

**Rotary**  
Club of Forest Hill



**The Flyer  
2016-2017**



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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

**CLUB PROGRAM**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b>
29 May	Bucatini with partners		Barbara Searle
5 June	Youth Citizenship Awards	Bill Marsh	Martine Macleod-Craig
12 June	No meeting- Queen's birthday		
19 June	Rotary-Get your message out <i>Jeff Steele</i>	Mike Finke	Ray Smith
26 June	LAARF singers <i>Leon Moore/Liz Oli</i>	Stuart Williams	Warwick Stott
3 July	<b>CLUB CHANGEOVER</b>	Ron Brooks	Mike Finke

**CELEBRATIONS**

Happy birthday Bob Laslett (4<sup>th</sup> June). Sergeant will get you on your return!!

**DUTY ROSTER**

	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>JULY</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	Chris Tuck	Ray Smith
<b>Greeter</b>	Mike Finke	Ron Brooks
<b>Emergency</b>	Barbara Searle	John McPhee
<b>Cashier</b>	Bill Marsh	Martine Macleod-Craig

**ATTENDANCE**

IF A MEMBER IS NOT COMING TO A MEETING or intends bringing a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10am MONDAY on 0412 807 585 or [rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au) inc. special dietary needs. CANCELLATION AFTER 10am should be made directly with BUCATINI 9873 0268

**Consider yourselves lucky this is not full of photos of our (stand in editor Ron Brooks) 11 week old 1<sup>st</sup> granddaughter Savannah who is absolutely gorgeous.**

## DON HULLAND

Don is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is 0409 530 435. Give him a call or phone the office 5770 2100 and ask for Don.

## PRESIDENT JOHN'S JOTTINGS

It is not often that when we have a major function as we did last night, that our meeting runs like clockwork to the time schedule, and produces great fellowship opportunities without disruption to the flow of the meeting. Thank you Chris and to Bucatini for the co-ordination of meal deliveries that enabled this to happen. The fellowship that followed the meeting was tremendous.

The evening recognising 3 trades apprenticeships was a resounding success. The awardees were :-

Lachlan Hubber	Carpentry
Saranga De Silva	Automotive
Luke Sharp	Electrical

and were supported by their trade teaching staff representative, plus Craig Brittle Head of School and Sue Smith Marketing for the Box Hill Institute.

The award presentations to the apprentices were made by Roger and Peter Davis on behalf of the Davis families and President John on behalf of Margaret Taylor and the club.

Our meeting next Monday is a partner fellowship night and a-la carte dining in the main dining room.

Our next market is 10<sup>th</sup> June and we will be back on South Parade with the rail authority presenting the new precinct, suppling entertainment and funding our BBQ costs.

Also Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June is our Peridot Theatre fundraiser for the play

Female of the Species, which is bill as "a deliciously wicked comedy that deftly walks the tightrope between satire and a farce." Tickets are \$20.00 includes sherry pre theatre, free tea/coffee/biscuits at interval and sandwiches/cakes/wine & soft drink after with all net proceeds to our fundraising.

*Pres John McPhee*

## Sergeant Reflection 22 May 2017

As tonight is about the dedicated students and wonderful training provided by Box Hill Institute I thought a brief history of the Institute may be interesting.

Box Hill Institute is the descendant of two Box Hill area technical schools.

Box Hill Technical School for Girls and Women was opened in 1924. The girls studied domestic subjects like housewifery, cookery, millinery and dressmaking. Some girls also took courses like accounting and secretarial.

In 1943 the Box Hill Technical School for Boys was established because many boys in the eastern suburbs were being turned away from Swinburne Technical School. They studied subjects like sheet metal work, technical drawing and carpentry.

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s both technical schools added post-secondary options like certificates in business studies and engineering. The Girl's Technical School started the first business certificate course in 1967.

Both schools were declared colleges of Technical and Further Education in 1981.

In 1984, the two schools merged to become "Box Hill College of TAFE" and the College was renamed "Box Hill Institute" ten years later.

The Institute has won many awards over the years including International Training provider of the Year, Victorian Large Training provider of the Year and the Premier's Sustainability Award

Some Notable Alumni include chefs, footballers and musicians

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- George Calombaris, chef/restaurateur, judge on Masterchef Australia
- Chris Cheney, Musician, Guitarist & Lead Vocalist for The Living End
- Guy Grossi, owner of famous Melbourne restaurant Grossi Florentino
- Matthew Richardson, Richmond Football Club player and Channel 7 commentator
- Curtis Stone, Chef

I'm sure with the wonderful training provided by the Institute plus the comprehensive tool sets provided by the Rotary Club of Forest Hill made possible by our generous benefactors, that the students acknowledged tonight will go on to make their mark in the world as well.

