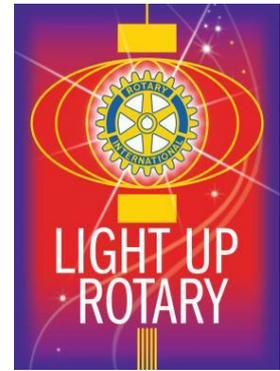


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Weekly Newsletter

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

ForestHill Rotary

CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
8 th June	NO MEETING	Ann Onimous	N. O'Need
15 th June	<i>Exploring Van Diemen's Land</i> Bob Williams	John McPhee	Ray Smith
22 nd June	Club Forum	Bill Marsh	Ron Brooks
29 th June	CHANGEOVER		

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

4th June Bob Laslett Birthday

5th June Ron Brooks Club anniversary

6th June Barbara & Bob Williams 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 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

STAN IS BACK IN KNOX PRIVATE BECAUSE OF HIS LEG. CONTACT JOAN FOR DETAILS. HE LIKES VISITORS.

BILL'S BLURB

Well we have started the run-down to the new Rotary year. It certainly doesn't seem like a year since I was getting ready to take over from Chris. At this stage you'd expect all of our projects to be completed and yet we are still on the go.

On Monday we had our Hand Brake Turn Presentation. Always a fun night that had an unexpected twist this year. The President left the meeting Running Sheet and the shields to be presented at home!! Not one of my better moves. A flying trip home and we were ready to roll and it all went according to the script thereafter. It was real pleasure to welcome Gary Davis for the second week in a row. Gary presented the award to Mathew Galea along with a few well chosen words of encouragement. It was lovely to see Mathew so pleased with his award and with the glowing praise from Phil, his supervisor from Hand Brake Turn. What was even better was to see the pride Mark, Mathew's father, took in his son's success.

On Tuesday I was joined by Ray Smith, Sue Warmington ((Pres. Nunawading), Nigel Cooper(Pres. MASH) and Don Sweeney (Pres. Box Hill Central) on a trip to Hand Brake Turn in Dandenong for their Graduation Ceremony. This is a low key affair but one that is filled with meaning for the teenagers involved and their families. When you see these young people who have taken the first step in trying to put their lives back on track collecting their certificates and the 'mile wide' grins on their parents' faces you know you are supporting a program with real impact. The winner of the Ford Davis Endeavour Award, Mathew, was re-presented with his award in front of his peers and the warmth of their applause indicated how well these kids had bonded together during the program. We then presented the inaugural Whitehorse Cluster Award to Kyle Olsen. Well we tried to without success. Kyle, who graduated from the previous course, could not make it to the presentation because he has gained full time employment! How good was that? Kyle's mother came to accept the award on his behalf and she couldn't have been more thrilled or enthusiastic if she had won it herself. You just knew there was going to be a special celebration that night when Kyle got home from work. A fantastic outcome and a great way to launch the new Cluster Award.

While all of this was going on John Elrington, from Box Hill Central, was busy gaining a further District Grant to enable the Cluster to sponsor a second participant in the Hand Brake Turn course. A great effort, John and it is very pleasing to see the six clubs working together to support such a great program.

On Wednesday Chris Tuck attended the RC of Nunawading meeting where he presented a cheque for \$1,000 on behalf of the club to Melanie & Leanne for a playground and extension to the food garden at the Hope Katola Nursery School. This was the latest step in our on-going commitment to Georgina and her little school in Kenya. The water tanks we had installed last year have made an enormous difference and we are sure this year's project will do the same.

There will be no meeting on Monday (Queen's Birthday) but the following weekend sees us involved in both the Whitehorse Farmers' Market and the Blackburn Market so it just keeps rolling on as we begin to prepare for Changeover.

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

DIARY DATES

12 th June	PERIDOT THEATRE
13 th June	BLACKBURN MARKET
14 th June	WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET
27 th June	DISTRICT CHANGEVER
29th June	CLUB CHANGEVER (Pres Bill hands over to PE Bob W)
14 Sept	DG visit

