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**CLUB PROGRAM**

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks and Meeting report
14 November	A recent visit to Japan <b>Partner Control Night</b> <i>Judy Laslett</i>	Marg McPhee	Jenny Tuck
21 November	Cape York holiday <i>Bob Williams</i>	Ron Brooks	Stuart Williams
28 November	YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS	Glenys Grant	Warwick Stott
5 December	Sustainable Giving <i>Jess Groszek/Helen Harrison</i>	Mike Finke	Bob Laslett

Commented [RL1]:

**THIS WEEKS CELEBRATIONS**

A quiet week

**DUTY ROSTER**

	November	December
<b>Recorder</b>	Glenys Grant	Bill Marsh
<b>Greeter</b>	Ray Smith	John Donaghey
<b>Emergency</b>	Bob Williams	Warwick Stott

Cashier

Bob Laslett

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## 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, 9878 4891 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

## DON HULLAND

Don is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is **0409**

**530 435**. Please give him a call or phone the office 5770-2100 and ask for Don.

## PRESIDENT JOHN'S JOTTINGS

John Bindon has never failed to captivate his audience when speaking and last night was no exception. He, as the official YMCA historian, conveyed to us the story of the YMCA in the theatres of war, from the Boer War to Vietnam. Thank you John for a really interesting and well- presented insight into this untold story.

This weekend is again a very busy time for Forest Hill Rotary with the Blackburn Market on Saturday followed by the Farmers Market of Sunday. Our numbers will be depleted this weekend with the Brooks and Williams families on what's becoming their Gippsland cycle fundraising event and with our other Williams lad overseas.

The MASH Christmas fruit pies are again on sale @\$15/ dozen with \$3 going to Australian Rotary Health. The order form will be sent around next Monday and payment to Ron Brooks to complete the process would be appreciated.

The youth achievement awards night will be held on the November 28<sup>th</sup>. It is also the district final for the Primary School Speech Contest where our club will be represented ny Jeremy Chen from Blackburn Lake Primary School/

Of course our next meeting is our partners control night which should as usual be a lot of fun. Don't forget to register with Ray for numbers for that night.

John

## Last Week's Meeting

We had 11 members, 2 partners (Robbie and Barbara), honorary member and guest speaker John Bindon and Martine McLeod and Barbara Searle in attendance. Sixteen in total. Great to see our TV star Graham plus our recently returned from OS Hawk, Gary come along.

Pres John asked for more assistance for the Blackburn market this Saturday as several regulars will be missing. He advised that Nancy has had a stay in hospital following a fall and needs to take it easy for a while. We all wish you a speedy recovery Nancy.

Mince Pie order from MASH to be emailed out.

Chris attended the District Community and Vocational seminar and this confirmed how much we do. Some clubs do mentoring and mock interviews which we have done in the past.

Glenys advised that nine schools of the twelve invited have so far accepted for our Youth Achievement night on the 28th November.

Ron spoke of the forthcoming programme with our Partners Control night to be next week. He reminded us to bring any stamps and foreign coins in.

Ray and Merle have shifted but Telstra has not as yet connected their landline but mobile and email ok.

Our guest speaker was our honorary member, John Bindon who spoke on the YMCA in Theatre of War. John has done and is doing an amazing job with researching all YMCA personnel who served as representatives in the various wars starting with the Boer war. A total of 970 starting with Martin Madden who was with the Imperial Queensland Bushmen in South Africa in the Boer War.

In WW1 there were 394 YMCA representatives with some serving at the London HQ. The YMCA hostel in Cairo serviced up to 10,000 letters and served 35,000 items of refreshment in a day. One service man declared that it was like "An oasis in a sea of dirt." High praise indeed.

The YMCA organised Christian burials and commenced the Red Poppy fund raising event. Fund raising in Australia financed those working in the WW1 theatres of war.

John is the official historian for the YMCA and liaises with the Canberra War Memorial. He has been able to answer many queries from relatives of the YMCA war veterans.

436 personnel were involved in the WW2 with 3 killed, several wounded and 5 POWS. The YMCA provided entertainment in many Australian camps during the war. John was able to inform the Vice President of the RSL that the YMCA personnel did serve close to the action, served food to Italian POWS and were POWS. The 5 personnel who were POWS in Changi were able to be granted permission to continue serving the other troops as they did before capture. John told of them receiving one bowl of rice per day as their total sustenance, so very grim times. He spoke of a son of one of the Changi YMCA men finding his father's diary and as most of it had to be written with whatever medical supply liquid was available it was unreadable. So John asked the War Memorial if they could help and they deciphered over 130 extra pages of the father's experiences there which the son now has and also the War Memorial.

The YMCA personnel also went to Korea and Vietnam where there were seven representatives and nearly eight as John was due to relieve one of them but the service was wound down before he could go.

What an amazing job John is doing and what a riveting and informative address he gave us. It was a real privilege to be present.

\$63-10 raised in the raffle won by Barbara Searle (who readily took the red wine) and Robbie Brooks won the second draw of the sparkling wine.

Sergeant raised \$36-55.

