



**Rotary**  
Club of Forest Hill



## Weekly Newsletter

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**President Bob Williams**



Be a gift to the world

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

ForestHill Rotary

### CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Box Hill High School Scholarships	Ron Brooks	Warwick Stott
29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	National Youth Science Forum <i>Theresa Wang</i>	Glenys Grant	Ray Smith
7 <sup>th</sup> March	TBA		
14 <sup>th</sup> March	No meeting (Labour Day)		

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

**23<sup>rd</sup> Feb Rotary International 111<sup>th</sup> birthday**

25<sup>th</sup> Feb Stuart Williams Birthday [a chocolate cake!]



### DUTY ROSTER

	February	March
Cashier	Ray Smith	Warwick Stott
Recorder	Bill Marsh	Mike Finke
Greeter	Ron Brooks	Glenys Grant
Emergency	John McPhee	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](mailto: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

**Will all members ensure that they have registered in “My Rotary”.** We want to qualify for a Presidential Citation and it would be a shame if we missed out because one person “Oh, I didn’t get round to it”. It is very easy to do. Go on the website. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and just follow the prompts, or talk to me about it.

## BOB'S BANTER

A small but quality attendance Monday night and we heard from our Conoco Phillips Science experience student, Thanushi Pieris who brought her mum and dad in support. My grandson, Joshua, also attended the same Science experience but in a different group to Thanushi and I asked him to come along so they lowered our average age of the meeting by a lot! Our country's future is in good hands with terrific youngsters like those two.

My mate Hans also attended to have another look at what we do and I'm meeting with him again at home as he wants to know more of the responsibilities of joining Rotary. Chair Ray spoke of International goodwill and understanding through his personal experiences hosting Hiroko, an exchange student from Japan many years ago, and the wonderful ongoing relationship they have and now with his granddaughter visiting Hiroko in Japan. Well done Ray.

Our non sergeant's session raised \$26-35 and raffle \$52.

Don't forget to let me know if you can come to the Jazz Club day on the 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you to Robbie and Chris for making the breakfasts this week at Forest Hill Secondary College.

We have arranged for the Railway Crossing people to present to us on the Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at a joint meeting with Nunawading (and I suggested that Nunawading invite Mitcham members as well). As we normally wouldn't meet this week with Monday being Anzac Day, hopefully we will be well represented with members and partners as the work includes not only the Blackburn Road crossing, but also Heatherdale Road crossing.

Thank you to all who worked at our two markets on the weekend. Ray, Glenys, Mike, Chris, Rotary friend Peter Skilbeck, Barbara and our son Simon and grandson Ryan all helped out and we raised nearly \$700 so a great day. Congratulations to those who gained Diplomas - Mike gained his for trailer unpacking and setup, Chris for receipt writing and cash balancing, Glenys for super sausage selling and Ray for everything he does which now includes the cooking. Sunday saw Mike again assisting with the early shift then onto me then Graham took over and he shared his shift with DG David as Box Hill were on the same gate. It was interesting that as Graham was taking over from me a lady wearing a Bass Coast Challenge orange top came past and DG David told her that I also took part so we swapped stories about the length ride we did etc. I said well done for supporting Rotary Youth Driver program and also for supporting our market.

The Rail Authority People had a stall at our Blackburn Station market as did politician Michael Sukkar and several non profits, so we are a good venue for "getting the word out". As Michael told me Saturday that he was working for his Nunawading club at the Farmers' market Sunday I went to see how he was going as Nunawading was running the egg and bacon stand. He was using a knife to open paper bags and told me he was also in charge of the money tin so I said I hope he handles both better than some other politicians recently.

My son Simon told me that his mate's company is doing the bike path from Ringwood to Box Hill and noticed that I was the President of the club running the Blackburn market so he made contact with me and asked for our issues/concerns with the proposed development at Blackburn as the underpass will alter, plus all along the South side where we run our market. I raised this at our meeting and conveyed our initial thoughts to him as he wants independent advice from us.

This week is our Box Hill Secondary College scholarships so another great event.

