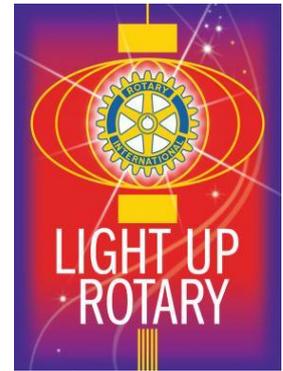


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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

Meeting time:

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

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CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
9 th Feb	Codie Collins - <i>Indigenous Scholar</i>	Warwick Stott	Chris Tuck
16 th Feb	John Xiao <i>Old Chinese Culture</i>	Gary Baltissen	John McPhee
23 rd Feb	Scholarship Presentations	Bob Laslett	Stuart Williams
2 nd March	Marylyn Dann <i>Taralye</i>	Chris Tuck	Warwick Stott

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

9th Feb Ray Smith Club anniversary



DUTY ROSTER

	February	March
Cashier	Bob Laslett	Warwick Stott
Recorder	John McPhee	Ray Smith
Greeter	Ron Brooks	Bob Williams
Emergency	Jenny Coburn	Stuart Williams

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

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

BILL'S BLURB

A great meeting on Monday night superbly run by Bob Williams with an entertaining guest speaker in Russell Medhurst.

It was good to welcome back Tim Barber to a second meeting. I hope we see a lot more of Tim in the future.

Please support the Women In Rotary Breakfast being run by RC Box Hill Central on March 4th. This is a first for this event and we hope to see it become a Cluster activity in future years.

Our Indigenous scholar Codie Collins will address the club on Monday. It will be great for us to meet Codie and hear how her course is progressing.

I know Rotarians are renowned 'sausage sizzlers' but our club will be severely tested over the next two months with the Blackburn Lake BBQ on the 13th followed by the Blackburn Market on the 14th and then we have the March Market while half of our members are away at Conference. Please commit now and let Ray and John know if you can help out at any/all events.

Check out the Blackburn Lake Mural on the photographs that Glenys has circulated. Zena Zeng (Larry the Lorikeet fame) is one of the artists involved.

Our club will be funding 10 war widows from the eastern suburbs to attend the 'Australia Remembers' 100 year anniversary of WW1 dinner. This has been a special request from Legacy for assistance.

I will be attending the Cluster Presidents' Breakfast meeting on the 13th. Please let me know if there are any issues you would like raised at the meeting.

The Cluster Youth Forum will be held on the 24th at the Pavilion in Box Hill. Glenys will be gathering numbers of those who will be attending at our meeting on Monday.

Coming Up:

13 Feb	Cluster Presidents' Breakfast
13 Feb	BBQ at Blackburn Lake
20 Feb	District Presidents' Dinner
26 Feb	Cluster Youth Forum

Little Known Fact:

Tinned food was invented in 1810. For the next 48 years people who wanted to eat it had to use a hammer and chisel. The can opener wasn't invented until 1858.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

All members have been given an area of the City of Whitehorse to obtain the names, business names and addresses with phone numbers of possible people for the next membership meeting. Please give your list of particulars of at least 10 people to Warwick by next Monday evening.

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

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Sgt Stu opened with a reflection on the release of journalist, Peter Greste. Released after 400 days for "doing his job". Stuart commented how fortunate we were to live in a country where we have freedom.

President Bill announced that the Harper family Fund would be enlarged by \$3,000. This will enable the club to do even more good work in our community. Thanks Stan and the Harper family. Pres Bill welcomed Tim Barber to his second "get to know you" club meeting.

Bob Williams was Chair and he took a tennis approach to the meeting. Various members served it up from the kitchen end and some from the car park end. Sgt Stu raised \$49.50 from fines for the Foundation and the raffle generated over \$62 for the general account. Stan was fined for the STAN initiative, penetrating most homes. Silly old goats did not have to pay for the “Year of the Goat” fine. And following on from the nicknames last meeting – A large dog who insisted in lying in the hallway was called – POTHOLE- always in the road.

Russell Medhurst was the guest speaker. Russell has an extensive collection of old cars and vintage motor cycles. He concentrated on his Goggomobil sedan. Used in many Yellow pages advertisements. A 290 cc 2 stroke engine. The Goggomobils were brought to Australia by Bill Buckle. Russell outlined Buckle’s history in the automobile industry. He produced many car bodies in Fibre-glass and designed the sports car version—The Dart.

