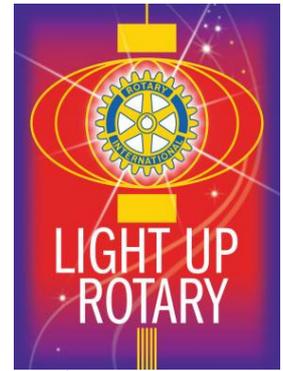




**Rotary**   
Club of Forest Hill

## Weekly Newsletter

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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> |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> June | Club Forum                                | Bill Marsh      | Ron Brooks                   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> June | CHANGEOVER                                | Stuart Williams | Ron Brooks                   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> July  | Clinical depression <i>Jacqui Chaplin</i> | Ray Smith       | Warwick Stott                |

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

20<sup>th</sup> June Robbie Brooks Birthday



### 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

STAN IS IN KNOX PRIVATE, FERNDALE 17. HE WANTED TO PASS ON HIS THANKS TO ALL HIS VISITORS WHICH HE REALLY APPRECIATES.

## BILL'S BLURB

- Thank you to Bob Williams for a great talk on his travels in Tasmania. It brought back a host of wonderful memories for many of those present. At the end of Bob's talk Ray Smith thanked Bob and then made him a presentation of a beautiful turned ornament made from Huon Pine that Bob had brought back from Tasmania. Ray also presented another vase shaped ornament to the club as a raffle prize. This beautiful piece will be raffled next week in a separate draw to our normal raffle, so make sure you came along with a few extra dollars in your pocket to have a chance of taking this lovely prize home.
- Next week we will hold a Club Forum where we will look at what we have achieved this year and canvas ideas on what we could do to improve and then have a look at what is already planned for next year. The forum will then be followed by a joint Board Meeting to finalise any outstanding items from this year and look at our structure for next year. Please give some thought to these meetings and come along prepared to contribute.
- As this may be the last "Blurb" I write I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members for giving me a chance to lead the club this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President and I am proud of what we have achieved together. The year has also given me the opportunity to meet some great people from other clubs and establish what I am sure will be lasting friendships. While our numbers are down we just continue to 'raise the bar' on the level of service that we reach. Congratulations on a job well done to all members but particularly to the chairpersons of the various committees. It has been your enthusiasm and effort that has ensured we could help so many people in so many different ways. If Rotary is about 'doing good in the world' then you have certainly upheld the tradition.
- Our Changeover Dinner will be chaired by Stuart Williams and we will have our new District Governor, David Tolstrup and his wife Alison as our guests of honour. We are also going to have the three Davis brothers and their wives as special guests. This will be a wonderful opportunity to recognize a family that has done so much for our club over the years. The District Handbook shows Ford Davis as the first District Governor for D9810 and the family connection has been constant since the inception of the club. I hope that every member is able to attend Changeover as it is sure to be an entertaining evening.
- Next Tuesday the Rotary Club of Box Hill has Les Twentyman as their guest speaker and members are invited to attend. Please let Box Hill know if you are going for catering purposes.
- The odds of winning our weekly raffle are between 1 in 11 and 1 in 50 depending on the night. Guess who has won it on about 4-5 occasions this year? If you could swab raffle winners the stewards would be looking hard at GG. We will draw the winner of our hamper of chocolates at Changeover so just three more chances to get tickets for this great prize.

### Little Known Facts:

Some parts of Tasmania are so fertile that the topsoil is 70 feet thick. (I am sure you noticed that while you were there, Bob.)

Some parts of Antarctica have had no snow or rain for 2 million years. (Does that mean Antarctica qualifies for drought relief?)

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

### DIARY DATES

27<sup>th</sup> June

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER

29<sup>th</sup> June

**CLUB CHANGEOVER (Pres Bill hands over to PE Bob W)**

14 Sept

DG visit

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Barbara and I spent four weeks touring Tasmania with two friends from late October last year. We usually caravan together but this time decided to all go in our friend's vehicle and stay in two bedroom cabins in caravan parks where we could. I took video and my talk consisted of a 25 minute edited video of our trip. From arriving in Devonport we spent time at the mural town of Sheffield then onto Launceston and toured the Boag's Brewery and cruised Cataract Gorge and did lots of walking in the Gorge and around. We toured the Beaconsfield mine where the two miners were rescued after being trapped in a mine attracting world attention then via the Iron Horse brewery (a bit of a trend happening?) onto St. Helens with the Bay of Fires and so much seaside beauty. Bicheno was next via a light plane flight on the way with Freycinet Air over Wineglass Bay which was fabulous. Onto Coles Bay and we walked to the lookout over Wineglass Bay which was very rewarding and worked our hearts and lungs.