*President Bob*

**"Be a Gift to the World".**

## DIARY DATES

Wed	9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	International Women's Day Breakfast (Box Hill Central)
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup> April	Malaria Awareness Day

Sat/Sun 30<sup>th</sup>Apr/1<sup>st</sup>May MUNA weekend

**28<sup>th</sup> May/1<sup>st</sup> June RI CONVENTION, SEOUL, KOREA**

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> June Multi District function to farewell Ian Riseley (RI Pres '17-'18)

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The Chairman for the night was Ray Smith.

In his opening reflections Ray spoke of the role Rotary plays in promoting international understanding, goodwill, and peace. To illustrate these points Ray described the fact that our Club hosted an exchange student in 1983 from Japan who attended Burwood Heights High School. Since her exchange visit this student has visited Australia 5 times including being married here. This week Ray's granddaughter visited this exchange student in Japan.

In our reports session **President Bob** spoke of conversations he had had with the contractor for building the new level crossing at Blackburn. Apparently a shared path (including bikes) may be built on the south side of the station where we currently hold our Blackburn Market. Please speak to Pres. Bob if you have any suggestions to make on the project as the contractor is still seeking input from the community. **Treasurer Warwick** reported our funds are OK and a good Whitehorse Farmers Market (WFM) was held on Sunday some 70 stalls in attendance. Warwick noted each year the WFM makes around \$70,000 per year of which our Club receives about 1/7 (for projects in the City of Whitehorse). Our **International Chair** reported a Disasteraid information weekend will be held April 16-17. If any Club members would like to attend this session see Chris Tuck. Glenys Grant our **Youth Chair** reported our NYSF students will speak at the Club in 2 weeks and MUNA will be held at the end of April and Kingswood College and possibly Forest Hill Secondary may send teams.

Our speaker for the night was **Thanushi Pieris** who attended the Conoco Phillips Science Experience who was sponsored by our Club. She spoke of her amazing



experience she had at the forum where she participated in many activities including making pillows for eggs to protect them when dropped at a great height also making bridges and cottage cheese. The group also visited The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute where they met various research workers. She also received the Young Scientist Award. Thanushi, who is in year 11 at MLC, then spoke about her wide variety of other activities including volunteering at the Salvation Army Op. Shop and the Blackburn Lake Sanctuary as well as making toilet bags for distribution in Africa. Importantly Thanushi is a Girl Guide and has recently received a Queens Guide Award.

Thanushi was presented with The Whitehorse Young Person of the Year. In the future she hopes to combine her love of science with social justice.

**Chris Tuck** gave the vote of thanks and presented the speaker with a pen.

The Sergeants Session (which was not held but the bowl passed round) raised \$26.35, and Warwick was again one of the winners of the raffle. Also present was a grandson of President Bob, Joshua, who also attended The Conoco Phillips Science Experience.

*Chris Tuck*

## WORLD PRESIDENTS of ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

What do the following people have in common?

1. Angus Mitchell, Melbourne Vic (1948-49)
2. Clem Renouf, Buderim Qld (1978-79)
3. Royce Abbey, Greenvale Vic (1988-89)

with 4. Ian Riseley, Sandringham Vic (2017-18)

Yes, you've guessed it. Well I hope you didn't guess, I hope you knew.

Our own Ian Riseley from D9810 will be Australia's 4<sup>th</sup> and the world's ??? World President of RI. I am not sure how many world presidents there have been as although it is our 111<sup>th</sup> birthday on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Paul Harris was president for two years and that position was not created until 1910-11 although RI started in 1905. I think I need an accountant to work it out.

### IAN RISELEY, Sandringham, Vic., Australia



President Nominee, RI, 2017-18  
 Trustee, The Rotary Foundation, 2011-15  
 Treasurer, Rotary International, 2007-08  
 Director, Rotary International, 2006-07  
 District Governor, D9810, 1999-2000

Ian Riseley is a chartered accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., a firm he established in 1976. Prior to starting his own firm, he worked in the audit and management consulting divisions of large accounting firms and corporations.

A Rotarian since 1978, Ian is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia. He has served RI as treasurer, director, and as member and chair of numerous RI and Foundation committees. Most recently, he served as a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation and is currently co-chair of the 2016 (Seoul) Convention Committee.

