

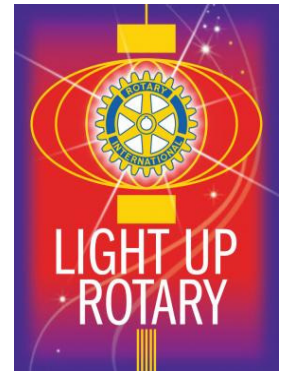
Rotary

Club of Forest Hill



Weekly Newsletter

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27th Oct 2014

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

ForestHill Rotary

CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
27 th Oct	Bucatini a la carte Dinner	Bill Marsh	Ron Brooks
3 rd Nov	NO MEETING-CUP EVE		
10 th Nov	<i>If you are happy pass it on</i> Judy Liebel	John McPhee	Doug Berwick
17 th Nov	District Conference 2015 Brian Tyedin	Chris Tuck	Ray Smith

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

25 th Oct	Bev Baltissen	Birthday
28 th Oct	Bob Williams	Birthday
31 st Oct	John&Marg McPhee	Wedding Anniversary



DUTY ROSTER

	October	November
Cashier	Jenny Coburn	Bob Williams
Recorder	Warwick Stott	Stuart Williams
Greeter	Glenys Grant	Gary Baltissen
Emergency	Ray Smith	Ron Brooks

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

Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

Gary Baltissen will be overseas from 30th Sept to 3rd Nov

Doug Berwick will be on leave from 9th Oct to 30th Oct

BILL'S BLURB

Yet another busy week in Rotary has seen us hold our very successful Membership Information evening last Monday, take part in a vocational visit to Box Hill Hospital on Friday, trip off to the movies Friday evening, enjoy a great social evening as part of 'Guess Who Is Coming To Dinner' and then be informed and entertained by Brian Foley with a talk on Croquet on Monday. This was then followed by a Board Meeting - oh well, you have got to go to work at some stage.

During the week members have been busy distributing 'Larry' to every primary and pre-school in Whitehorse. Larry has been enthusiastically received wherever he has gone to such an extent that we received a call during the week because one pre-school knew they were going out and they hadn't received their copy!

On Cup Day the Rotary Club of Mitcham will be holding their annual fun & fundraising event at Red Box Winery. Details have been distributed. Please let me know if you are going to attend so that I can provide Joseph with the numbers for catering.

On the 31st October I will be at a Cluster breakfast meeting with the AG. If there are any issues you think we need to raise please let me know in the next few days so I can have them included on the agenda.

On Saturday Judy and I took part in the District 'Guess Who Is Coming To Dinner' event. We joined two other couples at DG Tony Monley's home where we had a most enjoyable evening. Tony and Kathy were very gracious hosts and Tony proved to be a dab hand at a bbq. Almost \$1,000 was raised for RI's polio eradication program. If this event is held again next year I would recommend members take part as it is a fun night and the money raised is for a great cause.

Next week is a Partners' Night in the restaurant. At least one of our guests from the membership night will be attending. Please make them very welcome.

Our next major activity will be the Youth Achievement Awards to be held on the 24th November. This is always a great evening and a showcase of the talent in our community. Please offer as much help as possible to Glenys and her committee as they get this event in place.

Our final meeting for the year will be our evening meeting on the 15th December.

Coming Up:

- 31 Oct Cluster Presidents' Breakfast
- 4 Nov. Red Box Winery fundraiser with RC Mitcham
- 8/9 Nov. Blackburn Market & WFM
- 14 Nov. Cluster Presidents' Dinner
- 21 Nov. Film Night
- 19 Nov. Cluster presentation 'Rotarians Against Child Slavery' organised by the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central. Venue - Box Hill Town Hall. Cost \$10. Finger food provided.
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- 24 Nov. Youth Achievement Awards
- 8 Dec Address by RI President Elect - venue to be confirmed.

Little Known Fact: The eruption of Krakatoa in 1883 was the loudest sound in recorded history. It was heard 3,000 miles away in Mauritius.

Enjoy your week in Rotary and keep working to "Light Up Rotary"

Pres Bill

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

A very select number of members were present – quality , not quantity. The Sgt started by putting the guest speaker off side by describing Croquet as a “genteel” game. He questioned whether it had a place in a hectic, brutal modern world. Stuart’s idols, The Coodabeens would say of Croquet, knitting and bridge – Bring them Back – our mental health demands that our life has balance.

