



Rotary
Club of Forest Hill



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>
10 th Aug	Palliative Care <i>Margaret Young</i>	Bob Laslett	Chris Tuck
17 th Aug	Crossway Projects <i>Sonali Wijesinghe</i>	Glenys Grant	Warwick Stott
24 th Aug	RYLA, <i>Richard Worsley</i>	Chris Tuck	John McPhee

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

10th Aug Jenny Tuck Birthday
10th Aug Jenny & Chris Tuck Wedding Anniversary



DUTY ROSTER

	August	September
Cashier	Glenys Grant	Stuart Williams
Recorder	Chris Tuck	Ray Smith
Greeter	Bill Marsh	Chris Tuck
Emergency	Ray Smith	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

IAN RISELEY has been selected by the Nominating Committee as the Rotary International President for the year 2017-18. This appointment is subject to a two month challenge period before it becomes official

BOB'S BANTER

"In order of appearance"

Last Friday night John Mc and I went to the District membership seminar at Mount Waverley and found it worthwhile although the lack of heating and microphone made it "interesting". Good information and under instructions we collected a number of the various membership brochures for Bill who is making up information bags for our audience Thursday night at the Primary School Speech Contest.

Barbara and I had our daughter's birthday bash at our place Saturday lunchtime and so I didn't bother to switch on the Pies V Dees game until into the last quarter and was amazed that the Dees were ahead and went on to easily win and so I intend to wear my Demons tie (again) this week at our Primary School Public Speaking night.

Sunday we went to the Nunawading Centre and this time I didn't have to shake a donation bucket at a Whitehorse Farmers' market day as we joined with Kathy and John Donaghey, Judy and Bob Laslett, Glenys and Roger Coates and Marg Taylor to attend a Whitehorse brass band concert and the theatre was nearly full. We all enjoyed a varied bill of very good musical pieces (as promised by Kathy and John who are regulars to these concerts).

Thank you so much Kathy and John for organising the tickets and we will certainly go again at next opportunity. The band has another concert in December but on a Monday night unfortunately.

It is interesting that the Mitcham Community House where I'm now on their committee and a couple of sub-committees are having their 40th year birthday this month and of course our 40th is next month so a certain synergy there? I asked their Family Violence Coordinator, Cathie, to come and speak to us on the 21st September about the Family Violence program she runs and she may bring a board member with her to briefly tell us a bit about what the rest of the house does (which is a lot!) so put that in your diary as she also worked at Good Shepherd with me and is a very dedicated lady and a good speaker.

I had contacted Inverloch Rotary club to advise them that Ron has organised a cycling group called "Rotary Oldies" to ride in the Bass Coast Challenge in November, as I have previously detailed, and my contact was to see if any local Rotarians are riding any of the distances so we could perhaps join up and assist in any publicity, as the beneficiary is Rotary's RYDA scheme. However, their club is small and ageing (sound familiar?) so Ian, their secretary whom I spoke to said he didn't think there would be any but would advise the club of our involvement and offer.

So we'll see and at least they know we are supporting the day.

I saw Stan today and as he had his skin graft last Friday he has to lay prone for a week to aid in the healing so was snoozing when I called. Glenys had called in on him earlier which he appreciated. Amazing that he is still in such good spirits considering he is now part of the furniture.

We have our Speech Awards night this coming Thursday night at Burwood Heights Primary and the amount of work so many have put in is amazing. Glenys, of course has done her usual power of work in coordinating it all, Bill has done a great job with producing very professional programs and information bags for our intended audience plus buying the vouchers etc. and every member who is able to come has a job to do plus our partners are bringing supper and helping out on the night. Barbara has done all the certificates and is coordinating the supper (thank you) and the variety of supper being brought that I see on the list makes my mouth water already. Thank you all. Our next dinner meeting will be on the 10th August with Margaret Young speaking on Palliative Care.

President Bob

Remember "Be a Gift to the World".

DIARY DATES

6th Aug Primary Schools Speaking Contest at Burwood Heights
14th Sept DG visit

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our meeting last week was the Primary School Speech Contest at Burwood Heights on Thursday 6th August. A day after the Newsletter is circulated so those of you that could not be there will read about this special night in next week's eagerly awaited screed.

DON HULLAND - UPDATE

Don is now permanently in a nursing home and he told me that Vic Roads have taken his driving licence off him because he is a diabetic and so he cannot drive. He is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is **0409 530 435**. Please give him a call as he misses our fellowship.

