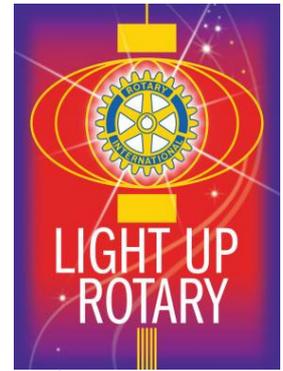




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Weekly Newsletter

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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>
29 th June	CHANGEOVER	Stuart Williams	Ron Brooks
6 th July	Clinical depression <i>Jacqui Chaplin</i>	Ray Smith	Warwick Stott
13 th July	Interact Clubs <i>Daryl Moran</i>	Glenys Grant	Bill Marsh

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

20th June Glenys Grant Birthday (belated, sorry!)

26th June Joan Harper Birthday

28th June Stan Harper Club Anniversary (38yrs)



DUTY ROSTER

	June	July
Cashier	Bob Williams	Stuart Williams
Recorder	Chris Tuck	Warwick Stott
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

STOP PRESS: John McPhee has accepted the role of President Elect for 2015/16

BILL'S BLURB

- Just when I thought I had written the last 'Blurb' up pops Ron with another Newsletter. No rest for the wicked!
- On Monday we held a Club Forum where members gave a run down on what they had achieved for the year and then any ideas for improvement. It was a low key evening but still served to highlight the many fantastic programs we have been involved in over the last year. This was a chance for members not directly involved in a particular committee to catch up on what has been going on. As a result of the discussion it was decided to publish more of the committee work in the Newsletter to keep people up to date. People also outlined initial plans for next year and while many programs will remain the same several new ideas have already surfaced and are in the planning stage. I look forward to their implementation in 2015-16.
- Members were advised that John McPhee has accepted the role of President Elect for 2016-17. Congratulations, John. We wish you well and look forward to working with you to advance our club.
- The Combined Board meeting was even briefer than planned! The Forum had highlighted the work of the Club and the fact that there were no outstanding issues. The Minutes from the previous meeting were passed and the meeting closed.
- On Tuesday evening I attended the meeting at RC of Box Hill to listen to a presentation from Les Twentyman. Les has spent most of his working life with the homeless and marginalised in our community. He has had ongoing involvement with gang culture throughout Victoria and Australia, particularly in the western suburbs. He has seen a very different Australia to the one in which most of us have spent our lives. His enthusiasm, humour, compassion and vision for the future are remarkable. If you ever have the chance to listen to Les speak make sure you take it. His ability to influence lives is amazing and his ability to raise funds is staggering. I am sure there are some lessons there for Rotarians to take on-board.
- As this **is the last Blurb** I will write I will just repeat the thoughts I expressed last week.

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.

- On Monday night at our Changeover dinner there will be a couple of raffles on the go. Make sure you bring along a few extra dollars so that you can try to win the beautiful Huon Pine vase turned by Ray Smith, the large hamper of chocolates donated by Michael Sukkar or our usual bottle of wine or box of chocolates.

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

DIARY DATES

14 Sept DG visit

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

It was a Club Forum with all the various club officers reporting on how they went for the year against budget and programme. They all came in under budget and completed all the projects that had been set out. Future plans are to investigate setting up an Interact Club at Kingswood College and focus on assisting in reducing the outcomes of Domestic Violence. It was recognised that we are a small club already punching above our weight so this needs to be considered.

Sergeant Stuart opened the meeting with his moment of reflection. "Tonight we reflect on reflecting. We reflect on our club year and muse about the year to come. Should we make New Year resolutions? for the new Rotary year or just continue as we have done in the past. Should we just let the past go by – just like the Cats on Sunday- or set out a Vision for the future. My boss – Mr Mirror always looks into things. Reflecting – do we learn from it or is it just an exercise. I believe I've reflected on the reflexion.

At the end of the meeting we heard that Stuart's fine session had raised \$17.65, and the raffle raised \$37, not bad from just 9 members present. Glenys was asked to draw the raffle in the hope she would be too embarrassed to draw her own ticket and the ploy worked..... thanks Glenys, Ron will enjoy the bottle of red (a fine Rioja). Robbie and Glenys have volunteered to be doing the breakfast cooking for the Forest Hill Secondary College students on Tuesday morning. The club is looking for volunteers to join the group of Robbie, Glenys, Chris T and Bob W on the pancakes or the ham & cheese toasties menu. Only two are needed each week (please contact Bob Laslett).