Ian has been a member of the board for both a private and a public school, member of the Community Advisory Group for the City of Sandringham, and President of Beaumaris Sea Scouts Group. He has been President of Langi-Taan Ski Club as well as honorary auditor or advisor for a number of charitable organizations.

Ian's honours include the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in recognition of his work in East Timor, the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the Australian community, and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from The Rotary Foundation.

Ian is married to Juliet, PDG 2011-12. They are Major Donors and Bequest Society members of The Rotary Foundation. They have two children, and four grandchildren. Ian and Juliet live on seven hectares at Moorooduc where they practice their personal philosophy of sustainable and organic living.

## INTERPLAST

I received the following email from Len Brear, D9810 Interplast chairman

*As District Chair of the Interplast Committee, I am writing to **all contributing Clubs** last year to say **THANKS** and to your Club for its contributions totalling \$850, and to bring the Clubs up to date on the **Laos Program**. Thanks for your Club's full support.*

*The funds donated in 2014-15 by **24 District Clubs**, including the Rotary Club of Forest Hill, and individuals, totalled **\$38,655**. Together with about \$2000 from funds raised this year, this money was allocated in **November 2015** to a **surgical and training program in Laos**. A private Foundation has put in another \$30,000 approx. to facilitate this two week program- all up for an estimated cost of \$70,000.*

## FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

Robbie reported that she and Chris T cooked ham and cheese toasties for "a very large group" of students last Tuesday morning – particularly loads of yr 7's.

9/02/2016	Robbie	Barb
16/02/2016	Robbie	Chris
23/02/2016	Robbie	Kevin
1/03/2016	Robbie	MJ
8/03/2016	Robbie	Barb
15/03/2016	Robbie	Glenys
22/03/2016	Chris	Kevin

**Contact Bob Laslett for any roster problems**

## GIANT MONOPOLY NIGHT 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The **Rotaract Club of Whitehorse** would like to invite you to our Giant Monopoly Night on the 8 April 2016 to help raise funds for ABCD (Art Building Children's Dreams).

Date: Friday, 8 April 2016 at 6:30pm

Location: Box Hill Town Hall (Lower Room), 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Cost: \$16 Early Bird Tickets (til 8 March), \$20 Standard Tickets (9 March – 6 April)

Tickets are available for purchase online at: [www.trybooking.com/181719](http://www.trybooking.com/181719)

Our Giant monopoly is a team event, based on the classic family board game with some fun twists. We hope you can join us for a fun evening playing on a giant sized monopoly board, you might even be sent to our giant jail. Remember, do not pass go, do not collect \$200, head straight to [www.trybooking.com/181719](http://www.trybooking.com/181719) to secure your ticket.

**Remember, the Rotaract Club of Whitehorse meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at Melbourne Baseball Club, Surrey Drive, Box Hill. Rotarians are always welcome.**

## STAMPS

Even if you only get a few stamps a week, collect them and give them to me.



It's a no cost project. Remember, just cut around the stamp by about 1 cm and pop it in a spare used envelope and bring them along to me on club night. There is a box by the cashier marked "STAMPS". Ray emptied a pile into the box last week. To date, this Rotary project has collected stamps that have been sold for **\$93,212**. This year the money raised from the stamps will go to **ROMAC [Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children]**.

*Ron Brooks*

## FOREST HILL WEBSITE [www.foreshillrotary.com](http://www.foreshillrotary.com)

**Our website is a window through which the world looks at us.** Have a look at the website. We have had 117 visitors in the last 30 days, 57 looked at the Blackburn Market.

- Do you like what you see?
- Do you want other things on our site?
- Tell me what you want to see there.
- Give me some ideas, photos, feedback, stories

## UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP WEBINARS

- Want to know more about using technology to strengthen your club?
- Thinking about chartering a new club, or a new satellite club?
- Looking for new ideas to attract and retain members?

If so, then join one of our upcoming zone membership webinars.

