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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

10 December 2018

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<b>CLUB PROGRAM</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>		<b>Chair</b>	<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b>
10 Dec	RYLA <i>Louis Xia</i>	BOARD	Sue Ballard	Mike Finke
17 Dec	Prison & families at Christmas time <i>Rick Hunt</i>		John McPhee	Bob Laslett
7 Jan	Barbecue at the Finkes			
14 Jan	The Story of Hangan Constructions <i>Indi Hangan</i>		Mike Finke	Sue Ballard

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on their birthdays to Judy Laslett (9 Dec) and Sue Ballard (11 Dec)

## DUTY ROSTER

	<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	Bob Laslett	John Bindon
<b>Greeter</b>	Bob Williams	Ron Brooks
<b>Emergency</b>	Warwick Stott	Ray Smith
<b>Cashier</b>	Sue Ballard	John Donaghey

## 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](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

## Mike's Musings

Carolyn Pethick's talk was riveting. It was fascinating to hear about the entirely unnecessary obstacles placed in the way of somebody trying to develop her skills and her career in a field where the well-being of the community is the prime focus. Carolyn struggled to be respected and to do her job, despite the obstinacy and barriers she faced. That things are better for women in the force today can be demonstrably credited to Carolyn, women like her and male allies who refused to accept the status quo.

Carolyn's book is available in print and kindle form through Amazon here: <https://www.amazon.com.au/Hell-Back-Policewomans-Story-ebook/dp/B01N1HPR76> or directly from Carolyn at [www.tohellandbackmemoir.com](http://www.tohellandbackmemoir.com).

### Club Growth

It was great to see tangible interest in the satellite club from people interested in doing some good for others. The path forward is not yet entirely clear, but I believe we should do what we can to add to the resources available to Rotary to help make the world a better place (and which does not contravene the organisation's high ethical standards).

We also have news that a former member will be returning formally to the club shortly. No prizes will be awarded for guesses. Stay tuned for further developments.

### Markets, markets, markets

If you're on the roster for the Blackburn Market, show up. Whether you are or not, drag your friends, neighbours, family and even those nemeses with whom you have a current truce down for the Christmas Market. We'll have Santa, a children's activity table and LOADS of stallholders, just in time for Christmas shopping.

Is it a bit of a challenge that we have our biggest Blackburn market of the year, our turn on the egg and bacon stall and a Bunnings sausage sizzle all within the same one-week period?

YES, of course it is.

Can we meet that challenge? YES, of course we can.

Please take this opportunity to put your hands up for any and all tasks associated with these days. If anybody can assist with the children's activity table on Saturday, please let me know.

Bill will be sending or has already sent an email around asking for volunteers. Please respond enthusiastically and scan your social circle for extra hands.

### Mark your calendars with the following:

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| • Friday, 7 December          | First Friday Film Fellowship                              |
| • Saturday, December 8        | Blackburn Christmas Market                                |
| • Sunday, December 9          | Whitehorse Farmers Market (EGG AND BACON)                 |
| • Friday, 14 December         | Bunnings Sausage Sizzle                                   |
| • Monday, 17 December         | Christmas meeting—Rick Hunt speaking.                     |
| • Mondays, 24 and 31 December | NO MEETINGS   |
| • Monday, 7 January           | Barbecue, Finke House                                     |
| • Monday, 14 January          | First dinner meeting of the new year—Indi Hangan speaking |

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

It is that time of year when we distribute hampers to needy local people. Can you please bring to our meetings in the next two weeks suitable Christmas food items and toys? Use your imagination - possible gifts could include movie gift cards, Kmart and other shopping cards as well as many other ideas. Our first delivery to East Burwood Uniting Care has taken place.

**Keep them coming!**

## Club Meeting 3 December

Prior to the normal Rotary meeting an AGM was held chaired by Bob Laslett which went for approximately 10 minutes. Stuart Williams distributed a document with his committee for 2019-2020.

President Mike then opened the usual meeting, introducing Bob Williams for his reflection. There were 16 people in attendance, including the guest speaker, John Bindon as an honorary member, Warwick Stott's daughter Fiona Tomietto, a potential new member Ian Teese and 13 members.

Bob introduced Jan Cook from MASH who encouraged the members and guests to buy Christmas Mince pies. Rosters were circulated for the Farmer's Market, and the Bunnings Barbeque. Bob W. then ran the sergeant's session, extracting \$32:00 from the audience. Committee reports were given.



The guest speaker was Carolyn Pethick who gave an enlightening account of her 30- year career in the Police force highlighting the extreme prejudices suffered by women in the force. John Donaghey thanked the speaker, presenting her with a Huon pine pen.

The raffle was drawn and won by John Bindon, Bob Laslett and Sue Ballard and returned \$60:00.

Mike thanked all those present and closed the meeting.

John D

## Reflection 3 December 2018

December is Rotary Disease Prevention and Treatment month.

400 million people in the world don't have access to basic health care.

Our members also help with the fight against malaria, HIV/Aids, Alzheimer's Multiple Sclerosis plus many more diseases.

We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life- threatening diseases and Rotary has hundreds of health projects around the world at any given time.

We all would be aware of Rotary's efforts over the past 30 years in eradicating polio from the world with the end in sight.

One polio eradication moment I recently read is this.

At a busy toll plaza in Kohat, Pakistan, a three- member vaccination team is working.

Outfitted in blue Rotary vests and flanked by armed military personnel, the team approach a white van as it stops at the toll on the way to Islamabad. One worker leans toward the driver to ask a question as another reaches into a cooler to prepare the vaccine. Among the crush of passengers in the van, they identify one child who has not yet been vaccinated.