*Bob Williams*

## CLUB MEETING REPORT for 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY



RCFH has hosted another wonderful awards night at Bucatini restaurant. Three awards were given out: two Ford Davis Encouragement Awards ie Automotive Engineering and Carpentry & Cabinet making, and also the Graham Taylor Award for Refrigeration Engineering.

Three apprentices from Box Hill Institute were the recipients.

Supporting them were their family members, lecturers and Administrators from the institute and 11 Rotarians. Once again the generous Davis family, represented by Roger, Peter and Pam, were there to present the two Ford Davis awards.

Other guests included apprentices Sarangu de Silva with wife Chalami, Lachlan Hubber with parents Paul and Leah and Luke Sharp with partner Kelly. Also attending were Box Hill Institute staff Sue Smith (Alumni & Community Engagement), Craig Brittle (Head of School), Adrian Lea (Operations Manager Timber Trades), Richard McGibbony (Lecturer, Automotive) and Mark Whitehand (Operations Manager - Electro Technology).

The evening opened with Sergeant Bob Williams giving a history of Box Hill Institute and how in 1943 there were separate boys and girls Techs, which in 1984 merged, becoming the Box Hill Institute of Technology.

The audience was then impressed by a presentation on the history of Club special project Hope Katolo, Kenya, by PE Bill Marsh, who explained how Club and Davis family funds were being used to keep children alive, fed and educated. It included photos of the wonderful new addition to the school, a sick bay, funded by

Davis family funds.

Club Community & Vocational Director and the night's convener Chris Tuck then introduced the awards, commending Cheryl Cruse from B.H.I for her diligent organizing of the apprentices.

He spoke of the Davis and Taylor families, and how each winner would receive a professional tool kit worth \$1,750, a suitable gift for their future.

He explained that the Graham Taylor award was named after a late member of the Club who was a Rotarian and refrigeration engineer and that President John McPhee would present this award.

Roger Davis spoke of how the Davis Family awards had come about. They were in honor of their father, Ford Davis, who believed the winners of these awards were ones who were having a 'red hot go'. He and Peter presented the two Ford Davis Awards.

Box Hill Institute Head of School, Craig Brittle, reflected on how to measure success and what the Institute is doing to guide students towards a successful career. He explained how, with the Apprentice system, you 'earn as you learn'.

Automotive lecturer Richard McGibbony, Timber Trades manager Adrian Lea and

Electro Tech manager Mike Whitehand spoke on the various technologies, with predictions for their future growth and then explained why each Apprentice was chosen.

Some had overcome issues to become successful and all were being acknowledged for their total dedication and work ethic.

Sarangu de Silva won the Ford Davis award for Automotive Engineering.

Lachlan Hubber won the Ford Davis award for Carpentry and Cabinet making while Luke Sharp won the Graham Taylor award for Electrical Engineering.

When accepting the awards all spoke about their life choices and aspirations and how the toolboxes, filled with such appropriate tools, would be so useful in setting them up for their professional future. They all thanked the club for organizing the awards and the wonderful Davis and Taylor families for their generosity, which will make such a difference to their lives.

Ray Smith then took a number of formal group photos.

**Club Business:** Reports were kept to a minimum:

-our Blackburn market will return to its original site on 10/6 and the Rail authority will support the return celebration by providing entertainment.

- Peridot Theatre production ' the Female of the Species' on 8/6 needs further support with the sale of more tickets, which are incredible value as at \$20.00 they also include a supper and drinks.

- the Youth Citizenship Awards are on Monday 5/6 and five local secondary schools are involved. They have already picked the awardees and parents have been contacted. A young Speaker will inform the audience about RYPEN and other Rotary Youth programs.

- Ron Books will take over as Secretary and Bulletin Editor while Bob Laslett is away.

- Ron promoted the need to collect coins and stamps to improve Rotary Club funds.

Mrs Pam Davis drew the raffle. Prizes went to Bill Marsh, apprentice Luke Sharp and Sue Smith, BHI.

President John McPhee closed the meeting at approximately 8.25pm.

