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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

6 May 2019

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CLUB PROGRAM			
Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
6 May	History of Canterbury Suburb <i>James Nicolas</i>	Ian Teese	Bob Williams
13 May	Person behind the Badge <i>Ian Teese</i>	John Bindon	Barbara Searle
20 May	Assembly Attendees	Bill Marsh	Sue Ballard
27 May	Club Forum	Mike Finke	Chris Tuck
3 June	Youth Citizenship Awards	Ray Smith	John McPhee

CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to Glenys and Rob Grant on their wedding anniversary (May 6).

DUTY ROSTER

	MAY	JUNE
Recorder	Bob Laslett	Chris Tuck
Greeter	Ian Teese	Barbara Searle
Emergency	John Bindon	John Donaghey
Cashier	Ray Smith	Bill Marsh

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

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

It's always good to see the people our projects assist and help. It's even more inspiring to see those people go on to help others. Aashna and Thomas are an incredible example of the value in providing resources and opportunities to young people. It's a strength of the club and a testament to the work Glenys has done as chair of the Youth Committee.

They have a great future ahead of them. With some luck and some effort, we may be able to encourage them into the Rotary family.

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 29

President Mike opened the meeting at 6.30pm. He welcomed Geoff Logie-Smith to our meeting. Geoff will be our Assistant Governor for next Rotary year, heading up Whitehorse Cluster B. Mike gave us an interesting reflection.

Announcements: The District assembly attendance form was circulated. Mike said our Photo competition was close to launch. Mike introduced Chairman Ray Smith who welcomed our 3 MUNA students, two Thomases and one Aashna.

Notices: Breakfast club –tomorrow Judy Laslett and Barbara Williams. Warwick encouraged members to top up Centurion money. MUNA this weekend- visit Sat arvo or Sunday morn.

Stuart mentioned some details about the District Budget. Club numbers down from 44 to 41. This has implications for our District fees. Stuart asked the club to vote on a proposal to have each club pay for the Presidents and Pres-Elect attendance at the quarterly meeting with the DG. Club supported the idea.

Bob Williams conducted an amusing Sergeants session.



Our guest Speakers were Aashna Shan and Thomas Yakubowski who were our MUNA students 2018. They won the District award, went to Canberra for the National MUNA and were the winners there as well. These articulate and intelligent students did a lot of preparation and found MUNA an intense and very positive experience. They found it valuable to look at things from a different perspective. They represented JORDAN

at the UN. Their research had them discover Jordan was 75% desert. As part of the Canberra experience, they contacted the Jordanian Embassy and asked if they could have a visit. They were invited to meet 3 officials, including the Ambassador and the Consul General... an amazing experience. Whilst in Canberra they stayed with other students from all over Australia. It was a lovely experience and made better by the people they met. They concluded that MUNA had given them: an understanding of the complexities of geo-politics, marvellous friendships, the skills and mindset that are needed in the modern world. They thanked the club for "backing young people."

Stuart thanked the speakers and complimented them on their presentation. Validation for funding many youth programs. Sgt session raised \$39.05, the raffle \$74.

Raffle winners were- Thomas White, Aashna and Warwick Stott.

This uplifting meeting closed at 8pm.

Stuart

President's Reflection 29 April

I had a professor many years ago at Marist College. I took a unit on American history with him, and another on US business history, which was fascinating. He told all of us students a story before our end-of-year exam, and it was a story about him. He was, many years earlier, taking some units to get his Masters. He'd done very well with all his grades so far but was angry and disappointed to see that he'd got a failing grade on his exam, bringing his final score well down. He'd studied, he'd left the exam thinking he'd acquitted himself well, but now this new reality was before him. He resented the professor.

More than a year later he had his masters and was doing some assistant teaching on campus while he finished his PhD. He was, at this point, invited to academic functions on campus. And he went to one. Knowing that this professor was going to be there, he got what people used to call 'pre-loaded' and showed up at the party quite intoxicated.