A card and flowers were sent to Stan and Joan who had a rough week. Jenny was complimented on a wonderful Membership night.

PDG Brian Foley, was the guest speaker - Croquet. Brian is one of 2,500 Victorians who play the game. He is also a qualified International referee. The Kyneton club was the first in Victoria. In 1880 Tennis took over the Wimbledon Tennis and Croquet Club. It is now a unisex game with 75% of the players in Victoria female. The chocolate King – Sir McPherson Robertson donated a trophy in 1925 for a test match between UK and Australia. NZ, USA are also major playing nations. There are two styles of croquet – association and golf . Egypt is the dominant player on the world stage for Golf croquet.

In Australia there are 8,000 registered players. Technology has entered the equipment here also. Carbon fibre can be used in mallet construction.

A good presentation on a sport most of us had only played on a resort lawn. Thanks Brian.

John Bindon won the raffle, The sgt raised over \$32.

Notes by Stuart Williams

VIP TOUR OF THE NEW BOX HILL HOSPITAL.

The Forest Hill Rotary Club VIP tour of the new Box Hill Hospital on Friday 17th of October was attended by 12 members and partners, and included Ann-Marie, a potential new member. We met Carolyn and Susan at reception just near a 1.5tonne eagle carving by Glen Romanis. Carlyne was taking us on her first tour of the 400 bed new hospital which is replacing the old 200 bed hospital first opened in 1956. The wards are on floors 5 to 9 with two wings per floor. At present, 5.1, 8.2 and 9.1 are fully equipped but designated “future proofing” ie will be used to cope with expanded population in the future. [Do we wonder why these are not used now to reduce hospital waiting times?] We found out that standard beds only take people up to 250kgs in weight (that’s over 39 stone in the old money, which seems pretty high) but in view of the increased obesity in our society they have an area to handle people up to 450kgs (though up to now their largest patient was a 19yr old at a mere 380kg. The doors were wider and toilet larger. Interestingly, all lifting of patients is now automated (I am told all modern hospitals are like this so perhaps the standard nurse with a bad back may be a thing of the past). The building was fitted with hot lifts (for emergency), bariatric lifts (for heavy patients), service lifts and ordinary people lifts. There were 8 different courtyards open to the free air serving a different need including staff unwinding, children play area with rubberised floor, ICU patients that could be plugged into all services, visitors, etc

There is a much larger outside area for ambulance and private vehicles to get to emergency with sprays installed to decontaminate people. The Emergency Department reception was designed to very quickly split the incoming into fast, mental health, and paediatric streams.

Wards had either 2 bed or 1 bed configuration and had fold out beds for family who wanted to stay the night. Every room had a large window to the outside with a blind incorporated between the two panes of glass.

Intensive Care rooms all had glass walls which could be made opaque or clear using electricity. This helped medical staff to either give an area privacy or enable them to

see what was happening in a number of different rooms at once. I could go on but then if you wanted to know more perhaps you should have come along and been amazed by modern hospital design. We heard in a PowerPoint presentation at the end that everything is changed but everything is the same. The medical and hospital staff are still the same dedicated highly trained friendly efficient individuals.

Notes by Ron Brooks

GIVE YOUR FOREIGN COINS (and NOTES) TO OUR ROTARY COLLECTION

Thanks to John Bindon the coffee jar collection of coins is growing. UNICEF can make use of them. Let's recycle our coins into something valuable for kids.



The foreign coin collection is underway

DON HULLAND,

Honorary member Don is at present residing in Kellock Lodge and hoping to be able to stay there full time. The address is 15 Bon St, Alexandria 3714 and his telephone is 0409 530 435. Why don't you give him a call or write to him.

DINNER AUCTION FOR SOUTH SUDAN SCHOOL Saturday 11th Oct

Jenny and Roger and Barbara and I enjoyed the evening at Monte Carlo Receptions. The event raised approximately **\$15,000** towards the construction of a school in Rumbek, South Sudan via, silent auctions, raffles, live auctions etc. A lot of work was done with Rotary, Kiwanis (where Sam spoke) and the local South Sudanese community all involved.

