



**The Flyer  
2017-2018**



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

**President: Bill Marsh**

Number 36

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Meeting location:

Meeting time:

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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

30 April 2018

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**CLUB PROGRAM**

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
30 April	Bucatini with partners		
7 May	The mystery of Fairyland, Kew <i>Peter Nicolas</i>	Glenys Grant	Sue Ballard
14 May	Club Forum <i>Mike Finke</i>	Mike Finke	Ray Smith
21 May	Emergency Cambodia/ RC Phnom Pen <i>Marcel Cambell/ Dr Nourn Sophat</i>	Ray Smith	Barbara Searle

**CELEBRATIONS**

Congratulations to Rob and Glenys Grant for their wedding anniversary on 6 May.

**DUTY ROSTER**

	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	Ron Brooks	Barbara Williams
<b>Greeter</b>	Glenys Grant	Sue Ballard
<b>Emergency</b>	Mike Finke	Barbara Searle
<b>Cashier</b>	Chris Tuck	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 0412 807 585 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

## BILL'S BYLINES

A most enjoyable meeting on Monday with partners, honorary members and guests joining us to listen to our guest speaker Shirley Devery talking about the Shrine of Remembrance. Shirley has been a guide at the Shrine for 4 years and is very passionate about her work. We were to have had Shirley speak to us a year ago but she had to cancel due to illness. Her talk was well worth the wait. Notes from Shirley's talk are included later in the newsletter.

On Thursday Mike and I will be attending a Cluster Presidents' Meeting at Bucatini Restaurant. The main items on the agenda are a discussion centred on which schools clubs are involved with, a review of the Volunteering Forum and the Presidential Citation. No doubt other items will arise. Please let Mike, or me, know if there is an item you think the Cluster should address.

Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> will be the District Presidents' Meeting – the last for this Rotary year. Doesn't time fly when you are busy and having fun! It only seems like yesterday when Malcolm was welcomed in as District Governor and now in a few short weeks he will become a Past District Governor. What a pleasure it has been to work with Malcolm over the last 12 months. He is so quiet and understated and yet so passionate about all things Rotary. Mike will represent our club at this meeting as I will be in Adelaide.

Next Monday is a Partners' Night in the restaurant. Partners and Honorary members are encouraged to join us for an evening of good food and great company. Please let Ray know if you will be attending.

"The Mystery of Fairyland, Kew" is the subject of Peter Nicolas' talk at the 7<sup>th</sup> May meeting. This promises to be a beautiful trip down memory lane for many of our members who can remember the 40-50's (and who can't amongst us?). A night not to be missed if you can help it.

The 14<sup>th</sup> May will see Mike Finke host a Club Forum. This will be a great chance to review the year's work, talk about plans for the next year and look at how our club runs and if we can make it even better.

Peridot Theatre tickets are moving steadily (slowly). I am looking forward to seeing a large block fill up when RC of Nunawading make their bookings. We have been visiting a number of clubs this week to encourage them to support the evening. Hopefully if a couple more can emulate Nunawading's effort we will have a sell-out night. A great night is guaranteed. The Hope Katolo committee have been mobilising their supporters and Gwen Delacy at Berangarra (last year's recipient from a similar night) has been encouraging support from staff and friends of the Berangarra School.

District Assembly will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at Deakin University. It would be good to have as many as possible attend, particular chairs of the different committees and members who have not attended previously.

### Dates for your calendar

26 <sup>th</sup> April	- Cluster Presidents Meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> April	- Partners Night in Bucatini
4 <sup>th</sup> May	- Presidents' Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> May	- MUNA
7 <sup>th</sup> May	- "The Mystery of Fairyland, Kew" Peter Nicolas Chair – Glenys Grant Thanks – Sue Ballard
12 <sup>th</sup> May	- Blackburn Market
13 <sup>th</sup> May	- WFM – Egg & Bacon Stall
14 <sup>th</sup> May	- Club Forum Chair Mike Finke Thanks – Ray Smith
20 <sup>th</sup> May	- District Assembly, Deakin University
21 <sup>st</sup> May	- Board Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> May	- Apprentice Awards
4 <sup>th</sup> June	- Youth Achievement Awards
8 <sup>th</sup> June	- Peridot Theatre – sell tickets!!
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	- Tree Planting at Blackburn Lake

### Did You Know?

In 2010 twice as many Britons died in accidents in their own homes as in traffic accidents.  
(Now will you stop climbing ladders and standing on chairs to reach the top shelf of the pantry.)