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

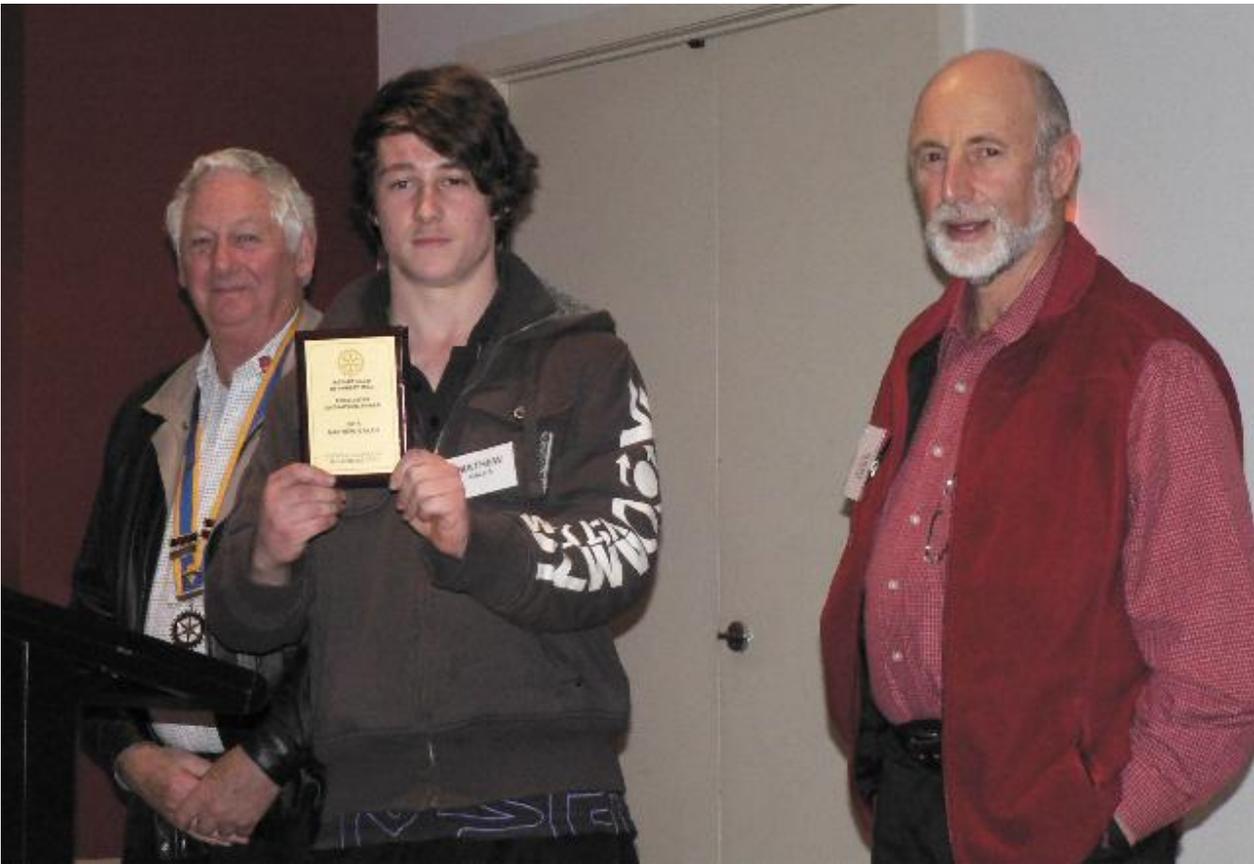
PE Bob welcomed two good friends of the club, Gary Davis and Pat Pridham to our meetings as Pres Bill got stage fright- where and why did he shoot off home? (He told us in his Blurb.) In opening the meeting, the sergeant had a few chosen words of wisdom as he does every week, this time regarding education. Mid you, we heard later in his sergeant's session a distinct lack of practical education.

Our sergeant's tale of woe included cutting through the power chord of his heater, suffering yet again from a "Cat's loss", and forcing the unit next door to his to be without water for hours while he tried to fix a tap, but he still managed to squeeze \$37.55 out of us for the Foundation. The raffle raised \$60 and our guest Mark Galea picked out Gary Davis's ticket – I hope he enjoys the red wine. In a very smart move, Gary thought we could afford a second prize with the \$60 take and I agreed wholeheartedly..... especially when he drew out the long suffering editor's ticket. So there went the white wine.

Notes by the editor

But the meeting was really all about project Handbrake Turn, Dandenong which comes under the Concern Australia umbrella. Our club has been supporting this project for the last five years. Handbrake Turn gives young men and women who perhaps have strayed a bit, the chance to learn about car mechanics, crash repairs, spray painting etc. Marc, the manager, Phil, one of the trainers and Mark Galea, the father came along to support Mathew Galea who was given his endeavour award by Gary Davis as this is another one of the awards supported by the Gysi Davis fund in honour of Ford and Eve Davis. We heard Phil tell us about past awardees Corey Sarlo (2012) who is now a 3rd year mechanic apprentice, Tum Hrang (2013) who was a refugee, Rochelle Grimes (2014) who has settled down, pregnant and had successfully continued with work. It is good to hear stories like "Done well. Working in smash repairs part time for last four weeks" when before Handbrake Turn the background was Heatherwood special needs school. This shows the value of such programmes and the value of Rotary and the Gysi Davis fund. Phil said that only 7 were left out of the 14 that started with Mathew which is a lower completion rate than usual and 19 (4 girls) are registered to start the next course.

