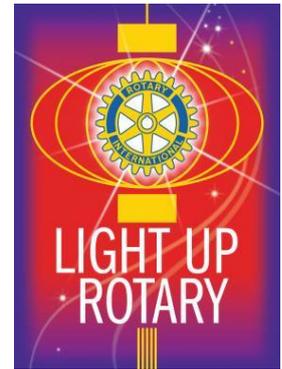




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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

ForestHill Rotary

CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
9 th March	NO MEETING-Labour Day		
16 th March	Conference Reports (Committee meetings)	Stuart Williams	Bob Williams
23 rd March	Ken Sharpe, Ken Walls <i>ABCD</i> Jasmine Gan. <i>NYSF</i>	Bob Williams	Glenys Grant

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

21 st March	Stuart Williams Club anniversary
21 st March	Joan Sharman BIRTHDAY
22 nd March	John McPhee Club anniversary



DUTY ROSTER

	March	April
Cashier	Warwick Stott	Glenys Grant
Recorder	Ray Smith	Chris Tuck
Greeter	Bob Williams	Ron Brooks
Emergency	Stuart Williams	Ray Smith

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 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

**CINEMA NIGHT at FOREST HILL CHASE
THIS FRIDAY 6th MARCH- GREAT FILMS – CHEAP SEATS!!!**

BILL'S BLURB

Coming Up:

6 March Forest Hill CINEMA NIGHT at Forest Hill Chase

13 March (Mon to Sun) World Rotaract Week

12 April WHITEHORSE FARMERS MARKET EGG & BACON STALL

12 April Nunawading 50th Birthday celebration (see page 3)

17 May DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

14 Sept DG visit

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

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

With Chris Tuck in the chair, 10 other members and Jenny Tuck in attendance, the meeting commenced with PE Bob telling us about the full-on PETS seminar he attended, Ron mentioning that the courier bags have arrived for the foreign coins, Warwick nagged about the membership drive and the need for lists to be handed in, Glenys receiving a note from Jasmine Gan who went to NYSF which was "life-changing", Bob L mentioned about the 50th celebration for RC Nunawading, and Ray gave us a rundown of the upcoming speakers and meetings.

Our speaker, Marilyn Dann then was introduced by Chris.

She is the deputy chair of Taralye, and a teacher of the hearing impaired children, working alongside Jenny Tuck on Fridays in a program called Parent Child Mother Goose (but more of that later).

Taralye was started in Morack Rd almost 50 years ago by parents who could not get progressive help for their children elsewhere, and after some time moved to the current premises in Blackburn. However it also operates in Tasmania and another centre in the west of Melbourne (which I believe was Essendon). They have many different programs including a cochlear implant program and an early intervention program, but the main aim is to get the children involved as early as possible, as technology has gone so advanced that frequently hearing problems can be diagnosed as early as 2 weeks of age.

The program that Marilyn and Jenny are involved with is a parent and child program, to help parents help children and supporting the welfare of parents. The Parent Child Mother Goose program originated in Toronto, Canada, and is a very economical program involving only parents and children and simple nursery rhymes with hand gestures, together with telling stories, whilst the children are being held by parents and there is much repetition.

Deafness is a very scary problem for new parents, and there is a chance that they may not be doing enough with the child in the early days. The program which has been on the go for about 8 years, helps to give children social skills, and assists in the children and parents making friends with people with similar problems, so that they are not alone with these problems and help is at hand. Improvements are slow and the program operates for 32 Fridays each year. The aim is to let parents know that they are not alone.

Some of the difficulties for hearing-impaired children are (i) they may need a visit to the audiologist every 2 or more weeks and require a new hearing aid each time because of the speed of their growth, and (ii) hearing aids are free to children and older people up to the age of 21 years, and (iii) some of Taralye's "Graduates" have become professionals in their fields, eg., clinical audiologist, teacher, lawyer.

The writer was very impressed with the wonderful results that can be achieved for reasonably economical costs with much financial assistance being given by the Murdoch family. A very informative and enjoyable talk without being a high-powered sell. I

personally am glad to have heard Marilyn and am also pleased that we have been able to assist them in the past.

