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Meeting location:

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

Meeting time:

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Facebook:

Rotary Club Forest Hill

CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks and Meeting report
30 January	Bucatini with partners		
6 February	Rotarians against Malaria (RAM) <i>Gloria Hargreave</i>	Bob Laslett	Bill Marsh
SPECIAL MTG			
13 February	Rotarians against Child Slavery <i>Robyn Stokes</i>	Bob Williams	Warwick Stott
20 February	RYPEN experience <i>Anna Tolokchov</i>	Glenys Grant	Barbara Searle

CELEBRATIONS

Birthday good wishes to our charter member Warwick (30 January)

DUTY ROSTER

	January	February
Recorder	Bob Williams	Mike Finke
Greeter	Glenys Grant	Graham Sharman
Emergency	Martine Macleod - Craig	Chris Tuck
Cashier	Stuart Williams	Glenys Grant

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

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

We were privileged on Monday evening to have Greg Wragg, a Rotarian of many years, speaking on his passion

- Fijian village life
- educational opportunities for those people, and
- the wonderfully simple lifestyle they lead.

Thank you, Greg for the opportunity to hear of your work/association with Fijians and the difference being made for the benefit of the villagers.

We are sorry to hear that our honorary member Roger Coates is in hospital, struggling with his heart condition. Our thoughts and prayers are with Glenys and family at this difficult time. We are pleased that Judy Marsh has recovered from her ordeal at the tennis Monday.

Despite the President not bringing the sergeant into play until the end of the meeting he still raised \$37.20 for the foundation. Well done Bob.

At the board meeting, all committees are working well, and Community has made a donation to Mitcham House to seed fund a new activity at the House. Some discussion on new fundraising activities was discussed and it looks like some innovative activities will be put to the Fundraising committee to consider. Thank you for the suggestions to date, keep them coming in.

John

Meeting Report

Bob Williams gave details of the arrangements for the barbecue to help Metro trains give sausages to travellers at Ringwood Station on 25th January from 5.00pm till 7.00pm. The Club will receive \$500 for this.

With the response from a show of hands to find helpers, the same project will be held at Ringwood Station on 1st February. 800 sausages and 100 vege burgers each time!!!

Ron Brooks is looking for sponsors for his "Ride in absentia" to District Conference.

Chris Tuck would like to have the Board approve a grant to The Mitcham Community House which would help them run a program where grandparents become involved with very young children.

The sergeant raised \$37.20

Good wishes were extended to Stuart Williams for his forthcoming surgery.



Guest Speaker Greg Wragg spoke about his passion, "Fiji." When on a trip to an outlying island of Fiji Gregg wondered how he could assist people who did not have very much. After talking with locals a Medical Centre was decided upon. Greg was able to have his Rotary Club , Hampton, raise the amount needed and now it is operating.

Greg explained his admiration for the people of one outlying island who despite having very little are the happiest people he has seen. He explained some of the culture and customs of the people and told how one does not decline hospitality and how one must be the first to drink all the "kava" drink at a gathering.

Greg has now been able to set up a scholarship scheme so that "Outlying Island" children can enjoy a good education. Australian people are able to donate to this scheme.

When asked about the political situation in Fiji Greg explained that he thought the government was doing much to assist the people, not just themselves.

Sergeant Reflection 23 January 2017

I was reading the Herald Sun Weekend section and was drawn to a piece on forced marriages and as you may recall recently a Muslim Cleric was charged in Melbourne with conducting a wedding ceremony between a girl of 16 and a man in his 30s.

Another recent case quoted was of two Victorian sisters, 16 and 17 years of age whose father arranged for them to be married in Pakistan against their will and they left home to avoid this happening. However, their father found them and they were taken to Pakistan and forced to marry. In 2014-15 there were 69 of these cases reported in Australia which agencies suggest is only the tip of the iceberg.

One of the experts quoted was a lady I worked with at Good Shepherd, Kathy Landvogt who became the manager of the Social Policy unit and the other organisation quoted was UNICEF whom we support via our foreign coins collection.

Kathy says that many of these girls struggle to know how to find help as the subject is cloaked in secrecy and girls are reluctant to go to the police and don't want to leave their families as it is their families who force them into these unwanted marriages. As it is a form of family violence this is the place to start to get help and again it's great that Rotary and our club have taken a stand against family violence.

However, as Kathy again says there is a gap in the service which led to Kathy and Good Shepherd founding the Victorian Forced Marriage Network two years ago with multicultural welfare groups.

Another Agency spokesperson Melba Marginson of the Victorian Immigrant and Refugee Women's Coalition said her network sees 150 women a week from communities where forced marriages are practised.

According to UNICEF 15 million girls world-wide this year will become child brides married under the age of 18 joining the existing 700 million married in the same situation with 250 million of these forcibly married under the age of 15.

It is effectively trafficking or slavery.

So when you read of these cases in the media remember they may be isolated from us and our lives but not to many of our Australian young girls so keep an eye out for anything we can do as a club to assist.

