



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

Meeting time:

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

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Rotary Club Forest Hill

CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks and Meeting report
13 February	Rotarians against Child Slavery <i>Robyn Stokes</i>	Bob Williams	Warwick Stott
20 February	RYPEN experience <i>Anna Tolokchov</i> COMMITTEES	Glenys Grant	Barbara Searle
27 February	Learn more about Rotaract <i>Clare Caufield</i> BOARD	Bill Marsh	Glenys Grant
6 March	Know your heart disease risk <i>Bernard ?</i>	John McPhee	Mike Finke

CELEBRATIONS

Let us know your great stories

DUTY ROSTER

	February	March
Recorder	Mike Finke	Bob Laslett
Greeter	Graham Sharman	Martine Macleod-Craig
Emergency	Chris Tuck	Gary Baltissen

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

A great night last Monday as we were treated to a very professional presentation by Gloria Hargreave covering the operations of Rotarians against Malaria. Well done Gloria and let's see if we can support RAMS in their dinner fund raiser on Friday 28th April.



Our past week has been a very hectic one, with the Blackburn Station bbq for Metro Rail ,1000 food items cooked and distributed over 2 ½ hours (1 item every 6.67 seconds) last Wednesday. To Peridot Theatre Friday evening, and fellowship visit to Kathy and John's home at Ocean Grove on Saturday.

Thank you to Bob & Barb plus team for last Wednesday's effort which raised \$625 plus, and to Kathy and John for opening up their home. But are we through yet? No SATURDAY IS THE Blackburn Market, and Sunday at the Whitehorse Farmers Market. We don't have time to get old.

The first online sale whilst small has occurred, so a start in new fund raising activity is underway with some good suggestions still to be implemented. In line with this activity, we need to also be on the lookout for a local community project which could be attractive to our Cluster as a joint project or to local businesses as a community activity.

Next week we welcome Robyn Stokes as our guest speaker as she presents Rotarians against child slavery.

Our raffle raised \$56.00 and the Sergeant extracted \$53.50 towards the Rotary Foundation.

Thought for the week “Be the CHANGE you want to see in the world” Gandhi.

THIS WEEK’S MEETING

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) was begun in 1995 and since 1997, has been one of the elements of (RAWCS). RAM Australia’s activities are focussed in PNG, the Solomon Islands and since 2005, in Timor Leste. RAM also continues to monitor the malaria control needs in Vanuatu to determine if further assistance can be provided

RAM’s Mission Statement

“Rotarians Against Malaria is a volunteer run organisation working to **eliminate** malaria”

Elimination is one of 4 phases on the path to a malaria free status

(1 control measures, 2 pre elimination, 3 elimination and 4 stopping re-occurrence)

Eradication is the permanent reduction to zero of worldwide incidence

In the statement it means that a number of control measures are in place working towards reducing the incidence of malaria in a defined geographical area.

Malaria is recognised by the WHO as one of the worst scourges faced by mankind. It’s a disease of the developing world that impacts on 40% of the world’s population. Still 3.2 billion are at risk.

Recent statistics from the WHO state that the number of cases worldwide has been reduced by an average of 37% in the 2000-2015 time frame but malaria still infects up to 214 million a year killing over 438,000 in the last 12 months, 75% of these are children under 5

The majority of cases are in sub Saharan Africa due to the very low incidence of malaria control measures.

The WHO has drawn up the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria which aims to reduce both the disease incidence and death rate by 90% by 2030.

The stats for Australia’s 3 countries of focus however are much better due to the ongoing programs that have been instigated, the outstanding work done by numerous research teams, substantial international funding and the crucial support and backing by RAM Australia over the last 21 years

The culprit – the female anopheles mosquito, AKA a malaria vector

Briefly, its life cycle begins with a malaria parasite Plasmodium being transferred by an infected female mosquito when it bites. The parasite goes to the liver and about 2 weeks later it has completed its development and moves into the bloodstream. Mosquitoes feeding on infected blood pick up the parasites which move to the insect’s salivary glands and the cycle begins again.

RAM works closely with many leading malaria research institutions The UN International Global Fund created in 2002 is the leading contributor in the international fight against malaria, AIDS and TB. It has allocated billions of dollars towards the control of each of these.

A major way of preventing human infection is to induce immunity through vaccination. For many years there has been research to find an effective malaria vaccine, and it’s especially important now due to the increasing resistance of the mosquito to sprays and drugs

About 2 yrs ago the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation pledged \$156 million dollars over 5 years, the sole focus of this funding being the development of such a vaccine.

We can be very proud of our globally acclaimed research teams that are at the forefront of research into the development of a vaccine

The Burnet Institute is working on introducing antibodies in the blood that will block the malaria infection. Researchers at the WEHI have discovered a way to stop the malaria parasite invading healthy red blood cells

The Griffith University’s Institute of Glycomics has successfully induced malaria immunity to the malaria parasite in animals. RAM’s is helping by raise funds for expanding research into human trials. This project that can be found on the RAWCS website will accept tax deductible donations to build sufficient funds for the next phase of trials to proceed. The PlasProtectT malaria vaccine being created by the Institute is looking very promising.

As of July 2015 we have the first registered malaria vaccine – RTS,S or Mosquirix has been part funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and is available in Africa where incidence of malaria is huge. Children are given doses at 1 month, 2 months and 20 months and there’s a follow up at the age of 38-48 months. Mosquirix does have significant limitations. It does not stop transmission, has no effect on relapsing malaria, gives about 30% protection and is short lived. It also needs to be used alongside **indoor residual spraying and long lasting insecticide treated mosquito nets**

(LLIN's). These 2 methods of vector control have proved to be the most effective, especially the chemically treated nets for wherever nets have been distributed, there is a corresponding improvement in the statistics on malaria control. The push is for the old nets to be used to cover walls, windows and doors.

