



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No 12

President: Stuart Williams

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## STU'S SCRIPT

### *Reflection*

*Rotarians have put 'Service Above Self' for more than a century. Through the Avenue of Community Service, Rotarians give back to the places they live in.*

*When Rotary is viewed as a positive force in the community, its membership strengthens and grows. Rotary in a small way improves life in the local community. Service in Action - whether it is managing the Blackburn Station Market or managing the Whitehorse Farmers Market, Rotary helps connect the world.*

It was only a small meeting on 23 Sept. but we were delighted by our Photo competition winner. Congratulations to Mike for putting so much effort into the exercise. The Board is keen for us to try it again in 2020 and broaden the age group. Thanks for chairing the meeting Mike and your informative and thought provoking piece on cameras and photography. Councillor Raylene Carr also attended and gave an interesting talk on "Open space in the City of Whitehorse."

Don't forget to invite friends along next Monday night for our Annual Footy Night. Lots of laughs, prizes for our footy tipping winners and a couple of 'football competitions'. The Williams "Couldabeen Brothers" will run the evening.

On Tuesday 24 September I delivered 6 boxes of skin care products (approx. 250 units, approx. value \$1,500) out to David – a previous guest speaker- at the Asylum Seekers Centre, at Jesus House, Dandenong. They do an amazing job, supporting 160 families in small, cramped conditions.

The Board met last Monday night and modified the committee budgets, set our fund-raising budget and reviewed our financial position for this Rotary year. If committees or members have projects they would like to pursue we would like them to organise the fund-raising for those projects.

The latest financial figures from the Whitehorse Farmers Market show:

- WFM made a profit of \$49,792.31 for the year ending 30 June, 2019
- The profit for the last quarter, up to 30 Sept. -- \$11,705.42
- Our club had a surplus in our WFM account of \$1,672.20 on 30.6.19
- Our balance at 30.09.19 was \$2,935.75

Thanks to the club members who rattle cans on the gate, assist on the twice yearly Egg and Bacon stall and work in the office handling the money. The WFM money must be spent in the City of Whitehorse and allows us to fund many of our programs.

I will be away from 3 October until 18 November. Bill Marsh will step up as Vice President to acting President. Sue Ballard will assist where required.

It would be good to have a large attendance at the Echuca/Moama 9810 District Conference. Barbara Williams is our On-to-Conference chair. Jan Cook from MASH gave us a presentation on

Monday night. The paddle-steamer flotilla sounds interesting on Saturday afternoon. Only 3 hours drive from Melbourne.

We are thinking of members and partners who are not feeling so great at the moment... Rob and Glenys Grant, John Donaghey, Bob Williams. Get well soon—we need your smiles.

Stuart

## MEETING REPORT

I do not have a lot of photographs of my own childhood. We moved around a lot for a while and while photos are things you try to hold on to, we've probably lost a lot over the years. And we weren't really photograph people. Maybe as a result, the photographs I do have are incredibly valuable to me.

Photography has gone through a lot of stages over its history. It used to be extremely expensive and time-consuming. You've probably seen prints from the early days of photography, groups of military men in stiff poses, forced to stay still for an extended period of time because of the quality of the photographic plates and lenses and the need for very long exposures to get enough light to the chemicals to create an image. You have probably seen movies where the photographer puts his head under a shroud to focus the lens—the camera a huge box on a wooden tripod.

Engineering and manufacturing improved. Cameras became more portable and easier to use. Developing film got cheaper, to the point where you could potentially get your prints in an hour if you went to the right place. In high school I had a friend who worked in one of those kiosks you used to see in shopping centre parking lots in the US where people would drop off their rolls of film and come back a week later. It was always a disappointment to realise that the pictures were blurry or dark or obscured by a thumb. It was not the era of instant gratification.

I bought a very early digital camera--1.2 megapixels. At the time, it was amazing. We still have images on a set of CDs from our family trip to Europe, fifteen or twenty years ago. I remember having to pay for an hour at an internet café in London to get the photos off the memory card so we could take more pictures.

That was probably the start of the end of film, for the most part, and the dramatic decline in cameras as standalone devices. That is not to say that they have died or that a mobile phone—and your mobile phone probably has multiple cameras, each with at least 5 times the resolution of my first digital camera—can actually replace a well-made digital SLR or similar, but these days the vast majority of photos are taken with phones. We've had a rebirth of photography, in a way. Look at the success of Pinterest and Instagram.