Pres E Bob closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Report by Warwick

Sergeant Stuart opened the meeting with a moment of reflection. He said *that tonight we would hear about the wonderful work at Taralye with hearing impaired children (I might be a client soon). But what about our senses. We are fortunate if we can take them for granted. How much poorer our life would be without the sense of smell- the glorious aroma of fresh bread cooking. Steak grilling or chicken roasting. What about sight? Do we all see the same? Was that dress blue and black or was it white and gold? What an amazing example of subjective colour vision. Can we ever be sure again about the colour you saw on that person. Will you be game to choose carpet that suits your place, without another opinion. What we smell, hear, see, and touch is obviously subjective..... I thought the dress was blue and black not white and gold.*

Notes by Sergeant Stuart

Sergeant Stuart raised \$42.45 fine money (and a NZ\$1 coin which went to our foreign coin collection). The raffle raised \$39.05 which was won by our guest speaker who chose the white wine, and Stuart won the runner up box of chocolates. Poor guy, what is he going to do with a box of chocolates. He was only complaining to me before the meeting that he never wins our raffle- then he misses out and only gets the chocolates. Life's tough!!! Oh, I thought the dress was blue and gold so what does that make me? Google blue and black dress and have a look yourself.

Notes by Ron B

EGG AND BACON DUTIES AT FARMERS' MARKET SUN 12th APRIL

The club is in need of assistance at the egg and bacon stall on Sunday 12th April, requiring five people at each of 3 shifts.

We would appreciate help from past members, friends of Rotary, and families of Rotarians, -- we already have a partner and a son-in-law helping--because in a club of our size we need more helpers than the total number of our members.

So, if you can spare an enjoyable two hour spell under the Rotary tent with the pleasant smells of cooking food, please contact Warwick on 0412444393.

The shifts are 7am to 9am, 9am to 11am, and 11am to 12.30pm

BIKE RIDE FROM CONFERENCE

This year, the annual fund raising bike ride for Australian Health Research is leaving from the conference rather than going to the conference. This is because the previous weekend is a long weekend and so finding accommodation is too difficult. The overnight stays are Ararat, Horsham, Hamilton, Warrnambool, Colac and Ballarat. Ron Brooks is going on the ride again after a three year break, his first ride was to Bendigo in 1999. Received a generous donation from Heather Neilson this week so the amount raised is now over \$600.

ROTARY CLUB OF NUNAWADING 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday April 12 at 12noon at The Karralyka Centre Mines Rd Ringwood

Cost \$60 per person, drinks at bar prices

Please contact Bob Laslett before March 31 to book a place.

FOREIGN COINS for UNICEF

UNICEF sent me six heavy duty courier bags. I put 10kgs of coins in each of the bags, put on the security seals and they were picked up on Friday. Stuart came up with more coins (thanks Stuart) and I managed to find another 3kgs of coins and notes when I was tidying up the study. I'd forgotten all about them when I cleared out my coin collection a few weeks ago. So, will you all have another look around the house, please. Oh, just for the record, 2 kgs of coins just fills a 6 oz coffee jar. Below you can see the first 6 bags of 10kgs all security sealed of foreign coins ready for pickup



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

WEBSITE

Do not forget to check out our website, www.foresthillrotary.com and send Ron Brooks any information and suggestions. We had 197 visitors last month with over half going to the Blackburn Market.

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?

PRESIDENT ELECTS TRAINING SEMINAR (PETS)



(see 10th from left FRONT ROW! our own President Elect Bob)

REPORT on the MULTI DISTRICT PETS by President Elect Bob Williams

Saturday 28th February I drove to the Caro Convention Centre, Mt Helen Campus at Federation University just out of Ballarat and where the business sessions for District 9810 conference will be held.