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

## Meeting report April 23 2018

Sergeant Bob Williams opened the night with a brief reflection highlighting the involvement of schools and Rotary with Anzac Day services.

Chairman Bob Laslett welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Judy Marsh, Glenys Coates, Megdalana Obya, guest speaker Shirley Devery and her niece Tracey.

President Bill mentioned the successful Volunteering Forum and three participants who were interested in attending meetings with a view to joining Rotary. The Cluster & District Presidents' Meetings coming up, progress with Peridot bookings and the District Assembly.

Chairman Bob Laslett then took reports from committee chairs, programs, fellowship and members.

Sergeant Bob Williams passed the bowl around and \$20.60 was raised for Foundation.

Shirley Devery was then introduced and spoke about "The Shrine of Remembrance – a place of respect"

President Bill thanked Shirley for an outstanding talk and presented her with our traditional gift – a handmade pen turned from Australian Red Gum.

Following Shirley's address the raffle was drawn and John D, Bill M and Glenys C went home with the prizes. The raffle raised \$60.

President Bill reminded members about the Partners' Night next week, thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.



Notes from Shirley's Address:

### **Shrine of Remembrance – a place of remembrance and respect**

Following the end of World War One – the Great War, the War to end all Wars – Victorian families had no place to go and remember their lost loved ones. Those who had fallen, slept so far away.

People like General Sir John Monash and other veterans of the conflict came to the conclusion that we Victorians, needed somewhere where we could gather together to pay homage to all of those who had served.

The Shrine of Remembrance was built between 1927 and 1934 on a site, which in those days – no high risers then – could be seen from all points.

Money was raised by public donation – and in today's currency the school children of Victorian raised over \$400,000. The children would take their pennies to school for a donation, when you consider that money was pretty tight during those years, what a magnificent effort.

The entire workforce comprised veterans from WWI, the world was in depression and this was a form of employment for those men – and maybe a place where shared memories/stories could be told. No shame in sharing a few tears – as is the case today.

We should not forget that the Great Ocean Road, it is also a War Memorial, it too was built by WWI vets.

On Remembrance Day, 1934, the Duke of Gloucester dedicated the Shrine of Remembrance. Today, when you think about the footy grand final – 100,000 people cram into the MCG – wow. Well, on that day, remembering that Victoria's population was just over 2 million people – 300,000 men, women and children gathered on the reserve.

Following the end of WWII, people said/felt what about us and our service.

Originally there was a pool on the north side of the Shrine – the Pool of Reflection. This was removed and the World War Two Forecourt established.

It was in 1954 that Queen Elizabeth II made her first visit to Melbourne and she lit the Eternal Flame on the Forecourt.

On ANZAC Day, veterans, descendants, friends, form up in Flinders Street and march proudly up along St Kilda Road to the Shrine. Up the stairs, onto the Forecourt and after 'eyes right' at the Eternal Flame, peel off to the left.

Trees mark the contribution of all of our allies – for example, the olive tree. Olive trees – a symbol of remembrance and also honouring those very brave Greek people who fought alongside our diggers in WWII.

On Remembrance Day 2014, the Galleries of Remembrance were opened by the then Governor. If you have not already come in, please do so. The Galleries tell the story of our military history – not just names/places.

Last year marked the 100th anniversary of the charge at Beersheba during WWI under the leadership of another one of our great Generals – Sir Harry Chauvel.

