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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

24 September 2018

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### CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
24 Sep	The Wonderful Legacy of Story Telling <i>Carol Pratt</i>	Bill Marsh BOARD	Mike Finke
1 Oct	Foyer Launch End Youth Homeless <i>Bianca Joyce</i>	John McPhee	Bob Laslett
8 Oct	Afghanistan-An alternative Australian prospective <i>Deborah Storey</i>	Warwick Stott	John McPhee
15 Oct	Oasis Seeds <i>Malcolm Warrington</i>	Ron Brooks	Stuart Williams

### CELEBRATIONS

A quiet week.

### DUTY ROSTER

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
<b>Recorder</b>	Barb Williams	Sue Ballard
<b>Greeter</b>	Barb Searle	Ron Brooks
<b>Emergency</b>	Bill Marsh	Bob Laslett
<b>Cashier</b>	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](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

Travel broadens the mind; the club had the benefit of this on Monday when our own member, Stuart Williams, was able to speak to us about Thailand in an informative and personal way. A single trip to a country or a city rarely gives us more than a superficial idea of what that place is really like for its citizens. It takes some additional study and experience to unlock deeper understanding and knowledge, and Stuart has certainly done that work.

Humans are very adept at coming to conclusions very quickly with incomplete information. We're hard-wired to do so. There are times when this is good practice and times when it does not serve us well:

<https://www.psychologicalscience.org/observer/snap-judgment-science>

As an example, it can be difficult, when recruiting for a job, to differentiate between an applicant who is deceptive or unprepared and one who is simply somewhat intimidated during the interview process. Good candidates may miss out on jobs, and companies may miss out on valuable employees, if interview preparation is poor.

The club has been approached to run a mock interview night for students at Forest Hill Secondary College. I do hope that members will make themselves available to assist. We will be updating you shortly.

- 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)
- Friday, 16 November Peridot Night - *Sylvia*
- Saturday 17 November weekend Relay for Life (contact me if you're interested)

## Club Meeting Report 17 September

We welcomed Glenys Coates, Judy L, Margaret McPhee and AG Graeme Aspinall.



Stuart gave an expansive presentation on Thailand. His talk included many colourful and spectacular photos. We heard stories about his teeth, his experiences with Lady-Boys and his visits to Thai homes. We saw photos from many areas of Thailand. South - Hua Hin and Phuket, North- Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai and River Kwai - Nth East Khon Kaen and East - Sisaket where Bum's family live. Stuart was there the day after the old king died, and was also there, a year later, when he was cremated. We heard about the place of the monarchy and religion in Thai life. Did I mention that he talked about lady-boys? His 19 visits enabled him to talk for 70 minutes without notes. It was a memorable night.

The raffle raised \$43 and the Foundation Bowl \$10.85. Glenys and Mike took away the prizes.

## President's Reflection:

I approached some missionaries at a train station the other day with a deal. I told them I would attend one of their meetings if they came to one of mine. I gave them a card. I was friendly and polite and honest. I told them they weren't likely to get a convert and that I didn't expect them to necessarily join Rotary. I explained that Rotary was an apolitical, secular organisation that welcomed people from all backgrounds.

The offer was declined. The lady told me that her religion required her to spend all her available time spreading the word – proselytising. No sale.

I considered this more fully only later. If I had gone to one of their meetings, if they'd convinced me that this was the right religion for me and if I'd converted, I assume they'd have encouraged me to leave Rotary.

The reverse is not true. I've been repeatedly been told that Rotary should be our third priority, after work and family. The fact is it's even less onerous than that. We're all complex, interesting multifaceted individuals. In this club we have artists, craftsmen, footy fans, writers and world travellers – the list goes on. It's not only not a weakness of Rotary, it's a strength.

I think Rotary is more appealing when it's seen as a vitally important part of our lives, but not an all-consuming one. Service in the aid of helping others is part of a healthy, balanced and well-lived life. Commitments should be sustainable.

On a related note, my daughter joined the new as-yet-unchartered Manningham Rotaract club. She's carrying a heavy load of challenging academic units at Monash, she works at a music store, she does some babysitting, she writes short stories and she socialises with her friends. There are a lot of demands on her time and a lot of things she could do with a few extra hours a week, but I think she knows that this new commitment will enhance her life in a way that other things cannot.

Becoming a Rotarian and working within Rotary is not about replacing the things that make your life great, it is about adding the missing piece, and making it even better.

## 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. Early bird before October 30

Sue

## 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](mailto:brianhodgson47@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP NIGHT IS ON MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Have you asked friends, or men or women in shops or other businesses about coming to the meeting?

How about people at your Probus or other clubs?

We need to grow the club, and we need your help in growing it.

So, please start asking

Warwick

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

September

Basic Education and Literacy

October

Economic and Community Development

## Birthing Kit Assembly Day



# BIRTHING KIT ASSEMBLY DAY

**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 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

No woman  
should die while  
giving life

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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.

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

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Venue:

**SANDBELT HOTEL**  
630 South Road  
Moorabbin

Mordialloc  
Rotary



Cheltenham  
Rotary



## Kids Fun Run with Thomas



Emerald & District Rotary is again holding the "Kids Fun Run with Thomas" on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Funds are being raised for Monash Children's Cancer Hospital.

## 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

## ARTICLES

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