



Rotary
Club of Forest Hill



Weekly Newsletter

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Be a gift to the world

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

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>
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
20 th July	Nepal Earthquake <i>Sonia Downie</i>	Bill Marsh	Ron Brooks
27 th July	Recent Trip <i>Bob Laslett</i>	John McPhee	Ray Smith

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

29th June Chris Tuck Club Anniversary (belated, sorry!)

5th July Graham & Joan Sharman Wedding Anniversary

7th July Ray Smith Birthday



DUTY ROSTER

	July	August
Cashier	Stuart Williams	Glenys Grant
Recorder	Warwick Stott	Chris Tuck
Greeter	Gary Baltissen	Bill Marsh
Emergency	John McPhee	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 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

Marie France Metras & husband Pierre plus Camille (15), Pauline (12) and Christophe (8) arrive from Marseilles Sunday midnight 5th July and will stay with us til Fri morning 10th July

BOB'S BANTER

Ron asked me for a title and although "Bob's Bull" is probably going to be more accurate, for the sake of propriety I settled on "Bob's Banter".

What a great tribute to the club for our Changeover night with the large number of members, honorary members, past members, partners, guests and my family in attendance.

Thank you all for sharing in a special night for our great club.

So many highlights with Sergeant Stuart opening the night with his usual well constructed reflection. Stuart I'm sorry as I had it noted to acknowledge you on the night but overlooked it so thank you for your wonderful chairing.

Ray's organisation of the night was as usual superb and my thanks to you.

Thanks also to Ron and Bill for your well thought out addresses and Ron your toast to Rotary received the highest of accolades from DG David so you are in rare air.

Bill your selections of Gary, Roger and Peter Davis for PHF's and Warwick for his sapphire were absolutely right and when I chatted to the Davis men at the end they were all quite chuffed. Warwick's wonderful work goes unheralded so great that he was recognised.

Ron, your Annual Report also drew praise from DG David and I look forward to reading it in detail.

Bill, your leadership through the year has been wonderful. Well done!

Good idea to recognise Anne and Ivan at Bucatini as they add to the lovely "feel" of our meetings with their friendly service and she was quite taken with our gift. Good choice Robbie!

Kevin and his ensemble of Peter, Holly and Richard were wonderful and had all my grandkids involved (even after their usual bed time hour), so praise indeed. Also our "Twilight Trio" plucked from the audience by Kevin were another highlight.

My address included the two new projects we want to run with which is our involvement in the Rotary awareness campaign against Family Violence plus offering the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program to the secondary schools we work with, Box Hill, Forest Hill and Kingswood.

Kingswood also is interested in starting an Interact club at the school and so we are investigating this to decide on our next step.

It will be good to do a couple of new projects so long as they don't adversely impact on our already stretched people power as we couldn't achieve what we currently do without the support of our family, friends and benefactors. Stan Harper's absence providing a research project for the doctors at Knox hospital was noted and hopefully my attempt at a "Clayton's" Stan's Stanza was adequate in his place. Get back home soon Stan we certainly all miss you!

A fundraiser for Interplast is a first run screening of Gillian Armstrong's new movie called "Women He's Undressed" about the Australian Academy Award winning costume designer, Orrie Kelly, at Cinema One at the Nova Theatre, 380 Lygon Street Carlton at 6-45 for a 7pm start on Friday 10th July. Gillian has offered it to us as her brother Ian Armstrong is a former Interplast chair and member of Nunawading club so the event will be put on by the theatre completely free to us. For tickets contact either the current chair

Len Brear- lhbrear@bigpond.com or

our club contact Bob Williams bandbwil@bigpond.net.au.

Remember "Be a Gift to the World".

DIARY DATES

14 Sept DG visit

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Of course, it was Changeover Night. There were 52 present to hear new District Governor David in only his second official function of his year..... Sunday lunch was his first official duty after Saturday night's induction at the Karralyka Centre in Ringwood. Among the guests were the Gary, Roger and Peter Davis, Linda & Shane "foreign coins" Hammond, Marilyn Dann (Taralye), and the extended family of Bob & Barbara. [Hey, how come the kids got pizza and chips for their main course while we had to make do on steak or chicken?]. Actually, it must be said that the children were fantastically well behaved – though when I heard they were mainly magpie supporters, I fully understood.

Honorary members Bruce Millott, Norm Durham, Kevin Grigsbey, Marg Taylor, Heather Neilson, Heather Bremner and Roger Coates, mostly with partners were in attendance and partners Christine S, Kathy D, Joan H, Merle S, Robbie B, Barbara W, Judy M and Marg McP also helped fill the room to almost overflowing.

Prior to the start of the meeting and during it, we were fantastically entertained by a Jazz group led by Kevin G called the 900 megabytes (because at the start they were almost a Gig !!! –GROAN!!!) – Can't you tell Kevin used to be the Sergeant at our club. He said they were almost a Gig as it was the first time they had played together. The Band were Kevin (brass and luminous plastic trombone), Peter Dann (trumpet), Holly Brush (electric base), and Richard Woodall (banjo). It was trad jazz in the true spirit.

Sergeant Stuart opened the meeting with his moment of reflection. *"On this cool night, in these heated premises, let us think for a moment about the world outside. What horror confronted us on Saturday morning. The world does not seem to be in a good state. Rotary, due to its good works can make us feel warm and fuzzy. Out in the wider world it seems there is a growing coldness of countries and individuals towards one another. This is in stark contrast to post WWII resettlement programs. Political imagination seems to have been replaced by cruelty and fear."*

Rotary is active but it seems there is a need to be a world wide attempt to address the longer term issues of poverty and persecution. The new Rotary year offers its theme "Be a gift to the world". There are challenges ahead." He then led the toast to Australia.