*Glenys Grant*

## HOPE KATOLO NURSERY SCHOOL



Melanie & Leanne Haley are the driving force behind the fundraising for the Hope Katolo Nursery School in Kenya. The school has about 80 students aged 3 to 6 years up to 15% being HIV+. Help from many people and organisations providing funds for new buildings, water tanks, vegetable gardens, sick bays, twice-daily meals, school uniforms, staff salaries and security fencing made this school possible. The school has been run by Georgina Achieng as principal with currently 3 teachers of the three age grades. We were privileged to hear Georgina speak to our club when the girls brought her to Australia a couple of years ago. These sisters have raised and carefully used \$130,000 in helping those less fortunate

especially to improve the lot of children whose poverty, HIV status, poor water quality and many other like problems were not their fault.

Bill gave us all a great report on the latest use of funds for the completion of the sick bay (photos below).



## FUND RAISING

The cupboard is bare. All items provided for the RCFH eBay page have been sold and dispatched, raising over a hundred dollars after shipping and fees have been taken out. One never knows what somebody will bid on, so if you've anything that might be surplus to your needs and will otherwise wind up on the nature strip or taking up space that could be better used for other purposes, hand it over or send me a picture.

*Mike Finke*

## COLLECTING USED STAMPS

There continue to be a regular small flow of used stamps from John McPhee, Mike Finke, Glenys Grant and Bob Williams. This project has raised over \$100,000 since it started. Please cut off those stamps you get with a 5mm margin around. Every one counts. One a week per Rotarian would be 1,400 a week from the district, 70,000 in a year!! Give them to Ron.

## COLLECTING FOREIGN COINS AND NOTES FOR UNICEF

Last week I did makeups at the Rotary clubs of Manningham, Boronia and Mt Waverley and collected 94kgs, 12kgs and 3kgs respectively. So, I now have another 130kgs of coins and notes to courier off to UNICEF. This adds to the 180kgs of coins and notes (valued by GlobalXchange at \$6,400) sent off in prior years. The RC of Monash have recently emailed to say they are starting a collection. They will be the 24<sup>th</sup> out of the 44 district clubs to contribute to this worthwhile cause of **turning scrap metal into smiles** on the faces of the world's disadvantaged kids.

*Ron Brooks*



## ROTARY CLUB of CROYDON CHARITY CONCERT (SAT 20<sup>th</sup> MAY)

### "MELINDA DOES DORIS"



Barbara and I went to Croydon Rotary's above concert at the Yarra Valley School Saturday night as we have seen Melinda Schneider at Tamworth at the Country Music Festival and enjoy her singing voice. Joy the Croydon President opened the night thanking all who came and announced that all the net proceeds will go to the child victims of family violence. He also acknowledged in the audience, Russell Gurney and Shelley as our District Governor Nominee and Bob and Barbara Williams with me being their club's incoming Assistant Governor, so we felt like celebrities. Stephen Bode Croydon PE told me there were about 350 people there at \$40 per head so hopefully a good amount for the kids. Between some great Doris songs she told

us a little of the Doris story "I've loved Doris Day ever since I was a kid of about eight and saw the musical *Calamity Jane*," Schneider said. "She was a perfectionist in everything she did and in her career. She was an incredible dancer, an amazing actor, and a wonderful singer." Schneider, who has won six Golden Guitar Awards for her country music, released the album *Melinda Does Doris* in 2010, and the stage show *Doris* the following year.

While Schneider felt the pressure of following in the idol's footsteps, she says at the start of her tribute show: "This is not an imitation — there is only one Doris". Songs from Day's films such as *Pillow Talk*, *Calamity Jane*, and *Romance on the High Seas* were presented alongside favourites such as *Que Sera Sera* and some of Schneider's originals. In 2011, Schneider sent her stage show script to Day herself. "It was great to get her approval for that script and to make sure she was happy with it," Schneider said.

One of the many interesting stories was about her son Terry Melcher from one of her four disastrous marriages as he was a successful record producer for bands such as the Beach Boys and the Byrds. He was asked to come to an aspiring country singer's house to meet him and take some of his music tapes with the view to take him on and produce his music. However Terry later told the guy that he didn't think he was good enough and so didn't take him on which incensed the singer so much that he found out Terry's address and went to kill him. Fortunately for Terry he had leased his place and Sharon Tate and her friends were there when the killer singer Charles Manson came and so the terrible murders took place in Terry's home which disturbed him for the rest of his fairly short life.

A great show for a great cause.

