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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Forest Hill Rotary

### CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks and Meeting report
19 September	One Year as a Health Volunteer in Mongolia <i>Lynette Phuong</i>	Mike Finke	Bob Laslett
26 September	Membership Night	Ray Smith	Chris Tuck
03 October	Prison World & Ministry <i>Rev Ian Whitehill</i>	Warwick Stott	John McPhee
10 October	Footy Night <i>The Williams Collective</i>	Bob/Stuart Williams	

### THIS WEEKS CELEBRATIONS

The ongoing recognition of the anniversary of the club's anniversary, shared with the charter members, continues.

### DUTY ROSTER

	September	October
Recorder	Ron Brooks	Chris Tuck
Greeter	Mike Finke	Stuart Williams
Emergency	Ray Smith	Glenys Grant
Cashier	Nancy Notman	Mike Finke

### 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 9878 4891 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**

### DON HULLAND

Don is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is **0409**

**530 435**. Please give him a call or phone the office 5770-2100 and ask for Don.

## BIRTHDAY THOUGHTS, COURTESY OF STUART WILLIAMS

Birthday thoughts in recognition of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill's 41st birthday:

1. As Rotarians on this our 41st birthday – Don't just count the years, make the years count.
2. Because we renew Rotary every year, maybe we should be saying Happy Birthday to an organisation that is forever young.
3. If we were in Korea – our birthday would be considered the 42nd— Koreans count and celebrate the baby's time in the womb. As a club we could count the months of planning before charter.
4. A club birthday gives us a chance to celebrate and give thanks and to reflect upon how well we are fulfilling our objectives.
5. No matter how things went yesterday, or last year, we always have the capacity to try again.
6. The Egyptians started the idea of celebrating birthdays over 3,000 years BC.
7. The Greeks added candles to cakes. Greeks offered moon-shaped cakes to Artemis, the lunar goddess to recreate the radiance of the moon and her perceived beauty.
8. Ancient Romans were the first to celebrate birthdays for the common man (but just men). They did not celebrate women's birthdays until the 12th century.
9. Contemporary birthday cakes were invented by German bakers. Kinderfeste (children festival) in the late 18th century in Germany is the closest thing to a birthday party. The cakes were decorated with ONE candle for each year, and ANOTHER to symbolise the hope of living for at least one more year.
10. The industrial Revolution brought delicious cakes to the masses.
11. "The Birthday Song" was a remix, kind of. In 1893 Patty Hill and Mildred J. Hill wrote "Good morning to all", to be sung each morning in every American school. In 1924, Robert Coleman added a few extra lyrics. It became – Happy Birthday to You.



Stuart Williams

## JOHN'S JOTTINGS, COURTESY OF OUR PRESIDENT

Over the past few days we have had great fellowship, effective fundraising, a very enjoyable evening on Monday with the DG who mixes easily and makes all present so comfortable, and to top this off we have the Primary Schools Speech Contest of Thursday evening. Thank you to all Rotarians, partners, honorary members, and friends of Rotary who have all contributed to the success of these events.

Schwerkolt Cottage, has again has been a profitable exercise, and we share in the \$6193 taken at the Whitehorse Farmers' Market on Sunday.

Reminders: Membership night September 26th and names please as soon as possible to Warwick. It is also interesting reading pages 14 and 15 of the current issue of Rotary Down Under on membership.

Page 17 also talks about the up-coming event: Lift the Lid on Hat Day, October 7th which we need to talk about next Monday. This is a day before our Saturday market and egg & bacon commitment on the Sunday, 3

“full on events” in 3 days is I think, stretching our resources too thin. Do we seek to do say a 4hour stint at Bunnings to rattle tins for Australian Rotary Health, on an earlier day of the week, and also press for membership from the passing traffic?

