



Weekly Newsletter

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

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>
30 th May	Partners' Night Bucatini Restaurant		Ron Brooks
6 th June	Citizenship awards	Bill Marsh	Glenys Grant
13 th June	No meeting Queens Birthday		
20 th June	Club Forum Combined Board meeting	Pres Bob Williams PE John McPhee	Pres Bob Williams PE John McPhee

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

4 th June	Bob Laslett	BIRTHDAY !!!
5 th June	Ron Brooks	Club Anniversary (27yrs)
6 th June	Barb & Bob Williams	Wedding Anniversary



DUTY ROSTER

	May	June
Cashier	Glenys Grant	Mike Finke
Recorder	Ray Smith	Hans Eecen
Greeter	Chris Tuck	Bill Marsh
Emergency	Gary Baltissen	Graham Sharman

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 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

BOB'S BANTER

Five of us attended to interviewing two of our applicants for NYSF before our meeting so thank you to Glenys, Warwick, Ray, Bob1 and Bob2 for making your time available.

Peter Carter from the Blackburn Village Resident's group overcame the difficulty of his Apple Mac not operating properly via Bucatini's projector and also my laptop, which we then tried wouldn't run Peter's memory stick. Peter persisted and gave us his "up close and personal" presentation which worked well with using his laptop right in front of our tables. Peter represents a large community group who wants the pedestrian/bike path to be mainly on the North side of the railway line, particularly from Blackburn to Laburnum and also wants a new, wider underpass to access both the station plus accommodate the large number of people who want to travel safely and easily from one side of the line to the other. Peter is an engineer so his ideas have been well developed and certainly present an option which we trust is being seriously considered. He urged any members who supported this approach to contact the Victorian Government or sign his Group's online petition. Well presented Peter under extreme difficulty. Thanks to John Mc for your chairing and to Ron for coordinating our questions of Peter.

Great news that Merle's cataract operation was a success and Ray reports that she can now see any cobwebs that need attending to. Graham Lydiard is also over his TIA scare and seems as cheeky as ever. Ray advised that the Blackburn market made \$680 which was the proof of how busy we thought we were.

Good reports of the District Assembly last Sunday with Glenys praising the Youth session as it ran strictly to time, unlike last year. Great that Mike and Hans attended and from their brief reports it seems that they both got a lot out of the day. Well done John Mc for your organising.

Our non sergeant's session raised \$25.75 and raffle \$28. Bill did a "Glenys" and won the raffle again! He took the red (enjoy it Judy).

Thanks to Robbie and Bob L for making pancakes at the Forest Hill College breakfast club this week and Robbie I hope that the electric fry pan that ran hot last week burning a couple of pancakes was more manageable this time.

On Tuesday, four of us, Ray, John Mc, Ron and I drove to see Don Hulland at his new home at Kellock Lodge in Alexandra. Kellock Lodge is a not for profit, low care "ageing in place" residence and Don spoke so well of how they look after the many residents. Don thought there were over 30 residents and he was one of only two guys. He thinks he's lucky to be in such a friendly and caring place so that's great.

It was a delight to see his face light up when the four of us came in to see him and we all enjoyed our time with him which included lunch at the Shamrock hotel. We asked the lovely receptionist at the Lodge if they would send out a search party if we got Don back too late and she said that her husband was the local police sergeant so she felt sure that the town would be secure with the five of us on the loose. There is a report on our day later in this edition.

Next week is our partners' night in the main part of the restaurant so members will meet for a few minutes as usual in the rear room for any urgent matters whilst our partners gather in the restaurant before we then join them to have our meals from the menu.

The 6th June is our Citizenship Awards night and with 40 to 50 expected it will be a big night.

President Bob

"Be a Gift to the World".

DIARY DATES

28th May/1st June RI CONVENTION, SEOUL, KOREA

Sun 19th June Multi District lunch to farewell Ian Riseley (RI Pres '17-'18)

Sat 25th June District Governor's Changeover at Karralyka Theatre.