But we have also lost something in that transition. The rarity, the time taken to capture a moment, maybe the expense, meant that each photo was valued quite a lot. We tolerated imperfection more willingly. The photo from your aunt's wedding might have been the only one taken with that set of people. It might have been the last photo you took of your grandmother. It didn't matter that somebody's eyes were closed.

Now, memory is cheap and we can always take a picture. We can take five or a dozen and pick the one that seems best. I have made fun of people taking pictures of their food but I have done it myself. We take a snap, maybe add a filter, upload it and within a couple of days it's probably forgotten. We'll be reminded by Facebook that we posted it in a year's time, or in three or five or ten years, but we may not have put much thought into it. We certainly don't print as many photos as we used to. Digital files move from computer to computer, or onto the cloud. We cull some.

But there are still photos that mean something to us. There are moments that we choose to capture, and that we treasure and want to preserve. Those choices, the things we choose to remind ourselves

of on a regular basis, the pictures on the walls in our homes, or on our desks at work—even the wallpaper on our phones—are the memories that inspire us, give us comfort or pride or somehow make us feel good.

This contest was created as a bit of a companion to our speech contest. The speech contest, which is very successful, allows students in Whitehorse schools to respond to a topic and really put some thought and time into thinking about their response to the topic. We had hoped the photo contest would provide a similar stimulus. The topic, 'My Whitehorse', was as broad as possible. What we wanted was to get young people to really think about the space around them and decide to capture and preserve an image of a place that they thought was special to them, or special or important to others.

We didn't know what we would get, so I have to say I was particularly taken with Anushka's winning entry. First of all, I really thought the composition was fantastic. The shot is nicely framed. We have the reflection of the water and the clearing beyond. The playground equipment is reminiscent of a castle. One almost expects to hear Richard Burton singing 'Camelot', which is a bit of a dated reference for a night where we're honouring the work of a primary school student.

The second thing I love about the photo is that I moved into my house on Glenora Drive about thirteen or fourteen years ago now. My kids were eight and five then. We would walk through the Bellbird Dell down to that playground at least once a week, and I would chase them around the equipment, or push them on the swings, and then take them home again. So the image means something to me. It evokes memories and good feelings, and it's easy to see from Anushka's title for this picture, 'My past, present and future hideout', that she has similar feelings about the place. It's a great spot for children within a great park. It's always in use. And I think Anushka captured its essence and its importance and its nature as a destination and a place that invites experience. Congratulations, Anushka.

Mike Finke



Anushka's Photograph & Presentation

Following the general meeting the Board met to set the Budgets for 2019-20.

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## DUTY ROSTER

Recorder Greeter Emergency Cashier	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> Chris Tuck Barbara Searle John Donaghey John McPhee	<b>OCTOBER</b> Ray Smith Bill Marsh Bob Laslett Warwick Stott
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## COMING UP

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Report
30 Sept	Footy Fever – Grand Final Edition	Stuart & Bob	Stuart Williams
7 Oct	Committee Meetings	Bill Marsh	
14 Oct	Sean Teer “Envision Hands”	Ron Brooks	Barb Williams
21 Oct	Dr Cally Berryman “Inside the Secret World of Female Gambling”	John Bindon	Sue Ballard
28 Oct	Amanda Croucher “International Needs Australia”	Ian Teese	Glenys Grant

## CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

Happy Birthday to Chris Tuck for the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## ATTENDANCE

If you are not coming to the meeting or if you wish to bring a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10.00am Monday on 0412 807 585 or [rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au)

Please ensure Ray is aware of any special dietary needs.

If you need to cancel after 10.00am please contact Bucatini Restaurant directly on 9873 0268.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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Website: [www.foresthillrotary.com](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)

Facebook: ForestHill Rotary

Meetings: 6.30pm, Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Now on holidays for two weeks. Bob will arrange new roster next week.

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEME

This month it is time to celebrate Rotary's involvement in Basic Education and Literacy.

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## UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

**RC Albert Park - Winds of Hope (WOH) fundraising event.** WOH is a charity based in Uganda that provides healthcare and education to young women in need. The Club is holding a fundraising event in October showcasing African culture, food and lifestyles, with a view to creating more community awareness of Rotary. Live music, entertainment and dancing - Brief presentation by community leaders - Brief presentation by Clubs about their Africa projects - Buffet dinner with a wide range of African cuisines - Door Prizes and a charity auction - Showcase of Rotary Club projects in Africa. D9810 Clubs are invited to showcase any African projects and all are invited to attend.