Three webinars have been scheduled for 2016:

- **Online and digital tools for clubs – Wednesday 24 February 2016 – 5.30 pm**
- **Chartering new clubs – March 2016, and**
- **Strategies for attracting and retaining members – May 2016**

The first of these webinars - **Online and Digital Tools for clubs** - will showcase the ways that clubs and districts can use technology to strengthen membership. The webinar will have two presenters, Barbara Mifsud from Rotary International's South Pacific Office, and Amanda Wendt from the youth-focused Rotary Club of Melbourne Park. In her presentation, Barbara will help Rotarians understand and use Rotary's digital and online tools – like Rotary Club Central, Rotary Showcase, Rotary Ideas, and Rotary Brand Centre. Amanda Wendt will share all the ways that her club uses social media and other online tools to connect with new and prospective members, and to showcase her club in the community. **Online and Digital Tools** will be a great webinar for club secretaries, chairs and members of Membership and Public Relations committees, and any other Rotarians with an active interest in using online media. To register for **Online and Digital tools for clubs** – email Jessie Harman at [j.harman@ballarat.edu.au](mailto:j.harman@ballarat.edu.au)

## 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 as he misses our fellowship.

## TELL US ABOUT YOUR LATEST HOLIDAY?

Our President Bob has come up with yet another idea! The Newsletter would love to tell it's readers about your latest holiday and/or your holiday plans. His hope is that we can have a regular weekly segment words & photo or two plus a list of what dates you will be away. So whether it's a weekend in Williamstown, a month in Manila, a trip to Tamworth, a holiday in Hanoi, or a cruise to Croatia – let's hear about it.

Stuart Williams	20 <sup>th</sup> Jan to 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thailand
Ron & Robbie	16 <sup>th</sup> March to 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Dubai and Holland]
Bill&Judy, Bob&Judy, John&Marg	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb to ?	Sri Lanka

**So let's hear from you. Tell us where you are going and tell us how the holiday went when you come back..... then give Ron your foreign coins when you return !! EASY.**

## OUT AND ABOUT IN MELBOURNE

**[I would love to receive reports from any readers of visits to exhibitions, cinema, theatre, ballet, days out in the country – I promise they will be published to give ideas where others might like to go].**

Now showing at the MTC, Fairfax theatre is “Lungs”. Kate Atkinson and Bert LaBonté star in the Australian premiere of this internationally acclaimed modern relationship drama – a witty, tender and profound 21st Century love story by multi award-winning British writer Duncan Macmillan, directed by Clare Watson

*In Ikea – of all places – a man tentatively suggests to his partner that perhaps they should have a baby, and whoosh – out fly all her pent up anxieties about the future. Do they really want to bring another car driving, plastic bag using, aerosol spraying, avocado importing Westerner into the world? What about the planet? And how do you carbon offset a baby? They leave with nothing they went in for, but they do come out with a full set of self-assembly dilemmas. For months on end they agonise over the biggest decision of their lives. But when their love breaks into a million tiny pieces, will they ever be able to put it back together again?*

Well that is what the programme said. Robbie and I saw a full sized room full of books and furniture, cupboards etc set up behind the two actors rotating a full 360 deg slowly over the 90min no interval play. So, at odd intervals books, radio, lightshade slid off shelves cupboards opened disgorging their contents, chair slid across room until everything was a jumbled mess on the floor? wall? ceiling? Well it had rotated a full 360deg. Was this meant to represent their jumbled lives? Who knows? Believe it or not they act out their entire lives on set until one of them dies of old age!!! It was described as “witty, tender and profound” I might have said “amazing, baffling, frustrating”. The poor guy generally couldn’t get a word in edgeways while she was waffling on about feelings and constantly disagreeing with herself out loud so which ever way he answered wasn’t right..... [was it true to life..... I’m not saying a word!]. The small theatre wasn’t full, though the two actors certainly gave an exhausting performance worth the prolonged applause they received, it was not a play I’d say “Don’t miss it”.

*Ron Brooks (theatre critic, I don't think so)*

## DAYS FOR GIRLS

Days for Girls is a grass roots charity that has a network of Teams and Chapters around the world that make and raise funds to provide sanitary hygiene kits. (You may remember the talk on providing toilets for school children at the annual conference in which one added benefit was that if teenage girls have a toilet to go to they don’t miss one week a month). Over 100,000 kits have been given out in over 75 countries. These kits are washable and reusable lasting up to three years.

