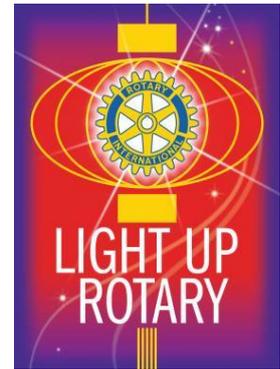




**Rotary**   
Club of Forest Hill

## Weekly Newsletter

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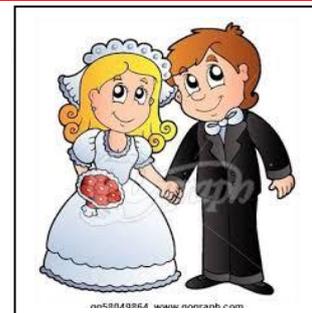
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### CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> June	<i>Handbrake Turn Presentation</i>	Bill Marsh	Graham Sharman
8 <sup>th</sup> June	NO MEETING	Ann Onymous	N. O'Need
15 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Exploring Van Diemen's Land</i> Bob Williams	John McPhee	Ray Smith
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Club Forum	Bill Marsh	Ron Brooks

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

28<sup>th</sup> May Chris & Warwick Stott Wedding Anniversary.



### DUTY ROSTER

	June	July
Cashier	Bob Williams	Stuart Williams
Recorder	Chris Tuck	Bob Laslett
Greeter	Ray Smith	Gary Baltissen
Emergency	Ron Brooks	John McPhee

### 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

**MAY IS BOWEL SCAN MONTH. \$10 COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE**  
111 kits sold up until 26<sup>th</sup> May by “our” two pharmacies.

## BILL'S BLURB

- What a great night we had on Monday at our Youth Community Service Awards. A fantastic new initiative by our Youth Service committee to involve children from local secondary colleges in the years 7-9. A group not catered for by other Rotary programs.  
Five schools nominated students and the students, their families and staff from each school attended the meeting. It was an affirmation of the enormous talent within our schools and certainly gives us hope for the future. It was interesting that one of the recipients had a sister who had won our Youth Achievement Award (for Primary Schools) previously. Different schools and different criteria and yet the same family represented! Well done mum and dad! Perhaps you should have won an award.  
From the way the night was embraced by parents, teachers and visitors I think this event will find a permanent home in our annual program.
- It was lovely to have so many Honorary Members, partners and Friends of Rotary along. For the second week in a row we enjoyed the company of Marg Taylor and it was great to see her looking so well. I hope you can make it to a few more nights before long, Marg.
- Tony Watson from Box Hill Institute joined us again after participating last week in the Apprentice Awards. Terrific to have you back Tony and I hope your next visit is not far away.
- One of the award winners was Luke Seymour who had decided to set up a fundraising activity to support Bowel Cancer Research after his dad, David, had been diagnosed. To date Luke has raised in excess of \$3,000 and is still working hard. A super effort, Luke and we were happy to give Luke a cheque for \$100 on the night to help lift his total.
- While we have regular contact with Forest Hill College, Box Hill High School and Kingswood College it was fantastic to see Vermont Secondary College and Blackburn High School represented on the night. Hopefully this will be the start of these schools becoming involved in the other amazing programs offered by Rotary to enrich the lives of our youth.
- On Tuesday Chris and Robbie were 'flat out' cooking pancakes at the Forest Hill Secondary College Breakfast Club. Their prowess has spread far and wide and their customer base has increased as a result - and so has the work load. If you can help out on a Tuesday morning please contact Chris or Robbie as they really need some support. Well done to you both for a tremendous job.
- On Monday night we will have our Hand Brake Turn Presentation and I hope as many partners, Honorary Members and Friends of Rotary as possible come along. This is a super night and recognizes the efforts of one young man in turning his life around and also the efforts of the people within the Hand Brake Turn organisation. Gary Davis will be attending and will present the award which is named in honour of his father, Ford Davis.
- As well as our usual weekly raffle we had on display a beautiful basket of chocolates that had been donated by our local Federal MP, Michael Sukkar. Michael has always been a friend of our club and is a great supporter of Rotary. This hamper will be raffled and tickets will be sold at the next couple of meetings and the June Blackburn Market. It will be drawn on the 15th June. A great prize so I hope everyone has a crack at the winning ticket. Bob Laslett is overseas and we will keep an eye on Glenys so the rest of us should have a reasonable chance!

