



**The Flyer
2017-2018**



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

President: Bill Marsh

Number 30

Club address:

Email address:

Website:

Meeting location:

Meeting time:

Facebook:

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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

5 March 2018

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CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
5 Mar	Conference Review	John McPhee	Bob Laslett
12 Mar	No meeting – Public Holiday		
19 Mar	My new job, Hansard, State Parliament <i>Mike Finke</i>	Sue Ballard	Stuart Williams
26 March	Earth angels <i>Reg Shiel / Warren Sparrow</i>	Bob Williams	Glenys Grant

CELEBRATIONS

Kevin Grigsbey's birthday is on March 4.

DUTY ROSTER

	MARCH	APRIL
Recorder	Sue Ballard	Bob Williams
Greeter	Barbara Williams	Barbara Searle
Emergency	John Donaghey	Barbara Williams
Cashier	Ray Smith	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 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

BILL'S BYLINES

Bill wishes all safe travel to the conference and a fun meeting while he is away on March 5.

Some dates for your diaries.

Fri 2nd – Sun 4th March - District Conference at Bendigo
Sat 10th March - Blackburn Market
Sun 11th March - WFM
Wednesday 18th April - Cluster Volunteering Forum

Did You Know?

By 2025 there will be more English speakers in China than in the rest of the world put together.

Remember - Rotary: Making a Difference - is not just a theme it is what we do.

Meeting Report 12 February

It opened promptly at 6:30pm with toasts to RI and Australia. There were 16 people present including Chris Stott and we were all happy to see Warwick after his recent operation (there was no truth in the rumour that he needed an anaesthetic to get him to open the treasurer's purse strings). Sergeant Stuart opened with his usual reflections, then handed over to chairman for the night Pres Bill. Pres Bill then gave a special welcome to our founder Paul Percy Harris (aka Bob Laslett) who had kindly arranged to attend. Bill thought Paul would have been pleased to hear that we have 16 going to Conference this year (could we win the award for the highest percent attendance?).

Stuart (International) told us that he was well advanced in plans to send a large donation of school items to Thailand, using his (or Bob Williams) connections to hopefully get them there without cost. Bob Laslett told us that Robbie and Barb W were cooking breakfast the next morning at Forest Hill College.



Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Shiele, Hiram Shorey, Paul Harris

In recognition that the previous Friday was the 23rd Feb and the 113th anniversary of the founding of Rotary, Ron Brooks, the Programme speaker organiser arranged to interview "Paul Harris". "Paul" took us on his life journey starting as a young three- year old when he went to live with his paternal grandparents, then the trials and tribulations of primary and secondary schools, expelled!! Who would have believed it. False starts at two universities before joining a law firm and going back to study again. A myriad of jobs were discussed including being an actor and cowboy before settling into a law practice and getting married at 42. Of course, interviewer Ron honed into that fateful day in 1905 when he met up with his three friends to propose starting a social and business club that morphed into a service club. We heard where the first donation to the Endowment Fund proposed by Arch Klumph came from and how this became the Rotary Foundation.



The interview worked through those early club years, through the first International Conference in Winnipeg and the first overseas Conference in Scotland and the history up to the war years. We heard where the Four Way Test came from and Service above Self. We also even touched on the fact that the two biggest service clubs in the world started in Chicago only 17 years apart (Lions & Rotary).

On behalf of the people of the world, particularly the underprivileged, the interviewer gave Paul a big thank you for a life well lived and his time on this earth. And asked him if he would like to say any final thing to this audience.

He replied that he once said **“Whatever Rotary means to us as members, to the world it will be known and remembered by the results it achieves.”**

The sergeant had lost none of his skill in extracting over \$26 from us even though he had only returned from a holiday on the Gold Coast at 4:30pm. The raffle raised \$56. John McPhee won, so surprise, surprise he took the red wine while Mike won second prize but had to struggle to remove it from Warwick’s clutches as Warwick innocently claimed he thought the 5 on his raffle ticket looked very much like an 8!

Pres Bill closed the meeting promptly at 8pm so John McPhee, On to Conference chairman could organise final details for attendees and Mike could hand out the special T shirts.

Ron Brooks

Sergeant’s Reflection 26 February 2018

Maybe we can only hope. Could the student activists from the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida bring about meaningful gun control in USA? With 17 of their classmates and faculty shot dead, the students of the school have become celebrity activists. Most of us remember the many years of student activists that maybe disrupted our studies and inconvenienced our lives in the 60’s and 70’s. Maybe we also remember that eventually activists brought about the end of the Vietnam War.

I’m not convinced that there will be meaningful changes even though the Australian experience is often quoted. The case for curbing gun ownership is compelling and based on evidence and ethics. Surely our friends in America deserve more than “the thoughts and prayers” from law-makers.

Can the student activists stay angry for long enough to bring about change? Visiting Columbine High School after the horrific shootings there 18 years ago was life changing for me- but nothing changed in USA parliaments and legislatures.

I wonder how Paul Harris might have responded to all these senseless massacres.

We were fined if we had been fined by a policeman who might have said,
"Just how big were those two beers?"

or

"Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat fairy floss and step in monkey poop."

