



**Rotary**  
Club of Forest Hill



## Weekly Newsletter

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Meeting time:

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

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### CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Recent Trip <i>Bob Laslett</i>	John McPhee	Ray Smith
<u>Thurs</u> 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Primary School Speech Contest-at Burwood Heights		John McPhee(report)
10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Palliative Care <i>Margaret Young</i>	Bob Laslett	Chris Tuck
17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Crossway Projects <i>Sonali Wijesinghe</i>	Glenys Grant	Warwick Stott

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

28<sup>th</sup> July Christine Stott Birthday  
Champagne on board a cruise ship!!!



### DUTY ROSTER

	July	August
Cashier	Stuart Williams	Glenys Grant
Recorder	Warwick Stott	Chris Tuck
Greeter	Gary Baltissen	Bill Marsh
Emergency	John McPhee	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](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

**Stuart in Beijing, Warwick and Christine on a cruise from Broome to Darwin. Enjoy the winter weather folks!**

## BOB'S BANTER

Great to have Kathy Donaghey come with John last night and they have some new ideas for our Fellowship as well as retaining our previous ones.

As John mentioned, there is a brass band recital at the Whitehorse Centre, 2pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August which they will go to and encourage anyone else to join with them. With our usual meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August not being held and our Primary Schools speaking contest on the 6<sup>th</sup> it is a good opportunity to be entertained twice in the week. John will put a piece in the newsletter on this.

As mentioned I had my first (solo) cluster President's breakfast on the 17<sup>th</sup> July and some of the outcomes are we are having a men's health forum hosted by Box Hill club in October/November and another Rotary promotion day at our Farmers' market November/December.

Our guest speaker Sonia Downie got to us all with her passion about her project to help a village in Nepal and I see she had some sales of her clothing range at the end of the meeting which was great.

Bill in his "Private's" session stumped most of us with the ten questions he posed and fortunately there are some smart ones amongst us who knew some of the answers.

Well done Bill, raising \$23-20 plus some head scratching.

I wonder what "Private" John McPhee has in store for us in this segment next week.

Our "out of towners" won the raffle taking a bottle of red back to Ocean Grove.

We raised \$44 so again a very worthwhile initiative of Bill and Ron that we've continued from the previous year.

Our speaker next week is our own Bob Laslett talking about his recent trip.

Bob will also initiate a roster for our Tuesday morning breakfast commitment at Forest Hill College as Kevin Grigsby wants to be involved and I have completed my apprenticeship so can also assist.

We have been offered spots on the Rotary Radio and Community Show on 3WBC FM to publicize our club's activities with these spots being 24/7, 25/9, 6/11 and 1/1/2016 so please if anyone feels they could do this let either Ron or me know.

Remember to call in and visit Stan as he appreciates a chat.

*President Bob*

**Remember "Be a Gift to the World".**

## DIARY DATES

14<sup>th</sup> Sept DG visit

3<sup>rd</sup> Aug RC of Glen Waverley Phil Ruddick as guest speaker (RSVP 30<sup>th</sup> July)

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING



Sonia Downie is full of enthusiasm in raising money for Nepal. She has been there seven times and is planning an eighth visit in September. Sonia first went there in 2004. She explained that not only mountain climbers went to Nepal (it has 8 of the highest 10 mountains in the world) but it has always been regularly visited by trekkers, by botanists, and is famous for its medicinal plants. Agriculture and Tourism are the two big money earners for this country of 28 million people of the size

of Victoria who are Hindus and Buddhists. Sonia went there with her two children (then grade 5 and 6) in 2005 to live for a year.

Sonia comes from a Rotary background. She is an ex Rotaracter, her father was in the RC of Lilydale and she met her husband, who died from a brain tumour when he was only 41, at a Rotaract meeting. She works in the Community Care system. So there she was in Katmandu at the local farmers market when the first earthquake hit. She had only a few days before returned from a trek through Langtang a village with 55 lodges and guest houses due to its position on the trekking route. Langtang has vanished. There are now no buildings left standing. She explained to us that Nepal has no government social structure, no medical system, it relies on Aid organisations.