Contact is Matthew Proctor: Founder - Winds of Hope International

[matthew@kutamo.com](mailto:matthew@kutamo.com) <https://www.atasteofafrica.com.au/>

6pm to Late - Friday 25th October 2019 - Lifesaving Victoria, 200 The Boulevard Port Melbourne <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=496602&>

## RAM TO RIDE AND MEAL

Heading for Tasmania? Then contact the Rotary Club of Devonport North and join in their fundraising bike ride to support Rotarians Against Malaria.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October starting at the Devonport Bluff at 10.00am. If you are not into bike riding then enjoy a cooking lesson and meal at the Charlotte Jack Restaurant.

Further details: <https://theislandcreative.wixsite.com/cyclingevent>

## ROTARY CLUB of MONT ALBERT AND SURREY HILLS FUNDRAISER

MASH are holding a Music and Movies Trivia Night on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Further details. Contact Anne Teese [anneteese@gmail.com](mailto:anneteese@gmail.com)

## ARTICLES

Articles, notices and photos for inclusion in **FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS** to [bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au) no later than 10.00am on Wednesday each week.

## WEBSITE

Keep up-to-date by checking our website at [www.foresthillrotary.com](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)

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## TRADER OF THE MONTH AT THE BLACKBURN STATION MARKET



**Outback Spirit** have been regulars at our market for years and they also regularly sell at the Rotary Club of Mt Waverley and Dingley Farmers markets amongst others. Juleigh and Ian Robins make all their chutneys, sauces, pickles and marinades at their new Dandenong factory. Not only are they delicious but they are gluten and MSG free. Ian and Juleigh are recognised pioneers of the Australian native food industry and have been at the forefront since its inception in 1986. They established Robins Foods in 1997. Ian and Juleigh's vision is to bring Indigenous foods into the mainstream food market and the company is the industry leader supplying the **Outback Spirit** branded range of products to supermarkets nationally in Australia.

In 2000, Ian and Juleigh decided to formalise their relationships with the company's indigenous suppliers and established an ethical supply chain that ensures that benefits from the sale of **Outback Spirit** products go back to the Aboriginal people who are developing their own enterprises based on native foods. They established the Outback Spirit Foundation to further help the Aboriginal people.

Juleigh is an accomplished cook and together with Ian has written three native food cookbooks – Wild Lime (1996 Allen & Unwin) and Wild Classics (2000 Allen & Unwin – with Ian Robins) and Wild Food (2010 Lantern Books, a Viking Books imprint).

So, go and have a chat to Juleigh's brother in law Bill at the Blackburn market stall and taste some of these unique foods. Find out more about the products, the company, and the Foundation at [www.outbackspirit.com.au](http://www.outbackspirit.com.au)



## 9810 District Conference

### Celebrating Achievements

**Interplast, a Rotary Success Story**

Jeremy Richardson  
Plastic Surgeon and  
Interplast Volunteer



**Rotary Health - Suicide Prevention**

Nicole Hill, Rotary Health Scholarship recipient talking about suicide risk factors and suicide clusters in young people in Tasmania

**Polio – nearly gone, but not quite**

Ian Riseley, Past Rotary International President



**Reducing food waste - one meal at a time**

Lille Giang, Refugee, TV Chef and Food Affectionist



**Driverless Cars**

Gerard Walkron, former CEO Australian Road Research Board (ARRB)



**From an idea to a successful Rotary Project**

Roger Daniel, MaroonDAH Rotary Club, Billy Cart Marathon Chair



**\$100,000 of hay, capitalising on Rotary's credibility**

Lilydale Rotary Club



## WHEN?

• Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 commencing around 8.30 am

to

• Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 ending around 1.00 pm

## REGISTRATION

- Try Booking online <https://trybooking.com/BCVRD>
- **Contact Details:**
- Tim Lynn  
9810rotaryconference@gmail.com  
c/- PO Box 59, Box Hill VIC 3128
- Manual form available if unable to access Try Booking
- Options – Paddle steamer ride plus Saturday night only



## Conference Golf Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

- This will be held prior to the District Conference in Moama, NSW, in March 2020.
- Rich River Golf Club.
- Arrival 12.30-1 pm. (Light lunch will be provided).
- Shotgun start 2 pm. (Remember it's daylight savings!)
- Bostleford
- Prizes will be announced at the conference on Saturday or Sunday subject to the timing.
- Opportunity to attend any Club dinners on the Friday evening.
- Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:  
 

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