Spoke to Graham Sharman during the week, and unfortunately he has had a bit of a setback in his rehabilitation, but hopes to be back with us in the very near future. Best wishes Graham for a full recovery. Warwick, we trust that your clean-up at the recent clearing sales has gone well and that your recovery is also proceeding to plan. Next Monday we welcome Lynette Phuong to our meeting when she will be talking on her year as a health worker in Mongolia. Same time same place, and have a great week in Rotary and in your normal life activities. John

## **SERGEANT'S SESSION**

September is education and literacy month for Rotary.

Basic education and literacy is one of our Foundation's six areas of focus. Everyone has the right to learn to read, write and enjoy the power, pleasures and independence of being literate. For some the journey will be easy, for others it will take much hard work and unfortunately for approximately 18 percent of today's world population it will never happen.

Our club assists many of our local schools with either direct financial assistance to needy students such as our scholarships to Box Hill High students and through Bill we are organising a similar scheme for students at Forest Hill College. We directly support worthy Box Hill TAFE students with tools and tool boxes for their chosen trade. We run a variety of programs that although not directly educational, certainly assist the schools in delivering good educational outcomes for their students. Our weekly breakfast making , last week Robbie and Barbara made 70 breakfasts at Forest Hill College for needy students, our Primary Schools public speaking contest which is this coming Thursday where 12 grade 5 and 6 students prepare and deliver 3 minute speeches on a given topic judged by our toastmaster associates and witnessed by their proud families, teachers and friends. The feedback already from the teachers of the excitement of the speakers and the support of their classmates is wonderful. Our many other supporting programs we run such as Youth Achievement awards, Citizenship Awards, we sponsor students to Conoco Philips science program, Siemens Science course and Rotary Leadership programs. We sponsor students in the Model United Nations Assembly at Parliament House. We even helped educate 200 Vermont High learner drivers working for them for a day through Rotary's Youth Driver Awareness program.

As to direct educational projects, we continue to assist the Hope Katolo Nursery School in Kenya as we have a connection there and our latest assistance enabled the school to construct water tanks for their vegetable garden. Even a share of our footy tipping monies goes to the school.

Again we have a direct connection with the construction of the Rumbek School in South Sudan we are supporting, which is my South Sudanese mate Sam's dream starting to come true. As Stuart reported a few weeks ago, with the first part, the bore, now completed means fresh water for the whole village as a start and the construction of the school will commence with the dry season in November. We will continue to support this work

I believe our club should be proud of our achievements towards improving education and literacy both locally and overseas. So ends some shameless showing off to District Governor Carol of our club's achievements with young people.

Bob

## DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

Highlights by Stuart Williams

Originally Rotary intended to have a program to “control” polio. WHO asked Rotary if they would make their Polio Plus program, “eradication of polio”. Rotary agreed and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative began. It was spearheaded by Rotary International, WHO, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF.

In 1985, Latin American and Caribbean countries were incurring 1,000 new cases a year. On a single day in April 1990, 380,000 vaccinators operated 60,000 sites from which they immunized 5 million children in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. The numbers are mind boggling. In 2002, alone, 500 million children were immunized in 93 countries with volunteers using camels, helicopters, rickshaws, mopeds, and dugout canoes to deliver the 2 billion doses of vaccine. Social mobilization proved one of Rotary’s unique and critical contributions.

In October 2000, WHO certified the 37 countries and territories in the western Pacific region polio free. Since Polio Plus had begun in 1985, more than 2 billion children had been immunized. The program was becoming very expensive and difficult to sustain. Partners were sought,

Rotarians were able to raise more money and they contributed more than \$135 million by the end of 2004. Meanwhile, an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Seattle, had a son who had started a very successful business, Microsoft. The father, Bill Gates addressed the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 2007.

Senior Rotarians asked Gates if he thought the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation would consider making a grant to Polio Plus.

“We were literally walking to the steps of his jet when he turned and said, ‘I’ll have my people call your people.’” Half a week later the Gates Foundation called and in November of 2007, a bank transfer came in for \$100 million. The gift to the Foundation was a matching grant and Rotary had to raise \$100 million itself. The Gates Foundation was impressed with Rotary’s professionalism.

