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Club address:

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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

29 April 2019

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<b>CLUB PROGRAM</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b>
29 Apr	MUNA <i>Thomas Yakubowski &amp; Aasna Shah</i>	Ray Smith	Bill Marsh
6 May	History of Canterbury Suburb <i>James Nicolas</i>	Ian Teese	Bob Williams
13 May	????	Stuart Williams	Barbara Searle
20 May	Assembly Attendees	Bill Marsh	Sue Ballard

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John McPhee (birthday-26 April) and Ron & Robbie Brooks (wedding anniversary – 28 April)

## DUTY ROSTER

	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	Bob Williams	Bob Laslett
<b>Greeter</b>	Barbara Searle	Ian Teese
<b>Emergency</b>	Warwick Stott	John Bindon
<b>Cashier</b>	Sue Ballard	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

## Mike's Musings

A break from regular meetings did not mean a break from all Rotary activities. Stuart and I attended my final cluster meeting, where cooperation and collaboration within the cluster was discussed. We also had our Easter Monday sausage sizzle. Excellent work done by all and over \$800 in the kitty that can be used to fund our projects. It didn't rain, we got compliments on our cooking skills and we cleaned up after ourselves. Full points.

### Fellowship Update:

Please send me an email if you'd like to be on the list for the next Peridot performance on 7 June. The movie night will be shifted to the last day in May. Two film nights in May, none in June.

This will see my involvement in fellowship ended. Stuart's got some great plans for next year's fellowship, so get ready to fill your calendars.

### Call for Volunteers:

The Whitehorse Historical Society will be putting on their usual Heritage Family Day event on 15 September 2019 and have approached us to ask for our help with the sausage sizzle. If you're interested, please let me know. The hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Please continue to:

- Dob in extra names for our 'auxiliary and friends' network email list.

### Please mark your calendars with the following:

- Friday, 3 May FFFF
- Sunday, 19 May District Assembly
- Friday, 31 May Last Friday Film Fellowship
- Friday, 7 June Peridot Opening Night—*Crimes of the Heart* by Beth Henley

## Meeting report April 15



The speaker for the night was Rotarian and Past DG Tony Monley who spoke on RAG Family Violence. Tony started his presentation by describing RAG and its purpose.

RAG stands for Rotary Action Group, of which there are about 20 groups. These groups are made up of experts and people with a special interest in a particular issue with the objective of getting Rotary involved. Tony mentioned the water and sanitation group as a good example of a RAG.

Tony outlined the RAG he is promoting which aims to improve family safety and prevent family violence.

Rotary should get involved:

1. To promote peace and conflict resolution,
2. To support fundamental human rights, and
3. To provide leadership.

Some facts about family violence include, this year, there have been 15 deaths, the estimated annual cost is 22 billion dollars, there is a higher incidence in indigenous women and it affects young people as well.

Family violence and homelessness are linked.

There is legislation, police action and services available to reduce family violence but in 2016 a Royal Commission made 227 recommendations to reduce family violence which demonstrates how big and complex this issue has become.

Tony pointed out this is a call to action to change the culture and promote early intervention.

Rotary understands the issue and knows agencies to support those in need, such as finding emergency housing, the locations of food banks, how to assist people to get back into work, the availability of counselling as well as awareness training and research.

There are Foundation Grants available for Rotary Clubs to assist in this area.

Tony made a well-structured presentation and presented a challenge to the Club to consider what role it would like to take to reduce family violence.

Funds raised, Sergeant \$32.65, Raffle \$37.00 and the Chocolate Raffle Gift Presentation raised \$162.70.

Chris Tuck

## President's Reflection 15 April

I wrote a piece that I put on LinkedIn recently. It's too long to read here. In it, I referenced the saying, 'when you take the king's shilling, you are the king's man'. This had to do with the ceremonial passing of payment to men who enlisted in the military services of the British monarchy. Once you took payment, you were beholden.

When military adventure became a bit more dangerous, and enlisting became a little less appealing, recruiters took to the road. It's where we get the term 'press gang'. They could convince a somewhat inebriated or, in some cases, entirely unconscious pub customer to sign up, sealing the deal by pressing a coin into their palm.

