



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No 25

President: Stuart Williams

22 January 2020

STU'S SCRIPT

Reflection

I am sure we have all reflected, over the last month, about the devastating fires in our country.

What would it be like to lose everything?

Aren't we fortunate to live in a city?

Is this the new normal for summer?

As Rotarians, is there anything we can do now?

Our first formal meeting of the year was a fairly relaxed, but very interesting meeting. A few of us forgot something... we were out of practice.

Thanks to Ron, we had a very interesting guest speaker. Rochelle Cunnington, the fund-raiser from St Kilda Mums told a wonderful story. It really could have been a Rotary story. One person's dream and idea that has grown into a \$2 plus million enterprise. Maybe the Community Service committee can have a look at how we can assist them.

On Tuesday 21 I met Ron at Peridot and Wilf allowed us to check out what we need to do for our big fund-raiser on Thursday 30 January. While we were there the Play's director arrived. They are a "very professional, amateur theatre group".

No meeting on the Australia Day holiday but we meet again on 3 February. Committees will meet that night to organize the last 5 months of our Rotary Year. Bill Marsh will give the INSIGHT talk. I would like a volunteer to talk On February 17 meeting... please contact me.

The new Rotary theme for 20/21 is "Rotary Opens Opportunities". Let's promote that concept and offer Rotary membership to our friends.

Stuart

MEETING REPORT

President Stuart opened the meeting in the traditional way of two toasts, the 1st to Australia and the 2nd to Rotary International.

President Stuart referred to the bushfires which had affected so many people in our State of Victoria and welcomed 13 members, two partners and the guest speaker Rochelle Cannington, from "St Kilda Mums".

Stuart thanked members for attending the barbecue last week and thanked Bill Marsh for his hospitality and, Chris Tuck for the visit to his cherry orchard.

The chairperson Sue Ballard welcomed 13 members, two partners and our guest speaker Rochelle Cannington.

Reports:

1. Youth. Glenys reported of the District's Youth Service Showcase on Friday, 14 February and our Representatives from MUNA would be speaking.
2. Sec Bob had no report.
3. Warwick reported that the list of names for the Farmers Market, was in circulation, along with the Blackburn market roster.
4. Ron Brooks informed the members, that there is no meeting next week and the following week would be the "Great Australian Quiz" that Sue is organising.
5. Mike reported on the Peridot Theatre Night and was aiming for 100+ people to attend.
6. Ron Brooks reported the end to plastic bottle tops collection, but still required stamps, coins to be collected.
7. President-elect Sue informed members that some discussion has taken place regards to our Club joining with another Club for the Annual Change overnight.
8. Sue, put forward a suggestion that we could be assisting bushfire victims, by encouraging schools and other community members to grow trees, plants and vegetables.

Chairperson Sue introduced our guest speaker Rochelle Cannington from St Kilda Mums.

Rochelle gave a PowerPoint presentation on how the organisation was started in 2009 at a volunteer's home and where pickups were done, using a bicycle.

10 years later they now operating out of their own warehouse in Clayton and have branches in Benalla and Geelong

St Kilda Mums collect baby goods such as car seats, change tables, bathtubs, clothes, nappies, cot sheets or any item that is suitable for babies or young children in good clean conditions.

At the end of their first year's operation they gave away 439 items and in June 2019, 59,463 items were donated helping 20,403 babies.

If a mother was to purchase the essential items for the baby it would be a cost of approximately \$950 where St Kilda Mums give away the goods at a cost to the organisation of \$126 per child.

The organisation today has 3141 volunteers across Victoria picking up goods which are in a safe and sound condition and where necessary clean prams car seats etc. before they are given away.

Over a 10-year period, St Kilda Mums had grown to a much larger organisation serving 79 local government areas.

The organisation receives no government funding, but they are helped by donations and fundraising, and the last financial year raised \$2.5 million.

John Donaghey gave the vote of thanks and presented Rochelle with a handmade wooden pen.

To end the meeting Pres Stuart asked each member to give a short story on their joys of summer. Some interesting tales were told, which brought back interesting memories and happiness for members.

The meeting closed at 8:10 PM.

John Bindon



Guest Speaker Rochelle Cannington from “St Kilda Mums”.

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

To Ron Brooks (27th) and Warwick Stott (30th) as they celebrate their birthdays.

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
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
17 Feb	Sue Ballard “Super Aussie Quiz”	Ray Smith	Barb 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

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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

We have passed the halfway mark but would really love to sell another 50 seats.

Join us for a fun night.



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 letters at the top. Below the title, the text 'SEASON ONE' is written vertically on a green background. At the bottom of the poster, 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



From an idea to a successful Rotary Project

Roger Daniel, Maroondah Rotary Club,
Billy Cart Marathon Chair



Rotary Health - Suicide Prevention

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



Reducing food waste - one meal at a time

Lillie Giang, Refugee, TV Chef and Food Affectionist



Driverless Cars

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



\$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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