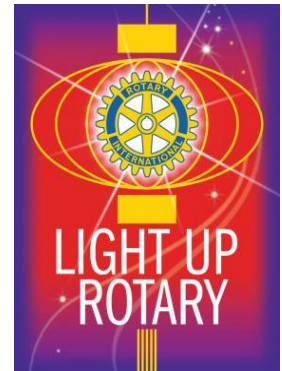




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Club of Forest Hill

Weekly Newsletter

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CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
23 rd March	Ken Sharp, Ken Walls ABCD	Bob Williams	Glenys Grant
30 th March	Jasmine Gan – NYSF Board meeting		
6 th April	Bucatini Partners a la carte meal Easter – no meeting		

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Nothing to Celebrate.



(Go on, party anyway. It will make you feel good and get you ready for the footy season. Go Dons!)

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

BILL'S BLURB

It was great to be back among Rotary friends on Monday and enjoy a relaxed meeting. The night was divided between brief committee reports, a run-down on the great Conference from the weekend and then Committee meetings preparing for the Board meeting next Monday.

Without a doubt the Conference was a great success. The speakers and the entertainment were first class, the sessions were well compered and ran to time. It was also a chance to catch up with friends from other clubs and to see and hear about some of the great programs being run by Rotary.

The Conference next year will be in Shepparton from 18-20 March. Put the date into your diary and start planning for a great weekend. (Last night I heard that Nunawading have already booked their accommodation!)

Last night I attended a meeting at RC of Box Hill during which I made a presentation of \$5,400 on behalf of the Whitehorse Cluster of clubs to Hand Brake Turn. As always Phil spoke from the heart about his involvement with Hand Brake Turn and the difference the program makes to the young people involved. Our Hand Brake Turn evening is planned for 1st June.

It will be great to welcome Ron back next week after his 'Ride from Rotary'. An 810 km journey around the south-western part of our state. If someone has a nice soft cushion it might be handy!

Coming Up:

20 Mar	District Rotary Foundation Grants Seminar - Monash Enterprise Centre
23 Mar	Board Meeting
30 Mar	Partners' Dinner in Bucatinis
6 Apr	No Meeting
9 Apr	WFM Committee Meeting
11 Apr	Blackburn Market
12 Apr	WFM (Egg & Bacon Stall) & RC Nunawading 50th Birthday Celebration
13 Apr	Committee meetings
20 Apr	Board Meeting
17 May	District Assembly
14 Sep	DG's Visit

Little Known Fact:

If all of the Lego bricks ever manufactured were clipped on top of each other, they would make a tower ten times as high as the distance to the moon. (I think my grandson could just about demonstrate this fact!!)

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

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Sergeant Stuart opened the 34th meeting of President Bill's year of the "Williams Rotary Club" (he was also the chair and Bob was to do the thanks) and told us of the past weekend at the 9810 District conference at Ballarat. It was thought-provoking and stimulating and made you proud to be a Rotarian. Rotary "Is an organisation that enables ordinary people to do extraordinary things."

On with his Chair's hat and Pres Bill was introduced.

He thanked members for their support of his family in a time of extraordinary sadness and upset.

On behalf of our cluster he will hand over a cheque for \$5,400 to Handbrake Turn tomorrow night.

Kingswood College is seeking Rotarians to be involved in mock job interviews for their students on 28th April. Contact Bill if you can help.

We also received an invite to the Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Annual Friends' luncheon on Sunday 29th March at 11-30a m.

RSVP by Monday 23rd March to Elaine Boucher on phone 9877 5896 or email e.bouche@bigpond.net.au

Reports included our Blackburn Station market which is detailed later in this edition.

Back to sergeant Stuart (more one handed clapping) who extracted \$44-40 from only the 11 members present so a great result, starting with donations from Carlton and Demon supporters for their rare wins on the weekend. Well done Stuart and you would have done well working for the Tax Office.

Ron and Bill's raffle raised \$48 which also is remarkable and Bob W drew Pres Bill as the winner. Bad luck Glenys as I thought after all her previous success that we should skip the drawing part in future and simply give her the prize each week.