The oldest bridge in Australia is at Richmond and along the way to Port Arthur we visited the attractions on Eaglehawk Neck, such as the Tessellated Pavement and Devils Kitchen. Port Arthur was special and visiting the scene of the shooting tragedy at Broad Arrow Cafe was very moving. Five nights in Hobart gave us time to visit Mt. Wellington (and on a clear day) and the Museum of Modern Art which is wonderfully located but some of the "art" work such as the "poo" machine room with smellavision was not "our cup of tea". We spent a day on Bruny Island and visited old school friends in Cygnet.

Onto Strahan via "The Wall in the Wilderness" at Derwent bridge which displays a one hundred metre long wall of wooden artwork of Tasmanian wildlife, farmers and their horses and much more. All amazingly detailed. A real masterpiece. In Strahan we had a wonderful Macquarie Harbour/Gordon River boat cruise, visiting Sarah Island which was a convict colony and Morrison's timber mill where I bought some Huon pine for my wood turning mate Ray. We walked the Dove Lake/Cradle Mountain circuit and again, amazing! We stayed with Barbara's niece at Somerset then onto Stanley and took the chair lift up "The Nut". The town was the centre of a film being shot, set earlier last century and so some of the streets were strewn with dirt and the film crew set up gas lights and old signs on the shop fronts. Back to Somerset then onto the Ferry for home.

Our mate Paul drove one day with me as the navigator then the next day Barbara drove with Gill navigating and so on, with each day having many highlights through the 3,500 kms we did. Great trip.

*Report by Bob Williams*

Sergeant Stuart opened the meeting with his moment of reflection. Is the world getting more selfish? Do we only worry about ourselves and tell others to suck it up, get a better job, live in a different place, hold on to all our money even if we have plenty and loudly complain user pays, no subsidies. Tonight we journey to Tassie. A small poor State. Our forefathers made sure that the small States and people who lived a long way from major population centres would have similar costs, eg postal services, a say in the running of Australia, phone and medical access. In today's world where economists make most of the important decisions, Tasmania struggles to stand on its own feet. The wealthy States want to keep their money and not share it. Thank heaven our leaders years ago believed in a Commonwealth and fairness. Where is the vision today? Where are the leaders who are prepared to make sure the common good is considered before narrow, selfish, parochial interests are promulgated. In his toast to RI he said "*an organisation that looks out for those who are not so well off*"



In his report to the meeting Chris told us that Hope Katolo has 79 children and all are sponsored for \$50/yr which is enough to give them all a meal every day for a year. Leanne and Melanie said they do not have any other children to sponsor. They also told Chris that they had raised and sent \$100,000 to the school since 2007.

John Mc told us that last Saturday's Blackburn market raised \$769. What a fabulous effort.

At the end of the meeting we heard that Stuart's fine session had raised \$32.95, the raffle raised \$61 and need I bother reporting that Glenys won the raffle (yet again) and chose a bottle of red wine.

Ray gave the vote of thanks to our speaker Bob W and instead of presenting him with a hand crafted pen he had made three Huon pine vases out of a piece of Huon pine that Bob W had brought back from his holiday in Tasmania and given to him. He asked Bob to choose one for himself (an offer Bob immediately handballed to Barbara), Ray then offered another to be raffled next week,

and the third was for Merle. What a fantastic gesture.

Pres Bill told us about a blonde and a chicken farmer who met in a bar and were saying to each other that they were both celebrating. The chicken farmer said he'd been trying to get fertile eggs for a few years but no luck but now the chickens were laying fertile eggs. The blonde then said she had been trying for years to have a child with no luck but now she was pregnant. The blonde then asked the farmer what did he do different and the farmer replied "I tried a new rooster", the blonde said "that's funny so did".