Russell told stories of the car’s involvement in Targa Tasmania, its efforts to pass a semi trailer for a commercial and the effort required to get over 2 phone books. Russell mentioned other cars he owned including a rare French car –only 2 left in the world. Bill closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Report by Stuart Williams

In view of the large amount raised by the raffle, Pres Bill decided to have two prizes. Ray won a large box of chocolates and Marcia won a bottle of red (which I believe she was kindly donating to our guest speaker her husband !).

FOREIGN COINS for UNICEF is now FOUR TIMES LARGER!!!!

What an unbelievable club night for our coin collection. We had done well to collect 13.8kg of coins over 2-3 years with help from MASH and Glen Waverley. Last night we had a contribution of foreign coins from Shane Flynn and wife Linda Hammond. Shane & Linda worked with Bob Williams at the Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service. Because of that they take part in our footy competition. They also come to the club’s annual Bob & Stu Footy Night. They heard my request to all club members to bring along foreign coins for the district coin collection for UNICEF. They went away and asked their friends if they could help. Well, what a response..... they must have a lot of friends!!! They gave us 41.8kg of coins (look at the photo). Yes, they have QUADRUPLED our hoard of coins. A BIG THANK YOU to Shane & Linda from Rotary from UNICEF and from the needy children of the world.



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Linda & Shane

plus

their contribution

equals MORE UNICEF MONEY

BLACKBURN LAKE MOSIACS UNVEILING

On Friday 13th Feb the club has been invited to run the BBQ for this major local event. Our involvement is being organised by Ray Smith. We have to be there at 5pm near the Information Centre to set up our tent and BBQ. This is a great opportunity to promote Rotary and the Rotary Club of Forest Hill. Here is yet another publicity opportunity and fund raiser that has come from our Larry the Lorikeet book. Thanks Glenys. You can all get to see first hand this new mural wall. We will be packing up around 8pm to 8:30pm. So see Ray about helping out.



Lorikeet looks familiar

WEBSITE

Do not forget to check out our website, www.foresthillrotary.com and send Ron Brooks any information and suggestions. It has not had any additions for the last two months while I have been travelling but I'm ready to put your stories on again.

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....bed?

MEMBERSHIP WEBINAR

The last one was an hour from 10am Wed 4th Feb USA Central Daylight time, which I worked out to be 3am Thurs 5th Feb Melbourne time. Did you to set the alarm for this one. I did. Good listening

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Did you see this article in the Whitehorse Leader? We have recognised 302 students over 37 years. I wonder where they are now?



Thanks Glenys for sending it on to me

REASONS FOR JOINING ROTARY

Jenny Coburn gave me 41 reasons. Have you got others you can tell us about? I am putting in a different one every week - **think about them when you talk to prospective members**

It offers a Sense of Purpose through engaging in meaningful projects which truly make a difference to others.

MOVIE REVIEWS

Barbara and I saw “**Unbroken**”, directed by Angelina Jolie and although worn out by the movie’s raw emotions, we thoroughly enjoyed it. The demanding true story follows 1936 Berlin US Olympic champ Louis Zamperini who was subjected to racist torment at school as he was part of an Italian family in pre war USA so he found that running made him more popular and was encouraged and coached by his brother.

Following the Olympics he was a bombardier in WW2 and was shot down over the water then survived in a life raft for over 40 days until captured by the Japanese who when they realised he had competed against their Japanese champ at the Olympics, was brutally treated in the prison camp and barely survived. He again was singled out for extreme treatment because of his background. His indomitable spirit got him through and was a consultant for Angelina with the movie production as with all that he went through, he lived from 1917 until 2014.

Last week we saw “**Still Alice**” for another emotional roller coaster with Julianne Moore delivering an amazing portrayal of Alice (Moore) a linguistics professor discovering she has early onset Alzheimer’s which strikes young people more swiftly so her downhill ride with her family circle (husband is Alec Baldwin) was devastating. The newspaper review stated “it is like a canvas being painted in reverse as moment by moment all colour and life is slowly fading from view.”

Very involving and although sad, was uplifting with her coping even to the extent of her agreeing to give a speech at an Alzheimer’s seminar when she was already badly affected and she told her story using a highlighter on her printed copy following the words she was speaking so she could remember where she was up to.

A worthy Oscar nominated performance.

Bob Williams

(Remember, you can pick up cheap cinema ticket vouchers from John McPhee for Forest Hill Chase - \$8.50 each which can be exchanged like cash at the box office)

FELLOWSHIP FUNCTIONS

Next fellowship function is Peridot Theatre, Friday 20th February 2015, 'Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks'.

Described as very moving, very funny very human and a delight.

John McPhee

STAMPS

Thanks John McPhee and Stan Harper for the stamps last night. 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. Carol Farmer and her team are ready to snip and sort them.

CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES 2014-2015

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

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