Our District Governor Elect, David Tolstrup asked me for a favour upon my arrival (unlike a “Captain’s Pick” by Tony Abbott?) and that was, the last session Sunday afternoon was for a President Elect from each of the five Districts attending to speak for two minutes each on what they had learned and David asked me to represent District 9810 and speak about the changes in Rotary since my last training as President Elect 9 years ago. So that meant I had to not only stay awake for the two days but also take notes and prepare what I wanted to say. Thanks David!

Saturday’s sessions commenced at 9-30 with keynote speakers every 15/30 minutes, so very intense training.

Mary Barry told us of the same issues the SES has as us with trying to gain and retain members. She urged us to make our new members feel part of the team giving them jobs to do. She said that it was difficult to organise regular storms etc to keep her members busy!

PDG Tim Moore then told us how to prepare as Presidents with using more IT, involving everyone and make everyone feel important

PDG Jessie Harman suggested ideas for “Membership Recruitment, Retention and Diversity” and informed us that 20% of members world-wide are over 70 with the average age being 62 and we gain 100,000 new members each year and lose the same number. Planning and treating club members as individuals were her main messages.

PDG John Barnes told us about the Rotary Foundation then Charlie Allen informed us about the Rotary Foundation Peace Scholar program and along with a fellow policeman, Russell, took us through what they learned in the program and that world-wide 9.4 trillion dollars is spent on violence prevention and if we could save 15% that would mean 1.6 trillion for food and health which would change the world for the better.

PDG Cathy Roth spoke about the value of club visioning and “old school or bold school” telling us we are all “super heroes” and compared visioning to being in a helicopter 100 m from the ground and you can see the local issues but if you go up to 1000m you can

see the big picture. Visioning is a dynamic tool with a shared commitment for all members if used correctly.

Phillip Archer spoke of the public image of Rotary and told us that the sport of rowing is good for politicians as they look one way then go the other and urged us not to do the same.

There were 278 clubs represented at the PETS training and all of our members need to be ambassadors to concentrate on our strengths, encourage inter club visits and tackle something new.

The afternoon session was in Districts and then we broke into clusters and we are fortunate to have both David as our District Governor for 2015/16 and Paul Mee as our Assistant Governor as both are well prepared and very approachable. David spoke of the disappointment of 5 elected PE's not only not wanting to subsequently be Presidents but also not wanting to remain in Rotary. He urged us to not put too much pressure on our newer members to take on too much responsibility too soon. There are six District clubs who don't have Presidents for the coming year at the moment.

A well structured District 9810 Club resource Guide was handed to all with us urged to log into Rotary Club Central as soon as possible and then "My Rotary" to commence the planning for 2015/16 which I need to do.

The Saturday night dinner was at Ballarat Lodge, where our club is staying at conference and with 500 attending from the 5 Districts it again was a great opportunity to network with members from city, suburban and country clubs. By chance, I sat next to a fellow MCC member from Flemington club so we talked all night about footy, cricket etc. Sunday morning commenced with an address by Ron Adams about Australian Rotary Health and in particular our Indigenous scholar program so I was very proud that our club is one of all too few taking on the project.

Rowan McLean then told us about various International Projects including Interplast. Di Gillies who is the Interplast coordinator spoke of the achievements and Dr John Oswald joined her to tell us of his work overseas for Interplast for the last 10 years. Amazing that these wonderful professionals regularly give up their holiday or free time to volunteer their time and expertise to assist so many who can now lead "normal" lives.

Greg Rappo runs the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program which I'd like us to consider as so far 50,000 students Australia wide have benefitted. He spoke of 250, 17 to 25 year olds dying on the roads each year with 20 times this number injured. The course involves year 11 and 12 students, up to 150 in total from a school (Box Hill?) being taken for a day to a centre (Bayswater is the nearest for us) and taken through many scenarios to better prepare them for when they start driving.

The students are asked to pay a small fee for the training so there is no cost to the club, just time.

I gave my details to Greg at the next break so will receive more information about the program.

Jenny Coburn then spoke of the wide range of club support available.

Ian Knight took us through what our Vocational Training teams have done in Timor Leste.