### **IT'S TUESDAY SO IT'S BREAKFAST TIME AT SCHOOL**



Robbie and Glenys made pancakes last Tuesday at Forest Hill Secondary for their Breakfast Club. Some came back for seconds (and even thirds, was that Stuart in school cap and shorts trying to sneak in?). If

you want to have some fun for an hour and a half on a Tuesday morning then why not volunteer to join Robbie, Glenys, Chris T and Bob W on the pancakes or the ham & cheese toasties menu. (contact Ron Brooks).



Glenys and Sonali can mix it with anybody while Robbie cooks up a storm

## STAN HARPER FINALLY GETS THE AWARD HE DESERVED



They say that *"everything comes to those who wait"*. Stan has waited over 70 years to be acknowledged for the work he did in the war. Part of the problem was that his work was shrouded in secrecy. Stan was involved with **Bletchley Park**

Bletchley Park, in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, was the central site of the United Kingdom's Government Code and Cypher School (GC&CS), which during the Second World War regularly penetrated the secret communications of the Axis Powers – most importantly the German Enigma and Lorenz ciphers. The official historian of World War II British Intelligence has written that the "Ultra" intelligence produced at Bletchley shortened the war by two to four years, and that without it the outcome of the war would have been uncertain. The site is now an educational and historical attraction memorialising and celebrating those accomplishments.

In an *exclusive interview* with your intrepid reporter/newsletter editor, Stan confided that he would not be taking up the offer of free lifetime access to the mansion and gardens that came with the award shown above. Stan also received a beautiful certificate and a magazine issue devoted to words and pictures of the people who staffed Bletchley Park. Churchill referred to the Bletchley staff as "the geese that laid the golden eggs and never cackled". On the same site is the National Museum of Computing as well as displays relating to wartime code breaking and signalling. Of course, many of you would have seen the film recently "The Imitation Game" which focused on Alan Turing's work in breaking the Enigma code at Bletchley.

Use Google Maps or Google Earth to look at The Mansion, Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 6EB, United Kingdom.



Bletchley Park today [www.bletchleypark.org.uk](http://www.bletchleypark.org.uk)

### A CLUB VISITOR FROM FRANCE

[This year I have asked all our Exchange students to update our club on their life. We also looked after Marie France Desserre from Lapalud, France. Here is her story. She is a great lover of all things Australian and is due to arrive here on July 5<sup>th</sup> for 5 days before heading around Australia with her family. Robbie & Ron have stayed with them 5 or 6 times in France.]

I came to Melbourne as a trainee in a book company in 1992, 23 years ago!  
I stayed 4 months in Melbourne, living in St Kilda, and spent great time with some of the Rotarians of Forest Hill : Richard and Janice KLEINE, Margaret and Graham TAYLOR, Ron and Robbie BROOKS, Bob and Heather NEILSON.

I was a student at Saint Etienne Graduate school of Management and was graduated with a Master's degree in Business Management specializing in Finance and Management.

I found my first job in Marseille a few days after graduating in 1994. And I still work in the same company. I am the assistant of the managers, a father and his son. They are running a craft company specialized in fresh offal, horse meats and sausages sold in butcher's departments mainly in supermarkets.

I felt in love with Pierre, the son, and we got married in 1996. We spent all our vacations travelling abroad and we especially liked snorkelling and diving. So we visited islands in the West Indies, in the Pacific Ocean such as Tahiti, New Caledonia and India Ocean such as Maldives, Seychelles, La Réunion... paradises on earth.

On the 1st of January 2000 a few minutes after midnight (00.04 exactly) our first daughter Camille was born. She was a very wise and lovely baby. In 2002 Pauline and her big blue eyes arrived. In 2006 we built a house at the top of a hill with a wonderful view on Marseille and the sea. Christophe was born in the summer 2006.

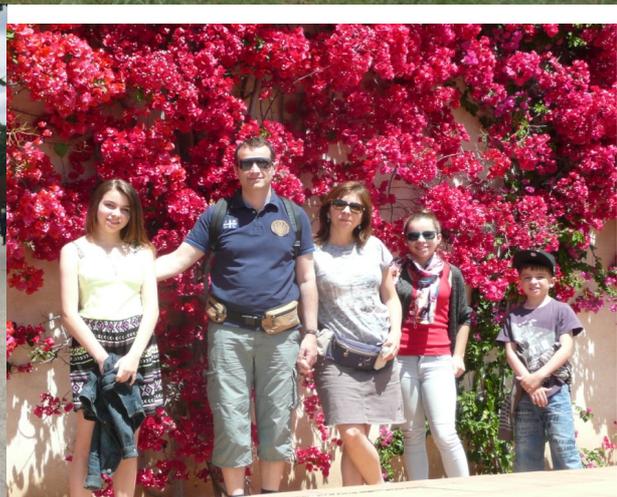
Camille is 15 now, she is fond of painting and music. She will go to an agricultural school next year because she wants to become the assistant of a vet. Pauline is 13 and has been crazy about horses for 8 years. She rides every week and during the holidays.

