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24 June 2019

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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			
Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
24 June	Accidental Adventures- walking the Camino solo <i>Blaise von Hecke</i>	Ron Brooks	Stuart Williams
1 July	CHANGEOVER		
8 July	???		

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

Birthday congratulations to Joan Harper (90 on 26 June)!! Club anniversary celebrations to Chris Tuck (29 June) and John Bindon (30 June). All the best to Mike as he recovers from hip surgery. Our thoughts are with Carrol Farmer after the death of PDG Eric.

DUTY ROSTER

	JUNE	JULY
Recorder	Chris Tuck	Glenys Grant
Greeter	Barbara Searle	John Bindon
Emergency	John Donaghey	Bob Williams
Cashier	Bill Marsh	Barbara Williams

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

You are invited to our Changeover on July 1 to ring out the old and bring in the new. Sponsors, friends, members and partners are particularly invited. Just remember to let Ray know early.

Please continue to:

- Dob in extra names for our 'auxiliary and friends' network email list.

The Whitehorse Photo Contest 2019

It's on. It's up and running. We'll be accepting entries from the 15th of May through to the 15th of July. It's on our facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2023814937705559/>

Ts&Cs and entry form is here.

<https://tinyurl.com/y5yzcdtr>

- Open to grade 5 and 6 students living in and/or attending school in the Whitehorse council area.
- Top prize in the popular vote and expert-judged categories is \$100.
- Photos must be taken within the city of Whitehorse.
- Finalists in the expert-judged category will be on display at the Nunawading Library for the month of August.

If more information is required, please send an email to info@whitehorsephotocontest.xyz

Thanks to our sponsors, Bendigo Bank Blackburn South and Officeworks Vermont South. Flyers will be available and going up soon. Don't delay, pass the information around now.

Please mark your calendars with the following:

- Saturday, 22 June District Changeover
- Monday, 1 July Changeover Night
- Saturday, 20 July Bunnings Bake Sale

Meeting report June 3

The meeting was opened by chairman for the evening Bob Williams who welcomed 12 of our members, our guest speaker (a member of RC of Canterbury, D 9800) and a guest. Bob had no reflection (Pres Mike's reflections are a hard act to follow) but he told us of a test cricketer called Dr Ray Hark who played one test innings and was out 1st ball (not sure whether his stories are true or he is pulling our leg) while his wife was scabbling on the floor for a ball of knitting wool she dropped. We heard the good news that Pres Mike has had his second hip replaced and is successfully recovering at home.

We then heard reports from members. Glenys (Youth) told us that an article on MUNA and its history has been written for the DG's Newsletter. Sue (Vocation) asked us to put Mon 29th July in our diaries as that is the Apprentice Awards Night. She has the names of the three apprentices and has organised for Indi Hagan to speak that night. She also told us about the last RYDA day out at Lilydale which she attended supported by Martine, Bob & Barb W, and Anna & Hans-good club supporters. Ray told us that we raised \$766 from the last Saturday Blackburn Craft Market with Bob W saying another \$20-\$30 had also been tipped in. PresE Stuart reminded us that the Footie Tipping competition was going well. We also heard he had generated a questionnaire which he intended circulating asking our opinion of various options for his year. Bob W told us he'd received a voucher from the Community House Association which could be spent on any course run by them which was available to any of our members.

We were then served with the main course, lamb shanks & steak with dessert to follow. After suffering the brilliant (that is what you asked me to say, wasn't it Bob?) sergeant Bob W performance – we found out at the end of the meeting he'd raised \$25.15. How does he raise so much money each week?

Chairman Bob W then introduced Janet Hay, from the Rotary Action Group Microfinance and Community Development (RAGM). There are 26 RAGs in the world started and run by people who are passionate about their chosen RAG. Janet is probably the only Australian in RAGM. She has worked in a number of countries helping asylum seekers and has completed a Masters degree entitled "To Give or to Lend" based around

humanitarian aid. RAGM wants to ween people off charity, that is, off addiction to handouts. She showed a number of video clips with Dr Muhammad Yunus Nobel Peace prize winner, founder of Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, and brought along some of his books including “A World of three zeros” – zero poverty, zero unemployment, zero carbon emissions. Dr Yunus created Microfinance as a way for the ultra-poor to find a dignified pathway out of poverty. The ultra-poor eat less than 80% of their energy requirements despite spending at least 80% of their income on food. Microloans are to ultra-poor borrowers who typically lack collateral, steady employment and a verifiable credit history. The microloans are lent at low interest (3 or 4% compared to perhaps 90% by local loan sharks) to enable people to start new businesses in the developing world. Janet also discussed a “Social Business”, which is a self-sustaining business generating revenues through the sale of goods and services, where all profits are used to serve human problems. In this kind of business, the company is dedicated entirely to the social cause, the whole idea of making personal profit is removed from the business. Another Dr Yunus concept.



Humanitarian Aid is charity dispensed because of an emergency or natural disaster. Long term Development Aid however, is dispensed after the disaster or conflict is over. This is where the concept of Social Business comes in. Charity is no solution to poverty. Charity only perpetuates poverty by taking the initiative away from the poor. Charity allows us to go ahead with our own lives without worrying about the lives of the poor. The tyrants love aid. Aid helps them stay in power and contributes to underdevelopment. Foreign aid facilitates corruption because it is so easily stolen, redirected, or extracted. Poor people have enormous untapped potential and by providing them with financial services they can break the cycle of poverty. Most micro-credit loans are offered to women because they will feed and support their families and make sure their children go to school. As Rotarians let's continue to build toilets in Sri Lanka. But also, let's lend young women money to become builders, masons and plumbers so they can build their own toilets. Janet gave anecdotal evidence of times when microfinance had worked well and charity had backfired. She also told us that default on loans is 2-3 %. Amazing under the circumstances.