With Stuart also leading the conference talks, Treasurer Warwick kindly counted the fine money (so it would be correct this week at least eh Warwick?)

Glenys started the conference discussion talking on the entertainment and in her usual thorough style had googled the entertainers.

Craig Monley (son of Tony and Kathy) along with his dance partner, Sriani Argaet led a troupe of four other dancers which started the conference with a bang. Glenys counted at least 50 costume changes with all made by Sriani. She and Craig have performed in many championships and it certainly showed.

Saturday night's entertainment was by a comedian (yes Glenys I also thought he was a bit rusty) then a 22y.o. baritone, Daniel Carison who in his short career has obtained a Bachelor of Music at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music and starred in many stage roles including as Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof" and he started with "If I were a Rich Man" which stunned us all with his talented performance.

A real WOW (Eureka?) moment!

Glenys urged us all to go and see any production he is in.

The conference concluded with an amazing vocal group (and three piece band) called "The Melbourne Singers of Gospel" which included our own DG Tony Monley and the son of conference MC Daryl. 70 members who had travelled up to Ballarat to entertain us so royally - another WOW moment.

Bob L, Bill, Stuart and Bob W contributed various pertinent observations.

Conference notes follow later in the bulletin.



We wuz robbed as we didn't even score a mention from the judges!

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 left from the conference rather than going to the conference because the previous weekend was a long weekend and so finding accommodation was too difficult. The overnight stays are Ararat, Horsham, Hamilton, Warrnambool, Colac and Ballarat.

Ron and the team of 60 left the conference Sunday morning and lunched at Beaufort. Ron reports that they had a tail wind after a chilly start and overnighted at Ararat as planned.

Monday Ron rode 112 kms and Horsham hosted them for the evening. It was a cool morning but warmed up in the afternoon with lunch at Halls Gap. 130kms to be ridden Tuesday and although mainly flat, as they can't ride on the Western Highway they will need to negotiate the back roads. Great camaraderie says Ron.

This intrepid reporter awaits the next instalment.

Next instalment. Thanks Robbie for advising that Tuesday Ron rode 135 kms with rain the first couple of hours but then hot with the plus that the wind was at their backs. Dinner was at Hamilton North RC which has 60 members and in Ron's words "it was a very good meeting" and presumably the club raised some money for them as well. Safe riding Ron for the rest of the bike ride.

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.

CONFERENCE REPORT

District 9810 Conference Ballarat March 13 to 15, 2015

Conference commenced with the opening ceremony at 12-30pm on Friday with DG Tony Monley explaining the theme "Eureka" running through the sessions.

The message from RI President Gary Huang was delivered by RIPPR Bill Boyd who as usual was succinct and entertaining. He explained why the matching grants format had to change as it was becoming a "train wreck" and so "Future Vision was lit up". He left us with the thought that if each of the 1.2million Rotarians in the world lit a candle we can light up the world. First speaker, Stephen Monaggetti told us to take control of our destiny and put yourselves in a position to succeed.

He told us that he wasn't considered any good by his little athletics coach but he persisted and only just qualified for the Commonwealth Games by point four of a second.

He said we should continue to evolve and his four "L's" Live, Learn, Leadership, Legacy.

Lt General Peter Leahy, former Army chief, told us about ISIS and cyber terrorism and that in his mind terrorism will be an ongoing issue for a long time but left us with some optimism as he thinks our security is pretty good. Tania Militic is a Rotary World Peace fellow and worked in many places including Cambodia. She spoke of the difference to her life that Rotary's involvement has made.

After each segment a Past DG spoke of their "Eureka" moments from the previous speakers.

OTC (On to conference) Stuart had booked us a private room at the North Britain hotel for our Friday night dinner and we all enjoyed our meals, even though they were a little late due to the very busy kitchen. Judy Marsh did a great job with her ENORMOUS sized meal.

Saturday commenced with RIPPR Bill talking about Rotary Humanitarian projects (water and sanitation) and that he has been told by a US General that our projects do more in the fight against terrorism than all the armies. Prof Paddy Dewan told us about "Kind Cuts for Kids" which is similar to our Interplast project but covers a different geographical area, Bosnia etc. They also teach local surgeons and look at cheaper solutions for equipment. Since starting in 1993 they have performed 3388 operations. He advocates that we have to fight for honesty in medical boards and has personally been involved in several Court cases, all in which he has been proved correct.