She started helping the local people immediately and worked with FORE, Friends of Royal Enfield, who are working locally with the Village Development Committee. FORE ran motor bike tours around Nepal. The FORE project she is raising money for is called 7.6 Life to Dubachour and Beyond. Put this into Google and you will get their Facebook page. There are loads of pictures of FORE doing projects to help – local people helping local people.

She has brought some bracelets and necklaces, and some cashmere ponchos (\$79) made by locals and is selling them here to raise money to take back to Nepal. She will be selling them at the Blackburn market and has been selling them at St Andrews Market.

Give her a ring if you think you can help her 0404 717 161.

Private Bill took over from Sergeant Stuart, and opened the evening with his own moment of reflection. The joke session was better, well it was shorter so that made it better! His fine session was based around 10 “simple” Australian questions. There was no point in blurting out an answer that someone else had already answered as sometimes he fined you for getting the answer right and sometimes when you got it wrong (what sort of a teacher was Bill?).

Bill’s fine session had raised \$32.00. The raffle raised \$44.00 which was won by John&Kathy who chose the bottle of red wine.

*Report by Ron Brooks*

### **DON HULLAND - UPDATE**

Don is now permanently in a nursing home and Vic Roads have taken his driving licence off him because he is a diabetic and so he cannot drive. He was telling me it is his 50<sup>th</sup> year since joining Rotary and he is 80. He is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra and his mobile number is **0409 530 435**. Please give him a call. He is really fed up that he cannot get down to the Blackburn Market and really wanted to come to Changeover. He misses the fellowship and wants to be remembered to everyone. As I say, give him a call.

### **WHITEHORSE FARMERS MARKET VIDEO**

A promotional video has been produced on the market. Here is the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLUyZ04PGcY>

### **The Rotary Club of Forest Hill Primary School Speech Contest**

**When:** Thursday 6 August, 6.40pm

**Where:** Burwood Heights Primary School, Hawthorn Rd, East Burwood

**RSVP:** Friday 24 July, 2015

**Detail:**

12 children, aged about eleven, will compete for the trophy. They are from six local primary schools ie

Burwood Heights

Mt Pleasant Road,

Whitehorse,

Weeden Heights,

Parkmore

Blackburn Lake

Each child will speak for 3 minutes. Toastmasters will judge the competition.

About 100 people are expected to attend.

*Notes by Glenys Grant*

## FOREIGN COINS for UNICEF

So far, the Rotary clubs of Boronia, MASH, Waverley, Sandringham, Emerald & District, Hampton, Doncaster, Donvale-Warrandyte, Oakleigh and Nunawading have supplied with foreign coins to join with ours at Forest Hill. Received 1.8kg of coins and some notes from RC of Wheelers Hill which together with some more I found takes us over the magic 120kgs total. I have contacted UNICEF who are arranging collection of the second batch of 60kgs plus the wad of notes. The list of clubs participating in this project is growing and clearly more are collecting and not telling me. Got the following email

*Hi Ron,*



*Thank you for yet another successful fundraising effort. I have shared your collection with our coin collection agency, they'll be in contact shortly to arrange a pick up.*

*This contribution will support UNICEF's work where the need is greatest. Right now, we're responding to the critical needs of children affected in the aftermath of the Nepal Earthquake. To give a sense of how you're helping the children in Nepal through these collections I wanted to share the attached document looking at our current focus' in the area.*

*Thank you. Eammon*

**Eammon Bryant**

**UNICEF Australia – Partnerships Manager**

*Report by Ron Brooks*

## STAMPS



Even if you only get a few stamps a week, collect them and give them to me. John McPhee, Bill Marsh, Joan Harper do. Please collect your stamps as well. It's a no cost project, easy to do. Just cut around the stamp by about 1 cm and pop it in a spare used envelope and bring them along to me on club night then Robbie drops them off at Carol Farmers when I have a large batch..... Easy!!

## **FOREST HILL'S FANTASTIC FARE AND FELLOWSHIP !!**

This is the plan. Each month I will be looking to publish a recipe with photograph of an entrée, or main course, or dessert. I want them submitted from the Newsletter readership of members, honorary members, and friends of Rotary. I am asking for 4 entrees, 4 mains and 4 desserts. Then next June we will choose one of each by vote. The winning three will then be prepared by the cooks who submitted them at a combined dinner and **the invitees will be those people who submitted recipes that appeared in print and a partner of their choice.** Costs for the night will be shared by attendees.