### **Little Known Fact:**

Andy Warhol always wore green underpants. (I knew you always wondered about that!)

## Enjoy your week in Rotary and keep working to "Light Up Rotary"

### DIARY DATES

1 <sup>st</sup> June	HAND BRAKE TURN PRESENTATION
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HAND BRAKE TURN GRADUATION AT DANDENONG 12.30PM
12 <sup>th</sup> June	PERIDOT THEATRE
13 <sup>th</sup> June	BLACKBURN MARKET
14 <sup>th</sup> June	WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET
27 <sup>th</sup> June	DISTRICT CHANGEVER
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>CLUB CHANGEVER (Pres Bill hands over to PE Bob W)</b>
14 Sept	DG visit

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our inaugural Youth Citizenship Awards night was held at Bucatini restaurant on 25 May, 2015. Sargent Stuart Williams opened the evening with a moment of reflection on Rotary and its aims with regards to children, then called for the traditional toasts. President Bill Marsh welcomed the 55 attendees. They included Whitehorse Councillor Denise Massoud, guests, visiting Rotarians, friends of Rotary, partners, children & parents, grandparents, and school staff members, Speaker Sophie Magrath and mother Caroline. Each Rotarian host then introduce by name all their families and guests on their table.

Chair and President Elect Bob Williams explained the award was an extension and continuation of the Youth Community Service Awards, which began last year with the publication of Larry the Lorikeet, our environmental children's story which has now been given out to each primary and preschool in Whitehorse – about 120 in total. Bob explained that Larry was written and illustrated by four Yr 8 and 9 students from Forest Hill College and Box Hill High. At the 2014 launch they were all given this award in recognition of their efforts. Following this success the Club recognized how wonderfully this age group can contribute to the community and so are continuing this award specifically for year 8-9 students. He continued that the aim of the award is to recognise five students who, in the opinion of teachers from five local secondary schools, namely Kingswood College, Box Hill High School, Blackburn High School, Forest Hill College and Vermont Secondary College, have been inspiring in their support to the community. He explained that each award winner tonight was picked for being a huge contributor to school activities, a dedicated volunteer in the community and for being a role model to other students. These students are ones who sometimes are overlooked and are 'unsung heroes'. The prizes include a framed Certificate, and a Coles Myer Voucher for \$100.00

Before the awards were presented President Bill called Steven Fisher up, presented him with cheque for Kakoda. Stephen spoke briefly on his achievement and how it tied in with the Citizenship awards.

After dinner Speaker Sophie Magrath, mentored by Rotarian Diane Fisher, was introduced. Sophie, now studying Speech Pathology, graduated from Koonung Secondary College in 2014 after having been Community Captain and president of the school's Interact Club, raising money for charities such as the Salvation Army and the Feed Melbourne Appeal. She was lucky enough to attend the RYPEN program twice, once as a participant in 2013 and again as a Colour Group Leader in September 2014. She talked about the fantastic Rotary programs that she attended, in particular RYPEN, and how these helped her to change from being nervous and shy, to develop confidence, leadership abilities and many other incredibly useful attributes.

She started participating in various leadership opportunities, such as mentoring and peer mediation, which lead to one of her teachers nominating her to attend the RYPEN camp.

RYPEN, she explained, stands for Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, and basically it is a two-night stay at Camp Oasis. The program is designed to help budding young leaders improve things such as teamwork, communication and how to make a positive contribution to the community.

Sophie then gave an overview of some of the RYPEN activities. These activities are designed to help enable participants to step outside their comfort zones in a fun and very entertaining way.