Mon 27th June Forest Hill Club Changeover

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Chairman John Mc "did a Sergeant Stu" and opened the meeting with his Reflections. He spoke about changes in our society in the future and how jobs will be lost in so many sections of the community. Uber is taking jobs from taxi drivers but in the not to distant future we will all become "back seat drivers" when driverless cars take over. [No need for car parking. Wilson Parking beware! Councils will have to raise money in different ways as there will be no roadside parking fees, no parking fines, no speeding fines, no traffic infringement fines - says the editor]. John said that prostitutes will still be able to earn a living [John, I recommend you read "His Robot Girlfriend" by Wesley Allison. The robots were so lifelike that in the end laws were changed so you could marry your robot..... And live happily, actually VERY HAPPILY!!! Ever after – says the editor]

Reports from other Club members:

1. Glenys (Youth) told us they had interviewed two students for NYSF and both were excellent, one better than the other. We have been asked by other clubs to pass on students we cannot sponsor
2. Chris Tuck (International) reminded us that if we start a project overseas then at the beginning we have to develop a strategy of how to leave it and hand it over to locals. The East Timor roofing project are now raising this as an issue.
3. District Assembly was last Sunday. It was held at Deakin university. The attendees considered it grossly inadequate for disabled people and people who just are not active physically.
4. Mike said that one thing he realised is that Rotary is a big animal and it does not have to be devoured in one go. [Well expressed Mike. It is important in Rotary to find out what parts of Rotary and what programmes suit you and just support them. Nobody can efficiently be all things to all projects – says the editor].

Our guest speaker was **Peter Carter** who was representing the Blackburn Village



Residents' Group. His background was he lives in the area, he is ex VicRoads, and he is a bike rider & on the Whitehorse Bike Advisory Group. His main talk to us was about comparing the northern route and southern route for the bike/walking track alongside the rail line from Ringwood to Box Hill and more specifically from Springvale Rd to Middleborough Rd. Plus, to discuss his group's opinion on the Blackburn Station underpass. Unfortunately, he had his presentation on an AppleMac which would not

communicate with the Bucatini projector. It was transferred to a Memory stick and then to a PC laptop without success so he had to work using his small laptop screen and A3 prints. He did extremely well, all things considered.

This is of particular concern to our club as the southern route would go through the area where we run our Blackburn Saturday monthly market. It turned out that VicRoads favour the southern route and the residents favour the northern route. Plus, VicRoads have no intention of widening the underpass while the residents want to take advantage of the station redesign to modernise the underpass and stop the regular flooding in wet weather. The design has now had two lifts incorporated for disabled people forced by public opinion. He discussed the various unreasonable ways VicRoads assessed the northern route. His premise was that it was about **Liveability**, about being able to **get about safely**.

He suggested the following ways to help.

1. Sign the petition at <http://tinyurl.com/bburn1>
2. Like & Follow facebook /theblackburnsolution to spread the word
3. Email them at blackburnsolution@gmail.com to get involved.

Write to VicRoads and pass on your opinion

Write to Whitehorse Council and your local councillors and pass on your opinion

Write to your local MPs and opposition to tell them what you think.

Don't leave it to people like Peter to stand up for your rights then complain when the result is not what you wanted. Don't leave it to others.

Peter was a passionate involved local resident. He went well over time and generated many questions which he dealt with informatively.

Ron Brooks

VISIT TO DON HULLAND 24th May

Don has been getting a copy of our weekly newsletter and whenever I phoned him he always said how delighted he was to read of our many projects. He was really disappointed when his driving licence was taken off him when he reached 80 as he had a faultless driving record. It meant he could no longer drive down to our Saturday monthly Blackburn market to cook sausages. So, the newsletter is his only connection to the club he thinks so highly of and his only way of hearing what is happening to our members and honorary members.