**SO IT IS OVER TO YOUSE LOT. THE FIRST 12 RECIPES ARE THE WINNERS.**

(The photo can be scanned from a recipe book if you like)

## **OUT AND ABOUT IN MELBOURNE**

**[I would love to receive reports from any readers of visits to exhibitions, cinema, theatre, ballet, days out in the country – I promise they will be published to give ideas where others might like to go].**

## **VISIT TO THE ALEXANDRA CLUB**

**A number of clubs for women appeared in Melbourne in the wake of the establishment of the Princess Ida Club among female students at the University of Melbourne in 1888, indicative of women's increasing access to the public sphere. The Austral Salon, founded by women writers in 1890 to encourage women to take an interest in the arts, survives, but most of the smaller clubs later consolidated into two, the Alexandra Club and the Lyceum Club. The Alexandra Club, founded as the Wattle Blossom Club in 1903, provided a space in the city for establishment women. Beginning in rooms at 157 Collins Street, the club moved frequently before purchasing its own premises at 139 Collins Street, in 1917. Strictly non-political, the club was designed to function as a second home for its 800 members, offering rooms where they could dine, stay, rest and entertain. Although it suffered a decline in membership during the 1930s Depression, the club expanded in the postwar years, increasing its membership to 1400 following its amalgamation in 1965 with the Quamby Club, which catered for country women visiting the city. In 1981 the club sold its premises, moving to its current rooms at 81 Collins Street in 1983.**

The Friends of the Johnston Collection had a Soiree there last week when two musicians, a final year student and a fellow, from ANAM played a range of works for violin and cello followed by a tour of the four storey Club with its many paintings and photos. A breath taking one of Queen Alexandra (of Denmark) -Edward VII's wife. Oh! Yes, ANAM is the Australian National Academy of Music based in South Melbourne Town Hall. [www.anam.com.au](http://www.anam.com.au) for programme of events.

The club lease out their ground floor at 81 Collins St to Prada for over \$1million/year. Wonder if that keeps their annual subs down.

## **MOVIE REVIEW**

Well worth seeing. Kidnapping of Freddie Heineken. Based on a true story. Good thriller with powerful and meaningful ending about friends and life happiness. Anthony Hopkins is excellent. A little violence but not in your face graphic stuff. Totally absorbing movie

*Square -Eyed Stu*

## CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

	<b>2015-16</b>
<b>President</b>	Bob Williams
<b>Vice President</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Secretary</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Treasurer</b>	Warwick Stott
<b>President Elect</b>	John McPhee
<b>Sergeant</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Foundation/International</b>	Chris Tuck
	Members
<b>Youth Service</b>	John Donaghey, Stan Harper, Glenys Grant
	Members
<b>Community &amp; Vocation</b>	Ray Smith, Bill Marsh, Graham Sharman Bob Laslett
	Members
<b>Membership &amp; Publicity</b>	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks John McPhee
	Members
<b>Fellowship</b>	Warwick Stott, Bob Williams, John Donaghey
<b>Primary Schools Speech Night</b>	Bob Williams
<b>Programme</b>	Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen
<b>Bulletin Editor</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Web page &amp; Facebook</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>On to Conference</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Historian</b>	Stan Harper
<b>Almoner</b>	Graham Sharman
<b>Public Officer</b>	Bill Marsh

Newsletter articles to the editor at [ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au) by 5 pm Wed Please email me or ring if you want to be removed from the circulation list.

## FOREST HILL WEBSITE

Have a look, give me some ideas, send me a story to put on, give me some photos, give me some feedback, tell me what is missing. [www.foresthillrotary.com](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)

## Rotary Club of Glen Waverley



# PHILIP RUDDOCK MP

*'Father of the House of Representatives'*

## '40 Years on Capital Hill'

A very personal address

Rotarians and partners \$30

Members of the public \$40

- Open forum -



## August 3rd 6.30 for 7.00

Village Green Hotel, (Cabaret Room)  
Cnr Springvale Rd & Ferntree Gully Rd, Mulgrave

For bookings please contact:-

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Bookings are essential  
by 30 July  
for this special event