



Rotary 
Club of Forest Hill

Weekly Newsletter

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

Meeting time:

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

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CLUB PROGRAM

5 th Oct	Football Night Stuart and Bob	Stuart Williams	Bob Williams
12 th Oct	Mike Welsh Mindfulness Committees	Ray Smith	Bill Marsh
19 th Oct	Lady Teviot Family history Board	Bob Laslett	John McPhee

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Hawks or Eagles?



DUTY ROSTER

	October	November
Cashier	Bob Williams	Warwick Stott
Recorder	Glenys Grant	Ron Brooks
Greeter	John Donaghey	Graham Sharman
Emergency	Gary Baltissen	Chris Tuck

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 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

BOB'S BANTER

What a very special night last week.

As well as our two great friends Joan and Stan Harper back with us again after months away on the long term injury list it was also terrific to have their family with us, in Gary, Margaret, Ryan, Veronica and Malcolm Harper. Connie and Bruce Millott, Glenys and Roger Coates, Mary and Norm Durham, Margaret Taylor, Heather Neilson plus, of course our wonderful and supportive partners all came to celebrate Stan's 90th Birthday party.

The guest of honour in his suit and tie really looked like the celebrity we all think he is and the paparazzi photographers took so many photos with their flash cameras that Stan might have wound up with sunburn!

Ray as always organised the evening to perfection, Barbara had bought some lovely decorations including a happy 90th birthday banner and I believe placed an order at Lombards for ten years time for a happy 100th one.

Barbara had also made one of her creative cards that everyone signed and Anne at Bucatini organised a special birthday cake with candles. Probably the rendition of "Happy Birthday Stan" could do with some work but we have 10 years to polish it up for his 100th.

Ray organised a list of pertinent questions for Stan to answer which he did with relish and handled the answers with his usual knowledgeable aplomb.

What a couple of treasures those two are!

Chair John McPhee remarked that the Harper boys shared the same type of hairstyle and Margaret McPhee observed that the profiles of the boys were also very similar.

We kept the business session short and even our beloved Sergeant Stuart, without the opportunity in the last two meetings to gouge funds out of us, kept the session short so we could concentrate on the birthday celebrations. We have so many movies and events in our "Diary Dates" later in this edition we can attend, that our Fellowship team thought it best to defer our usual Forest Hill movie/dinner night to November.

Robbie Brooks' personal cycling challenge raising funds for the Flying Doctor Service has now reached \$260 so thank you all on her behalf for your generous pledges and we will be contacting you when she returns for the payments.

As mentioned, we don't want all the work Ray put into our 40th to be forgotten so I've asked the 4 sets of speakers to each decade to repeat their work and this time to be filmed, after a meeting over a few weeks would be good and I will then add the historical (hysterical?) photos Ray provided plus the ones taken on the night and make it all into dvds with copies for anyone who wants one.

Stuart spoke of his visit to the Beijing Auto Museum and showed us some fabulous shots of cars over the years and Chris has a full description in his report which reached me soon after he got home Monday night so the Brownlow show must have been relegated to second place.

Thanks Chris.

Raffle raised \$97 and the Sergeant's session probably similar.

This week we have the two Williams boys (boys??) with our Footy Tipping night and Stuart has put his usual lot of work into the production so please all come along in your footy colours and join in the fun.

Remember "Be a Gift to the World".

President Bob

NOTICE FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Due to the many movies and events listed below as fund raisers it was thought to not have a Forest Hill movie night as well this month, but for our members to support one or more of the movies and events on offer.

Thanks

Kathy and John.

DIARY DATES

3 rd October	Rotaract Movie night
9 th October	District Community Service Seminar
9 th October	David Galbally breakfast for RC Rowville
9 th October	Movie Night for Hope Katolo School Movie is "Intern"
18 th October	Rotaract Dress up at the 1000 steps.
23 rd October	Normie Rowe concert for RC Croydon.
29 th October	RC Croydon movie fundraiser – "The Dressmaker"
3 rd November	RC Mitcham Cup Day Carnival Redbox Vineyard & Winery
23 rd November	Youth Achievement Awards
9 th March 2016	Women in Rotary Forum
30 April/1stMay 2016	MUNA

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Meeting Report Sep. 28 2015

The speaker for the night was our own member Stuart Williams.

In the tradition of some of our own members producing a very good presentation Stuart's presentation followed this tradition.

Stuart spoke of his recent trip to China and in particular **The Beijing Auto Museum and the Chinese Car Industry.**

To commence his presentation Stuart described how he bravely made his own way via public transport and taxi to the museum which is located 25km west of the city centre in an impressive 5 storey building.

This museum displays all aspects of car and truck design through to manufacture.

On display were vehicles from the commencement of motoring including Benz, T Model Ford and Oldsmobile etc. which were imported to China. Also displayed were later models of luxury imported vehicles such as Rolls Royce, Bugatti, Jaguar and Cadillac.

