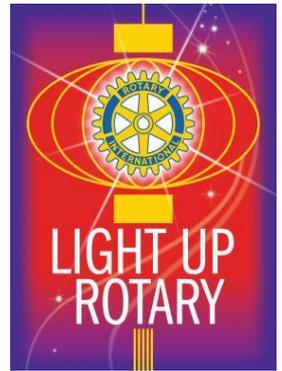


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Club of Forest Hill

## Weekly Newsletter

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ForestHill Rotary

### CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
26th Jan	No Meeting - Australia Day		
2nd Feb	Russell Medhurst Vintage vehicles & rallies	Bob Williams	Stuart Williams
9th Feb	Codie Collins - Indigenous Scholar	Warwick Stott	Chris Tuck
16th Feb	Elaine Featherstone Chinese Culture	Bob Laslett	John McPhee

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Ron Brooks - Birthday

Warwick Stott - Birthday

Ron Brooks - back from holidays. (At least the acting Flver editor is celebrating!)



### DUTY ROSTER

	January	February
Cashier	Stuart Williams	
Recorder	Bob Williams	
Greeter	Doug Berwick	
Emergency	Bob Laslett	

### 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 9878 4891 or [rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au)**

Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

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

## BILL'S BLURB

Still a quiet time around the club as we all recover from Christmas and the New Year, a number of members are still away and our sub committees are yet to have their first meetings. Once they have been held in the coming weeks we will be back in full swing.

Our speaker on Monday was Sue Fenton. Sue is involved in a multitude of organisations and activities and one of them is as President of the Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Advisory Committee. It was in this role that Sue addressed the club. A very interesting talk that covered the history of the lake and the plans for the future.

On Thursday about 15 members, partners and friends spent the day at Ocean Grove as guests of John and Kathy Donaghey. A very relaxing social occasion with great company and wonderful food. The weather was perfect and the traffic light - ideal for sightseeing - which a number of people took advantage of. Some even meant to! Thank you John & Kathy for sharing your lovely home with us.

This week the Sergeant raised \$23 and the raffle raised \$50. Our fines session raises around \$1300 in the year and this then goes to Foundation. Our raffle is used to bolster our General Account to fund club activities such as our membership nights.

Conference is coming up fast so if you haven't booked in please do so with Stuart and remember that you need to register on line so that the organisers know how many to expect. The Trybooking website is easy to use. It was great to see a numbers of partners and members talking over the possibilities for 'dressing to impress' at Conference after lunch on Thursday.

Don't forget - Rotary Club of Box Hill are hosting the District Youth Forum on the 26 February at 6.30pm in The Pavilion, Box Hill. (Cnr Whitehorse Road and Middleborough Road) Please put the date in your diary as we would like as many as possible to go along and support our Youth Service committee and the RC Box Hill.

### Coming Up:

26 Jan	Australia Day - no meeting
13 Feb	Cluster Presidents' Breakfast
13 Feb	BBQ at Blackburn Lake
20 Feb	District Presidents' Dinner
26 Feb	Cluster Youth Forum

**Little Known Facts:** (Two this week-no Flyer next week.)

Although Shakespeare's works run to more than a million words, only 14 exist in his own handwriting: 12 of them are his signatures and the other two are 'by' and 'me'.

George W. Bush named *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle as his favourite childhood book. It was published when he was 23 years old.

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

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

We had 11 members plus our guest speaker, Sue Fenton in attendance to enjoy the usual great fare supplied by Ivan and the Bucatini bunch. Pres Bill told us of an approach by Outer Eastern Legacy for a donation towards war widows which was to be later discussed at the board meeting. Bill was buoyed by our recent success with gaining a District Grant so suggested we have another go next time.

\$500 donation from Roger and Glenys Coates to go to Hope Katolo school for play equipment.

Thanks Roger and Glenys for your ongoing wonderful support!

Bill then put on his acting secretary's hat (no not that awful Inspector Clouseau one Ron wears) and told us that the returns to Consumer Affairs have been sent.

Warwick told us that all ok with finances but our membership drive needs each member to supply 10 names please in the next couple of weeks.

What about following Bob L's tactic and do some cold calling at your local businesses?

Bob L also seeks more volunteers for our school breakfast project.

Chris told us of a recent donation to Foundation.

John Donaghey told us he and Kathy (well probably Kathy actually) has all in hand for the lunch at their Ocean Grove home on Thursday. John also won the raffle so now has a bottle of wine for Thursday but everyone else to BYO.

When Sue drew the winning raffle ticket, Glenys automatically stood to collect the prize but for once was thwarted.

John McPhee advised upcoming Peridot production next month.

