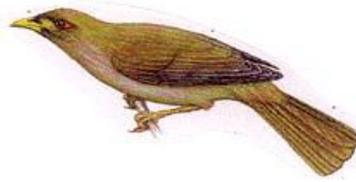


Rotary
Club of Forest Hill



**The Flyer
2017-2018**



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

President: Bill Marsh

Number 19

Club address:

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Meeting location:

Meeting time:

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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

20 November 2017

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CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event		Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
20 Nov	Diabetes Victoria <i>Kat Crowley</i>	BOARD	Bob Williams	Sue Ballard
27 Nov	Youth Achievement Awards		Bill Marsh	Glenys Grant
4 Dec	Club Forum		Bill Marsh	Mike Finke
11 Dec	Mindfulness <i>A/Prof Craig Hassed</i>		Ron Brooks	Bob Williams
18 Dec	Burwood Boys Home Stories <i>Kay Edwards/ Glenys Grant</i>		Warwick Stott	John McPhee

CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to Merle Smith (26 November). We congratulate Glenys on filling in her copious spare time with a new appointment with the Order of Australia Association Committee. Best wishes to Mike as he recovers from surgery.

DUTY ROSTER

	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Recorder	Chris Tuck	Glenys Grant
Greeter	Barbara Searle	Sue Ballard
Emergency	Mike Finke	John Donaghey
Cashier	Ron Brooks	Warwick Stott

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

.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

BILL'S BYLINES

AG Graeme Aspinall was a very welcome guest to our meeting on Monday. Graeme always fits in well at our club and after the meeting, when committees met, Graeme joined in to share his knowledge and experience. We have had a response from Bunnings regarding the sausage sizzle on the 24th December. I will circulate a roster for the day. I think we will need everyone to put in at least two hours on the day. Either as one two hour block or two one hour shifts.

Our last meeting will be on the 18th December when we will, again, be entertained by Glenys and Kay with stories from the early life of The Burwood Boys Home. During the meeting Sue Ballard was our guest speaker. Sue was talking on “the member behind the badge” and as is always the case we were amazed at how little we really knew about our newest member.

Thanks for a very interesting and entertaining talk, Sue.

Could members bring in any non-perishable food donations next week for Bob to take over to East Burwood? (Bob will be away next week so I will collect the food.)

Our BBQ at the start of 2018 will be at Barbara's home on Monday 8th January so mark the date on your calendar.

Friday will see a group of us journey to the Davis Family farm. Not only are we assured of an entertaining day but Gary and Peter are providing the transport. How good can it get? I guess we could classify it as a Vocational visit!!

Peridot Theatre is this Saturday night commencing at 8.00pm. Drinks from 7.30pm. Tickets are \$24 each and I am happy to collect money at the theatre. Thanks to those members who paid me on Monday – I will make sure you get the premium seats.

Youth Achievement Awards are well underway with twelve schools participating. Please make sure you have let Glenys know if you are not going to be attending. We need as many hands-on-deck as possible. All twelve school have responded with their nominated student and the school's citation lauding the contribution these wonderful young people have made to their school and community.

A beautiful weekend saw a very successful Blackburn Market with special thanks to Marg McPhee and Barbara Williams for their assistance. The WFM also ran like clockwork thanks to Chris Stott and Martine Macleod volunteering to help. Judy Marsh and Morgan Finke had also given their time to help out but were not needed on the day. How lucky is our club to have such fantastic help always on-tap from our partners, families and friends.

I have a Cluster Meeting this Thursday and a District Presidents' Meeting on the 24th. I will report back to the club on any items of particular interest.

The Board will meet next week for probably the last time for this year. That's right!! We are halfway through the Rotary year. Where does the time go? In a couple of weeks we will have a Club Forum where we will review our operations, what we have achieved and what we have planned for the rest of the year.

Our last Film Night for the year will be on December 1st. Keep the date free in your diary and watch out for the selection of films.

Don't forget our AGM will be held on Monday 4th December.

Some dates for your diaries.

Friday 17th November – Visit to the Davis Family farm

Saturday 18th November – Peridot Theatre

Friday 27th November – Youth Achievement Awards

Friday 1st December – Film Night

Saturday 9th December – Blackburn Market

Sunday 10th December - WFM

Did You Know?

The Hundred Years War lasted for 116 years! (They must have had my grandson counting them!)

Remember - Rotary: Making a Difference - is not just a theme it is what we do

MEETING REPORT 13 November

The meeting was opened by stand-in sergeant 'Bobsleigh' Bob who explained about the RYDA weekend- see later. 10 members present and Graeme and Barb. The Farmers market had \$6054 gross profit. Andrew Zhang will be representing the club in competing in the Primary School speaking contest at Melba College on 30 November. Six schools have been contacted re our new proposal. The Blackburn market raised \$459. Our guest speaker was our newest member Sue Ballard



Sue is a local lass, an only child born in Box Hill. She learnt diplomatic skills early as her Dad barracked for Collingwood and her Mum for Essendon. She chose Hawthorn. Sue has extensive volunteering experience which began at school where she passed on essentials like slang and Vegemite to schoolmates from a variety of backgrounds. She progressed to CWA, Senior Citizens, Youth groups and excursions. She completed a B Bus at Swinburne majoring in accounting and computer studies. Despite a couple of bouts with cancer she had a long and satisfying career with the tax office. She is addicted to travel and likes to challenge herself each year. She challenged her workmates to reduce waste, to read papers online and not use plastic bags. She would like our markets to use re-useable bags Her hobbies include family history, events management and porcelain doll making. A fascinating story well-told.