After the war China commenced building its own trucks for military, industrial and agricultural use. China then went on to produce vehicles in joint ventures with many of the major European, Russian, Japanese and American automobile manufacturers.

Today China produces vehicles under its own brands including FAW Red Flag, Geely, Gonow, Great Wall, Haima, Hawtai, Lifan, SAIC, BYD, Chana, Chery and Dong feng and exports over a million vehicles per year mainly to developing countries.

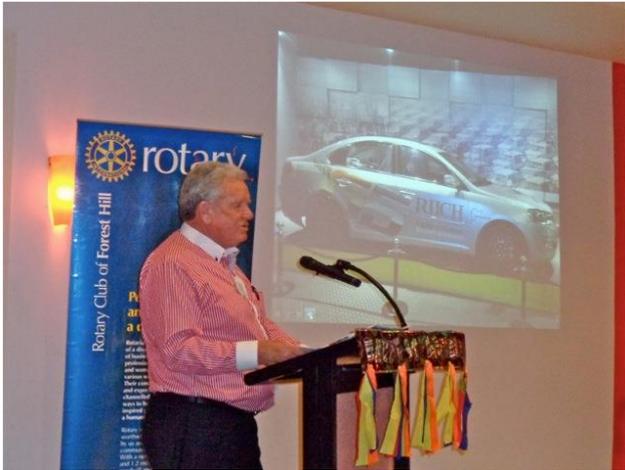
The most telling picture Stuart painted of the Chinese motor industry was the following;

1. 1963 China produced 11 cars,
2. 1985 China produced 5200 cars,
3. 1992 China produced over 1 million vehicles and in
4. 2014 China produced nearly 24 million vehicles which was 26% of global auto production.

China is also producing a range of electric vehicles. It is interesting to note the growth of the Chinese auto industry over time against the total decline of the auto industry in Australia. Stuart's knowledge of the auto industry, being employed in this industry himself, enabled him to provide a clear and precise overview of the rapid advancement over time of the Chinese auto industry from its beginnings to today. Also for those who may not get an opportunity to visit this museum this presentation provided an interesting look at an evolving industry in China. Chris Tuck

Chris now holds the world record for the quickest receipt of a meeting report as I had it the night of our meeting. Thanks Chris - Ed.





Our "Guest" speaker, Stuart



A VERY special night and so great to have seven of the Harper family with us to celebrate Stan's 90th Birthday.

REFLECTION

A moment of reflection on the night we celebrate Stan Harper's 90th birthday.

I am sure having a friend reach a life-time milestone has all of us reflecting on life and what it is to live a good life. Sure, there's a beauty to wisdom and experience that cannot be faked. Stan has lived a full life and has shown us that a life lived for others is a life worthwhile. He has been an inspiration to many of us to make the world a better place. Let me quote Barack Obama: "The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope."

Birthdays have us all looking back on our life and I believe that the moments when you have truly lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love. To tie in Stan's wonderful milestone, 90th birthday, with my topic tonight, I will finish with a Chinese proverb.

If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.

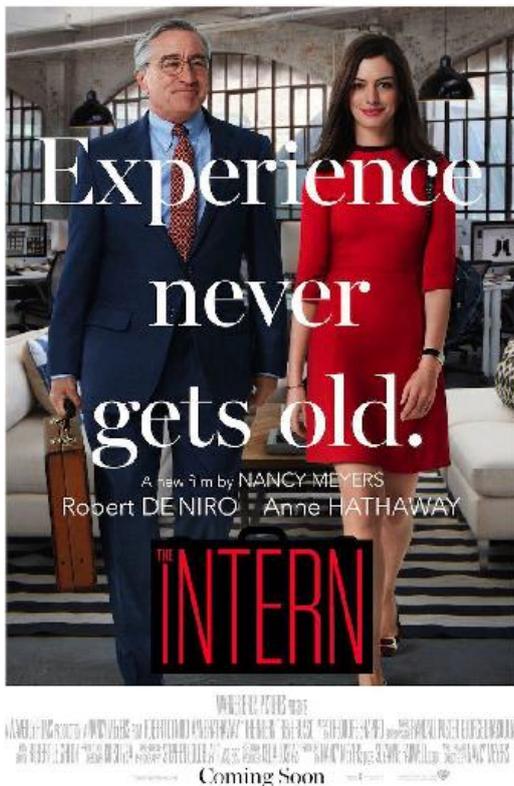
If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.

If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.

If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.

Very appropriate Stuart, Thanks - Ed.

HOPE KATOLO FUNDRAISER



Come to our movie night @
Palace Cinemas Balwyn
Friday 9th October
9/9.30pm (exact time TBC)
\$25
RSVP by 2nd October to
hopekatolo@hotmail.com

SUPPORT ROYAL FLYING DOCTORS

Robbie Brooks is this year unavailable to row her boat down the Darling River in support of the RFD so she is cycling with Ron in Europe.

We have raised \$260 so far.

Well done Robbie!