Christophe will be 9 very soon. He is the wisest kid... He likes dancing hip hop and playing with friends.

As for me, I've been working part time since the birth of the children. I am often a taxi driver for the kids like any mum. I like doing sports such aquagym for 18 years. Swimming in warm and salted water is wonderful. I've been dancing zumba for 4 years and have had so much fun. I've started running 2 or 3 times a week for a few months. Pierre and I like going to gourmet restaurants and drinking wine.... I am following courses in oenology every month ; there are so many great wines to discover.

As we still like travelling, we started to visit Canada, Norway, some islands in the West Indies....and this year Australia will be our first longest trip with the kids. The children are very excited to discover some parts of your country because we are talking very often of the wonderful times Pierre and I spent there in the past.

As for me, my stay in Melbourne was the best experience I had by myself and I've never forgotten any moment on your fabulous country.



## FOREIGN COINS for UNICEF

So far, the Rotary clubs of Boronia, MASH, Waverley, Sandringham, Emerald & District, Hampton, and Nunawading have supplied us with foreign coins to join with ours. The total now is **106 kgs plus the wad of notes** is getting much larger. Had a phone call from Donvale-Warrandyte to say they had over 4kg of coins they'd drop around. Bob Williams gave me another 1.4kgs of coins to add to the collection. Went to the RC of Doncaster as their guest on Wednesday so they could hand over the coins they've been collecting all year. The list of clubs participating in this project is growing and clearly more are collecting and not telling me.

*Report by Ron Brooks*

## 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. Please make a big effort to bring in some stamps before the end of Pres Bill's year.

## 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. Used kits will continue to be picked up during June.

## FELLOWSHIP GROUP VISIT TO PERIDOT THEATRE

Bob & Barbara, Bill & Judy, Ron & Robbie, and Glenys and Pat saw SHUSH last Friday evening. We were greeted with complimentary sherry before the start, free biscuits with tea & coffee during the interval and free sandwiches and champagne at the end when you can "meet the stars". It was 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 Bacardi's too many, it turns out Brenda is not the only one with problems. It didn't quite live up to the normal excellent standard of the plays they produce but it was an excellent opportunity for fellowship. It was a world premier of this play set in Ireland so the five actors all worked hard on their best Irish brogues. I would encourage you all to come along on our next theatre night out whether you are Rotarians, Honorary members or Friends of Rotary. We go to every production.

## 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?

## 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*

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



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

Please contact Penelope Lang at St John's on 9874 1575 or [plang@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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**

### Training Opportunities

Rotary has great training available – in leadership and so many other areas. For members, personal development, project management, public speaking, meeting procedures, and so much more.

## 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](http://www.foreshillrotary.com)



Glenys, Sonali, Ben & Robbie , the FHC Breakfast Team last week.

## CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

|   | 2014-15  | 2015-16  |
|---|--|--|
| <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,<br>Graham Sharman     | Ray Smith, Bill Marsh,<br>Graham Sharman       |
| <b>Community &amp; Vocation</b>         | Bob Laslett                                    | Bob Laslett                                    |
| Members                                 | Stuart Williams, Gary<br>Baltissen, Ron Brooks | Stuart Williams, Gary<br>Baltissen, Ron Brooks |
| <b>Membership &amp; Publicity</b>       | Doug Berwick                                   | John McPhee                                    |
| Members                                 | John McPhee, Warwick Stott,<br>Jenny Coburn    | Warwick Stott, Bob<br>Williams,                |
| <b>Fellowship</b>                       | John McPhee                                    | John Donaghey                                  |
| <b>Primary Schools Speech<br/>Night</b> | John McPhee                                    | Bob Williams                                   |
| <b>Programme</b>                        | Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen                      | Ray Smith, Gary<br>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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