Report by Ron Brooks

FOREIGN COINS for UNICEF

So far, the Rotary clubs of Boronia, MASH, Waverley, Sandringham, Emerald & District, Hampton, Doncaster, Donvale-Warrandyte, and Nunawading have supplied us with foreign coins to join with ours. The total now is **111.2 kgs plus the wad of notes** is getting much larger. RC of Nunawading gave me another 0.8kg via Chris Tuck collected from the Farmers Market. The list of clubs participating in this project is growing and clearly more are collecting and not telling me. I seems like this District project will continue next year

Report by Ron Brooks

INTERPLAST FUNDRAISER AT THE NOVA FRI 10th JULY at 6:45pm

Ian Armstrong, is a Past District Chair of Interplast, and RC of Nunawading. His sister is **Gillian Armstrong** the celebrated Film Producer/Director. Ian has been able to obtain a pre release screening for our Club of her Documentary/Film called "**Women He Has Undressed**" recently written up in the Daily Papers. It is about an **Australian Costume Designer, Orié Keller** who won three Academy Awards. No one in Australia heard about or recognised him for this achievement. **It will be screened on Friday 10th July next at Cinema One, at the Nova Theatre, Carlton at 6.45 for a 7PM start.** The Theatre holds 240 seats and it is proposed to sell the tickets for **\$20 each**. Potentially, \$4000 plus! **All profits will go to Interplast** (in addition to the moneys set aside for my Club's 2015/16 contribution). Ian hopes to have the art work for the brochure and tickets arranged very soon.

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. Bill gave me a large bag of stamps last week.

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. "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.

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

OUT AND ABOUT IN MELBOURNE

[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].

BALLET

Before each new ballet production of the Australian Ballet, David McAllister, the artistic director, interviews a dancer from that ballet on a Saturday from 5pm to 6pm, cost \$10. Cinderella is the next production and last Saturday Robbie and I heard his interview with Ako Kondo. I recommend these talks, 4-6 a year, not high brow, just a pleasant chat.



Ako was born in Nagoya, Japan in 1991. At three years old she began her training at Shiho Kanazawa Ballet Studio. In 2005 Ako was won second prize at the Japan Grand Prix and in 2006 she studied at The Royal Ballet School's International Summer School. In 2007 she was awarded The Australian Ballet School Tuition Scholarship, which was announced at the Youth America Grand Prix. Ako toured with The Dancers Company in 2008 and in 2010 she joined The Australian Ballet. She was promoted to senior artist in 2014, and principal artist in April 2015 following her debut as Giselle. She now lives with Chengwu Guo, a chinese dancer who became a principal in 2013. We also found out she was a good cook, loves the Melbourne coffee scene,

likes to be noisy and lively and loves the big city life and they have a poodle puppy. I will review **Cinderella** in next week's newsletter.

THEATRE

Robbie and I also went to the Melbourne Theatre Company's production of **The Waiting Room** by Kylie Trouson. **Kylie Trouson** was a child when her father Emeritus Professor **Alan Trouson** made breakthrough after breakthrough in fertility research. It was 1970s Melbourne and society was divided: was he a hero? Or a mad scientist playing God? The controversy swirled so close to her, yet she was far too young to understand how much was at stake. But now she can see it plain: that when we speak about conception we speak of the most profound things, of family and faith, our lives and our mortality, and our uncertain place in Nature. It grapples with the ordinary wonder of conceiving a child and the extraordinary heartbreak when you can't. Trouson worked with the gynaecologist Prof Carl Wood who with his team in Melbourne helped develop the world's first IVF pregnancy in 1973 and Australia's first test tube baby, Candice Reed, was born in 1980, the first of over 50,000 world wide. William McInnes plays 6 different parts including Prof Carl Wood before and after Alzheimers, Aristotle, Nicholas Tonti-Filippini. **Highly recommended.**

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 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**

Opportunity to use my skills and competencies to make a very real difference to the lives of others – either through working with them to develop their own skills or by working side by side to develop their communities

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

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	John McPhee
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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International Public Expo

Showcasing Rotary's amazing projects and programs to the public!

- Club projects
- Rotary programs
- International aid
- Disaster recovery

Queen Victoria Markets
Sunday 12th July 9am to 4pm

Come along and see the large amount of floor space devoted to Rotary projects.