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Join us at our next Business Breakfast
on **FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER**
with our special guest speaker
David Galbally AM QC



Speaking on:
"Odd encounters of the
defence advocate"

Thu 29 October 6:30 for 7:00 pm

Rotary Club of Croydon

Movie Premier



Money raised will fund the fit out of a "Big Red Kidney Bus" which is a mobile dialysis unit

Croydon Cinemas 3-5 Hewish Road, Croydon

Cost is \$15 per person

Contact either Kathy and John Donaghey or Glenys Grant if you wish to attend

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

October	Economic and Community Development
November	Rotary Foundation
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Vocational Service
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth Services
June	Rotary Fellowships

FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Rotary Club of Croydon is organising a Normie Rowe concert to be held on Friday 23rd October at 8p.m.

It is to be held at the George Woods Performing Arts Centre, Yarra Valley Grammar School. Kalinda Rd., Ringwood.

Costs:- Adults \$30.00; Concession \$25.00

Tickets can be obtained by contacting John D by the 9th October.

THANKS TO GARY BALTISSEN FOR THIS ARTICLE

: **Wonderful story of love Subject: Fwd: FW** A Grandson of slaves, a boy was born in a poor neighbourhood of New Orleans known as the "Back of Town."

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> His father abandoned the family when the child was an infant, His mother became a prostitute and the boy and his sister had to live with their grandmother. Early in life he proved to be gifted for music and with three other kids he sang in the streets of New Orleans. His first gains were the coins that were thrown to them.

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> A Jewish family, Karnofsky, who had immigrated from Lithuania to the USA had pity for the 7-year-old boy and brought him into their home. Initially given 'work' in the house, to feed this hungry child. There he remained and slept in this Jewish families home where, for the first time in his life he was treated with kindness and tenderness.

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> When he went to bed, Mrs. Karnovsky sang him a Russian Lullaby that he would sing with her.

> Later, he learned to sing and play several Russian and Jewish songs. Over time, this boy became the adopted son of this family. The Karnofskys gave him money to buy his first musical instrument; as was the custom in the Jewish families. They sincerely admired his musical talent. Later, when he became a professional musician and composer, he used these Jewish melodies in compositions, such as St. James Infirmary and Go Down Moses.

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> The little black boy grew up and wrote a book about this Jewish family who had adopted him in 1907. In memory of this family and until the end of his life, he wore a star of David and said that in this family he had learned "how to live real life and determination."

> You might recognize his name.

> This little boy was called Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong.

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> Louis Armstrong proudly spoke fluent Yiddish!

>> And I bet you did not know any of this.....

BASS COAST CYCLING CHALLENGE FOR RYDA –ARTICLE FROM NEWSLETTER



A 73-year-old cyclist from Vermont South has taken out the major prize in our first giveaway of the year, winning a full Bass Coast Cycle Challenge riders kit and Helmet, worth \$380, donated by Wheel Heat.

Ron Brooks, received the news as he and his wife were finishing a self guided cycling tour of Slovenia and the timing of the win couldn't have been better!

"My present bike helmet has been used since I started riding 20 years ago and people have been saying I needed a new one!

"I am thrilled, excited, amazed to win the overall prize... This is not the reason people go in for these charity rides but it is fantastic never the less and it is great that sponsors put their hands in their pockets to help and encourage participation."

Ron is an avid cyclist, who on his recent trip across Slovenia rode 851kms and cycled up 8,533m – which is 96.5% of the height of Mt Everest.

"I am sure Mt Misery will be a greater challenge!" he joked.

Ron is team leader of 'Rotary Oldies', who ride every Sunday rain, hail or shine – A different ride each week ranging from 35 to 75kms.

"Being in Rotary, my first thought when I won this prize was that I will end up having to pay our Rotary club a fine when they hear I have won... At Rotary Club meetings, part of the weekly fund raising comes from a fines session where members pay if they have a birthday or win something like this!"

The 73-year-old started riding when he was 53, and says his age is no barrier.

"73 is only old if you are under 50! When you are 73 it doesn't feel old... it's just that everything takes longer!"

Ron will be riding the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge with seven riding buddies – Stuart, Bob, Neville, Wolfgang, John, Barbara and Robbie, Ron's wife.

"Several of the group gave up riding 15 years ago and have just started again this year spurred on by registering for the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge."

"My wife Robbie is a rower with a gold medal in the masters games some years ago. She took up riding weekly with me three years ago because she wanted to cycle across the Czech Republic to Vienna for a holiday. Since then we have had cycling holidays up the Danube (Passau to Vienna to Budapest) and around Lake Constance (Bodensee) and now Salzburg to Bled, Ljubljana to Piran (Austria and across Slovenia)."

“Cycling is a fantastic way to see countries, cities and towns. I enjoy food and it is a good way to burn calories too!

“I hope to have an enjoyable and challenging ride with my friends and take in the Bass Coast countryside and coastline in the process!”

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