



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No 24

President: Stuart Williams

18 December 2019

STU'S SCRIPT

I hope the Festive season break has given you plenty of energy to tackle the second half of our Rotary year. I am typing this on a day of horrible smoke haze. The "summer of bush-fires" has tested and challenged so many people, and we are only half way through summer. Many Rotary clubs have assisted and co-ordinated relief efforts. Our club has agreed to donate the takings of the Whitehorse Farmers Market (12 January) to the bush fire appeal.

Last Sunday's Farmer's market was very successful. The total amount raised was \$6,359.55. Donations from the public and stall holders came to \$2,642.60. The amount raised was \$1,000 more than the equivalent market in 2019.

While mentioning the market, I would like to congratulate Brian Dunkley on his 14 years as treasurer. Sunday was Brian's last gig. Jennifer Lau (Nunawading) has volunteered to be the new treasurer.

We received a nice letter from the staff, Board and volunteers of Doncare thanking us for our \$1,000 worth of Sukin toiletries for their Christmas Giving and pantry.

A big thank you to Judy and Bill Marsh for hosting our BBQ meeting on Monday evening. The company was delightful, the mosquitoes kind and the food delicious.

Maybe for 2021 we should consider not having a formal meeting during January. Something for Sue and the board to consider. We will meet next Monday and then not meet on 27th.

I appreciate the thoughts and interest in my radiotherapy treatment. I currently have 17 sessions to go, out of a total of 39. My symptoms have been relatively minor. Most days I have felt fine although I do get a bit tired. If I fall asleep during the Sergeant's session-- that is my excuse.

Have you booked your ticket for our play at Peridot? Are you inviting a group of friends? Have you booked in for the conference in late March?

Look forward to catching up at Bucatini on Monday night and the sprint to the finish line.

Stuart

MEETING REPORT

The opening meeting for 2020 was a very relaxed bbq at the home of Bill & Judy Marsh.

16 members met, talked, listened, ate & drank as we recounted all that had happened within our families over the last month and what we had planned for the coming year. The tragic bushfires that have ravaged Victoria, NSW and South Australia were never far from anyone's mind and the

decision to donate the takings from the WFM to bushfire relief was welcomed by all. The club will also look at the possibility of donating towards a specific project once the fires are under control, damage assessed and areas where our funds may make the most difference determined.

HOPE KATOLO OLIVE OIL

If you would like a bottle of very good olive oil, and help a fantastic project at the same time, contact Ian Teese (0427 358 987) and arrange to collect a bottle, or two. \$12 per bottle.

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

I know we included all of these celebrations in our last newsletter of 2019 but they are well worth another round of acknowledgement as they are all pretty special.

We send our Best Wishes and Congratulations to all of the following members and partners:

Ian & Vicky T	Wedding Anniversary	27 th December
John D	Birthday	3 rd January
Kira F	Birthday	6 th January
Kathy D	Birthday	9 th January
Bob W	Rotary Birthday	1 st January
John B	Rotary Birthday	14 th January
Bob & Judy L	Wedding Anniversary	8 th January
Bill & Judy M	Wedding Anniversary	8 th January

DUTY ROSTER

Recorder Greeter Cashier Emergency	JANUARY Warwick Stott Bob Laslett John Donaghey Bill Marsh	FEBRUARY Ron Brooks John McPhee Chris Tuck Ray Smith
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COMING UP

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Report
20 Jan	Rochelle Cannington – “St Kilda Mums”	Sue Ballard	John Donaghey
27 Jan	No Meeting		
30 Jan	Peridot Theatre Fundraiser	Mike/Ron/Bill	
3 Feb	Committee Meetings	Stuart Williams	Stuart Williams
10 Feb	Peter Whitbourn – “How to Stay Stroke Safe”	Barb Searle	Bob Williams

ATTENDANCE

If you are not coming to the meeting or if you wish to bring a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10.00am Monday on 0412 807 585 or rcssmith@optusnet.com.au

Please ensure Ray is aware of any special dietary needs.

If you need to cancel after 10.00am please contact Bucatini Restaurant directly on 9873 0268.

CONTACT DETAILS

Address: PO Box 116, Nunawading, 3131

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Website: www.foresthillrotary.com

Facebook: ForestHill Rotary

Meetings: 6.30pm, Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)

MARKETS

Our Blackburn Market is on 8th February while the Whitehorse Farmers' Market is on the 9th February. Contact John mcPhee and Warwick Stott to offer your help for one, or both, markets.