While most of us have been in the situation of being disappointed with the options open to us for employment at some point. We might have wanted a job a little closer to home, or that paid a bit better, or that required fewer hours. But we took those jobs willingly. And we became, at that point, a company man. We had a responsibility to look after the interest of our employer. But that can sound like drudgery if we begin to think we're stuck there.

So maybe it's helpful to think about the word 'impress'. Those army and navy recruits were impressed into service, but usually when we use the word, we mean we admire something. We recognise its value. We are inspired by it.

And so in the piece I wrote I advised the reader to make a mental decision to find something in their employment to be inspired by—a project, a goal or an objective that would allow them to recommit and re-enlist as if a new recruit. And this works for unpaid positions as well, it's only symbolic after all. Be impressed with Rotary and impress yourself into service anew.

## District Assembly

District Governor Russell Gurney and District Governor-Elect Shia Smart invite all Rotarians and Rotaractors to our 2019 District Assembly on **Sunday 19 May** at 9.00am at the Burwood Campus of Deakin University, 221 Burwood Highway, Burwood 3125.

- DGE Shia 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 2019-20 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.

Make new friends. Network with fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors and get to know your District Officers. Increase your knowledge of modern Rotary.

See how our Avenues of Service can not only deliver value to the community, but also provide inspiration to existing members. All our work will increase our profile in the community and provide opportunities for more like-minded people to join us!

There will be something for everyone. As **Rotary Connects the World** in your Club and Community in the coming year; we will reinforce to the world that we are **People of Action**.

Let Mike know if you are going.

## NEXT YEAR

Preamble.

I will be absent all of May. I hope we can have a meeting during July when we can address our club's future. We are a healthy Rotary club, we just have very low membership. We have "made some noises about changing our club, changing our meetings to make them more attractive to younger new members". We need to seriously address that issue.

What are we comfortable with? What could we trial for 6 months?

Please think about what YOU like about Rotary and our club. I am offering a window of opportunity. Let's not slam it shut. Lets have a look at a slightly different Rotary.

Be ready with concrete ideas, suggestions for late June or early July.

Stuart

### Discussion Starters for Rotary Year 2019-20

- A more flexible meeting set-up that reduces costs.

Wk 1. Committee meetings First 35 min Club, second 35 min Service

Wk 2. Guest Speaker

Wk 3. Guest Speaker

Wk 4. Guest Speaker

Wk 5. Social meal in Bucatini restaurant.

For week one- approach Ivan to have a cheaper simpler meal... maybe 5 or 6 very large pizzas and coffee/tea. (max \$20)

Offer a \$5-\$8 fee if a person does not want to eat but just have a coffee and garlic bread.

- Committee structure --
- Meeting first 35 min of week one

**CLUB-** Membership: Chair Sue B, WS, JB, SW, IT

Fellowship: Chair Bill M, J McP, Barb W, BS, CT, J D.

Image/Publicity/Photo Comp: Chair Mike F, RS, BL, Bob W

Meeting starting 6.45pm of week one.

**SERVICE** – Youth – Chair Glenys G, Bob L, RS, CT

Vocational – Co-Chairs. Barbara S and Bob W, SW, RB

Community – Chair Barb W, J McP, SB, WS.

International – Ian T, JD, MF, JB

### Thought starters for Committees:

**Vocational** – Choose a “pride of Workmanship recipient” or a young worker – apprentice/ traineeship/ new to work person -for a quarter. EG July –Sept , Oct –Dec, Feb –April, May-June. During that quarter the person and their Boss attend 3 club meetings as our guests. (rationale- Attempt to get one or both to join the club after “experiencing Rotary”).

Do at least 2 site visits- to factory, hospital, University (eg Monash), Shopping Mall... eg Eastland, Box Hill Town Hall,

**Community** – Create 2 Street libraries. Free books. We provide and maintain the library. Suggest Brentford Square and Canterbury Road South Blackburn.

Support a community organisation that needs “people” to make their activity successful.

**International** – Look at material we can recycle through Donations in Kind. Used library books/ used pens, pencils etc. We deliver out to Footscray DIK warehouse.