The evening had singing by Ajak, a South Sudanese singer and dancing with a lot of bouncing straight up and down for a long long while accompanied by drumming so we got a really good feel of being in South Sudan. Samuel told us a little of his story starting from when he was 4 and his dad joined the South Sudan army. As the civil war intensified Samuel and thousands of others, mainly boys escaped by walking hundreds of kms through the East African desert with many being shot, taken by crocodiles whilst crossing rivers, eaten by lions or dying of starvation. The survivors reached a refugee camp in Kenya where they received some help by the UN and Red Cross. After spending 12 years in various camps, Samuel was offered to resettle in

Australia, along with his younger brother. He was twenty-one and found work at a Campbellfield caravan factory and supported himself and his brother. He met Cameron Haggard through the Brotherhood, who became his mentor and good friend. Sam's story earned a marvellous applause and the evening continued.

The rest of his story from my side follows.

He had learned English at NMIT and started a double degree in accounting and finance at Victoria University and soon after that I met him as he applied for a job as the accounts clerk at Good Shepherd where I was the Business Manager at that time. I could have employed someone who spoke better English, had a better grasp of finance and someone who would have been easier to train, but there was a passion in this young man and after all, Good Shepherd is an organisation helping people so my decision became easy. He struggled with making himself understood at times and was painfully shy but we had a very good staff with our Chinese payroll lady mothering him, our other Chinese accountant being a sister, our New Zealand assistant lady being a mate, plus an Aussie boss, me. Talk about the United Nations! He told me he wanted to build a school in his village of Rumbek and he had such a great story to tell so I suggested he speak at our club which he did a couple of years ago and also at Manningham and so many more since. Manningham took him under their collective wing and financed his trip back home where he acquired land from the local govt. for the school, a promise from the education dept there to make teachers available, contacted a local teaching priest who will oversee the construction and use of funds on the ground there, plus he contacted local contractors for quotes. The capital of South Sudan is Juba which has a Rotary club and they will assist where possible. The project is under the RAWCS banner and managed by Manningham club.

The week before last I received a call from Victoria University inviting me and a friend (yes I'll take Barbara) to sit on Sam's table at a dinner. As I had no idea what this was about (even though I had met with Sam the night before at our monthly meetings at North Melbourne Footy club) I asked what was the dinner for? He is doing further study at VUT and they have nominated him for the Young Achiever of the Year for all he has done so far and the lady said they ask him to speak to potential donors and corporates for VUT and the admiration for him came across in the lady's voice which I found very moving.

He is so modest and is a winner whatever the outcome of the awards evening which I'll also advise details of in the Bulletin. So, I reckon I made a pretty good choice of accounts person and mate.

Notes by Bob Williams

Nominating Committee.

Pres Bill will be asking for volunteers to join him, Chris and me in forming a Nominating Committee seeking a President for the 2016/17 year.

I am away in Tassie for a month from now then doing an Interplast presentation (my first so I'll have my "L's" on) on the 24th November at Manningham club, then one at our club on the 1st December, so thank you Bill for organising a committee.

Bob Williams

PAPURS (Present and Past Unwell Rotarians)

We learned today (Friday 17th) of both **Joan and Stan Harper** suffering recent incidents.

Joan stumbled and fell at a Probus gathering and has suffered severe bruising to her face and upper body with two really serious black eyes

which look like she has gone 10 rounds with Muhammad Ali (when he was in his prime and not now.) She didn't need to be admitted to hospital but her GP told her to take it easy and rest at home.

Stan went to Knox hospital for a procedure and when pulling out his cannula, the nurse also pulled out a lot of his skin on his arm, so he is in the wars with heavy bleeding necessitating many metres of bandaging with regular changing of dressing being required so he too needs to take it very easy for a while.

Barbara produced a get well card for them both from her home "workshop" and on behalf of the club we went there and gave them the card plus a bunch of flowers which hopefully brightened their day. Stan was to go again later today to Knox to get his dressing changed so both of them have a fair bit of recuperating to do.