Don in Kellock Lodge



Don's 50th birthday



Don at the Shamrock hotel

Pres Bob and I decided we should pay him a visit. Ray and John Mc joined us. We headed off in Bob's four wheel drive (Barbara's?) on a beautiful sunny day at 9:45am. A very pleasant drive up to Kellock Lodge. We were met by very friendly staff who clearly thought a lot about Don (he could not speak more highly of all the staff). Don is in Sapphire Wing, in a warm decent sized room with on suite overlooking garden. He

has both a walker and a walking stick (his mother in laws) and can get into town on his motorised mobility scooter to go shopping. We headed off to the Shamrock hotel for lunch in front of a newly lit wood fire. Over lunch and a bottle of red we talked about "everything"- solving the world's problems and probably creating a few more. The 2 ½ hrs went very quickly. Don is clearly very happy where he is. He has been in Alexandra 10 years and in Kellock Lodge about two years. The Lodge is a 'not for-profit' fully accredited, low care, 'ageing-in-place' residence operated by trustees of the Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta. We dropped him back at the Lodge and promised to see him again later in the year. There is a BBQ there which we could use. How about we plan a visit with partners, take up some sausages and see if Don has lost any of his cooking skills.

Ron Brooks

FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

Robbie & Pres Bob made pancakes last Tuesday at Forest Hill

31/05/2016 Robbie Kevin

07/06/2016 Robbie Barb

14/06/2016 Robbie Bob W

21/06/2016 Robbie Kevin

Contact Bob Laslett to volunteer or if you can't do one of your dates

DON HULLAND

Don is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is **0409 530 435**. Please give him a call

TIMOR LESTE – VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

From: [David & Alison Tolstrup](#)

Cc: [David Alexander](#)

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 12:48 PM

Subject: FW: Timor Leste - volunteering opportunity

We have also been asked to help out with the eye clinic on Atauro island. This needs some renovation and modifications. Ken and Marilyn produced a fairly detailed report, took lots of photos. The clinic is run by a Swiss (?) NGO. there is some funding for the materials needed.

It looks like a project of about two weeks for a team of about six. We would need someone with electrical skills, someone with plumbing skills and someone that knows about structural stuff (builder- brickie) We still need to get some more details clarified. Accomodation would be at Barry's place (atauro isl). I will follow up on this with Ken's report and some photos.

Is anyone interested, can persuade your club to get involved or knows someone desperate to work for two weeks in Timor?

let me know!

Chris Angerer P.O. Box 6123 Karingal Victoria 3199 Australia Ph: 61 3 9770 0611
www.frankstonorthopaedicservices.com.au

TELL US ABOUT YOUR LATEST HOLIDAY?

Our President Bob has come up with yet another idea! Tell us about your holiday

Stuart Williams

23rd May to end of June

South Korea & Thailand]

So let's hear from you. Tell us where you are going and tell us how the holiday went when you come back..... then give Ron your foreign coins when you return !! EASY.

OUT AND ABOUT

[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].

I guess nobody went anywhere interesting last week.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Days for Girls is a grass roots charity that has a network of Teams and Chapters around the world that make and raise funds to provide sanitary hygiene kits. (You may remember the talk on providing toilets for school children at the annual conference in which one added benefit was that if teenage girls have a toilet to go to they don't miss one week a month). Over 100,000 kits have been given out in over 75 countries. These kits are washable and reusable lasting up to three years.

How can you help?

- you can sew
- you can do non sewing tasks,
- you can donate fabric,
- you can contact margaretdccunningham@gmail.com
- you can visit www.daysforgirls.org

Connie Millott and Chris Stott have been in touch with Robbie to say they want to help. If there are any others of you interested in helping please contact Robbie.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

May

Youth Services

June

Rotary Fellowships

CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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

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WARWICK'S WITHERING WIT (via RC of Euroa)

In a train from London to Manchester, an American was berating the Englishman sitting across from him in the compartment.

"The trouble with you English is that you are too stuffy.

You set yourselves apart too much.

You think your stiff upper lip makes you above the rest of us.

Look at me... I'm me!

I have a little Italian in me, a bit of Greek blood, a little Irish and some Spanish blood.

What do you say to that?"

The Englishman lowered his newspaper, looks over his glasses and replied, "How very sporting of your mother!"

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WAS THE VERY FIRST DOCUMENT PRODUCED ON MY NEW ASUS F555U USING WINDOWS 10. IT'S A MAJOR LEARNING CURVE..... AND I AM NEAR THE BOTTOM!
(I can now retire my Acer TravelMate 6293 running Windows XP which is 10 years old.