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

17 September 2018

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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
17 Sep	Thailand-my second Home <i>Stuart Williams</i>	BOARD Mike Finke	Barbara Searle
24 Sep	The Wonderful Legacy of Story Telling <i>Carol Pratt</i>	Bill Marsh	Mike Finke
1 Oct	Foyer Launch End Youth Homeless <i>Bianca Joyce</i>	John McPhee	Bob Laslett

CELEBRATIONS

The birthday of Forest Hill club ago (13 September)- 43 years!

DUTY ROSTER

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Recorder	Barb Williams	Sue Ballard
Greeter	Barb Searle	Ron Brooks
Emergency	Bill Marsh	Bob Laslett
Cashier	Ray Smith	Bob Williams

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

What a fantastic night it was. We had the pleasure of the company of a number of honorary members and spouses; we had the honour to host our Assistant Governor, the District Governor and his wife and new Rotarian, Shelley Gurney; and we were able to recognise our club's 43rd anniversary in an atmosphere of friendship and celebration.



We also were able to enjoy the presence of Aashna Shah and Tom Yakubowksi, the fantastic students from Box Hill High School, who worked so diligently and performed so well at MUNA in Melbourne and then at the national competition in Canberra. The club's involvement in the project is not to 'back winners'; our goal is to provide opportunities for students to build confidence and skills and to expand their understanding of the world. Regardless, it is heartening to see the passion, professionalism and diligence of those students suitably recognised and rewarded.

Monday's meeting was on the back of a weekend of successes. A better-attended film night, organised by Ron Brooks; a warm, pleasant and financially lucrative Blackburn Craft Market and a good Whitehorse Farmers Market were an excellent preamble to the club meeting. It's good to have some wins on the board.

As this sitting year at work finishes, I will be more available. If I have allowed emails to go unanswered or have failed to act on pressing issues, please send me a gentle reminder.

- Friday, 5 October FFFF (First Friday Film Fellowship)
- Saturday, 13 October Blackburn Market
- Sunday, 14 October Whitehorse Farmers Market
- Monday, 29 October Bucatini night
- Monday, 12 November New Members Night (Good Potential Recruits Required)
- Saturday 17 November weekend Relay for Life (contact me if you're interested)

PS My sister-in-law, Ashley Macleod, is completing her PhD. She needs a minimum of 350 completed responses for her survey into intimacy issues for the over-45 set. If you can take the time to complete the survey and/or pass this on to others, I would greatly appreciate it.

The link posted last week is incorrect.

The correct link is <http://swi.nu/oasis>

Club Meeting Report 10 September

Our meeting this week was one of celebration – our District Governor's visit and our Club Birthday celebration. President Mike opened the meeting in his usual thoughtful style and welcomed our great array of guests. This included DG Russell Gurney and his wife Shelley, AG Joan Young, a number of Honorary Members and several partners.

Mike gave his President's Report and then called on committee chairpersons to report followed by reports from the co-ordinators of other aspects of club life.



Following the meal DG Russell gave his address to the club in which he outlined some of the successes of RI, the District and our 'small but mighty' club. He then spoke on two of the major challenges facing RI – membership and a successful completion to our polio eradication project. Russell's address followed a very productive meeting with members of the Board earlier in the evening. During this meeting Russell not only listened as the club outlined what it hoped to achieve in the next 12 months but he also demonstrated that he was very aware of all that the club had achieved in previous years.

Shelley then outlined her project for the year which was her long time passion for the work of RAMS. President Mike presented Shelley with a cheque for \$500 following her talk.

Charter member Warwick Stott and Honorary member Heather Neilson then spoke about the early years of the club before they were asked to cut the birthday cake. I'm not sure what their wish was but I bet Warwick (Membership Chair) was thinking about the 50 members we had in the early years.

A very relaxed night of fellowship and recommitment to our purpose was drawn to a close by President Mike. The raffle raised \$102.



Bill

President's Reflection:

Tonight, we have Russell Gurney, our DG, and his wife Shelley, a Rotarian in her own right, with us. We also have Joan Young, our Assistant Governor. I joked last week about how we should all act busy because the boss was coming, but the reality is that I've found Russell to be approachable, helpful and interested any time I've asked for his advice or assistance. This is not a ship inspection so much as it is an opportunity to explain our

club to somebody in a way that may help us understand it better ourselves, and a chance to be, fittingly in this Rotary year, inspired by somebody who is our liaison and connection to district and upward.

I'm going to take just a little more time than usual today, because I want to link three things. My own life, the club and Rotary International.

I now live a comparatively comfortable middle-class life. Not as well off as some, far better-off than many. This was not always the case. I have lived in a trailer park. My family has lined up to get 'government cheese' in the US https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_cheese during a time when we received what is officially called the WIC program, but you would probably have heard of as 'food stamps'. I have known desperation and the shame of being seen to be in need. I am exceedingly lucky that this is not the case for me or my children now.

