules and squeals at highlights. Patrick Dangerfield and Jack Silvagni are two players she admires.

Involvement with Rotary has opened her eyes to service. She likes to make a difference.

Stuart

Forum

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INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

**SAFETY AND SECURITY
COMMUNITY FORUM**

HEATHERDALE BOWLS CLUB
114 HEATHERDALE ROAD, MITCHAM
7:30PM WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST 2018

MC FOR THE NIGHT WILL BE NEIL ANGUS MP
joined by


JENNIFER EVANS
Senior Rights
Elder Abuse


PETER JARVIS
Community and Cyber
Safety


PETER JOHNSON
CEO Master Locksmiths
Home Security

Safety and security is vital to our local communities and we realise the need for information to be shared. We welcome you to join us and share your concerns with Government representatives. This event will encourage more positive education of safety and security for all people in our society. HCAG recognises the agencies who give hope and support to those who need it most.

Please contact Sharon on 0438 221 366 or 98735848 or email at sharon.partridge31@gmail.com

TRIVIA NIGHT

New Gen Rotary Trivia night -Saturday September 1, Dorset Gardens Hotel-\$30 ticket

NEWS

Nancy Notman is coming to Melbourne in October. She will probably attend meetings on the 1/10 & 15/10.

FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST

On 4 September Robbie and Bob L will turn into toast -well produce tasty toasties for teens.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

September Basic Education and Literacy
October Economic and Community Development

ARTICLES

Please forward your prize-winning articles once more to rlaslett@optusnet.com.au by 5pm Wednesday.