ARTICLES

Articles, notices and photos for inclusion in **FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS** to bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au no later than 10.00am on Wednesday each week.

WEBSITE

Keep up-to-date by checking our website at www.foresthillrotary.com

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ROTARY MONTHLY THEME

In January Rotary is highlighting its work in Vocational Service.

How can your club help? Do you have any interesting projects to share with other clubs?

PERIDOT THEATRE



Hope Katolo after the recent flooding rains.

Special – Special – Special – Special – Special – Special – Special

On Thursday 30th January 2020 we will be hosting the preview night for the first Peridot performance for the year – the very funny “Waiting for God” (If you are old enough you will remember the hilarious British TV series.)

Tickets will be \$22 with proceeds going to our special project Hope Katolo Nursery School in Kenya.

Socialising and appetizers from 7.30pm with the show starting at 8.00pm

Put the date in your diary and try to put together a group to bring along. A great show, great company and superb catering all for a great cause.

We would really appreciate the support of all of the clubs and groups we have contact with as we have 200 tickets to sell.



<https://www.trybooking.com/BGTDT>

You can use either of these links when booking tickets.

The poster features a photograph of a large, ornate, multi-story brick building with many windows, set against a clear blue sky. The building is surrounded by a green lawn and some trees. The title 'Waiting for God' is written in large, white, sans-serif font at the top. Below the title, the text 'SEASON ONE' is written vertically in white on a green background. At the bottom of the image, it says 'By Michael Aitkens'.

Waiting for God

SEASON ONE

By Michael Aitkens

Directed by Bob Bramble

At Bayview Retirement Village, battle-axe extraordinaire Diana Trent conspires with new resident Tom Ballard to give the conniving manager his comeuppance through a hilarious conspiracy with unexpectedly heart-warming results. All the favourite characters from the original TV series are reimagined for this full-length play, facing the challenges that come with growing old disgracefully in the era of the silver surfer. A glorious affirmation of the old adage that while there's life, there's hope!

Preview Night Performance Fundraiser
Thursday, 30 January, 8pm
All Tickets \$22

Peridot's Unicorn Theatre, Mount Waverley
Info and booking at [trybooking.com/BGTDT](https://www.trybooking.com/BGTDT)

By arrangement with Origin Theatrical on behalf of Samuel French

PERIDOT THEATRE can be found at the Mount Waverley Secondary College, Lechte Road, Mount Waverley.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE



9810 District Conference

Celebrating Achievements

Interplast, a Rotary Success Story

Jeremy Richardson
Plastic Surgeon and
Interplast Volunteer



Polio – nearly gone, but not quite

Ian Riseley, Past Rotary International President



Reducing food waste - one meal at a time

Lillie Giang, Refugee, TV Chef and Food Affectionist



Rotary Health - Suicide Prevention

Nicole Hill, Rotary Health Scholarship recipient talking about suicide risk factors and suicide clusters in young people in Tasmania



Driverless Cars

Gerard Waldron, former CEO Australian Road Research Board (ARRB)



From an idea to a successful Rotary Project

Roger Daniel, Maroondah Rotary Club, Billy Cart Marathon Chair



\$100,000 of hay, capitalising on Rotary's credibility

Lilydale Rotary Club



WHEN?

- Saturday 21st March 2020 commencing around 8.30 am
- to
- Sunday 22nd March 2020 ending around 1.00 pm

REGISTRATION

- Try Booking online <https://trybooking.com/BCVRD>
- **Contact Details:**
- Tim Lynn
9810rotaryconference@gmail.com
c/- PO Box 59, Box Hill VIC 3128
- Manual form available if unable to access Try Booking
- Options – Paddle steamer ride plus Saturday night only



Conference Golf Day – Friday 20th March 2020

- This will be held prior to the District Conference in Moama, NSW, in March 2020.
- Rich River Golf Club.
- Arrival 12.30-1 pm. (Light lunch will be provided).
- Shotgun start 2 pm. (Remember it's daylight savings.)
- Stableford
- Prizes will be announced at the conference on Saturday or Sunday subject to the timing.
- Opportunity to attend any Club dinners on the Friday evening
- Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:
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