Later they came back with a \$225 million grant for Polio Plus and this time, for every \$2 we raised, the Gates Foundation gave us \$3.55.

Bill Gates (junior), in a speech to the 2008 International Assembly said, “Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication... The world would not be where it is without Rotary, and it won’t get where it needs to go without Rotary.”

Article based on information in “Doing Good in The World”.

Stuart Williams

Think about buying this fascinating book.

You can order it from the website at <https://shop.rotary.org/doing-good-in-the-world-hardcover-929>.



## LAST WEEK'S MEETING AND SPEAKER (12<sup>th</sup> of September)

Carol Lawton, a member of the Montrose and District Club and the 9810 District Governor, spoke to the club about Rotary International's good work, the work done by the Forest Hill Club, and the experiences and passion which John Germ brings to his term of office as President of Rotary International for the current year.

John Germ's message to the Rotary Clubs and his choice of theme, "Serving Humanity" is an example of the wonderful heart he brings to his year. He calls for all clubs to focus on the big picture in this, the hundredth year of Rotary. And the work that the Forest Hill Club does is an example of the work going on around the globe.

When a new member becomes a Rotarian, they are given an opportunity. The product of this opportunity is determined by the work used to develop and take advantage of this. Rotarians make up a team of 1.2 million people worldwide, and this team works together to make a difference. There are millions of people out there waiting for this help; they're waiting for schools, wells, assistance with health and education. Rotary provides us all the opportunity to change lives, and the organisation matters to the people we help. And we help those people one project and one day at a time. This year's theme is particularly accurate, as it is the basis of all Rotarians do.

One of the things that will help is the big picture. Supporting the Rotary Foundation. This year, a call has gone out to support the fundraising goals of the centennial, both as a club and with the individual challenge to donate an additional \$26.50 in a tribute to the amount used to start Rotary one hundred years ago.

Members are also encouraged to join some of the action groups available within Rotary, to enable us to learn more and generate more enthusiasm. A particular focus of the President this year is the eradication of polio. John Germ's father contracted polio, and it has provided him with the personal experience which helps in motivating mind that

his work to eliminate this disease once and for all. Keep in the challenge for each club to donate \$500 (which Forest Hill has met) to End Polio Now is important, and that the Gates Foundation matches these donations two for one, making them particularly powerful and effective.

Forest Hill Club is recognised as having the highest percentage of members signed up to Rotary Central, and Carol Lawton's personal focus on water projects made her particularly impressed with the club's recent support for the Rumbek school. Carol encouraged the club to apply for a district grant to support this project.



The District Governor discussed the challenges faced by Rotary clubs in attracting new members, and reminded Forest

Hill of the materials available on the central websites to assist with this work. New members should be offered the same opportunities to grow and develop within the club that established members have benefited from, and clubs should develop concrete goals and strategies for member recruitment. Cluster seminars, training in leadership other skills, and the upcoming Geelong conference are all opportunities for new members to grow as Rotarians. Additionally, each Rotarian may bring with them a network of friends and family. With this in mind, the "Partners' Project" has been renamed the "Governor's Project" in the hope of expanding the resources available to Rotary in accomplishing the good work yet to be done.

Forest Hill has a history of 41 years as a club. During this time, it has helped so many people. Ensuring that it continues and grows in the future will enable this good work to continue. Student awards, scholarships and

educational trips are a focus of the club, but Forest Hill has also supported and continues to support valuable international projects. With this in mind, it's important to get the word out.

Many of the club's members are involved at the district level, including Bob Laslett, Bob Williams, and Ron Brooks. It is important that this is recognised and applauded.

While member recruitment is a challenge, it is not an impossible one. Opportunities must be provided to new members, we simply have to go out and get them.