Time is short and there is not even enough room in the crowded van for the boy to get to a door so a relative must hand the young boy to the vaccinators through one of the rear windows. He is quickly inoculated with two drops of oral polio vaccine and his pinkie finger is stained with purple ink to indicate that he's received his dose. He cries as the vaccinator hurriedly passes him back through the window. The van speeds off as the team look for the next car and child.

This scene plays out thousands of times a day where makeshift vaccination clinics are set up at transit posts like this one- bus stops, border crossings, army posts and police checkpoints across the country in an effort to reach children who are on the move. As Pakistan has almost all of the world's polio cases the effort to reach every child is difficult but so important as the benefit is permanent as another child, another family, another generation is protected and Pakistan moves another step closer to having zero new polio cases.

Bob W

### **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) 3 December 2018**

Barbara and I partnered with four members of Maroondah club to assist with the 140 students from Wellington Secondary College at Sandown Greyhound Racing track.

Catherine, who usually runs the day was absent as she had to take her young daughter to hospital (from my later email enquiry to Catherine, her daughter is improving but will need a few more days to recover) so we had Ben running the day, who Barbara remembers facilitating at the RYDA day at Lilydale she went to.

Ben is an SES member so in his session urged the groups that he didn't want to see any of them at any of the accidents he attends.

The usual powerful messages from each of the six sessions and at the end I congratulated my group as being very attentive as all seemed to absorb the messages and the teacher who was with my group told me he thought the whole year 11 level at the school was the best he has seen.

As an aside, I found out that one of the Maroondah guys, Roger Daniel was in the form below me at Norwood High School, 60 years ago now. He and his wife Pam (who was also assisting at the RYDA day yesterday), ventured to Coonabarabran last week taking \$5,000 of credit vouchers to distribute to the local drought affected farmers there for fuel, supplies etc. Yarra Valley Grammar School (where Stuart's son and our son attended and now our grandson attends) had a free dress day raising \$2,000 and Maroondah added \$3,000 to make up the \$5,000 donated. Roger showed us photos of the farming area at Coonabarabran which looked like a desert.

It was of further interest to me as the last session my group attended was called "Genevieve's story" about two teenagers, Genevieve and her mate Shannon, who lost their lives on the highway from Lilydale to Yarra Valley and a part of the video shows a report about the accident which looks like on Yarra Valley Grammar letterhead, so presumably the girls were past students of the school.

As always, both Barbara and I learned a few new things about driver awareness so we too benefitted.

Another amazing Youth program that Rotary supports.

Bob W

### **Membership**

We have stressed that prospective members may be interested in the current dinner meeting concept, or may be interested in a satellite concept when members meet, say, over a cup of coffee monthly, and communicate at other times electronically, and this may be more suitable to people who are working or are more time-poor, but it still allows them to support their community.

Therefore' please think of the acquaintances or family members who this may suit. Please ask them and let them decide rather than you saying "Oh, no, they wouldn't have time" or "live too far away" or some other reason. Don't be negative, because we need to show district that we can increase our membership.

For heaven's sake, think [membership](#)

### **Multi district conference in Melbourne 2019**

<http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/home.html>

Registration is now open for next year's conference in Melbourne.

The early bird date has passed but there is still room.

### **ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES**

December	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Vocational Service

## New Water tanks for Hope Katolo



Photo from Georgina showing the latest water tanks to be installed at Hope Katolo Nursery School. Now, if they get rain, they will be self-sufficient for water in any normal year. Thanks to the Davis Family for their continued support of our projects.



## Hamper of Hope

Hope Katolo Nursery School, Kenya

### A Hamper of Hope this Christmas

Just \$700 will provide a "hamper" of much-needed food for every family and staff member of Hope Katolo Nursery School.

Please donate \$5 or more and by entering you could WIN a Christmas Hamper, jam packed with goodies

Here's How....

Transfer \$5 (or multiples of \$5 if you prefer) to:

Hope Katolo Nursery School BSB 033349 Account 411858.

Email us at [hopekatolo@hotmail.com](mailto:hopekatolo@hotmail.com) or text Mel at 0412187353 or Leanne 0402114877 to confirm your donation.

You will automatically be in the running for your own Christmas Hamper jam packed with goodies, including movie tickets! The prize winner will be announced on the 16th December. In the event that more than \$700 is raised then any additional funds will be put towards the feeding program for 2019.

We will keep you updated on our progress via email and Facebook

## Next Year's team

Proposed Board for Rotary Year 2019-20 as was endorsed by the AGM, Monday 3 December, 2018

President	Stuart Williams
President-Elect	Sue Ballard
Past-President	Mike Finke
Secretary	Bob Laslett
Treasurer	Warwick Stott
Social Media and Photo Competition	Mike Finke
Youth	Glenys Grant
Community	Barbara Williams
Vocational	Sue Ballard/Barbara Searle

International	Bob Williams
Social/Fellowship	Bill Marsh
Membership	Stuart Williams
Sgt at Arms	Bob Williams
Program	Ron Brooks
Flyer	Bill Marsh
Whitehorse Farmers Market Liaison	Warwick Stott
Blackburn Craft Market/Sausage Sizzle	John McPhee
Bucatini Liaison/ Attendance	Ray Smith
Stuart	

Chris Tuck and John Donaghey will be available for one –off special efforts.

### **ARTICLES**

Please forward your prize-winning articles and others to [rlaslett76@gmail.com](mailto:rlaslett76@gmail.com) by 5pm Wednesday.