James Charles is an Indigenous scholar through our Rotary Health scheme and although initially being illiterate, has schooled himself to enable him to

attend Uni and is a specialist in Aboriginal Foot Health. Over 50% of Aborigines are diabetics which can lead to foot amputation.

We can feel proud as Forest Hill is one of only a few clubs who participate in the project.

DGE David Tolstrup announced that the conference venue next year is Shepparton with no golf day and is 18 to 20 March 2016. The theme is "Power of the Past – Force of the Future" with the Saturday night theme to be your favourite TV show or hero.

At lunch I reminded David that at the last conference at Shepparton (coincidentally my previous time as President) DG Bob Richards opened the conference riding in on a horse in his akubra and drizabone. (Bob was wearing the akubra and drizabone not the horse!)

David said I could be assured that he won't be doing the same! Oooohhhh! Barb West is an intercultural communications expert and was so dynamic. She told us of the many cultural differences between countries and whether we are linear or circular in our communication.

She made us all feel tired just looking at her delivery.

Mark Ballard of Box Hill Central club told us about what issues there are with a lack of sanitation in places such as India. Most difficult for teenage girls entering puberty as they often give up attending school when there are no toilets. He cited 23% drop out at this time and to avoid embarrassment many wait until dark to go to the toilet where nearly 50% of them are attacked.

India has 250 million kids in schools without toilets. Worldwide 4000 kids die each day due to sanitation issues and simply providing water and soap could save 75% of these.

Ken Lay, recently retired Chief Commissioner of Police spoke on family violence and sexism in hospitals as recently raised in the press. There has been a doubling of reportable offences in the past two years with 65,000 reports last year.

He left us with "The standard you walk past is the standard you will accept." Tayla McKechnie is a NYSF past student and wow what an amazing young lady. She spoke so fondly of her time in Canberra and even of meeting a future Nobel Prize winner. She has subsequently been involved in training recent students at NYSF. Her network and confidence has soared with her experience.

Mary Ruth Mendel told us of the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation and that 80% of kids in remote indigenous communities cannot read nor write. Pre prep kids need reading skills taught to them and the Foundation trains High School kids to assist primary school kids to read. Mums and Grandmas also assist. "Share a book" program pushed.

Stuart reminded us that our club was involved in gathering and supplying books to PNG schools through Val Jerrard some years ago and he is checking on what we can do again. Go Stuart!

Fiona David from the Walk Free Foundation spoke of slavery that still exists in the world today with an estimated 36 million in slavery of one form or another in 167 countries. What sad statistics!

60% of our seafood comes from Thailand that uses slavery on some Thai boats so she urged us to learn where our food comes from. Faith Leaders across the world have recently signed a declaration to end slavery.

Anthony Schink is the CEO of the City of Ballarat and showed and told us about their plans for the future as already there are 100,000 people in the area and they are the fastest regional growth area in Victoria. Very reassuring as the plans included listening to residents, connecting neighbourhoods and using people capital.

He left us with "Seeing the Need and Doing the Deed."

Deakin Uni staffer Katey O'Sullivan and students Nikki Griffin, Bonnie Anderson and Lucy Tissot with Rotary's help went to Milawi to assist in teaching the locals to make feminine hygiene products. Their enthusiasm was wonderful. They gained great support within the Uni and raised over \$12,000 when their target was \$5,000. In his summing up, Ken Wall of ABC Dreams spoke of a night time call from them saying they had raised over \$5,000 and would it be OK if they continued fund raising? He said it was a "tough" decision. With Rotary making the sum up to over \$20,000, they were able to build a sewing room with the additional funds. They partnered with "Days for Girls", ABC Dreams, Deakin Uni and Rotary to make it all happen.

Katey told us that "If you want to go fast, go alone but if you want to go far, go together."

Before morning tea we then farewelled the conference riders, including our own Ron Brooks and wished them all the best. Onya bike Ron!