I also phoned Lynne Grigsby to see how **Kevin** was and if I could pop around to see him while I was on a roll (a medical one as distinct from a salad one) with visiting Box Hill hospital, then the Harpers and Lynne said he is much improved, so much so that he was out with some members of the band. He too has had some setbacks after his procedure, with infection setting in and although he is up and about he too has a bit to get through before he is back to normal so I'll see if he is home early next week and try and visit him.

Yours in Good Health

Notes by Bob Williams

"LARRY the LORIKEET" BOOK

Take action **NOW**. If you want to buy a copy ... or two, or three, then give your order into Pres Bill (bimarsh@bigpond.net.au) as a second print run has been done.

WEBSITE

Do not forget to check out our website, www.foresthillrotary.com and send Ron Brooks any information and suggestions. It has recently been updated. If you have photos, please send them to me with a suitable file name so I can post them on the web. If you do a project then write a short story that can be posted on the web. Other people do look at our website. It is another avenue for promoting our club.

WEBINARS

You can find Rotary webinars on the webinar page at:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/webinars/upcoming>

These webinars are a great way to learn more from the comfort of your own armchair

POLIO ERADICATION

Bob Williams sent me the following email he received

Last night (on the trip home from RLI) I happened across the Radio National (621 AM) program **Late Night Live**.

- Usually hosted by Philip Adams, it is currently anchored by Dr. Norman Swann.
- Guest was Oliver Rosenbauer – Global Polio Eradication initiative – WHO.

It is an excellent listen (15 minutes). It puts the polio eradication effort across the current Middle East politics and clearly aligns political unrest and disease outbreak.

A delight that the Rotary recognition is done well, done early and some attempted diversion in the conversation away from discussing Polio is unsuccessful – it is a focussed discussion on polio eradication and the importance of finishing the job.

Here is a link to the website and you can either download the podcast or listen on line.

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/latenightlive/geopolitics-of-polio/5819822>

Join all Rotarians at our [End Polio Now: Make History Today Livestream](http://new.livestream.com/rotaryinternational/worldpolioday) event and hear The Voice Winner and polio ambassador Tessanne Chin talk about how she supports polio eradication. Click on the underlined link today or paste the following link into your browser.

<http://new.livestream.com/rotaryinternational/worldpolioday>

FELLOWSHIP FUNCTIONS

On Friday 17th Oct there were 15 at the Melba café who went on to the Forest Hill cinema. The films of choice were "Gone Girl" and "The Judge". This is a great way to catch up with members and partners for a chat. Both films got the nod of approval. Ray and Merle were at Gone Girl as Merle had read the book. Robbie and I have both read the book and the film stuck pretty well to the book. We can lend it out to anyone who wants it.

Forthcoming attractions are Peridot Theatre production of Key for Two a comedy farce, However on the same night the Rotary Club of Croydon's has a musical presentation "Broadway to Pavarotti" starring Roger Davy, tenor /operatic performer , and soprano Simone Nicole . To support these 2 shows plus a theatre night within 8 days of each other would seem too heavy and therefore I will be seeking preferences from members . Details of both events will be available next Monday or you could ring me in the meantime for information so as to evaluate your preference. Other activity being considered include seaside fellowships and also a musical production of EVITA TO BE STAGED IN May 2015 at the Whitehorse centre.

John McPhee

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As part of the local Historical Societies celebrations recently there was an excellent talk given at Vermont South library on the History of Vermont. I learned that in 1903, the Central Methodist Mission established **Tally Ho Boys Training Farm** on Lakeside Drive. It was purchased at a very cheap price from Abel Hoadley, a devout Methodist who had an orchard in the area in the 1880s. The Hoadley family produced preserved fruit, jams, jellies, sauces, cocoa, and chocolate products including Violet Crumble under the name of Rising Sun Preserving Works. Managed by the Reverend George Cole, the farm was a rescue place providing work and accommodation for disadvantaged boys. Some were sent there by the courts and some by parents. "*Hard farm work in a healthy environment will develop discipline and good character*". In 1929, Edgar Derrick replaced dormitory accommodation with smaller cottage style and he ended corporal punishment, implementing a boys' system of self-government. Tally Ho closed in 1986.