He fined us also as he reflected on--- As I get older I realize:

I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.

When I was a child I thought nap-time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-holiday.

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.

Stu

District Conference - Bendigo Fri 2nd – Sun 4th March 2018

16 attendees- enjoy!!

Accommodation - LAKEVIEW MOTOR INN, 286 Napier Street, Bendigo

Club Dinner Reservation made at NATIONAL HOTEL/MOTEL, 182-186 High Street Bendigo

Program details www.9810rotaryconference.org.au/program.html

International donation

The parents and children of Kalinda Primary School donated second-hand children’s books and stationery items to be sent to rural eastern Thailand. They will go to a small school- Ban Ta prk.. in the province of Si Sa Ket.

Many of the parents of the young Thai students struggle to pay the school fees of 200 baht (\$8)

Books for very young children	-123	value	Approx	\$300
Exercise and writing books	20	“	“	\$ 4
Children’s DVDs	22	“	“	\$110

Crayola crayons	1120	“	“	\$120
Pencils and pens	1300			\$140
Crayola and pens	1200	“	“	\$150
Approx 16 rulers				\$5
“ 14 scissors				\$10
18 Pencil cases and satchels				\$26
10 Erasers				\$10
5 glue sticks				\$10
6 Marker Pens				\$5
			Total approx.	\$900

The total weight of the 8 boxes is 60.5 kg

We will attempt to ship it to Thailand at no cost.

Stuart Williams
Rumbek School

We have done it.

The school has been built. The borehole is completed. The toilets are finished. The Lakes State Education Department has registered the school. Enrolments will begin in early March when the hot weather abates. Please follow the link <http://bit.ly/2onQPfi>



Yours sincerely

Joady Barnes
 Rotary Club of Manningham

RAWCS

Dear Rotarians Bob and Joady.

I have registered your project - **Melbourne Rumbek Elementary School (RAOAF)** with number **66-2017-18** on the RAWCS national website. Please use this number on all documentation to your Regional Coordinators, Regional Treasurers or National Treasurer. Congratulations on initiating this project.

I have switched on the online donation facility. You will receive email notification of all donations to the project.

PP Bob Williams is recorded as the **Project Manager** and **Rtn Joady Barnes** is recorded as **Deputy Project Manager**.

The sponsoring Club is **Rotary Club of Forest Hill, District 9810**.

This is a **Southern Region** project registered for project funding.

I hope you get many donations from this initiative.

Michael Willis

RAWCS National Project Manager

Footy tipping

Preseason training has started. Time to consider Footy tipping.

The name of the competition this year is Kickgoals18

Only sign up for this one. Rules and details are there.

Try to get some friends and relatives to join.

It would be great to have 30 participants.

Just go to www.Footytips.com.. click on Competitions.

Create a username and a password. If you were a member last year you can use the same details.

Stuart

BREAKFAST CLUB

Robbie and Barbara were on duty and made smashing pancakes.

Next week Barbara and Glenys tread the new green lawn.

WHY RAWCS?

Rotary Australia World Community Service

Why use RAWCS to assist you when your Club does an overseas project or when it wishes to do a benevolent project within Australia providing direct relief to people in need?

RAWCS is set up as a national business by the District Governors of Australia so that Rotary Clubs within Australia may take advantage of The Federal Governments taxation concessions by providing a centralised reporting organisation whilst at the same time allowing the individual Clubs autonomy and ownership of projects to be maintained. The Rules of RAWCS define the authority and identify the framework.

In addition, RAWCS provides a public list of all current projects including information of any assistance (\$, Manpower, Equipment) being requested by the Project Manager.

The RAWCS Programs include:

- Rotary Overseas Aid Fund
- Rotary Australia Benevolent Society
- Dick Smith Matched Funding Grant

- Rotary Australia Relief Fund

The RAWCS Activities Include

- Volunteers
- Donations in Kind
- Rotarians Against Malaria
- Water and Sanitation Programs

RAWCS IS NOT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, BUT A RAWCS PROJECT CAN ALSO BE A ROTARY FOUNDATION PROJECT

RAWCS does not compete with the foundation, it is there to benefit a club with an overseas project that can also include a Global or District grant. They can work together.

RAWCS offers an online donation facility to accumulate your funds and Tax deductibility for donations.

Complete information is to be found on the National Website at - <http://www.rawcs.org>.

At this site you are presented with a Main Menu with sub headings:

Home, Donate, Activities, Programs, Regions, Search for Projects, Register a Project, Key Documentation, Contact Us.

To find the first document select *Key Documentation – Presentations*, then select

What is RAWCS – PowerPoint presentation updated February 2018

This document provides an excellent concise list of reasons for using RAWCS for overseas projects. Additional 'How to' presentations on the same page complete the learning process.

To find information on the Rotary Overseas Aid Fund, Rotary Australia Benevolent Society, Dick Smith Matched Funding Grant, and the Rotary Australia Relief Fund, Select *Programs* to find pages of information on each of these activities.

John Gander

RAWCS Southern Region Communications Officer

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal & Child Health

ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to rlaslett76@gmail.com.au by 5 pm Wednesday please.