Bronwyn Scarffe informed us about "Learning, Leading, Developing Pathways and urging us to engage Interact and "share and care".

One of the fellow five District Speakers I was sitting next to waiting for our turn to speak was from Frankston club who have put on 12 new members so far this year, making them 80 strong and this was by preparing booklets on what the club has done and distributing them at a farmers market they run plus other venues and then talking one on one to the people who were interested enough to take a booklet.

Cathy Roth spoke to us again this time on Rotary Leadership Training then two very young ladies from Melbourne Park Rotary took us through how they run their meetings

with using not only “Facebook” etc but using “Meetup” to advertise their meetings and gain numbers attending plus “Yammer” and have over 150 members so far. Blimey! David Whiting talked on Risk Management, ensuring we use only the registered Rotary “mark” and urged us to check on our insurance risks such as fire blankets etc for any BBQs. Also he said that if a cub had a claim against them that an excess of \$1,000 is required so suggested each club sets aside this amount in case.

The five “volunteers” from the five Districts then closed the training and for the life of me once I sat down after speaking I had little idea of what I said but DGE David and several others congratulated me on my address so maybe I didn’t stumble too badly.

Notes by Bob Williams

MEMBERSHIP WEBINAR

To register for the remaining webinars in the **Membership Matters!** webinar series please visit <http://www.rotary.org/webinars>

View the recording of the **Simple Steps to Innovate Your Club** webinar:
<https://vimeo.com/118740192>

View and download the **PowerPoint presentation**:
<http://slidesha.re/1yIVDYT>

Join the conversation in the **Membership Best Practices discussion group**:
<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/exchange-ideas/groups/membership-best-practices>

View a recording of **Parts 1 and 2 in the Membership Matters!** series:
<http://vimeo.com/103365589> (Part 1)
<http://vimeo.com/108381769> (Part 2)

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**

Opportunity to use my skills and competencies to make a very real difference to the lives of others – either through working with them to develop their own skills or by working side by side to develop their communities..

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Friday 6th March is the **FIRST Friday of the month** so it’s on again! The club’s monthly visit to Forest Hill Chase. We’ll meet before hand at the Melba Café for a meal, for a drink, for a coffee, or just for a chat. Tell me what you want to see and I’ll get the tickets \$8.50 each.

Ron Brooks

STAMPS

Please keep cutting out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving about a 1cm margin and give them to me. Carol Farmer and her team are ready to snip and sort them. They are looking for work to do.

Ron Brooks

Email received from Jenny Coburn

After a very different past three months, I have now commenced my new role as the Manager, Club & District Support at Rotary International and settling into the office.

With a very multi-cultural environment, the office is full of life with a great mix of colleagues in terms of age, profession and gender. I have a team of two working with me in the CDS section and we cover:

- Admission of New Clubs including Rotary, Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Community Corps
- Applications for change of name, change of club and district locality, merger of clubs
- Club and District Incorporations
- Licencing enquiries – use of Rotary name and other marks / logos
- District dispute enquiries
- Special Club Anniversary recognitions (ie 25th, 50th, 75th, etc)
- Special Member anniversary recognition (50th) on application
- Member Access guidance
- Guide District Governors, Clubs and Rotarians on procedural and constitutional matters
- Maintain historical records of clubs
- Promote Membership initiatives across the region.

There is much to learn, however I am beginning to gain an insight into the breadth of my role and I am very much looking forward to it.

My new address until approx end April is 20 Royce Street, Greystanes, NSW, 2145.

CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES 2014-15

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
Community & Vocation	Members: Ray Smith, Bob Williams, Graham Sharman
Membership & Publicity	Bob Laslett Members: Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
Fellowship	Doug Berwick Members: John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn
Primary Schools Speech Night Programme	John McPhee
Bulletin Editor	John McPhee
Web page & Facebook	Ray Smith & Gary Baltissen
On to Conference	Ron Brooks
Historian	Ron Brooks
Almoner	Stuart Williams
Public Officer	Stan Harper
	Graham Sharman
	Bill Marsh

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