And he used this Dutch courage to corner the professor; he proceeded to tell the professor exactly what he thought of the unfair grade he'd received. And the professor looked shocked, and responded, 'I wish you'd come to me much earlier. Clearly I made a mistake of some kind.'

Irritating grit does not always turn into a pearl and even if it does it takes a long time. Sometimes it's much better to air our grievances to avoid them turning into grudges.

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.

MUNA-THIS WEEKEND

82 Year 11 students from 42 schools in Rotary District 9810 will participate. They include four students we are sponsoring.

Thomas White and Rose Hensher are representing Russia, Hayley Mason and Ruken Zeyto, Bangladesh.

Resolutions being debated are in line with Rotary goals.

May I suggest, if you wish to attend, you come to one of the Assembly in Session times. The best ones are after morning tea on the Saturday, or after lunch.

Sunday morning anytime is also good, or immediately after lunch - after that is the prize giving time and you won't hear any debate - but are still welcome to attend, of course.

I will be fully occupied recording and judging so probably won't see you, but hope you do get a chance to attend, and also hope you enjoy it!

Glenys

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. Let's 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.

Normality returned to the competition this week. Fourteen of our talented tipsters picked 8 winners. There are 5 at the top on 32 and 4 on 31. Warwick had a good week, picked 8 but still one from the bottom.

I will be away until June 3 so please contact Bob Williams or ESPN direct if you have any problems. Good luck with the tipping. I still expect The Cats to be at the top when I return.

Stuart

RAM (Rotary Against Malaria) Fundraising

To coincide with Malaria Awareness Day in Australia, we are hosting a fundraising/ information lunch

Saturday May 18th 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 18th 12 to 3 pm at the Karralyka Centre, Ringwood. Bookings at Trybooking.com/BAUIK

Shelley

Assistance needed please

Maroondah club is running a billy cart marathon on Sunday 8th September at METEC 112 Colchester Road Bayswater North 10am to 4pm.

The event is around a 350m level track requiring a driver and pusher who go around once then hand over to two new people etc. Each team makes their own billy cart.

Maroondah has 20 teams of 20 in each team aged 12 to 16yo from schools, boy scouts, sporting clubs etc with each team to raise sponsorships with 50% to their organisation and 50% to ARH for Youth mental health research. As each team should raise at least \$2,000 plus one of the teams is the Basin footy club who hope to raise \$30,000, the day could be very financially rewarding for Rotary. Maroondah has sponsors such as Bendigo Bank, Toyota, Kenworth and Eastlink with Eastlink to advertise on their roadside boards for a month or so before the event and all advertising to be for Rotary and not just the club. Eastlink will also provide a fly over by vintage aircraft on the day. So Rotary's name will be seen by potentially 100,000's.

Maroondah envisages needing 45 volunteers for each of two shifts for car parking, marshalling etc (not for driving or pushing) so seek help from other 9810 clubs.

Roger Daniel (another Demon supporter who like me now won't need to go to the footy finals in September to see our team) is the contact on 0419 388 908 email roger.pam@bigpond.com so please call him if you can assist as I will be.

Bob W

Challenge to Lead Program - 10-12 Oct, 2019 - \$500 to Club

The Rotary Club of Doncaster is conducting its 2019 Challenge to Lead leadership program for High Potential Leaders on 10th, 11th and 11th October, 2019. It is our major fund raiser.

It is an interactive 3-day residential programme conducted by **experienced professional facilitators** involving a pre-course assessment, exposure to the necessary leadership skills and a post course assessment.

Global companies that have used the program include **GE, Microsoft, FedEx, Dupont and Nestle**.

We are offering each Rotary Club **\$500** per participant nominated by your club. The people who should attend the program are anyone who managers or supervises people, whether in the private, public or not-for-profit sector.

Details from Bob L.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Barbara and Judy started the new term with passionate pancakes and this week it will be Barbara and Mike serving tasty toasties.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

May	Youth
June	Rotary Fellowships

ARTICLES

Please forward your prize-winning articles and others to rlaslett76@gmail.com by 5pm Wednesday