Bob

BBQ



Successful Ringwood Station Market with help from Dee Ryall MP and former Councillor Sharon Partridge on 25 January
PLEASE NOTE **NEXT WEDNESDAY'S MARKET** is at **BLACKBURN STATION**- same time.

OCEAN GROVE VISIT

For those Rotarians and partners who are attending the Fellowship gathering at the Donagheys, Ocean Grove on the 4th February.

Here is a list of food to choose from and after your selection, ring Kathy Donaghey on 0448434110 or home on 52551291 to let us know what you are able to bring.

The address is 37 Osborne street, Ocean Grove and anytime from 11:00 a.m. onwards we will be looking forward to seeing you.

2 Rotisserie chickens

3 salads

3 nibble platters

Dinner rolls or bread sticks

2 sweets

2 biscuits or slice to have with coffee.

CONFERENCE

The venue is beautiful, the program is inspirational and we're hoping you will enjoy it too. Check out the website <http://www.9810rotaryconference.org.au/> and register, if you haven't already done so. We're really looking forward to sharing a wonderful conference experience with you! Registration details are available at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=216413>

DG Carol

RIDE TO CONFERENCE 2017



As I am overseas during the ride to conference this year I have registered as a "VIRTUAL RIDER". This means I plan to complete the 685kms "conference ride" distance prior to the conference ride beginning.

Would you like to sponsor me, and support Australian Rotary Health, of course? You can do this by either going on line and donating using a credit card (www.rideforresearch.com/) or give the money to me and I will send it off. Either way will get you a receipt to claim a tax deduction.

I circulated a folder around at the club meeting last Monday and thank those who have already offered a donation. I will continue to circulate this folder each week until I head off.

Thank you on behalf of Australian Rotary Health it really is appreciated.

Ron Brooks

Fundraising

Crowdfunding

The recent board meeting was an opportunity to further explore the idea of crowdfunding, and some additional rewards have been suggested by generous club members. So far we have:

- A five-course dinner in the donors home.
- A dance session.
- A day of art or portrait provided by one of our members.
- A box of farm-fresh cherries delivered at Christmas, courtesy of the agrarian with labour to be provided by club members.
- And we thought we might have some T-shirts made for donors of a specific level.

Any additional offers would be greatly appreciated from current members, past members, or the large number of supporters each member has in their lives.

With this being the first attempt at this, I'd rather keep it modest, underpromise and overdeliver. Please only submit if you're confident that you'll be able to pull it off when time for collection rolls around. I will be offering a maximum of three of the dinners, at this point. (Though I'll be happy if I get one.)

We'll also need to decide which one specific project this will support. Start lobbying.

Shed cleaning time

If you've been tripping over stored items which are too nice to chuck and you're in a generous mood, get in touch. I've set up an account on ebay for RCFH. The first listing is available here: <http://r.ebay.com/LKwYH5> . I will have to make a few changes with Warwick's help re the bank account and similar, but it seemed not a bad idea to hit the ground running on this. You never can tell what people will spend money on (seriously), so if anything you have is destined for

the nature strip but is in working nick, think about it. If the club covers the transaction fees from ebay and/or paypal, the rest of the sale can go right in the kitty for the club's use on anything it likes.

Fatherhood

I wrote a short note for a friend and coworker's new website about fatherhood. It's available for those with the time, patience, and interest.

<http://thedadwebsite.com/2017/01/you-will-fail-2/>

Mike

International Committee News

The 30kg of pencils, pens, pencil sharpeners and assorted stationery now looks like it will be going to Savusavu in Fiji via Rotary Club of Savusavu and the ABCD program.

Stuart

Australia Day celebration.

On the 17th January at Jeff's Shed, John & Kathy Donaghey were guests of the RACV for a forum and Australia Day luncheon.

Along with approximately 1000 others, we were hosted by Livinia Nixon(ch 9 weather girl) who interviewed Sir Gustav Nossel and fashion designer Jenny Bannister;previous winners of the Australian of the Year award.

After a scrumptious 3 course meal the forum was chaired by ABC's Jon Faine and the panel members were Susan Alberti, Paris Aristotle and principal of Worewa college, Lois Peeler, who discussed aspects of Australia, past and present.

We were then entertained by a presentation from the cast of Kinky Boots.

An enjoyable and interesting 3 hours.

Kathy and John

DIARY DATES

Wed 1 Feb	BBQ at Blackburn station
Fri 3 Feb 2017	Peridot
Sat 4 Feb.	Lunch at Kathy & John Donaghey's home in Ocean Grove.
Sat 11 Feb	Blackburn Market
Sun 12 Feb	Whitehorse Farmer's Market
Thu 2 Mar	Lunch at Bev & Gary Baltissen's home in Sorrento.
Fri 31 March -Sun 2 Apr	District 9810 Conference

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

January	Vocational Service
February	Peace & Conflict Resolution

ARTICLES

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