The raffle raised \$49 and the sergeant \$23.05

Whitehorse Farmers' Market

12th November 2017

The day was fine and very enjoyable, and with stallholder rent (\$4075), donations (\$1415) and BBQ(\$565) a total of \$6055 was the gross profit producing about \$700 net for our club. I must thank Bob Laslett, Bill Marsh and John McPhee for help in can-rattling, and a very special thank you to Martine, Christine and Morgan (Mike's daughter) for jumping in to help when I called urgently to do some of the other duties on the day when we were left stranded (and a very sincere apology to Morgan when one of the people who were not supposed to be coming turned up)

Bass Coast Challenge 12 November in aid of RYDA and L2P in Gippsland

This was the third year a group of us have cycled in the Bass Coast Challenge with this year having Robbie, Ron, Ron's cycling mates, Neville and Wolfgang, staying with Barbara and I at our Inverloch place, as the rides all leave from Inverloch.



Some notes from a local South Gippsland newspaper leading up to the ride are as follows:-

“While riders get to experience one of the most scenic rides in Victoria, the broader benefits of the event are far reaching with proceeds funding courses run in our local schools, which arm the next generation with lifesaving road safety knowledge.

RYDA is a series of powerful workshops that change the way young people think about road safety.

As part of an interactive one day excursion, students experience braking at different speeds, devise travel strategies that will work for them in the real world and get tips from road safety experts on how to protect themselves, their friends and family.

The most powerful moments come from crash survivors who take the time to tell their stories.

In just 5 years, we have had almost 2000 students attend RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) from eight local secondary schools.

The program is delivered by Road Safety Education.

RYDA targets 16-18 year old students who are approaching that crucial time in their lives where they start to drive independently or are travelling as passengers of novice drivers, Catherine Smith from Road Safety education said.

L2P supports first time drivers through their first 120 hours driving with a qualified mentor or parent until they are ready to sit for their “P” plate license.

Catherine is on maternity leave but as per her dedication to the program, she was there Sunday with her new baby and toddler to support Veronica who is fulfilling her role while she is on leave. Veronica was very busy both Saturday assisting those registering and then Sunday with information in the RYDA marquee then sending off each cycling group with words about RYDA and to be safe while cycling. Veronica introduced me to her boss, Greg from Sydney who told me that RYDA is much bigger in NSW (where it was started by a Rotary club) and also Queensland and that the Queensland Government is so impressed with the program that it donated \$1M to Rotary in Queensland to assist in running the program. So we have a way to go in Victoria.

My thanks to the last shift of Glenys, Ray, Bill (and me) at our Blackburn market Saturday as I wanted to be all packed up and leave soon after 12-30 to give me time to get the bbq trailer back home etc then get ready to leave to get to Inverloch before 4pm to enable us to register. Well did we pack everything swiftly, wow about 10 minutes from start of packing until I was driving the trailer away. Amazingly speedy.

The six of us had a very social evening, bbqing on our back verandah (I had some practice earlier) and enjoying our intake of carbs and salad and Robbie's beautiful apple strudel in readiness for our rides the next morning. Wolfgang and Neville left first as they were tacking the 121kms, then Robbie and Ron were doing the 53 kms and Barbara and I the 40kms. We all made it and as Barbara and I hadn't been able to put in all the practice we would normally, so we found it a real "challenge."

Well done to all the 630 cyclists taking part and for supporting our wonderful RYDA program.

Bob W

District Conference - Bendigo Fri 2nd – Sun 4th March 2018

Great to hear 13 are going to conference. Don't forget to register.

www.9810rotaryconference.org.au

The Forest Hill Club WEBSITE

Last month, had 108 visits to our website. 58 went looking for the Market page, 7 to the Youth page, 5 to the Programme and 4 went directly to How to contact the club. 74 of the people visiting found it by going searching showing that there are many people out there who want to find out about our club and do it by going to the internet. So, I encourage you to give me stuff to put on the website to encourage those people who go looking for us that we are a club worth finding.

Ron Brooks

Social media and fundraising

The new Facebook page for the Blackburn Market is available here:

<https://www.facebook.com/BlackburnStationCraftMarket/>

Episode 24 of the podcast is here, it's a short one:

<https://soundcloud.com/mike-finke-167583478/episode-24>

Forest Hill College Breakfast Roster

The faithful team of Barb and Robbie performed this week and continue next week

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

November

The Rotary Foundation

December

Disease prevention and treatment

ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to rlaslett76@gmail.com.au by 5 pm Wednesday please.