



**The Flyer
2017-2018**



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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

26 March 2018

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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event		Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
26 March	Earth angels <i>Reg Shiel / Warren Sparrow</i>	BOARD	Bob Williams	Glenys Grant
2 April	No meeting			
9 April	East Timor Lighting Project <i>Pat Armstrong</i>		Stuart Williams	Chris Tuck
16 April	Rotarians against Malaria <i>Peter McPhee</i>	BOARD	Barbara Searle	Ron Brooks

CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to Joan Sharman (31 March) Congratulations on club anniversary to John Donaghey (1 April).

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

BILL'S BYLINES

The Volunteering Forum is moving ahead with room hire, catering and advertising all locked in. One speaker is confirmed and the second has been approached. We would appreciate the contact details for any other outstanding speaker on Volunteering in the Community to have as a back-up. Please also supply us with any names, and contact details, for any potential attendees.

If you haven't already booked your seats for Peridot on the 8th June jump onto the website and do so as a priority. We need to sell-out the theatre as this is a major fundraiser for our club and a chance to help Hope Katolo Nursery School – one of our favourite projects.

Who would have guessed at how involved the process is to get our politicians into print via Hansard! Many thanks to Mike Finke for a great talk at our meeting on Monday. Certainly gave us all a completely different perspective on the operation of Parliament. Congratulations to Sue for winning the bottle of "Parliamentary Port" donated by Mike.

Our sausage sizzle at Bunnings sort of crept up on us. It was booked last November and was then put in the "to be forgotten" basket. Fortunately one of our partners recalled the date and raised the alarm. It will be a case of all hands on deck as it will be a long and busy day and we have a couple of members away. Time to co-opt family and friends to ensure we have enough workers.

A date to put on the calendar – July 16th. This will be the official Changeover night for our club. Mike will take on the role of President from 1st July but with people away and other commitments this is the earliest convenient date for the ceremony.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Barb Williams through the sudden and unexpected loss of her sister-in-law and with Glenys and Rob after the death of Hang after a nine month battle with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia. .

Some dates for your diaries.

Monday 26th March - Reg Sheil and Warren Sparrow – "Earth Angels" & Board Meeting

Monday 2nd April – No Meeting (Easter Monday)

Monday 2nd April – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Friday 6th April – Film Night

Sunday 8th April – WFM

Monday 9th April –Pat Armstrong – "East Timor Lighting Project"

Saturday 14th April – Blackburn Market

Monday 16th April – Board Meeting

Wednesday 18th April -Cluster Volunteering Forum

Did You Know?

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

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

Meeting Report 19 March

Sergeant Stuart opened the meeting with a reflection and our normal toasts. Chair for the night was Sue Ballard. President Bill presented his report and stressed Easter Monday – Bunnings sausage sizzle. Warwick stressed names for volunteer night.

The sergt. extracted \$31.85c from members. The raffle, which was supplemented by a bottle of Parliamentary Port thanks to Mike.



The guest speaker was our own Mike Finke, talking about his new job as a Hansard Reporter. Mike gave a background to Hansard and mentioned that the State of Victoria was years ahead of The House of Commons in Britain having a true and correct record of what was said in Parliament.

Origin of Hansard- 1803, when the public were allowed into the House of Commons. In our state, The Victorian Hansard started in the 1850s- The Argus newspaper published a record. Mike works for the Department of Parliamentary Services... they work for the Parliament (not the government). As a Parliamentary Officer Mike has to adhere to a very strict Code of Conduct... apolitical and unbiased and seen to be so. He went through an extensive period of training over many weeks.

Sitting weeks- Tuesday to Thursday. Most years 17 sitting weeks. There is always a reporter in the House or Chamber... they are there for 7 to 10 minutes. He notes who is speaking, who is in chamber, time of day. Clerks assist with information on what is on the agenda. Reporters leave one another notes.

Mike does not use shorthand- a recording is made. Mike can talk into a system- Dragon Naturally Speaking and it converts the words into text. Mike's work goes to a sub-editor, it is published, then 2 editors check it and it is subject to vigorous proof-reading. The Hansard reporters also work at Committee meetings.

There are 17 reporters, 5 sub-editors and 2 editors and a manager. There are permanent and sessional reporters. Mike is the first "American" to work for Victorian Hansard. He has to go through 5 or 6 security doors to get to his office.

It is a very supportive environment, there are more women than men and there are many years of experience in the group.

Thanks Mike. A fascinating talk about a very unique job.

Sue, Mike and Warwick won the raffle and it raised \$51.

Stuart

Sergeant's Reflection 19 March 2018

Tonight I'm going to utilize a thought from Saturday Reflection, in The Age, by Claire Thurston.

We don't hear the word KIND a lot anymore. Has it gone out of fashion? I love it. What a compliment to describe someone as kind.

How do we define or describe kindness? It's selflessness, beauty of heart, reaching out, compassion-manifested.

Is it overlooked because it's a quaint concept in an obnoxious world? Who would you write down if you were asked to compile a list of the people who have been kind to you? Would it be a long list?

Have you been kind to strangers, or strangers kind to you? Is demonstrating kindness to strangers a learnt thing? Are we taught through actions to show kindness to strangers? Or is – Stranger danger more important in a dangerous world?

When we have time and space it is easy to be kind. Kindness, given to or received from strangers, is a beautiful thing. I believe it can change lives.

Is the essence of Rotary – kindness?

Some fines for 19.3

You've heard of BINGE watching TV series and recorded programs. A fine on anyone whose definition of – binge watching – means getting through an episode without a bathroom break.

How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?

Stealing someone's coffee is called "mugging".

The other day I held the door open for a clown. It was a nice jester.

No matter how much you push the envelope—it'll still be stationery.

An old man went to the wailing wall in Jerusalem for years and prayed for peace, no wars and harmony in the world. On the 20th anniversary of him doing this a TV reporter asked him. "In view of all the strife over the last 20 years, how do you think your praying here is going?"

The man thoughtfully replied: "it's like talking to a bloody brick wall."

Footy tipping

Make sure you sign up for our Footy Tipping competition. ESPN Footy Tipping.. footytips.com.au Our competition is called Kickgoals18

Cost \$30. It is easy to tip in advance if you head off on holidays. Weekly and end of year prizes.

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

This week Glenys and Bob L pretended to be master chefs and next week it is Barb and Chris.

Volunteering with Rotary

Wednesday 18th April from 6.30 pm
Whitehorse Council Offices
Waratah Room
379/397 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading
RSVP: 10th April
to Bill Marsh: bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au

Rotary Club of Mitcham Cup Day BBQ.

For 2018 , we are fortunate to have been offered the use of Taralye in Blackburn Rd Blackburn.

We plan to distribute the net proceeds as to 1/2 to Taralye and 1/2 to Aqua Box.

Please suggest to your members that they keep the date free.

More details nearer the event.

Ron Frederick Secretary RC Mitcham.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal & Child Health

ARTICLES

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