*Bob Williams*

### "THREE LITTLE WORDS" by JOANNA MURRAY SMITH

This is the same playwright that wrote our upcoming fund raiser "The Female of the Species". Robbie and I went to see this at the MTC during the week and at \$74 a seat with no free giveaways is a far cry from \$20 with all the extras. It was a typical acerbic comedy from her pen. Her acute social observations had us in stitches but also had us thinking how clever she was to skewer the characters, two couples who have lived closely interwoven lives and what happens when one couple at their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary dinner with them drop the bombshell – they have decided to split up. Can't wait to go to Peridot.

*Ron Brooks*

### FOOTY TIPPING

Thanks to all those who joined in the fun. It has been a challenging season so far. Hope Katolo will benefit to the tune of \$160 at least.

Stuart -- Director of "silly tips"

[editor's note: Liverpool finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the English Premier league so are heading to Europe! "you'll never walk alone" if you support the Reds at Anfield]

### FILM NIGHT

**Next Film night at Forest Hill will be Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June so join the gang for the film and/or the dinner or just coffee before hand - contact Bill Marsh for details.**

### FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

On Tuesday morning Barb and Robbie were to be found at Forest Hill College cooking up a storm of pancakes for the students. Well done to both of you on your regular efforts.

## **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORT (SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY)**

Assembly was opened by DG Carol Lawton who then introduced DGE Malcolm Chiverton to outline his vision for the 2017-2018 Rotary Year.

Following the opening session members moved off into various discussion group, eg. Vocational, International, PE's, etc. where they were updated on the latest from RI and the District that was relevant to their area.

It was great that the club was represented by Mike, Martine, Glenys, Bob W and Bill. It meant we had one third of our membership on deck and we had representation at many of the presentations. A few more members attending would have meant more people given an overview for the coming year. Numbers were down overall and many sessions were poorly attended.

Martine was given an overview of the Youth protection area and our club will benefit from her knowledge. This important area is still developing and we will need to stay abreast of changes as they occur. Sadly Martine could not be in two places at once and so she could not be at the Vocational presentation – her other area of involvement at club level.

Glenys spent the morning at the Youth seminar where her experience in the area was invaluable to those new to the area.

Mike was given a little more background to his role as PE and then President.

Bob W was involved in the presentations to the incoming Presidents.

As always at Deakin attendees were given a good workout getting from room to room and down to the café for morning tea. Not a facility for anyone with a physical disability as it is up and down hill and multiple stairways.

PE's & AG's then joined Malcolm for lunch before heading home around 1.15pm.

*PE (&PP) Bill Marsh.*

### **DIARY DATES**

Thu 8 June	Peridot
Tues 13 June	RYDA day at Lilydale

### **ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES**

May	Youth Service
June	Fellowship

### **ARTICLES**

Newsletter articles to [ronbrooks1942@gmail.com](mailto:ronbrooks1942@gmail.com) by 5 pm Wed please

PERIDOT THEATRE PRESENTS

# The Female of the Species

by Joanna Murray-Smith

Directed by Natasha Boyd

Margot Mason, a thinly veiled version of Germaine Greer, has writer's block following publication of her groundbreaking polemic, *The Cerebral Vagina*, thirty years ago, when in through the windows of her country retreat steps one of her committed fans—with a gun. What follows is Joanna Murray-Smith's deliciously wicked comedy that deftly walks the tightrope between satire and farce.



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One Night Only Charity Preview  
Thursday 8th June 8 PM  
\$20 ticket includes refreshments

Funds will help support local and  
international projects.  
<https://www.trybooking.com/POCQ>

The Unicorn Theatre Lechte Road Mt Waverley (Melway Map 61 F11)  
Bookings: 9808 0770 email [tickets@peridot.com.au](mailto:tickets@peridot.com.au)  
[www.peridot.com.au/bookings](http://www.peridot.com.au/bookings)



## Peridot:

The price has been reduced to \$20, there are plenty of flyers to go around, and the trybooking page has been altered to permit a record to be kept of the member who's referred the ticket-buyer and a preference for project/focus. I'll be asking for some assistance to make sure the night goes smoothly, and the catering is sufficient

I challenge each member to sell five tickets. It's not a huge number, and would guarantee at least eighty tickets sold by the club. If even a few other groups sell tickets, we'll have a decent crowd. It's not much more than a month away, so times a'wasting.

<https://www.trybooking.com/POCQ>

Mike