Over 3,000 school children joined us to not only hear about the last cavalry charge in history but were joined by members of the Creswick Light Horse group – 37 horses and riders dressed in Light Horse uniforms participated. For many children present, it was the first time they had ever been up 'close and personal' to a horse.

At this year's Legacy Children's Day – last Friday - we, at the Shrine, were joined by over 3,000 school children, a very inspiring day.

Today we have men and women still 'on deployment' overseas, serving our country – as well as and, importantly, here protecting us.

We pay our respects for those men and women.

Bill

### **Sergeant's Reflection 23 April 2018**

Our speaker last week, Peter McPhee reminded us that his Mitcham Rotary club runs an Anzac Day dawn service each year at Halliday Park Mitcham and my granddaughter attended one run by Templestowe Rotary last Thursday. Barbara and I attended Maroondah and Croydon's Rotary Anzac Service last Wednesday at Ringwood Lake for senior primary school children in the City of Maroondah with 700 children from 25 schools in attendance. It is great to see how much Rotary is involved in reminding our youngsters of the need to recognise the sacrifices our young Australian men and women have made in all the wars since World War 1. The guests included Honorary Consuls from France, Turkey, and Belgium, Federal and State politicians, Maroondah deputy mayor, Maroondah Council representatives, our DG Malcolm, Bendigo Bank representative plus Rotarians from Maroondah and Croydon clubs organising and running it all.

Chatting to Maroondah's Andrew Brownlie who chaired the day, he had the timings on his running sheet to the minute and kept to them. It is a mammoth undertaking with planning starting now for next year, coordinating the army, the Honorary Consuls, local pipe band, Legacy, schools, politicians, Maroondah Council, bus transport, parking etc etc.

The address was made by Colonel John Dougall from the regular army who had been deployed in Afghanistan and other hot spots around the world. Yarra Valley Grammar supplied their Junior School captains for a reading plus the band and choir and the solo trumpeter who played the Last Post. Representatives from each school laid

a wreath then the Ode was read by a representative from Legacy and the army men and women attended to the flag raising ceremony. The national anthems of Turkey, France, Belgium and Australia were played with us all singing the Australian anthem to conclude a very moving service. All the primary school kids were very well-behaved sitting on tarps supplied by Maroondah Rotary and us adults had chairs to sit on. The dignitaries then could partake of a Rotary sausage sizzle while the kids caught their respective buses, all in an orderly fashion. Again, just another occasion where Barbara and I felt really proud to be a Rotarian.

Bob

## DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

District Governor Malcolm Chiverton and District Governor-Elect Russell Gurney invite all Rotarians and Rotaractors to our 2018 District Assembly on **Sunday 20 May** at 9.00am at the Burwood Campus of Deakin University, 221 Burwood Highway, Burwood 3125.

- DGE Russell will outline Rotary International and District 9810 directions for the new Rotary year.
- District Officers and Committee Chairs will outline strategies, plans, and activities for 2018-19 in engaging and interactive sessions.
- Key Club Officer workshop sessions will provide the latest tips and techniques.
- An informative new (er) members session is being offered.
- A special combined session for Presidents-Nominee and Presidents-Elect will be held.

There will be something for everyone. **Be the Inspiration** in your Club and Community in the coming year and reinforce to the world that we are **People of Action**.

We welcome all attendees to RSVP via the Club Registration form by **no later than Friday 27 April** to:

Carol Lawton  
District 9810 Learning and Development  
Coordinator [clawton@melbpc.org.au](mailto:clawton@melbpc.org.au)

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BY 2 MAY

BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES

whitehorserac@gmail.com

## FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST

Bob L and Barb will launch us into the new term next Tuesday. Last week there was a 24-hour marathon (for the students not Robbie and Barb) .

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

April Maternal & Child Health  
May Youth

## ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to [rlaslett76@gmail.com.au](mailto:rlaslett76@gmail.com.au) by 5 pm Wednesday please.