### **DIARY DATES**

A "lightish" week this week. It all gets heavy again early in October, so make sure you're well rested.

### **FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER**

School Holidays. Everybody take a well-earned break.

Robbie Brooks and Kevin Grigsby made 74 pancakes on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the final breakfast for the penultimate school term of the year.

### **ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES**

September	Education and Literacy
October	Economic and Community Development
November	Foundation

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Please pass any and all details of invitees to Warwick Stott no later than this weekend or, if possible, several days ago.

## **RAFFLE, ETC**

The raffle raised \$71, and while no fines session took place, the “donations/begging bowl” managed to generate \$21.45. Good work by all, and three prizes were taken home.

## **MARKETS**

- **BLACKBURN ARTS AND CRAFTS MARKET**

With heavy rain Friday evening and early Saturday, a number of market stall holders decided to pull out but we did have some 12 of our regulars who fronted in what turned out to be a fine morning without rain interruption. The market being in its new temporary location in the car park behind the shops and without highly visible signage, and the cold weather patronage was a little down and for this reason we decided that we would not charge the stallholders for that day. However, we did manage to sell more than 10 kilos worth of sausages, which made it all worthwhile.

We have learned something from this market which can be improved upon for next month which we can expect all stall holder sites to be filled.

John McPhee

- **WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET**

The weather was kind and we were on the main gate with Mitcham club.

Thanks to Stuart, Bill and Bob W for putting in their time there then working at Schwerkolt Cottage feeding the hungry hordes.

WFM Treasurer Brian is missing Warwick's company in the counting house room over the past couple of months as it is a big job handling all the money plus enquiries from various people during the morning. Brian will advise the takings later this week and we'll report this to the club. As reported at our meeting, with the Blackburn market sausage sales (we didn't charge our hardy and loyal stallholders on the day) of \$282 plus Schwerkolt cottage net \$916 and our usual share of the Farmers' market being \$6/700 we fund raised nearly \$2,000 for the weekend. A great effort!

It will be the 10th anniversary of the Whitehorse Farmers' market this November and I can recall the first market when a week out we had three stallholders confirmed and finally had about 30 on the first market day. Because of our universally acknowledged outstanding expertise with bbqing, Forest Hill did the first egg and bacon morning and I can remember phoning Ray at some ungodly hour in the morning asking his advice as I couldn't get the BBQ working. The WFM committee wondered how long the market would last if we didn't get more stallholders and customers and here we are 10 years later with around 70 stallholders and 2/3,000 customers each month and everyone is smiling (even Warwick some of the time!) Our market has been likened to a small village springing up each month and I like the fact that everyone wins. The stallholders do as many sell out and consider our market the best they go to, the customers, as they now can purchase fresh produce close to their homes, the Whitehorse Council, as their ratepayers are happy having the market there, the seven Whitehorse clubs, as we make a good income each month, plus the friendship and ability to work together as a cluster is a huge benefit and lastly, of course, the many and various Whitehorse organisations which have benefitted financially from the nearly \$500,000 donated so far into the local community.

Bob Williams

## EXTRA BITS

- Episode four of the Five-Minute Forest Hill podcast has been uploaded. RSS feed link for your podcasting software here:

<http://feeds.soundcloud.com/users/soundcloud:users:248951819/sounds.rss>

Or direct link to the MP3s here: <https://soundcloud.com/mike-finke-167583478>

Any and all ideas for future episodes will be gratefully and graciously received.

[mmfinke@gmail.com](mailto:mmfinke@gmail.com).

- This thing here is a QR code. With an app, this image will take a smartphone user directly to our club's website. Hunt down an appropriate app for your android or fruit-based phone and give it a go.
- Everybody already signed up to the RCFH Google Group will have received an invite to a shared calendar. Check it out. This should make "leaves of absence", events, and similar easier to track. You can even stick a document to an event for things like duty rosters and running sheets. Put in the address when an even it logged and it'll even open up a map when the time is right. Technology!

