



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>
31 st Aug	Bucatini Night a la carte John Elrington Box Hill Central to speak at 6-30 on upcoming Women's Forum for a few minutes <i>with Partners</i>		Bob Williams
7 th Sept	Kokoda Track <i>Stephen Fisher</i> <i>with partners</i>	Bill Marsh	Bob Williams
14 th Sept	40 th Anniversary Celebration/ DG Visit <i>with partners</i>	Bob Williams	John McPhee

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS



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

BOB'S BANTER

It was wonderful to have our average attendance age significantly lowered by our young visitors, Brittany, Michelle and Richard at our last meeting.

Richard's presentation on his recent RYLA experience was not only well scripted but well presented and with plenty of great humour. It was said on the night he should try out for "Australia's Got Talent." Richard, your tennis opponent Stuart was on national television on "It's a Knockout" way back in the days of pedal powered TV so with your tennis prowess and movie making aspirations who knows what is ahead for you?

Well done Richard as you explained exactly why RYLA is another of our wonderful projects.

We were fortunate to also have Richard's sister, Michelle tell us about her Rotaract club's project called "The One Girl Initiative" which is raising the awareness of the importance of education in girls, particularly in Africa. A piece on the Rotaract project will appear later in this newsletter as they have a couple of fund raising events coming up.

Brittany is a RYLA leader and was able to fill us in with some more details from the trainer perspective and gave Richard eleven out of ten for his presentation. High Praise!

I attended a Whitehorse Community dinner last Thursday week representing Mitcham Community House as our club didn't receive an invite. I sat next to Joseph from RC Mitcham and spoke to several other Rotarians representing their clubs. After checking with Bill who said we didn't receive an invite last year either, I contacted the Council who noted this and passed it onto our local councillors as it is their choice as to what local community groups they invite. So, we'll see if we are on their radar next year.

Last Friday night was the Foundation Seminar and as usual it fills you with pride when you hear about all that our Foundation is doing locally and around the world. Juliet and Ian Riseley both had roles and so far so good for Ian with his nomination for RI Presidency with still another little while to go for any objections.

Remember that our meeting on the 31st August is our 5th Monday of the month a la carte meal with partners in the restaurant. This week, however, we have John Elrington from Box Hill Central at 6-30 pm in the rear room to tell us briefly about the upcoming Women's Forum. After this our partners can retire to the main restaurant part and members will remain to discuss any urgent business only, before joining our partners. Ray needs to advise Bucatini of numbers for them to arrange our table(s) so please let him know by Friday 28th August.

We have a range of partners nights coming up as the next for partners, is the talk on the 7th September by Stephen Fisher on his Kokoda trek, the 14th September of course is our 40th Anniversary plus our DG visit, 21st September is our speaker on awareness of family violence and remember that this is a Rotary project this year plus we will also have a brief talk by the chair of the Mitcham Community House on what else they do, and finally the 28th September is Stan Harper's 90th birthday bash. So, to our wonderful partners, please come along to all of these meetings or to as many as you can. Stuart has had to "squeeze" in a speaker on conference on the 21st September night with them promising to be VERY brief as we already have two speakers that night.

Stuart, with this squeezed in I think your sergeant's session may have to be squeezed out! (Do I hear thunderous applause?)

Bill and Judy are away for a couple of weeks here and there and I've asked Bill to please put a travelogue piece in the newsletter on their return.

I have made arrangements to attend the assemblies of the three schools who had placegetters in our recent Primary School Speech Contest and Glenys will act as photographer at the presentation at the winning school's assembly, Burwood Heights.

The "Two Bob's worth" capably covered the Forest Hill College Breakfast spot Tuesday with Ben saying we "ran like a well oiled machine". We think we heard some grinding of gears though!

Remember "Be a Gift to the World". President Bob

DIARY DATES

- 31st Aug. Bucatini a la carte Partners Night, AAG Peter Cummins plans to attend John Elrington from Box Hill wants to briefly tell us and our partners about the upcoming Women's Forum at 6-30 then we all retire into the main restaurant for our a la carte meal. Advise Ray of numbers please.
- 4th Sept. District Youth Seminar
- 14th Sept. DG visit and our 40th anniversary

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Meeting Report August 24 2015

Our speakers for the night were **Richard Worsley** and his sister **Michelle**.

