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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

CLUB PROGRAM			
Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
4 Feb	Combatting Child trafficking in SE Asia <i>John Wallis</i>	Stuart Williams	Barbara Searle
11 Feb	Bethel Funerals <i>James Clarke</i>	Barbara Williams	Ray Smith
18 Feb	Conference report	John McPhee	Sue Ballard
25 Feb	Birthday Celebrations <i>Geoff Walker</i>	Bill Marsh	Bob Laslett

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthday congratulations to Ron Brooks (27 Jan) and Warwick Stott (30 Jan). Club anniversary celebrations for Barb Williams (5 Feb) and Ray Smith (9 Feb)

DUTY ROSTER

	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Recorder	Barb Williams	Ray Smith
Greeter	Chris Tuck	John Bindon
Emergency	Glenys Grant	John Donaghey
Cashier	Bob Laslett	Bill Marsh

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

Mike's Musings

If you want something done, give it to a busy person. That's an old saying that is proven, again and again. John's talk was predominantly about the work of the YMCA but it also contained as preamble a potted history of his own life, one rich with taking on new roles, challenges and responsibilities.

Australia is a culture known for its 'give it a go' approach. John is a tremendous example of this spirit.

Film Night and Peridot

I'll send around a list of those who've contacted me so far at the beginning of next week. If you're not on a list and would like to be, let me know, ASAP.

Our network

In addition to our in-house, members only Google group/ mailing list, there is a new 'friends and auxiliary' email group. I've started to add names to this list. If you think you know somebody who might like to be included in some of the communication from the club beyond newsletter distribution, let me know and I will send an invitation to their email address.

Square reader

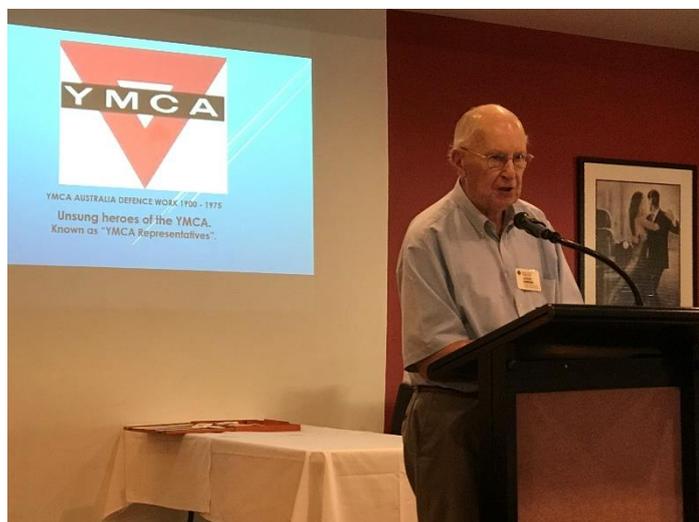
There has proven to be some financial benefit in providing card services to those cash-strapped but sausage-deprived potential customers who might otherwise leave our Blackburn market without the benefit of grilled meat and caramelised onion. So far, these transactions have been able to take place only when a small, select group of trained and willing personnel are on duty. The more members able to successfully perform a card transaction, the more likely we are to extract the extra money possessed by those whose preferred commerce format is electronic.

I will be scheduling another training session in the next couple of months. Please contact me if you are interested.

Please mark your calendars with the following:

- Friday, 1 February First Friday Film Fellowship
- Friday, 8 February Peridot Night *Brilliant Lies*, David Williamson
- Saturday, 9 February Blackburn Market
- Sunday, 10 February Whitehorse Farmers Market
- Weekend, 16-17 February Rotary Multi District Conference (Peace Forum on Friday the 15th)

Meeting report January 21



It was our privilege to have as our guest speaker our newest "old" member John Bindon. We are really working John hard – he was on the desk, called on to speak with less than 24 hr notice and he did this without the slightest hesitation. John filled us in on his early life in Box Hill, his career with his father, the YMCA and

Scope. He also told us his extensive Rotary history with four different Rotary clubs including long periods of service with Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange and ROMAC. He also served with distinction on our club's historic District conference in 1994. The main part of his address was spent talking about his passion for the YMCA. In recent times he was the editor of a quarterly journal *Australian Bridges* and was awarded a Life Governorship of YMCA Australia after 60 years' service. John has been the honorary historian for YMCA Military Services and he explained to us with ample illustrations how these unsung heroes called YMCA Representatives have served with the armed forces from the time of the Boer war until the Vietnam conflict. He hopes to have their service recognised at the National War Memorial and is aiming to bring their story to a fitting conclusion.

Well done John

President's Reflection 21 January

It's Australia day next weekend. There's been a lot of talk about it in the news recently, as it relates to citizenship, a feeling of unity and the respect that we give, or should give, to ceremonies.

My own citizenship ceremony was not on Australia day. Whitehorse have several every year, and this one was the next available. It was in October, I'm pretty sure. There were some people in shorts and singlets. I think they were Brits. I wore a suit. I had to sit at the back because I took the affirmation rather than the oath.

You have to apply to become a citizen. There's a process where they are meant to check your background and see if they think you'll be a good fit. I had to apply to live here in the first place. The spousal visa wasn't cheap, though nothing near where it is now. Groucho Marx said, famously, that he would never want to be a member of a club that would have somebody like him as a member. It's self-deprecating humour.

I had to apply to go to university. I've applied for various jobs. I suppose a screening process of sorts took place before I became a husband. Kira could very well have said no. There was only one spot available and it's a big commitment. There's no formal probationary period and it can be difficult to make somebody redundant if they don't work out.

I also applied to become a member of this club. And I made the cut. Tonight, we'll hear from somebody who has proven themselves more than worthy of joining this club not just once but twice. John Bindon proves, every time we see him, that the decision to accept and welcome his membership was the right one for the club in so many ways.

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Multi district conference in Melbourne 2019

Fri 15 February 2019

RIPR

- STEPHANIE URCHICK RI Director Elect and Chair of the RI Strategic Planning Committee.

Speakers

- BRITTANY ARTHUR MC
- PRIP IAN RISELEY Rotary building Peace.
- STEVEKILLELEA AM Measuring Positive Peace
- KATRINA JOHN Meditation and Peace
- BRYN STYLES Rotary's Peace Fellows Program
- TONY STUART CEO UNICEF Australia Giving every child a future.
- DR EDNA ADAN Creating Peace by Educating the Young
- DR TILMAN RUFF AM Nobel Laureate Nuclear Disarmament
- ERICA JEFFREY The life of a peace Fellow

More details

<http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/home.html>

Remember a touch of Red for Saturday night.

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY DINNER

March 4 – speaker Lucinda Nolan

RC Glen Waverley

Interplast Charity Night

Help Interplast change futures while enjoying an evening of live music at the iconic Athenaeum Theatre in Melbourne. Invite your family and friends to a great night out!

8pm, Wednesday 20 February 2019

Details from Bob L

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

February Peace and Conflict Resolution

March Water and Sanitation

ARTICLES

Please forward your prize-winning articles and others to rlaslett76@gmail.com by 5pm Wednesday