RAM started active programs in 1997, 40,000 nets a year were financed by RAM and distributed by the Rotary Club of Port Moresby. BUT RAM resources couldn't cope with trying to cover a population of about 7 million.

So the "Adopt a Village" project was born in 2004. When a village was adopted, mainly by Rotary Clubs, everyone received a lifesaving net. It was initiated in the Solomons in 2005 and TL from 2011

Large Rotary F'n Grants assisted, but success could only come with huge injections of funds.

In 2005, 2009 and again in 2012 following submissions, the United Nations Global Fund approved **substantial** funding grants to PNG. Global Grants fund the supply of treated nets – Since 2005 about 9 million, including ¼ mill funded by RAM, means nets have been distributed in all 22 provinces on a 3 year cycle.

Recent statistics show that there has been an overall reduction of 45% in the incidence of malaria since 2009 and up to 70% in some provinces.

Courtesy Gloria Hargreaves (Second half next week)

Sergeant Reflection 6 February 2017

February's Rotary theme is Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Conflict and violence displace millions of people each year with 90% of those killed being civilians and half of these are children. There are currently over 65 million people displaced by conflict. My South Sudanese mate Samuel was displaced as a youngster from his homeland in the 1990's due to the civil war there that has killed over half a million people.

Rotary refuses to accept conflict as a way of life. Our projects offer training that fosters understanding and can provide communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

100 Rotary Peace Fellowships are offered each year at Rotary Peace Centres around the world. Rotary has raised \$150 million to support peace with over 1,000 students graduating through our various Peace Fellowship scholarships.

I was interested to find out that the University of Queensland's Rotary Centre for International Studies in Peace and Conflict is part of a global push to advance research and education into peace building. It is one of only six Centres around the world offering a Master's Degree in International studies aimed at potential world and community leaders, designed to have a real and practical effect on addressing international and regional conflicts.

One of Queensland University's Rotary Peace scholarship graduates is quoted as saying "I wanted to do something to help prevent war, rather than addressing its consequences."

Rotary wants to help the world wage peace.

Bob

BLACKBURN STATION BBQ 1 FEBRUARY 2017

Another amazing effort by our members and partners, Ray, John Mc, Bill, Ron, Martine, Barbara S and Barbara W, Bob L, Glenys, Marg Mc and Bob W.

800 sausages, 200 veggie burgers, 55 loaves of bread and 20 kg of onions were cooked (beautifully) and transported (speedily) to the serving tables, dispensed (with smiles) and we received nearly \$140 in donations as well as our \$500 to come from Metro Rail.

We also had our name mentioned many times for providing the goodies by the bus microphone handler.

At our club meeting Martine and Barbara S received their Advanced Diplomas in food handling, transporting and serving with smiles and Ron received his for trailer unloading, loading and sausage sizzling all done while talking non-stop.

Metro Rail will keep us in mind if they have any future bbqing needs.

Well done all.

Bob W

Blackburn Market Roster 11th Feb

8am to 10am

Bob L, John Mc, Chris, Ray, Bob W

10am to noon

John Mc, Ray, Barb Searle, Glenys, Bob W Bill 9am to finish

Noon to finish

Bill, Barb Searle, Ray, Glenys, Mike, Bob W

Thank you all and see you Saturday.

Bob W

CONFERENCE

Accommodation is at Rippleside Park Motor Inn for Fri 31 March and Booking out Sunday 2 April.

First of many outstanding speakers



Morgan Koegel

OneGirl Organisation

After many years working in education and law, Morgan joined the One Girl team as CEO. She came to work at One Girl because women's education is the thing that gets her out of bed in the morning: she believes that knowledge is the spark that can change the world we live in for the better. Outside of the office Morgan loves bush-walking related adventuring and pampering her vegetable garden.

RIDING TO CONFERENCE

As you may know, I will not be able to ride to conference this year so I registered as a "Virtual" rider. This meant I had to ride the 685kms prior to the conference start. So far since 8th Jan I have ridden 626kms (12 rides) so only have 59kms to go. I have 3 more rides planned before my last club visit on Mon 13th Feb so should easily do it. A really huge thankyou to all the club members who have sponsored me this year. I will be sending off \$390 to the District conference ride committee as our contribution to Australian Rotary Health.

Ron Brooks

FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

Robbie and Barbara lead the charge next Tuesday at 8am- pancakes or cheese toasties ?

SPECTACLES

Today I picked up from Col Haigh's shop 5 boxes of secondhand spectacles which will be sent eventually to Vanuatu, and on behalf of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill I would like to thank Col very much for the collection, which he has been doing for many years

Warwick

USED STAMPS



Thank you to Bill Marsh, Kathy Donaghey, Carolyn, Glenys Grant and John McPhee for the large number of stamps contributed at the last club meeting. Please look at the photo of the stamp to see what the ideal margin is when cutting around the stamps you receive. It's a no cost project. Every stamp counts.

Ron Brooks

Joan Harper

Ross has rung to say his mother is now in Wantirna Health

North Ward Room 16

Her phone number is 88040443

DIARY DATES

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| Fri 10 Feb | Film night at Forest Hill theatre |
| 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 3 Mar | Film night at Forest Hill theatre |
| Fri 31 March -Sun 2 Apr | District 9810 Conference |
| Sun 9 Apr | Eggs and bacon at Whitehorse Farmer's Market |
| Fri 28 Apr | Malaria awareness Day fundraising dinner |

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

February Peace & Conflict Resolution

ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to rlaslett76@gmail.com by 5 pm Wednesday please. Bob W has a great story about Rumbek adventures- listen for next week's enthralling episode