Richard not only plays tennis against Stuart Williams but participated in **RYLA** this year. Richard is in his final year at Deakin University studying for a Bachelor of Creative Arts, specifically Film and Digital Media.

Richard was encouraged to participate in RYLA following the positive influence it had on his sister who had attended the course in the past.

Richard explained how the leaders had done an excellent job in providing leadership training in particular to develop leadership within oneself and also practical leadership skills.

In addition RYLA provided an action packed course developing trust and communication skills as well as public speaking training.

Some activities for the training included Canoeing Blindfolded, the RYLA concert, RYSSEMBLY (resembles MUNA) and a number of talks that challenged him philosophically.

Finally Richard thanked the Club for the opportunity to attend RYLA and recommended the Club continue to support the RYLA Program.

Following the presentation by Richard, Michelle Worsley addressed the Club.

Michelle is a member of **the Whitehorse Rotaract Club**.

Michelle spoke of a new Club project called **The One girl Initiative**.

What this project plans to do is to raise the awareness and importance of educating girls in Africa.

To support this program there will be a movie night Oct. 3 2015 and a function on Oct. 18 2015 at 1000 Steps in the Dandenong Ranges.

See notice in this bulletin for further details.

Chris Tuck



As the President obviously wasn't on his game, he also agreed to Glenys doing the report so I'll also add in her report on Michelle.

Younger sister Michelle found her week with RYLA two years ago had improved her confidence, made her less introverted and more mature and she suggested RYLA to Richard.

Michelle, finishing her final year in Environmental Science at University, then spoke. She re-enforced Richard's words about the positive effect of RYLA. She has recently participated in a Green Army project, volunteered with Parkside and at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary, as well as working harder at studies. She is also the International Director of Whitehorse Rotaract Club, citing RYLA as helping her confidence to volunteer and promote her skills and abilities.

She spoke of her current Rotaract projects, including ABCD, and the major current focus – to give the young girls of Sierra Leone the chance of an education. The two fundraiser events appear later in this newsletter. ⁱ

She is hoping some RCFH members can attend these events



Thanks Glenys and sorry for the slip up. Ed.

SERGEANT'S REFLECTION

Sergeant Stuart told us that our Prime Minister is spending a week with an indigenous community and asked if it really was a genuine step to understand and mend a blight on our country's history?

How can we improve health and education and enable the aborigines to retain their welfare?

Will the politicians listen? Will they understand what these remote communities need?

Let's hope so then we can hold our head high when discussing "human rights issues" in other countries. Maybe I'm dreaming!

Ed Thanks Stuart for another thought provoking reflection.

SQUARE EYED STU

I have been a bit slow off the mark with this movie. Last Cab to Darwin is fantastic. I believe it is the best Australian movie I have seen. Excellent acting, good script and amazing outback scenery. Many Australian films are unable to get the balance right. Often daggy, often pushing cultural differences too far. Often corny language and often a bit self conscious. This has most things right. I had tears and needed tissues. I had lots of laughs and I said "Yes" when they turned into William Creek, the Pink Roadhouse, The Alice, Daly Waters pub and Darwin. I've been to all those places (although there looks like there has been development at William Creek) Michael Caton is very good and the other two lead roles are excellent as well. Catch it before it disappears. I think it will be seen as an Australian classic.

Stu



Rotaractors are doing it in a Dress to help girls in Sierra Leone get an education!



1 – Movie Night! “Girl Rising”

- 3rd October @ Surrey Drive, Box Hill
- Further details TBA

Event #2 – Dressing it up at the 1,000 Steps

- 18th October 10:00am @ 1,000 Steps, Dandenong Ranges
- Or you can donate direct as below.
- Thank you

<http://www.doitinadress.com/team/rotaract>

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 !!!

We now await the news of how much the collection was worth which usually takes about six weeks.

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)

FOREST HILL FELLOWSHIP

3rd and 18th October – Rotaract fundraisers as above.

ANNUAL SUBS FOR 2015/2016

It was decided that the annual subs will be **\$270** for this year. Please pay up if you haven't already. 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

CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

	2015-16
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