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|  | Weekly Newsletterforesthillrotary@hotmail.com |  |
| Number 24: 12th Dec 2014Club address: PO Box 116, Nunawading 3131**Email address: foresthillrotary@hotmail.com****Website:** [**www.foresthillrotary.com**](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)Meeting location: Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132Meeting time: Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm**Facebook: ForestHill Rotary** |

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| **CLUB PROGRAM** |
| **Date****15th Dec****22nd & 29th** | **Event*****Christmas Meeting*****Ash Humphrey****No Meetings** | **Chair****Graham Sharman** | **Thanks/meeting report****John Donaghey** |  |
| **5th Jan****12th Jan** | **BBQ Meeting at Marsh's****Jude Liebel** | **Jenny Coburn** | **Stan Harper** |  |

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONSGraham Sharman Birthday 26th , Joined 22nd Dec.Jenny Coburn Joined 1/1/1991Bob Williams Joined 1/1/1990DUTY ROSTER

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|  | **December** | **January** |
| Cashier  | Jenny Coburn | Stuart Williams |
| Recorder | Warwick Stott | Bob Williams |
| Greeter | Glenys Grant | Doug Berwick |
| Emergency  | John McPhee | Bob Laslett |

ATTENDANCE

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| **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** on9878 4891 orrcssmith@optusnet.com.au  Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268 |

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Ron Brooks will be overseas from 26th Nov and his first meeting will be Mon 2nd Feb

**BILL’S BLURB**

Well, was it worth it? We have had the Foundation Dinner pencilled into our calendar for months as a substitute for our normal meeting and the chance to see and hear RI President Elect K R (Ravi) Ravindran. On Monday 14 members and partners went across to the Whitehorse Club full of expectation. And yes, it was worth it. Ravi was an entertaining speaker with a strong message about the work and effect on communities of Rotary's activities. The food, service and decor were average but a worthwhile night overall. The sweets couldn't have been all that bad - I noticed one of them being wrapped carefully for morning tea the next day! As well as hearing Ravi's message there were presentations to John Barnes and Ian Donald for their outstanding service to the Rotary Foundation. Sam Burke, a Foundation Global Scholar, spoke about his work and the effect of the Foundation Scholarship on his life. Sadly one of our members turned up for our normal meeting at Bucatini's. You should have come across to the dinner, Gaz, as there was a spare seat next to Chris. Being off on holidays I guess you missed the newsletters with the dates.

Jenny has been enjoying the challenge presented by RDU over the last couple of weeks. Jenny will be at our meeting on Monday so you can catch up on her activities.

This time of the year usually finds our committees in 'standby' mode until the new year begins. A couple of presentations to be made by Youth Services (YAA) and Community (Scholarships) will just about see us through until Christmas. Enjoy the break because I am sure it will get hectic again shortly.

Don't forget we have the two markets this weekend. Let John know if you are going to be able to help out at Blackburn. Bob L, Bill & Bob W will be on the main gate at Whitehorse.

If you would like one of the few remaining "Larry" books please let Glenys or Bill know so they can put one aside for you. A super gift for any young relatives or friends. (I have your two copies David T - just need to arrange a pick-up.)

Don't forget Conference is coming up in March. Sounds a long way off but will be on us before we know it after we recover from Christmas and the New Year. If you haven't booked in yet see Stuart to ensure you have accommodation.

Monday 15th will be our final meeting for the year and we will start 2015 with a BBQ at Bill & Judy's home on the 5th January.

**Coming Up:**

12 Dec ARH Indigenous Dinner

13/14 Dec Blackburn Market & WFM

15 Dec Final meeting for 2014

5 Jan 2015 BBQ at Bill & Judy's

**Little Known Fact:**

In 1915, Charlie Chaplin entered a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest in San Francisco. Not only did he not win, he failed even to make the final.

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

**LAST WEEK’S MEETING**

See notes above.

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

Big **THANKYOU** to everyone. UNICEF will get a real boost. Look at the collection. I have washed and cleaned 7 more coffee jars ready to be FILLED. I am holding another full jar ready for Ron's return.

The foreign coin collection is GROWING !!!!!

*Notes by Ron Brooks*

I know that many of the clubs in the District are helping by collecting their foreign coins for us. I am just waiting for a call to arrange their collection.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

It is that time of year when we distribute hampers to needy local people. Can you please bring to our meetings over the next few weeks suitable Christmas food items and toys? **Contact Bob L. for details.**

# 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

**LARRY THE LORIKEET HAS FLOWN…**

Thank you to all Club members who interrupted their busy schedule to distribute Larry books to the Whitehorse Libraries, Primary schools and preschools. Feedback has been excellent. Of the second printing about 10 copies remain and these may fly as Christmas presents. If you want a copy, please contact Glenys on glen.grant008@gmail.com , or Bill on bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au.

# WEBSITE

Do not forget to check out our website, [www.foresthillrotary.com](http://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](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/ct/46091121%3A27778557647%3Am%3A1%3A1539467922%3ADD51372589336BD9C4D899283508EA00%3Ar) These webinars are a great way to learn more from the comfort of your own armchair

**FELLOWSHIP FUNCTIONS**

 **Friday 19th December 2014**

 Regular film night. to be advised.

 **Sometime January 2015**

Kathy and John Donaghey have offered their place at Ocean Grove for a fellowship lunch during the latter part of January. With seaside traffic being so hectic at that time of the year, it has been suggested that this fellowship activity be on a weekday rather than at the weekend. What is the preferred day Thursday or another day?

*John McPhee*

**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**

**You can build your CV:** The value of Community Engagement as an individual will be of great value on your CV when applying for roles / boards, etc..

**STAMPS**

Please keep cutting out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving about a 1cm margin and give them to Jenny Coburn or to me. Robbie gave a huge box to Carol Farmer last week.

**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.

**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

 Members: John Donaghey, Stan Harper,

**Youth Service** Glenys Grant

 Members: Ray Smith, Bob Williams, Graham Sharman

**Community & Vocation** Bob Laslett

 Members: Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks

**Membership & Publicity** Doug Berwick

 Members: John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn

**Fellowship** John McPhee

**Primary Schools Speech Night** John McPhee

**Programme** Ray Smith & Gary Baltissen

**Bulletin Editor** Ron Brooks

**Web page & Facebook** Ron Brooks

**On to Conference** Stuart Williams

**Historian** Stan Harper

**Almoner** Graham Sharman

**Public Officer** Bill Marsh

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