



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No 28

President: Stuart Williams

19 February 2020

## STU'S SCRIPT

*Thank you all for being here. All of us lead complex lives. Unlike the third world or emerging countries, whose greatest everyday challenge is making enough money to put food on their table every day, we in the developed world are challenged differently.*

- 1. There were 2,000 cars stranded at Mallacoota. We passed a steady stream of cars heading back to Melbourne on Sunday on the way to Lakes Entrance. Many were towing caravans and large boats.*
- 2. The holiday town of Lakes Entrance was evacuated because of the fires. No-one in any motel. Many businesses there are predicted to go under. Every motel/hotel and caravan park had vacancies.*
- 3. Bruthen was evacuated twice due to imminent fire.*
- 4. A good friend of mine who owns a large travel agency in Bangkok, employing 10 people, has had no income for a fortnight due to the Conavirus.*
- 5. People who headed off on a short luxury cruise have gone through a tough month due to the virus and being quarantined.*
- 6. Holden is going to totally disappear. Jobs and businesses to go.*
- 7. We live for many years, but are often challenged health wise and battle along without the rest of the world knowing about our issues.*

*I hope the message of goodwill that Rotary projects can be a constant and an assistance to you. You are not alone.*

*Stuart*

Last Monday's meeting was delightful. Relaxed, friendly and interesting. Thanks very much Sue for your work in creating the Quiz. It was fun. Interesting what we remember or forget.

The Sergeant raised \$22.75, The raffle \$50.

Membership needs to be a priority. Please ASK someone, if they would like to come to a Rotary meeting.

Stuart

## MEETING REPORT

President Stuart gave a detailed report of his trip the previous week to the fire ravaged part of East Gippsland. There were some parts he saw that missed the fires but the area between Bruthen and Bairnsdale (Sarsfield) was badly devastated.

Each year a District Assembly for the training of Rotary members who have accepted positions in their Club's operation. This year a new format has been developed for the one to be held in May.

Glenys attended a Youth seminar at Clarinda.

A District Fijian Eye Project is to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Each year Shine on Awards are given to people with a handicap who have performed something creditable. Bob Williams has nominated a person who attends RYDA days and talks about what can happen to anyone involved in a traffic accident.

Because he is involved with this on March 14<sup>th</sup> – our Blackburn Market day he will not be available to take home the trailer as usual. A volunteer is needed for this or the market stall will have to close by 12.00 noon. Can you help?

President Elect Sue conducted a Quiz on Australia involving:

Matching Australians and Notable inventions

Giving the full names from Nick names of well-known Australians

The names of Australian Prime Ministers

Places in Australia with strange names

Bob and Stuart were the winners.

The raffle raised \$50 and the Sergeant \$22

Ray

## 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.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

How lucky are we to have such dedicated members who are dab-hands with a whisk or a toast-maker. FHC benefit from their skills every week.

Barb Williams and Ian Teese will have their aprons on for the 25<sup>th</sup> and Barb Williams and John McPhee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

## CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

Wow! What a busy week. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Vicky Teese (21<sup>st</sup>), Bill Marsh (22<sup>nd</sup>) and Stuart Williams (25<sup>th</sup>) for their birthdays and to Glenys Grant (22<sup>nd</sup>) for her Rotary birthday.



## DUTY ROSTER

Recorder Greeter Cashier Emergency	<b>FEBRUARY</b> Ron Brooks John McPhee Chris Tuck Ray Smith	<b>MARCH</b> Glenys Grant Barb Searle John Bindon Barb Williams
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## COMING UP

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Report
24 Feb	Linda Black – “Thriving at Every Age”	Bob Laslett	Warwick Stott
2 Mar	Ray Shuey – “Road Safety”	Chris Tuck	Barb Williams
9 Mar	No Meeting – Labour Day		
16 Mar			

## 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](mailto: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.

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

## MARKETS

Our Blackburn Market is on 14<sup>th</sup> March while the Whitehorse Farmers' Market is on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. 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](mailto: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](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)

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## ROTARY MONTHLY THEME

In February Rotary is highlighting its work in Peace & Conflict Resolution.

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



## SAVE THE DATE

### Rotary District 9810 Training Assembly



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 08:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**Deakin University, Burwood Campus**

**221 Burwood Hwy, Burwood VIC 3125**

The District Training Assembly is an annual event aimed at informing club office bearers of the latest developments in Rotary in order to better prepare for their role. It's not just for new office bearers. It's an opportunity for the more experienced Rotarians to share their experience in a mutually supportive learning environment, aimed at strengthening all our clubs. It's also a great opportunity for newer Rotarians to network and learn more about the "bigger picture" of Rotary and what happens beyond their club.

This year we're offering a range of both role-based and topic-based workshops. It promises to be a dynamic day of learning and development, so be sure to register early to secure your workshop booking.

Register online here =>

**Attend Event**

[eventbrite.com.au/e/94935543767](https://eventbrite.com.au/e/94935543767)

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**Rotaract Yarra Ranges  
Invites You To Our  
BAREFOOT BOWLS  
FOR POLIO**

**29TH February 2020**

**7pm**

**Lilydale Bowling Club**

**5 Hardy St, Lilydale Vic 3140**



The Rotaract Club of Yarra Ranges invites you to a friends and family social evening at Lilydale Bowling Club on the 29th of February. Alongside barefoot bowls, there will be dancing, games and a guest speaker.

Please click this link to purchase tickets, all proceeds will be going towards the eradication of polio worldwide.

<https://events.humanitix.com.au/barefoot-bowls-tournament>

## **LAARFS CHOIR**

The Laughing All Abilities Really Friendly Singers (LAARFS) choir meets every Monday as follows:

Time: 2pm-4pm

Address: Templestowe Baptist Church, 103 Andersons Creek Rd, Templestowe

Parking: ample parking underneath the Church Gold coin donation, tea, coffee, sticky-buns and biscuits at 'half-time'

All welcome, come and enjoy.

LAARFS is a choir aimed at people with chronic illnesses such as strokes and where singing is used to ease pain and discomfort and bring joy to all.

Just sing - no negativity - no criticism - laughing - have fun

Come and join us

Yours in Rotary

Leon Moore

## **CAN ANYONE HELP?**

As some of you already know we are Foster carers with Anglicare.

We need a sponsor to help us find a space/ warehouse/ shop etc for our Carers Share Centre.

This is where we have clothes, equipment etc for children who come into care, who often arrive without anything.

We were lucky enough to be supported by a storage company in Croydon for the last 2 years but it is now closing.

Does anyone know of a place we could rent for minimal cost: or know of a sponsor ideally in the Ringwood/ Mitcham /Croydon area.

Many thanks

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