**Youth** – Continue the expansive program we have. Maybe look at sporting awards for Forest Hill College. Continue to support RYDA. (Young people Driver education and community value)

**Membership** – Prepare a one page sheet, in colour, entitled –

\*\*\* **Rotary .. People of Action.** On the sheet, set out at least 3 of our projects. Local and/or international. People are not that keen to join clubs, but they do want to be involved in projects.

Eg: Feeding breakfast to needy students at FHCollege. Supporting Hope Katolo nursery School Kenya, Ending Polio throughout the world, Recycling books and stationery and sending them Fiji, and Timor-Leste. Have at least 3 **“FREE Coffee with Rotarians”**. Set up at Brentford Square, Maybe Forest Hill Chase, Blackburn Sth- Canterbury Rd. Coffee with Rotarians. Advertise in paper, on social media and hopefully in shop windows. A small group of Rotarians—4 or 5, we pay for coffee and people welcome to chat and learn about Rotary, ask questions, be invited to meetings

Explore the concept of a Rotary Passport Club. It is a club—meets twice a week... somewhere, for drink and nibbles. They manage and carry out a project. Goal is to complete 30 hours of Service. Eventually they might join a full- blown club.

**Fellowship** – Look at a weekend away from Melbourne. In 2 ½ - 3 star place, eg camp or caravan park.

Explore the idea of a monthly – **Lunch**. At local pub/ restaurant/café. One suggestion—Lady Lavenders at Bunyip.

Not too dear, with fellowship the driving aim. A chance to socialize with fellow club members and Rotary friends.

Continue with monthly Movie night. possibly with meal.

Continue with Peridot Theatre.

Attend and support RotarAct BIG Monopoly night.

A Saturday night activity. Is Crazy Whist still valid? Progressive supper? Trivia Night? Join with another club’s activity.

Go to and support a concert (eg at church, or Rotary, Army band, or singers). ... we need plenty of notice

### **Footy tipping.**

A tough round to tip again. We have two new leaders. Mel the Don, and our newest member, Ian Teese are on 25. That score is way ahead of "most of the football experts in the media." On 24, two other Bomber supporters (Bill and Chris Tuck), in a pack of 5. Somehow, two of my grandsons picked seven. Don't forget the first game next round is on Wed 24th, ANZAC Day eve. Good luck, Stuart

### **Manningham Business Excellence Awards (MBEA)**

Our Rotary Club supports the MBEA Awards through the Challenge to Lead program (the winner gets a free place on 2019 Program), some Club members on the Board and others as mentors for businesses applying for the award.

The MBEA launch is as follows:

Date: Wed, 1st May

Time: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Location: Manningham City Offices - 2nd floor

Cost: \$20.00 (includes drinks and light refreshments)

Bookings need to be made by 26th April (Friday) and can be made on the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=485964&>

## RAM (Rotary Against Malaria) Fundraising

To coincide with Malaria Awareness Day in Australia, we are hosting a fundraising/ information lunch **Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>** to raise funds that will be directed towards helping prevent the spread of this deadly disease, and development of an effective vaccine.

With the increase of travel in malaria prone countries we have Prof Edward Odgen PSM (BMedSci) to speak on safe travel and how to avoid malaria infection. **The life you save may be your own.**

Prof Justin Boddey , Laboratory Head of Infection and Immunity at WEHI is our key note speaker at our lunch **hosted by professional MC Warwick Merry.**

Your ticket includes

- 2 course lunch and welcome drink
- Entry into door prizes
- Special gift from RAM
- The donation of two life- saving bed nets
- The chance to bid on silent auction items from a mini BMW; restaurant, salon, wine, florist, photography vouchers, jewellery, luxury hampers and more
- Discount for tables of ten

We look forward to you joining us at Rotarians Against Malaria lunch Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> 12 to 3 pm at the Karralyka Centre, Ringwood. Bookings at [Trybooking.com/BAUIK](http://Trybooking.com/BAUIK)

*Shelley*

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Our worthy volunteers to start the new term are Barbara and Ian. We wish them well as they sail triumphantly into the future.

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth

## ARTICLES

Please forward your prize-winning articles and others to [rlaslett76@gmail.com](mailto:rlaslett76@gmail.com) by 5pm Wednesday