Stuart upped the standard of his sergeant's session with a quiz on authors so look out for one on classical composers coming soon? \$23-85 raised which for a small turnout was excellent.

Sue Fenton, the President of Blackburn Lake Sanctuary was our guest speaker and Glenys when introducing her told us about Sue's many and varied work background as an engineer with Board of Works, Yarracare, working on their landcare program, vocational work at Holmesglen and Box Hill Institutes and 40 years of voluntary work and for this work was recently awarded the Caroline Chisholm Award.

Sue led us through a wonderful Powerpoint display of the description and history of Blackburn Lake which was built in 1889. The lake area attracted the Heidelberg School of painters (Frederick McCubbin and others) and hosted swimming carnivals from 1927 to 1931.

The MMBW deepened the lake in 1962 which changed the banks of the lake then unfortunately attracted rubbish to be dumped and so in 1965 was declared a Sanctuary.

Rotary has been involved since the late 1980's and of course our club produced the "Larry the Lorikeet" book last year which Sue talked about with a smile on her face.

The indigenous heritage of the sanctuary is a feature and many activities (educational for schools etc) are held regularly using the Visitors Centre and play space.

Sue spoke of many new projects coming up and obviously loves her role there.

Sue fielded many questions which was a guide to how well her talk was received, with Ray contributing a page of questions as well as the lovely Mahogany Gum pen he crafted as a thank you for Sue.

Bob Williams

## **MOVIE REVIEW**

Barbara and I took our daughter's four boys to see "Paper Planes" at Hoyts Forest Hill and thoroughly enjoyed it.

It is an Aussie made movie about a 12 year old boy in outback Australia whose mum recently died in a car accident and father (Sam Worthington) has been in a state of depression since her death.

The boy, Dylan has a knack of making paper planes which takes him to Sydney for the Oz championships (emceed by Deborah Mailman) then onto Tokyo for the world championships.

A "G" movie but quite involving for us young at heart oldies.

Leigh Paatsch in the Herald Sun rated it as three stars and also enjoyed it. I googled the current world record which is now over 70 metres so pretty impressive.

I'm sure that my daughter's home is now knee deep in paper planes.

Bob W.

## **DG'S NEWSLETTER**

Keep an eye out for the DG's newsletter around the 1st Feb. Should have an article about the YAA.

## **RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON (Sort of!)**

Great to welcome home Ron and Robbie from their latest overseas trip. Both returned home fighting fit and full of energy. They must have - see the excerpt below.

"We were home at 8.30 am yesterday so spent until midday unpacking and opening 2 months of post. Then till 6.30pm we were in the garden pulling weeds, pruning, tying up tomatoes, beans, etc. Today was washing cars (Robbie) then gardening while I spent until mid afternoon addressing all the post stuff. Then starting on the pool cleaning. It was amazing to see how much the veggie patch had grown. Rain and warm weather work well, but also work just as well on the weeds."

Weeds allowing, Ron will resume his role as Flyer editor for the next edition.

## **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.



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. I am holding another full jar and a half ready for Ron's return.

Ron would like several buckets full of coins by the time we go to Conference so gather them up and give us a call or bring them to a meeting.

### **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> These webinars are a great way to learn more from the comfort of your own armchair

### **FELLOWSHIP FUNCTIONS**

Film Night - this Friday. See John's email for details and come along for dinner at Melba's before the movies.

Kathy and John Donaghey have offered their place at Ocean Grove for a fellowship lunch on the 22nd of January. With seaside traffic being so hectic at that time of the year it may be worth looking at car pooling. Members coming across on the ferry can be picked up and returned to the ferry later.

*John McPhee*

### **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.

## CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES 2014-15

<b>President</b>	Bill Marsh
<b>Vice President</b>	John Donaghey
<b>Secretary</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Treasurer</b>	Warwick Stott
<b>President Elect</b>	Bob Williams
<b>Sergeant</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Foundation &amp; International</b>	Chris Tuck
<b>Youth Service</b>	Members: John Donaghey, Stan Harper, Glenys Grant
	Members: Ray Smith, Bob Williams, Graham Sharman
<b>Community &amp; Vocation</b>	Bob Laslett
	Members: Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
<b>Membership &amp; Publicity</b>	Doug Berwick
	Members: John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn
<b>Fellowship</b>	John McPhee
<b>Primary Schools Speech Night Programme</b>	John McPhee
<b>Bulletin Editor</b>	Ray Smith & Gary Baltissen
<b>Web page &amp; Facebook</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>On to Conference</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Historian</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Almoner</b>	Stan Harper
<b>Public Officer</b>	Graham Sharman
	Bill Marsh

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