Phil told us a little of his background starting with his life in Phillip Island boys home run by Franciscan monks. It was a no shoes, grey shorts and grey shirt, no coat, lots of discipline place which he left at 13 to make his own way in the world. He reminisced about "escaping" over the old single lane San Remo bridge to disappear for 3 weeks on a shark boat knowing about the whipping he'd get on his return..... but it was worth it! He then went on to serve in Vietnam and PNG before being demobbed in 1971, getting married, and selling his own car business after 40 years and becoming a Handbrake Turn trainer. No wonder Phil is so good with these young people. He told us he actually had Handbrake students at his business before he sold up. The graduation ceremony was the day after our award so Mathew was going to be re presented with his award again.



President Bill, Mathew Galea and Gary Davis

Notes by Ron Brooks

PERIDOT THEATRE

The next production is **SHUSH** a funny and insightful glimpse into the power of female friendship : 5 women 5 different stories on a girls night in .It's Brenda's birthday and she is in no mood to celebrate .However her friends have other ideas and after cake and a few bacardis- it turns out Brenda is not the only one with problems

Where – Unicorn Theatre

When Friday 12th June 2015

Cost Seniors \$23.00

Please ring or email John Mc Phee 9841 9535 or j_mcphee@opusnet.com.au to reserve seats. Next film night will be on Friday 19th June 2015 and it looks like there will be some films worth seeing this month. Cost seniors \$8.00

Details of films on offer will be advised in course. John

MAY WAS BOWELSCAN MONTH

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 final count was they sold 126 of these kits during May. 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*

TWO FREE PUBLIC TALKS OF INTEREST

The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute are holding the following

Wednesday 10 June a public talk on malaria, HIV, hepatitis and vaccines. This is a free event, but anyone that would like to attend needs to register at

www.wehi.edu.au/publictalks

Friday 19 June, the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and Ovarian Cancer Australia will be hosting an interactive forum "Living with Cancer - Our research, your future", which is a day of information. This is also a free event, and anyone that would like to attend is welcome to register at

<http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=129787&embed=129787>.

The editor can send interested parties a more detailed flier if needed.

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, Emerald & District, and Nunawading have supplied us with foreign coins to join with ours. 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). Had a phone call from Donvale-Warrandyte to say they had over 4kg of coins they'd drop around. The list of clubs participating in this project is growing and clearly more are collecting and not telling me.

Report by Ron Brooks

HAVE YOU GOT A GREEN THUMB??????

St John's Primary School in Mitcham recently secured a local grant from Whitehorse City Council to restore their school vegetable garden (after losing it to the underground railway project). The intergenerational project is called "Digging and Dining" and will have a focus on sharing different generations. The community lunch made This will be during Seniors are looking for people who some experience of growing working with children. They also need people who might have experience in landscape gardening or access to machinery to help clear the site for our project. You might even just like to come along and help the children with planting, weeding and watering or help



skills and knowledge between project will culminate in a using our freshly grown produce. Week 5th-9th October 2015. They have a keen interest in gardening, a vegetable garden and who enjoy

them to prepare our special harvest lunch later in the year. Your commitment can be as little or as large as you like.

Please contact Penelope Lang at St John's on 9874 1575 or plang@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au for more information or to register your interest.

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**

Learning New Skills: So many new opportunities arise through Rotary membership. Public Speaking, Chairing Meetings, Project Planning & Evaluation, Training & Facilitating, Leadership, Practical skills in international volunteering and so much more.

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?

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER DINNER

Pres Bill & Judy, PE Bob & Barb, and Ron & Robbie will represent the club at the annual dinner on Saturday 27th 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.foreshillrotary.com

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS

Many of you will have just received a letter from ARH, or will get one shortly, telling you of your recorded donation history. I think it's a great move by ARH to keep a record of everyone's individual contributions. This is a recent innovation ie to tell you what it is.

They have always kept records. Anyway, pat yourself on the back if you get a letter.

Most if not all the club are "Friends" having given at least \$100. When the ride to conference comes along most of you top up your contribution to which I, the ride to Conference committee and ARH are grateful. With your help, the **Ride to Conference** will top \$1,000,000 this coming ride to Shepparton, as they have less than \$40,000 to go.



CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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

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