Bill informed us of the upcoming fellowship events starting with Peridot theatre on the 18th November and the list is published later in this newsletter.

Pres John closed the meeting with his usual interesting thought for the week.

Bob W

### **Sergeant's Reflection**

November is Foundation month for Rotary.

The Rotary Foundation was founded in 1917 by outgoing Rotary International President Arch Klump with \$26-50 and since then has raised over \$1 Billion.

Arch Klump said "We should not live for ourselves alone but for the joy of doing good for others."

In 1929 the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children.

In 1947 it established Ambassadorial scholarships then in 1965-66 Group Study Exchange was established along with matching grants.

1978 Rotary introduced the Health Hunger and Humanity Grants starting with funding the immunizing of 6 million Philippine children against polio.

This led to our polio eradication program being launched in 1985. At that time there were approximately 1,000 new cases per day worldwide and now in 2015 there were only 75 reported in the year and even less so far this year. Over 2.5 billion children have been immunised and we were informed that over 50 million children in India were immunised in one day. Astounding.

It must be totally eradicated otherwise there will still remain a risk to all.

It has taken billions of dollars mainly donated by Rotary, donor governments and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation supported by the World Health Organisation, UNICEF amongst other worldwide health organisations.

The Foundation turns 100 this Rotary year and whilst eradicating polio remains our top priority there are so many worthwhile projects the Foundation supports with District Grants including the school in South Sudan we are supporting which recently was granted \$5,000 to build a bore for the village's water which will also be used for the school both in construction (making concrete etc) and for use in the school toilets and bathrooms.

Our amazing Rotary International.

Bob W

### Social Media Messages

Here's the link for episode nine of the podcast:

<https://soundcloud.com/mike-finke-167583478/five-minute-forest-hill-episode-nine>

Mike F

### Blackburn Lake Garden Designfest tour.

Saturday 12th November - 1pm until 1.45pm - 56 people (Garden Designfest tour, guests from all over Aus and NZ)

Sunday 13th November - 1pm until 2pm - 23 people (Renaissance Garden tours, guests from Sydney)

The patrons will have a boxed lunch, to eat as they walk the paths. They would like to see the displays in the Visitors Centre, and take some walking path brochures to share.

Garden Designfest is held every second year and is a 100% voluntary event and 100% of the funds raised from entry to the gardens. and profits from the bus tours are donated to charity. This year our charities are the new Monash Childrens Hospital, Sporting Chance kids cancer foundation and the Murdoch Childrens Health Research .

Rotary Club of Kew.

### Whitehorse Farmers' Market

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November

RCFH Roster

7.30 to 9 Martine Macleod

9 to 11 Bill Marsh

11 to 1 Bob Laslett

Many thanks to them for their help

Warwick

### WEHI news

Some of you will remember our recent visit to WEHI. Sally advises of two upcoming happenings

1. Find out about the latest **lung cancer research** from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute at our free event on 22 November. Tours of the lung cancer laboratory will also be available at the event.

Speakers:

Dr Kate Sutherland – Lung Cancer Laboratory Head, Peter and Julie Alston Centenary Fellow

Ms Casey Ah-Cann – Lung Foundation

Australia/Walter and Eliza Hall Institute Lung Cancer Research PhD scholarship awardee

Dr Sarah Best – lung cancer researcher

Dr Tracy Leong – clinician and lung cancer researcher

Tuesday 22 November, 5.30 – 6.30pm

**2. Biomedical Breakthroughs** -Melbourne Museum- 2 September – 20 January

### Good news

Glenys has sent in the following with news for one of our regular contacts



### FOREIGN COINS/NOTES for UNICEF

Thanks to Martine for contributing just over 2kg of foreign coins and some notes, and Penelope (via Mike) and Gary B who gave me 0.35kg of coins. So, altogether 2.35kgs (that's worth perhaps \$160). Keep going overseas please so you can give me the left over coins and notes. We are close to 31kgs now so we are over half way to the magic 60kgs when I can send them off to UNICEF.

Ron

### USED STAMPS

At last week's meeting I was given used stamps by Martine, Mike (collected by Penelope), and John Mc. Mike and John are very regular contributors. I would ask everyone to just keep putting those stamps aside

Ron

#### DIARY DATES

Friday 18 November Peridot  
Monday 28 November Youth Achievement awards  
Thurs. 15 Dec. Visit to Chris & Jenny Tuck's Cherry Orchard.  
Mon. 9 Jan. 2017 BBQ at Mike & Kira Finke's home in Vermont to open the year.  
Sat 4 Feb. 2017 Lunch at Kathy & John Donaghey's home in Ocean Grove.  
Thurs. 2 Mar. 2017 Lunch at Bev & Gary Baltissen's home in Sorrento.

#### FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

15/11/2016	Barb	Glenys
22/11/2016	Barb	Bob L
29/11/2016	Barb	Judy L
6/12/2016	Barb	Bob L

#### ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

November Foundation  
December Disease Prevention and Treatment

#### ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to [rlaslett76@gmail.com](mailto:rlaslett76@gmail.com) by 5 pm Wednesday, please.