Notes by Ron Brooks

REASONS FOR JOINING ROTARY

Jenny Coburn gave me 41 reasons. Have you got others you can tell us about?. I am putting in a different one every week - **think about them when you talk to prospective members**

Family Programs & Involvement: Rotary has a great range of programs which family members can engage in as well as the opportunity for couples to share Rotary together.

HOPE KATOLO SCHOOL, KENYA- SELLING OLIVE OIL

We are selling the delicious Hope Katolo Nursery School labelled Cockatoo Grove olive oil again for the months leading up to Christmas. 500mL bottles are only \$12 and make a lovely gift for Christmas.

Please contact Melanie on 0412 187 353 if you would like to order some.

STAMPS

Please keep cutting out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving an approximate 1cm margin and give to Jenny Coburn or to me. They are worth nothing to you but Rotary sells them. Over \$89,000 since starting in 1991/92 and \$7,091 in 2013/14. Robbie and I had dinner with Carole & Eric Farmer last week. She was telling us how she gets extra money for specific stamps eg Commemorative ones, foreign etc so her and her group sort through every one.



2014 RCFH Youth Achievement Awards- Speakers details

Youth Achievement awards, 2014

The Youth Achievement Awards are on 24 November this year and it is being eagerly anticipated by our 12 dedicated schools. Travis Mahoney and Libby Forbes are our Speakers and special guests for the evening. Travis has swum at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, and Libby is 2011-2014 Australian Open Finalist, Breaststroke. Both are studying at Deakin University, and hold many swimming records

Travis Mahoney:

- 5th in the 400m individual medley at 2014 Commonwealth Games
- Member of the Australian Swimming Team 2012-2014
- Victorian Institute of Sport Scholarship holder since 2011
- Studying teaching at Deakin University
- Multiple Victorian Records

Libby Forbes

- Australian Open Finalist Breaststroke 2011-2014
- Studying Sport Science and Business at Deakin University
- Multiple Victorian Age Records

BALLARAT DISTRICT CONFERENCE FRI 13th –SUN 15th MARCH 2015

Families Grant/ Williams, Bob/ Williams, Stuart/ Brooks/Laslett/Marsh are going to stay at a hotel together. Jenny and Roger will stay in own accommodation. Cost \$149 per night. Buffet breakfast \$20. It's not too late to join us

Stuart Williams On to Conference organiser

Club officers & Committees 2014-15

President	Bill Marsh
Vice President	John Donaghey
Secretary	Ron Brooks
Treasurer	Warwick Stott
President Elect	Bob Williams
Sergeant	Stuart Williams
Foundation & International	Chris Tuck
Youth Service	Members: John Donaghey, Stan Harper, Glenys Grant
Community & Vocation	Members: Ray Smith, Bob Williams, Graham Sharman Bob Laslett
Membership & Publicity	Members: Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks Doug Berwick
Fellowship	Members: John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn John McPhee
Primary Schools Speech Night Programme	John McPhee
Bulletin Editor	Ray Smith & Gary Baltissen
Web page & Facebook	Ron Brooks
On to Conference	Ron Brooks
Historian	Stuart Williams
Almoner	Stan Harper
Public Officer	Graham Sharman
	Bill Marsh

Note that Bob Williams has volunteered to swop over from Foundation/International to Youth Services to support Glenys and Ray as Graham will be spending very little time in Melbourne.

Newsletter articles to the editor at ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au by **5 pm Wed.** If you do not wish to receive this publication please contact the editor.



Cup Day Carnival

Redbox Vineyard & Winery

2 Ness Lane Kangaroo Ground Vic 3097
Melways Ref: 271 E8

**Bring your families and friends!
Sweep on the Melbourne Cup
Raffle Prizes as well**

**Barbecue and Salads Provided
inc Tea and Coffee**

Free Wine Tasting all day!

**\$20 per person (children free)
Festivities start at 12pm, finishing around 6pm
the Cellar Door Bar will be open all day!**



There are delightful & picturesque places to visit in the Nillumbik region within a few kms of Kangaroo Ground. From the lookout tower you can see Geelong on a clear day! Great views of the city, you can see the Dandenongs to the east, & Mt Macedon to the west.

Tuesday 4th November No Excuses! Be There!

Wear your most outrageous hat, and don't forget your camera!

RSVP to John Atkinson for Catering Purposes Ph.:0418358849 or 98733322