Carol Lawton spoke briefly on what she sees as her DG role in 2016/17.

Kathy Monley updated us on her partner project then the RIPPR and Tony Monley gave us their closing remarks and "Eureka" moments.

The conference handover was next and we closed with an amazing segment with the Melbourne Singers of Gospel, including DG Tony Monley who was looking a bit tired by now.

A very well run three days and as always, very uplifting.

Notes by Bob Williams

OUR THANKS TO RC MITCHAM

Isn't it great to have friends like our mates at Mitcham Rotary club?

We asked President Joseph if they could help us to run the Blackburn market on the 14th March as many of our usual market members would be at conference.

"No worries" said Joseph and as good as his word, Joseph, Ron and Sharon helped out on the day. Thank you very much!

BLACKBURN MARKET

The father of the bride (Chris, as his daughter was being married that day) “sneaked” out for a short time so that he could help.

We hope that Jenny wasn't too hard on you Chris and that sleeping on the couch was OK! The “hospital patient” (John Mc) made sure he didn't miss out and came to see that the crew were running it to his satisfaction.

The Rotarian with the walker (Stan) worked all day (as did the note taker Ray – Ed)

The seaside Rotarian (John D) came up from Ocean grove and found it harder and longer than looking after grandchildren.

The Mitcham President (Joseph) turned up in a suit and tie and so has created a new standard of dress for future markets! Mitcham President elect Ron obtained his onion slicing and cooking certificate and former Whitehorse councillor Sharon helped collect the site fees from the stallholders as if she was collecting the council rates.

Former member (and accountant) Bruce Millot and Peter Skilbeck provided their invaluable assistance with Bruce blotting his copybook accounting skills by being \$10 out with the collection.

\$850 less costs and some previous expenses so a very successful day.

Our thanks to all our friends who helped out as we couldn't have run it without your fantastic support!

Notes by Ray Smith

SPECIAL BUCATINI NIGHT ON 30th MARCH

We are eating “a la carte” in the main restaurant. Make sure partners know and all our honorary members and Friends of Rotary. It is still 6:15pm for 6:30pm.

Club members will have a short (10min?) meeting at 6:30pm while everyone else gathers in the main restaurant for a drink, chat and placing meal order. This way, when we sit down to eat, we don't wait long for a meal.

It's a great opportunity to catch up with all the gossip.

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

Have heard from RC of MASH and RC of Sandringham that they both have collection jars for coins at their club meeting. RC of Boronia are also collecting. Have another look at the back of those drawers and see if there are any more coins (or notes) lurking about.

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 this week.

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?

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)

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Stuart McDonald from the Youth Exchange committee asked us if we could possibly assist with an Exchange student for next year and so the Youth committee plus Stuart Williams (ex Youth Exchange chair) discussed the matter.

There is interest from a Box Hill High student in going to Germany if at all possible and as Stuart Mc knew of our involvement with Box Hill High, hence the request. Also one of the student's parents is interested in joining Rotary.

Stuart W suggests we would need four families to host so at least two club families to host (plus a "spare" is prudent) leaving two to find by the student's parents or friends or other families from Box Hill High.

Stuart Mc needs to know in a week or so if we can assist and so if any member thinks they may be able to host can you please let me know by Monday 23rd

March.

Bob W

BLACKBURN LAKE SANCTUARY ANNUAL FRIENDS' LUNCHEON

You are cordially invited to the luncheon to be held at the Lake Visitor Centre

From 11-30am to 3-30pm(ish)

RSVP by Monday 23rd March to Elaine Boucher phone 9877 5896 or email

e.bouche@bigpond.net.au

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**

It's Never Boring: Rotarians have many and diverse opportunities to give and contribute. Clubs and Districts have amazing opportunities to make a difference, to share your skills and to learn from others. It is the University of the World.

CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES 2014-15

President	Bill Marsh
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If you do not wish to receive this publication please contact the editor. He will be bitterly disappointed, bemused and amazed..... but understanding and cooperative.

(He may also take off on a week long bike ride just to get over his disappointment and leave the bulletin producing duties to someone else as he has done this week Bob Williams)