Her favourite activity was the Values Auction. In this, participants, in their groups, got a chance to bid on

the values they found the most important, such as love, faith, power and knowledge. She found this activity so helpful as it made her really think about the traits and values that she appreciated both in herself and in the people around her. The values auction was about teamwork, proper budgeting, and defending the most highly prized traits. She summed up "As you can see, I'm very passionate about the RYPEN program, I think it's incredible. I can promise you that if nothing else, you will leave with a stack of new and potentially lifelong friends that without attending, you would have never have gotten the opportunity to meet. However, there are many other Rotary based programs that are also very beneficial to young future leaders. These include the Interact program and MUNA (The Model United Nations Association), in which students replicate a United Nations assembly and get to debate on global events and politics. " "Basically my key message here and advice to these wonderful recipients, is to just get involved. You are all very capable and valuable members of your schools and your communities, and if you all continue on these paths, developing and honing your skills, you can all make exceptional leaders in the future. I learnt heaps from my involvement in Rotary programs, I have better teamwork, I am able to utilise my strengths so much more efficiently, and as you can tell just from me being up here and not standing to the side in tears, my confidence has improved immensely."

Stuart Williams gave a vote of thanks and gift to Sophie, complimenting her for her great talk. President Bill Marsh, assisted by Youth Service Director Glenys Grant, then presented the prizes to: **Luke Seymour**. Mentor **Louise Pennell** from Blackburn High read out the citation.

**Thomas Yakubowski**. Mentor **Justin Bond** from **Box Hill High** read out the citation.

**Cate Dunn**. Mentor **Schy Peterson** from **Forest Hill College** read out the citation

**Shannyn Selleck**. Mentor **Michael Mance** from Kingswood College read out the citation.

**Hannah Bailey**, (second time award winner at this club for her community efforts). Mentor **Peter Henderson** of Vermont Secondary College read out the citation

President Bill Marsh recalled Luke Seymour and presented him with a special club cheque for his Bowel Cancer Research appeal. President Bill Marsh then closed the evening with congratulations to the award winners and thanks to all for attending.

*Notes by Glenys Grant*

Our Sergeant Stuart started the meeting with his moment of reflection. He told us that Rotary respects our young people. We value their diversity, energy, creativity, views, participation in and contribution to our community. Young people are our future. Rotary supports many programs that help young people reach their potential. Tonight we hear about young people who will shape our future. JFK said "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country. His words are still relevant today.

On such a full night we did not indulge in our "second guest speaker" ie our sergeant's session. However, clearly our weekly raffle benefitted by collecting \$153.50 (with tickets at \$2, not sure how we got that amount!). Pres Bill decided with such a healthy collection we should give THREE not one prize. There were two boxes of chocolates and two bottles of wine to choose from. Our guest speaker Sophie's name was drawn first and she took chocolates, our great Friend of Rotary Pat Pridham was next and she also took chocolates so poor Bob Williams who had his name drawn next was forced to take a bottle of wine. Pres Bill did offer him an IOU for a box of chocolates but in true Rotary spirit decided not to give us all that trouble. Thanks Bob.

*Notes by Ron Brooks*



*Left to right: Luke, Jacob, Cate, Shannyn and Hannah*



*Students, teachers and Rotarians*



*Cate and her interpreters Rae, Caroline and mentor Schy*

## **WHITEHORSE FARMERS MARKET ON YOUTUBE**

Click on the link below

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=l4G1t3Sj4RY>

## **MAY WAS BOWELSCAN MONTH**

Every year at this time Rotary, through Australian Rotary Health, has promoted the delivery and collection of Bowel Scan kits. All it costs is \$10. A kit can be picked up at your local participating pharmacy by anybody over the age of 40. The returned kits are processed and results notified to participants FREE of charge. This year RC of Forest Hill is delivering and picking up kits at Brentford Square pharmacy and Forest Hill Priceline pharmacy. The pharmacies willingly provide their involvement at no cost. So please support these two pharmacies and also encourage your friends and family to take part by taking a test

“Our” two pharmacies sold 111 of these kits in the first three weeks. A very worthwhile no cost to the club project.

## **ROTARY BALLARAT CONFERENCE**

“If anyone wants a copy of the conference DVD please let me know and I’ll do a copy for you.” *from Bob Williams*

## STAMPS

Please keep cutting out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving about a 1cm margin and give them to me. Carol Farmer and her team are ready to snip and sort them. They are looking for work to do. You must all get some snail mail. A no cost project. Bill handed on a large bag that has come in from local schools. Robbie will be making a delivery this week.

## FOOTIE TIPPING COMPETITION

All those involved in Footy Tipping please pay Stuart Williams your \$30 fee. Make cheques payable to Rotary Club of Forest Hill.