There is no doubt that Janet is concerned about how Rotary will accept this concept that people should be weened off charity as much of the Foundation's focus is charity. However, she should have no concerns, RAGM is endorsed worldwide by RI. No doubt there is a place for both ways of helping the world's poor. Rotary systems need to be challenged to keep them relevant, resilient, and strong.

The RAGM connects Rotary clubs and districts with microfinance institutions to help poor people establish income generating activities (for more information contact <http://ragm.org>). To find out more about other action groups contact www.rotary.org/actiongroups . I have a 4Mb copy of Janet's talk. Please contact me if you would like a copy.

The vote of thanks was given by Ron.

The raffle raised \$40. Chris won the raffle and took the red wine while Bob L came back from his holidays to take home the chocolates as second prize.

Ron Brooks

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



2019 WHITEHORSE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST GRADES 5 AND 6

Rotary Club of Forest Hill's inaugural Whitehorse Photo Contest is the companion to our established Primary Schools Speech Competition, now in its eighth year.

Whitehorse students in grades 5 and 6 can enter a photo on the theme of 'My Whitehorse' to our competition.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place-getters in both the expert-judged and popular divisions will receive a cash prize and a photo book featuring their entry and including all qualifying submissions.



ENTRY FORM AND TERMS
AND CONDITIONS HERE

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/Y5YZCDTR](https://tinyurl.com/Y5YZCDTR)



FACEBOOK
@ROTARYCLUBFORESTHILL

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PHOTOS NOW

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Deadline for submission is
July 15

Good Luck and
Happy Snapping

For info:
info@whitehorsephotocontest.xyz

RYDA 11 June at Lilydale campus of Box Hill TAFE

We had six of us with Martine coming straight from making breakfast at Forest Hill College, Anna, Hans, Sue, Barbara and Bob W. Thank you to all, particularly to Martine doubling up her workload.

There were 150 students from Vermont Secondary College including Martine's grandson and Pres Mike's son Spencer.

The day's weather was glorious which made the outdoor session a delight and even the birds were happily singing away.

The usual six sessions with each of us happily guiding 25 or so students plus their teacher to the various sessions.

The students arrived promptly with the first session starting at 9-45 and concluding 2pm. Morning tea and lunch provided and as usual we experienced drivers learned something new to add to our awareness capabilities on the roads.

Catherine has asked if we can help out at Sandown on Tuesday 30 July and as Sue will be in Las Vegas and Barb and I will be on the Indian Pacific train, Stuart will organise our volunteers.

Do yourself a favour and volunteer for the day as you will not only know you have helped 150 or so new "L" platers to be a little more aware of road safety but you also will add to your road experience.

Bob W

RON'S BACK

My first club meeting back after 3 months cycling in Spain (and Dubai) and I was greeted with a very large bag full of foreign coins and notes from a few clubs. I always send an acknowledgment to the clubs involved and tell them about how much the contribution was worth as I and UNICEF and D9810 are really grateful. But although I personally thank our club on the many many times I get a contribution from Forest Hill I have not sent a written thank you.

This project has now sent off 420kg of coins and a number of wads of notes valued at over \$13,000. Bob Laslett gave me 1.5 kg on Monday evening at a rough estimate worth about \$45. You may remember that our new member Ian Teese gave me some taka (from Bangladesh) worth about \$250 but there have been many others. Forest Hill should not miss out from a pat on the back for these great contributions to the underprivileged kids of the world and to **Rotary Give Every Child a Future**. This is an Australian centenary project aiming at immunising 100,000 children in the Pacific: <https://everychildafuture.com/> It is a UNICEF project that Rotary has agreed to fund. Funds raised from this district foreign currency will go towards this project as part of Rotary's contribution. So, thanks to all involved. I now have 29.1kg of coins and notes towards the next 60kg batch that will be sent off. This is a no cost project to Rotary (apart from the effort!) as the company that values the currency for UNICEF provide couriered currency pouches & transport free.

Keep collecting..... please

Yours in Rotary

Ron Brooks, D9810/UNICEF coordinator

NEXT YEAR

Amended Board and portfolio holders for the Rotary Year 2019-20 that was endorsed by the AGM, Monday 3 December, 2018

BOARD

- President Stuart Williams
- President-Elect Sue Ballard
- Past-President Mike Finke
- Vice-President Bill Marsh
- Secretary Bob Laslett
- Treasurer Warwick Stott
- Youth Glenys Grant
- Community Barbara Williams
- Vocational Barbara Searle (assisted by Sue Ballard)
- International Ian Teese
- Foundation John Bindon

OTHER PORTFOLIOS

- Social Media and Photo Competition Mike Finke
- Social/Fellowship/Flyer Bill Marsh
- Sgt at Arms Bob Williams/John Donaghey
- Program Ron Brooks/ John Bindon
- Whitehorse Farmers Market Liaison Warwick Stott
- Blackburn Craft Market/Sausage Sizzle John Mc Phee
- Bucatini Liasion/ Attendance Ray Smith
- Chris Tuck Youth Protection Officer/ Compliance

BREAKFAST CLUB

A big thank you to Glenys and Martine for June 11 and Barbara W and Judy L for June 18. Barb and Bob L will see out the term.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

June Rotary Fellowships

ARTICLES

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