I am embarking on a program of re-examining our projects with the goal of building a manual, which will be a store of knowledge, but also a guide and a point of focus. I have told the story of Ange Postecoglou before. When he took the job of coaching the Roar, they were not doing well. And what he told management was that his goal was not going to be to win the A-league Grand Final, or win more games, or even score more points. His goal was going to be to 'improve the quality of football in Australia'. It helps to have a big goal in mind; that's why we have a yearly theme and I think that's why the President gets to give us a message every year. President Barry Rassin's this year is:

I ask all of you to Be the Inspiration to help Rotary move from reaction to action — to take a hard look at the environmental issues that affect health and welfare around the world and do what we can to help. Rotary's biggest project has to do with Polio. When a team goes out and puts those drops into the mouths of children across the developing world, the immediate effect is to protect that child from getting polio. But that is not the objective of the project. The ultimate goal is to end polio, to utterly and irrevocably eliminate the disease from the planet.

The task they're engaging in is part of the bigger picture. It's a vital piece of work in a project too big for one person to complete, but in which every person is important.

So now I'm going to bring it back to the club. I received an insight I wasn't looking for and didn't ask for; it caused me to reflect and reconsider and reappraise the importance of what is, maybe the smallest project this club directly runs and has carriage over: the breakfast program. Once a week, our club makes breakfast for the students at Forest Hill Secondary College. It could be pancakes or toasted sandwiches.

I was told that possibly half the students who show up are living in a situation where this might mean the difference between getting breakfast or not. The rest are luckier. They might be there because their parents needed to drop them off a bit earlier than normal, so they can get to work. They might just be hanging out with their friends. They might just need to be in a safe space, away from the bustle of the school day. Because, importantly, the chaplain of the school is there, and he takes that opportunity to check in with the students, see if there are any issues or concerns, any small problems or worries that he can offer some help with before they become big problems.

That act of feeding those students means a lot more than just the food on the plate. It's about making the school a welcoming refuge. It's about helping somebody provide some pastoral care, and it's about reducing the stigma and the shame of being in need. I could have used some of that when I was much younger. And I'm proud to now be a part of a club that can do that for others.

Thailand --My Second Home.

This talk will include many colourful and spectacular photos. It won't be a travelogue but a very detailed look at many aspects of Thai life; including festivals, weddings, funerals, village life, city life and the place of the King in the life of the Thais.

I truly believe this extended talk will be of interest to anyone who has visited Asia, Thailand or is interested in visiting the land of smiles. I have visited Thailand on 20 occasions and hope to present the flavour, charm and spirit of the country.

I would especially invite past members, honorary members and friends of Rotary. It will be an entertaining and interesting night to invite family members or prospective members.

Stuart

Multi district conference in Melbourne 2019

<http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/home.html>

Registration is now open for next year's conference in Melbourne.

Some information is available on the website.

Sue

Youth News

Sophie Robertson, Kingswood, is featured in the Leader. She has been chosen to travel with the Australian Girls Choir on their International Tour this year.

Sophie was one of our YCA recipients.

Glenys

International

We have had a reply from LINFOX and they are not able to get our Stationery to Thailand. We might have to bail out and send it to FIJI via Boronia as we did last year.

Stuart

Light the Night

A unique opportunity for supporting people affected by blood cancers and a focus for fundraising by the Leukaemia Foundation. It is supported by the Rotary Club of Wandin.



at Lillydale Lake, Lilydale
Thursday 27 September 2018
Lantern collection from 5:00pm
Contact: Brian – brianhodgson47@gmail.com

Birthing Kit Assembly Day



No woman should die while giving life

Over 300,000 women die annually from pregnancy or childbirth-related complications. The majority of these are in developing countries. BKFA is an organisation dedicated to improving the conditions for women all over the world by providing clean Birthing Kits. Its simple contents provide the resources to reduce infection and fatalities.

BIRTHING KIT ASSEMBLY DAY

SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2018
12:30PM

Mordialloc & Cheltenham Rotary Clubs are proud to host their second Birthing Kit Assembly Day in support of Birthing Kits Foundation Australia (BKFA).

Last year we assembled 600 kits – this year we invite you to join us to assemble 1600 kits.

Kay Gordon 0447 437 950 / Colleen Rooth 0428 832 061

Come along; give your time to this great cause, make new friends and leave that afternoon with a warm fuzzy feeling. *Everyone is welcome.*

Venue:
SANDBELT HOTEL
630 South Road
Moorabbin



FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST

On 18 September Barb W and Judy L. will see out the term's commitment to provide breakfast to needy school children.

Sunday "Champagne" Lunch & Fashion Parade

12.30 pm October 7 2018

Bramleigh Estate Warrandyte

Presented by Rotary Club of Croydon

Proceeds supporting victims of family violence

Details from Bob L

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

September

Basic Education and Literacy

October

Economic and Community Development

ARTICLES

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