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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
27 Aug	The UAE, a destination of superlatives <i>Ron Brooks</i>	Bob Laslett	Warwick Stott
3 Sep	Aged Care Planning <i>Wendy King</i>	Sue Ballard	Ron Brooks
10 Sep	DG Russell Gurney Club Birthday <i>DG visit</i>	Mike Finke	Bill Marsh
17 Sep	Club Forum	BOARD	Mike Finke
			Barbara Searle

### CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate and give thanks for the lives of former member Ross Carruthers and Jill Bindon, dearly loved wife of Honorary Rotarian John. Both died during the past week.

### DUTY ROSTER

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<b>Recorder</b>	Bill Marsh	Barb Williams
<b>Greeter</b>	Ron Brooks	Barb Searle
<b>Emergency</b>	Bob Laslett	Bill Marsh
<b>Cashier</b>	Stuart Williams	Ray Smith

### 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](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

## Mike's Musings

We've had our forum, and while we may not have come up with a single genius plan to remedy all issues with our club and Rotary more broadly, I think we have a better awareness of our own strengths as a club and how we improve our practices to better play to them.

There was some great, honest input from members. Robust, but not acrimonious, discussion is always helpful, and I certainly have an action plan and a better idea of my role for the year.

I am still looking for somebody to help me from 2-3 pm on Sunday at the Box Hill Institute. Please get in touch. Depending on when this flyer is released and you read it, congratulations and/or good luck for Wednesday night.

- Wednesday, 22 August: RCFH's Primary School Speech Contest
- Friday, 24 August: Peridot Theatre's performance of *The Shoe Horn Sonata*  
*At this point, I have confirmation and payment from only a few club members. I will have to confirm and/or release tickets which have been booked shortly. Please get in touch.*
- Sunday, 26 August: BHI Information Day
- Wednesday, 29 August: Whitehorse Community Dinner 2018
- Friday, 7 September: Fellowship Film Night
- Saturday, 8 September: Blackburn Station Craft Market
- Sunday, 9 September: Whitehorse Farmers Market

## Club Meeting Report 20 August

10 members attended and we welcomed AG Joan Young and Stuart's friend Bum.

Mike needs help packing up at Box Hill Institute and he and Ray enjoyed the supporters' evening for IC Robotics. All is in hand for the PSSC meeting at Mt Pleasant Road primary school on the evening of 22nd August. Those attending are looking forward to a great night at Peridot. Thank you letter received from the Baltissens. Warwick has rolled over the ING account at 3%. The Xmas in August night was commented on favourably except for the warmth of the food.

Forum

Mike sought clarification of his role as President and stimulated healthy discussion of the direction of our valued club. He sought input on exploration of a satellite club and gave his reasons. Ways to do things better were sought including closer follow up of corporate members. Personally, picking up prospective members and physically bringing them to the club was commended. Members were encouraged to formulate their own sentence to sell the club on and not leave it to somebody else. Mike will endeavour to produce a mini-manual summarising club projects.

## President's Reflection:

Is it the truth?

It's number one on the four-way test. Just in the last twenty-four hours we've had quite a bit of news about the truth. Giuliani, former NYC mayor and, before that, successful prosecutor, said in defence of Trump, 'Truth isn't truth'. You may have heard similar statements recently. There are 'alternative facts', and facts that have 'evolved over time'.

I shared the four-way test with somebody a few months ago. Their criticism of the focus on truth followed a similar argument. Truth, they said, was subjective. You can make an argument that this is the case. We've all been on the receiving end of budget projections, demographic analysis, sales predictions. The economy, they say, is expected to grow by between 2.75 and 3 per cent this year. Sometimes these determinations and expectations, delivered with the imprimatur of expertise, turn out to be true. Sometimes less so.

Increases in the rates of some crimes are the result of soft sentencing. Or a failure to invest in rehabilitation programs. Or uncontrolled migration. Or cutbacks in social programs.

Or is there an increase at all? Do we measure total crime? Or crime per capita? What's the truth there?

If we're looking for the truth, it probably helps to be as objective as possible and avoid filling in gaps with our own beliefs and prejudices. And to make clear when we're just guessing.

I think that truth starts by asking difficult questions and being at least somewhat prepared to accept unpleasant answers. If you use a GPS, you cannot get it to give you directions if it cannot figure out where you are now. Without knowing your current location, you can't begin to move toward your goal.

True means in accordance with facts. It also means accurate. As a verb, it relates to bringing an object (a wheel, a piece of timber) into the position or shape desired. We have an open forum scheduled. Perhaps we can get a better idea of the shape everybody has in mind and how we can bring the club closer towards that.

## Reg Morkham- a life well lived



We all had our different memories of Reg, though one common thread was that he was a thorough gentleman who worked hard for our Rotary club. Above is the hand out from the funeral. One of the main reasons for publishing this here is for those who wish to see the memoirs he wrote. The link the family gave is <https://goo.gl/CYodTj>.

*Ron Brooks*

### FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST

On 28 August Robbie and Judy L will cover themselves in flour as they prepare healthy pancakes

### The Challenge to Lead

The Rotary Club of Doncaster's major fund- raising project is a 3- day residential leadership program called The Challenge to Lead. It is a leadership program designed for managers and supervisors and is facilitated by professionals who donate their time pro bono. Participants in the past have come from local government, not-for-profits, small and medium sized businesses and large multinationals.

We are offering any Rotary club a **\$500 rebate** for any participant who attends the course.....that's a lot of sausage sizzles!

Details from Bob L

### ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

August	Membership and Extension
September	Basic Education and Literacy

### ARTICLES

Please forward your prize-winning articles once more to [rlaslett@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rlaslett@optusnet.com.au) by 5pm Wednesday.