How can you help?

- you can sew
- you can do non sewing tasks,
- you can donate fabric,
- you can contact [margaretccunningham@gmail.com](mailto:margaretccunningham@gmail.com)
- you can visit [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org)

Connie Millott and Chris Stott have been in touch with Robbie to say they want to help. If there are any others of you interested in helping please contact Robbie.

*Ron Brooks*

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

**Book now to celebrate International Women's Day!**

This year's theme is **"If She Ruled the World"** and our expert panel is set to explore this thought-provoking topic! So bring some friends or work colleagues and celebrate women's contribution to the world - and men are definitely welcome!

Importantly, it's all for a good cause - the proceeds of the event will go to local charity

**CARA** who support vulnerable young women particularly pregnant/parenting girls between the ages of 12 and 18 in Melbourne's eastern suburbs.

**Event details:**

7:15am Wednesday, 9th March 2016 at Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill

Easy public transport and plenty of parking nearby!

Save \$10 with early bird registration!

For any queries or questions please call Janine Scott on 0422 225 996 or email: iwdboxhill@gmail.com

This is a **Women in Rotary** event conducted by Rotary Clubs in and around Box Hill.

**UNICEF FOREIGN COIN COLLECTION**

We are still collecting coins. John Donaghey dropped a pile of coins and a C\$5 note



into the labelled jar on the club meeting's front desk last week. Thanks John. So far 15 clubs in D9810 that have donated coins and notes so far. That is over **\$4,700** worth of foreign coins and notes already donated to UNICEF from just a quarter of the district's clubs. So, I encourage you to turn that scrap metal hiding in the back of a drawer somewhere into supporting underprivileged, undernourished kids. *Ron Brooks*



**ROTARY RIDE FOR  
RESEARCH \$\$\$\$'s  
Mansfield to Shepparton**

**Monday 14th to Saturday 19th  
of March 2016**



This time we have a very special ride for our district.

This year's "Million \$\$\$\$ Milestone Ride" will take what we have raised for medical research for ARH, past the **1 MILLION DOLLARS** mark.

This is worth celebrating, but it is limited to only 15 support crew and 55 So get in quick and register through our web site

[www.rotaryrideforresearch.com.au](http://www.rotaryrideforresearch.com.au)

or go directly to

<https://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/RotaryRideForResearch2016>

For those that can't make the ride dates, we have a, "**virtual rider**" category. Register for \$25 on our site and use your training rides to cumulate the 650km. Then get your family and friends to support and sponsor you ride. So you can still raise money for ARH.

Even if you feel this is not for you, we still need your help, so we are requesting that you pass or email this letter and information brochure on to your family, friends and work colleagues

All money arranged as sponsorship through your club, will be attributed under your clubs name with ARH.

Regards

PP Rob Henry

<p>Ride Coordinator P.P. Rob Henry Ph: 9762 1765  Mble: 0417 570 417</p>		<p>General Mail: PO Box130, The Basin 3154 General web site <a href="http://www.rotaryrideforresearch.com.au">http://www.rotaryrideforresearch.com.au</a> General Email <a href="mailto:ridecoordinator@rotaryrideforresearch.com.au">ridecoordinator@rotaryrideforresearch.com.au</a></p>
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## CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

	2015-16
<b>President</b>	Bob Williams
<b>Vice President</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Secretary</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Treasurer</b>	Warwick Stott
<b>President Elect</b>	John McPhee
<b>Sergeant</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Foundation/International</b>	Chris Tuck
Members	John Donaghey, Mike Finke,
<b>Youth Service</b>	Glenys Grant
Members	Ray Smith, Bill Marsh, Graham Sharman
<b>Community &amp; Vocation</b>	Bob Laslett
Members	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
<b>Membership &amp; Publicity</b>	John McPhee
Members	Warwick Stott, Bob Williams,
<b>Fellowship</b>	John Donaghey
<b>Primary Schools Speech Night</b>	Bob Williams
<b>Programme</b>	Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen
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## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth Services
June	Rotary Fellowships