ORGAN DONATION- DonateLife Week

DG David is very keen to promote **Organ Donation**. Over 1100 Rotary Clubs across Australia are urging families to 'have the chat' about organ and tissue donation with their loved ones and register their donation decisions during DonateLife Week. All 21 Australian District Governors have agreed to ask clubs to promote organ and tissue donation. This is a cost free opportunity for all our clubs to promote their community



responsibility and relevance whilst at the same time helping to get a most vital message out in the public domain. As an organ and tissue donor, you could transform the lives of 10 or more people. Only around one per cent of hospital deaths occur in the specific circumstances where organ donation is possible, although many more people can become tissue donors, In the same way that we discuss what we want to have happen in the event of our death, we also need to talk about whether we would like to become an organ and tissue donor. It's a conversation we can have today, that helps prepare our loved ones should they be offered the opportunity to proceed with organ and tissue donation.



DonateLifeWeek  **2015**
SUNDAY 2 AUGUST – SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Our President Bob has come up with yet another idea! The Newsletter would love to tell it's readers about your latest holiday and holiday plans. His hope is that we can have a regular weekly segment words & photo or

two plus a list of what dates you will be away. So whether it's a week in Williamstown, a month in Manila, a trip to Tamworth, a holiday in Hanoi, or a cruise to Crete – let's hear about it.

Warwick & Christine	26 th July to 9 th Aug	Broome to Darwin cruise
Ron & Robbie	12 th Aug to 6 th Oct	Dubai, then Austria & Slovenia bike riding
Ron & Robbie	22 nd Dec to 13 th Jan	South Africa [Cape Town – East London]

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

Stu on his time in Beijing

I could probably live in Beijing ... apart from the air pollution, too many Chinese, incessant tooting of horns and not enough English spoken. It is a gracious, beautifully set out city with wide, green, treed roads and boulevards. Excellent provision for safe bicycle riding. Their road system was very impressive and a "no trucks" ban in the daylight hours and no car parking on major roads really helped traffic flow. Beijing has 5 or 6 Ring Roads. Please Melbourne, let's complete our one that ends in a T intersection. They take pride in attractive buildings. Official buildings are of classical proportions - a strong Greek influence, and many new ones are functional, yet appealing to the eye.

Their touch on /off travel card is easy to use. It works on Subway and on buses. Buses have in most cases a "ticket seller/ checker seated beside the get on door. You can buy a paper ticket if you don't have a smart card. Most buses have TV screens. Buses are very modern. Bus stops are marked with exactly where you get onto your bus. Bus 118, had numbers painted on the pavement and the get on door stopped almost exactly in front of the number.

Subway - very impressive. At least 9 lines. All interconnected. Names of stations in Chinese and English. Inside trains an electronic map showing stations visited and to visit. Easy to track. Also each station announced twice in Chinese and English. There are very many wealthy Chinese, designer clothes, high end cars, expensive restaurants. I stayed in the inner eastern suburb (area) of San Li Tun. Equivalent of Sth Yarra/Kew/. Big trees/ lots of parks/ plenty of shaded foot paths. Designated bike lanes. Never once did I feel unsafe. Stayed at Sanlitun Inn, a small old hotel with character. About a third to a half of the big ones. Less than AUD \$100 per night, including breakfast. Breakfast was fine, good coffee. Room adequate and shower/bathroom very good. It was opposite The Workers Stadium (a 40,000 seat football stadium that also hosted Rock Concerts.)

A high police presence. Police on or near most major intersections. High security. X-Ray machines on entering Subway/ Big public areas/ Tianenamen Square/ Public buildings - eg gallery/ museums etc. In most cases, just like airports, no water in bottles allowed. (it was 34 -37 degrees most days), but interestingly, the water did not have to be thrown away - I was asked to take a decent drink of it. I did not die, so I could proceed with my water. The coffee has improved and become "trendy" Most coffee chains are there - Starbucks/ Costa Coffee. Good quality but as expensive as in Australia. Packed with cashed up Chinese and those wanting to use the power points for their mobile phones or lap-tops.

Beijing has a wonderful Mall/ walking street. Wide, clear and no trams running down the middle. Taxis are cheap but it is wise to have the destination you require written in Chinese, or a phone that you can ring a Chinese friend and have them talk to the driver. Some are fairly illiterate. Worth buying a small Nokia phone and putting in a local sim card. Much better than global roaming if you need to make a local call.

Beijing is a city well worth visiting.