*From Stuart Williams*

## FOREIGN COINS for UNICEF

So far, the Rotary clubs of Boronia, MASH, Waverley, Sandringham and Nunawading have supplied us with foreign coins to join with ours. Picked up another 3.3 kg of foreign coins and some notes from **RC of Emerald & District** at the last President's meeting. The total now is **104 kgs plus the wad of notes** is getting much larger. Plus, the **RC of Hampton** have told me they are going to collect foreign coins at their monthly Farmers Market (a big thankyou to Kylie McMillan). The list of clubs participating in this project is growing and clearly more are collecting and not telling me.

*Report by Ron Brooks*

## REASONS FOR JOINING ROTARY

Jenny Coburn gave me 41 reasons. Have you got others you can tell us about? I am putting in a different one every week - **think about them when you talk to prospective members**

### Opportunity to Volunteer in Amazing Locations

From the idyllic and remote surrounds of the Yasawa Islands in Fiji to Orphanages in Tanzania and an incredibly remote school on barren lands of Ethiopia. From the slums of Kolkata in India to Polio immunization campaigns in Pakistan and introducing Micro Credit economic development in Bangladesh—the opportunities are endless.

## OUT AND ABOUT IN MELBOURNE

Your intrepid editor went to **Don Giovanni** at the State theatre on Tuesday with Robbie. Mozart composed this opera with words by Da Ponte. Like last week's opera Madame Butterfly, the male lead was a ratbag when dealing with the female. Don Giovanni, sung by Teddy Tahu Rhodes, the New Zealand baritone, was a licentious nobleman whose servant kept a book on the women he seduced. The count was over 2,000. Evidently, a very elderly Cassanova helped write the words and was in the audience on the first night. This is a 3 ½ all in black comedy/tragedy with violence and darkness thrown in for good measure. Don Giovanni gets dragged down into hell at the end, so he gets his comeuppance. Servant, Leporello sung by Shane Lawrence, was very funny and played his character well. A Melbourne bass baritone, he actually takes over from Teddy Tahu for the last two nights of this opera.

## DISTRICT CHANGE OVER DINNER

Pres Bill & Judy, PE Bob & Barb, and Ron & Robbie will represent the club at the annual dinner on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Karralyka Centre when DG Tony hands over the reins to DGE David Tolstrup.

## FOREST HILL WEBSITE

Have a look, give me some ideas, send me a story to put on, give me some photos, tell me what you think of it, give me some feedback, tell me what is missing.

[www.foresthillrotary.com](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)

## WEBINARS

You can find Rotary webinars on the webinar page at:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/webinars/upcoming> These webinars are a great way to learn more from the comfort of your own armchair....bed?

## CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
<b>President</b>	Bill Marsh	Bob Williams
<b>Vice President</b>	John Donaghey	Stuart Williams
<b>Secretary</b>	Ron Brooks	Ron Brooks
<b>Treasurer</b>	Warwick Stott	Warwick Stott
<b>President Elect</b>	Bob Williams	
<b>Sergeant</b>	Stuart Williams	Stuart Williams
<b>Foundation/International</b>	Chris Tuck	Chris Tuck
Members	John Donaghey, Stan Harper,	John Donaghey, Stan Harper,
<b>Youth Service</b>	Glenys Grant	Glenys Grant
Members	Ray Smith, Bob Williams, Graham Sharman	Ray Smith, Bill Marsh, Graham Sharman
<b>Community &amp; Vocation</b>	Bob Laslett	Bob Laslett
Members	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
<b>Membership &amp; Publicity</b>	Doug Berwick	John McPhee
Members	John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn	Warwick Stott, Bob Williams,
<b>Fellowship</b>	John McPhee	John Donaghey
<b>Primary Schools Speech Night</b>	John McPhee	Bob Williams
<b>Programme</b>	Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen	Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen
<b>Bulletin Editor</b>	Ron Brooks	Ron Brooks
<b>Web page &amp; Facebook</b>	Ron Brooks	Ron Brooks
<b>On to Conference</b>	Stuart Williams	Stuart Williams
<b>Historian</b>	Stan Harper	Stan Harper
<b>Almoner</b>	Graham Sharman	Graham Sharman
<b>Public Officer</b>	Bill Marsh	Bill Marsh

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