"Restless Stu"

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

STATISTICS FOR THIS YEAR AND LAST YEAR

- 13 Girls and 5 Boys were successful . The girls were slightly more successful than the boys. (21 Girls and 12 Boys, 2/1 split)
- 13 Clubs were successful with their nominees. This compares with 15 Clubs in 2014.
- 4 Clubs had 2 or more successful nominees. This compares with 3 Clubs in 2014.
- 15 schools had successful nominees. This compares with 11 schools in 2014.
- 2 schools had 2 or more successful candidates. This compares with 5 schools in 2014.
- 6 students came from state schools 12 came from private schools. This compares with a 9/9 split in 2014.

Youth Service news.

Our good news to share is that Theresa Wang, our contender for the National Youth Science Forum, has been one of the fortunate few to be selected to attend.

Congratulations, Theresa.

Also, our Primary School Speech Contest is this Thursday 6/8. We have 12 competitors, all stars at their six schools, speaking on a variety of topics. Five Toastmaster judges, headed by Marlene Sinclair, will adjudicate to decide the overall winner. Those attending include Federal Member for Deakin, Michael Sukkar, MP, also Whitehorse Councillor Denise Massoud, and Acting Assistant District Governor Peter Cummins. Thank you to all those who have assisted in the organisation of the event and those who are helping with the evening. See you there.

Glen G

FOREIGN COINS for UNICEF

A BIG THANK YOU to the Rotary clubs of

- Donvale-Warrandyte
- Boronia,
- MASH,
- Waverley,
- Sandringham,
- Emerald & District,
- Hampton,
- Doncaster,
- Oakleigh
- Nunawading



This is what 60kgs of coins look like in a heap and in security bags ready to be sent off for cashing in for UNICEF.

Fantastic effort !!!

Report by Ron Brooks

STAMPS



Even if you only get a few stamps a week, collect them and give them to me. John McPhee, Bill Marsh, Joan Harper do. Please collect your stamps. It's a no cost project, easy to do. Just cut around the stamp by about 1 cm and pop it in a spare used envelope and bring them along to me on club night then Robbie drops them off at Carol Farmers when I have a large batch..... Easy!!

FOREST HILL'S FELLOWSHIP COOK OFF !!

This is the plan. Each month I will be looking to publish a recipe with photograph of an entrée, or main course, or dessert. They can be submitted from the Newsletter readership of members, honorary members, and friends of Rotary. I am asking for 4 entrees, 4 mains and 4 desserts. Then next June we will choose one of each by vote. The winning three will then be prepared by the cooks who submitted them at a combined dinner and **the invitees will be those people who submitted recipes that appeared in print and a partner of their choice.** Costs for the night will be shared by attendees.

SO IT IS OVER TO YOU. THE FIRST 12 RECIPES ARE THE WINNERS.

(The photo can be scanned from a recipe book if you like)

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].

BRASS BAND CONCERT-- WHITEHORSE CIVIC CENTRE -- SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST

Nine Rotarians, Honorary members and partners enjoyed a fellowship event last Sunday. It was the CITY OF WHITEHORSE BAND CONCERT, and we listened to toe tapping favourites, talented soloists from the band and a Jazz singing guest vocalist and her trio. All in all a beaut way to spend two and a half hours in warm comfort on a cold August afternoon. Very reasonably priced and a glass of wine, cuppa or ice cream(K D loves her Magnums) at interval.

Next concert is unfortunately a Monday night in December, but it is usually a sellout due to the Christmas program.

J & K Donaghey

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE - ROGUE NATION

A movie worth seeing. Tom Cruise at his athletic best. Amazing -- no swearing I wish I was as tough as Tom He can come off a Motor Bike, not wearing leathers, and scrub up in the next scene pretty well. Impossible/ Implausible, let your imagination run. Lots of action and a delightful female lead , who has a little bit of the Catherine Zeta -Jones about her. A good way to spend two hours.

Square eyed Stu

ANNUAL SUBS FOR 2015/2016

At the board meeting last week, it was decided that the annual subs will be **\$270** for this year. Due to the treasurer skipping off to warmer climes for about 2 weeks he won't be able to send out formal invoices until he returns, so Acting Treasurer Ron would love to see a flood of cheques from members. If you wish you can direct credit the amount to our Bendigo Bank account at BSB 633108, account number 1418 41288. Please note that a formal invoice will be sent to members in due course.

Note from Warwick Stott

ROTARY FOUNDATION

It was another record-setting year for the Foundation. We have just learned that clubs throughout the world have raised over \$123 million for the Annual Fund in 2014-15.

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, Stan Harper,
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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FOREST HILL WEBSITE

Have a look, give me some ideas, send me a story to put on, give me some photos, give me some feedback, tell me what is missing. www.foresthillrotary.com

The website had 175 visits last month of which 78 were to look at the Market page.