Stuart was chairman for the night and did an excellent job but as newspapers and reporters only ever report bad news why should I be different. Firstly, Ray didn't "carve" the vase (what a philistine!) and secondly I am only putting in your joke so you will let me off lightly in future fine sessions.

JOKE:

I only heard a couple of hours ago of a guy arrested for trying to board a plane whilst in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide rule and a calculator. The terrorism task force director believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. He has been charged with carrying weapons of Math instruction. Al-Gebra is a problem for us the foreign minister said. "They derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values. They use secret code names like X and Y to refer to themselves as unknowns. We have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval, with co-ordinates in every country." As the Greek philosopher Isosceles used to say -
- There are 3 sides to every triangle.

Ron B proposed the toast to Australia, updating us on the Polio Plus project where only 27 cases from just two countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan) have been reported this year to date compared to 350,000 a year back in 1988. We were reminded that each project starts as the idea of one person from the little \$100,000 Hope Katolo nursery school in Kenya bring hope to 57 children a year to the \$9 billion Polio Plus project bringing hope to the entire world. He also pointed out that money oils the Rotary wheel to keep it turning, and churning out projects. A painless way of helping the Rotary cause is an endowment in your will, it costs you nothing and your next of kin won't miss what they never had.

DG David responded and reminded us that our world president Ravi Ravindran, from Colombo Sri Lanka saw his mother died of polio when he was 12. So he is very keen to see us complete our work of ridding the world of this terrible disease.

The 50 projects that we carried out in PP Bill's year helped us in being one of the few clubs awarded both a presidential citation and a special award for the projects we have done which PP Bill said was greatly helped by our Larry the Lorikeet illustrated story book that we donated to every school, kindergarten and library in our area (I think about 180). Bill produced a wonderful set of laminated sheets as table mats which had half a dozen relevant photos on one side and a list of the \$40,000 worth of projects we did in the year on the other side. Fabulous idea, Bill.

Bill produced an excellent report of his year which is in the Annual Report, he only briefly spoke to it. Of more importance is that the club awarded a PHF sapphire to Warwick Stott our only charter member (see later) which took him by complete surprise. The club then awarded PHFs to Gary, Peter and Roger Davis which Gary later told me would have made Ford so happy. Let's face it, the three Davis brothers have done so much to help our club recognise children and young adults in our community that have put in their effort under a great deal of adversity. And they continue to show active interest in these projects.

After Bob was inducted as the new President, Ron interviewed him in memory of the (in)famous interviews Ford Davis did of new presidents. It took the form of a series of either/or answers to a range of questions. We found out that our new president was a city person who liked quiet country holidays, liked his beer (though Barbara commented he liked wine as well), was a night owl who would prefer a personal chef to a gardener, was a cheese not chocolate man and liked his veggies. While Bob thought he preferred to play sport rather than watch it, Barbara thought he preferred to watch (perhaps when he played, his team mates always thought he was a passenger just watching the play around him..... just surmising!). Well we learned a few new things about our member of over 25 years.

At the end of the meeting we heard that Stuart's fine session had raised \$144..... I guess that's why we put up with him! There were three raffles to draw. The beautiful Huon pine vase that Ray made which we saw in the Newsletter last week raised \$63 and was won by Ron B. The Hamper full of chocolates that had been donated by Michael Sukkar (our Federal Member for Deakin) raised \$93.10 and was won by Kathy D. With tickets at \$2 each and 3 for \$5 I'm not quite sure how it raised that amount! Glenys of course won the club raffle and surprise surprise chose the bottle of red (a fine Rioja). Can her drinking keep up with the supply she is getting from winning our club raffle? There are a few in the club that could help you in your dilemma Glenys. The potted flowers on the tables were won by Roger Davis, Alison, Roger Coates, Bill Marsh and Mary Durham. Now if I have any errors in this report please complain to somebody else. It's not easy trying to run three raffles while adding up the separate monies at the

end and screwing up those thousands (?) of raffle tickets and fighting off abuse for screwing the tickets up too tightly.

Robbie, Glenys and Chris have this couple of weeks off from Tuesday morning breakfast due to Forest Hill Secondary school holidays. I was talking to Kevin after the meeting and he offered to help with the breakfast project. He told me that he helps out a church group that do three days a week at a local school so its no problem. That man is amazing, with all the voluntary things he does and the work Lyn and he have with Philip, he can still make even more time available. So, there is the challenge to all the readers. If you are no busier than Kevin, could you find the time to volunteer for one and a half hours on a Tuesday morning every 2 or 3 weeks during school terms. Contact Bob Laslett.

Report by Ron Brooks

We've already had an email from Gary Davis

It was quite a memorable night. We loved it.

Cheers Gary

Stan asked Bob W to fill in for him and write the poem that Stan normally does each year for our Changeover. Here it is

The Claytons' Stan's Stanza

Our poet mate Stan's extensive stay at Knox hospital has him lying mainly prone,
 With doctors experiments on his ailments causing much concern for wife Joan,
 At my last visit he said he can't concentrate to pen his usual changeover poetic talk,
 So I said I'll have a go for you and hope I don't wind up sounding too much like a dork,
 Computerless Stan wanted to say he appreciates Ron's Bulletin deliveries to home,
 Although Joan always grabs first read through of Ron's always entertaining tome,
 Ron's steady progress from using crayons to pen now to computers we have seen,
 Although Robbie still has trouble scraping off the white out from his computer screen,
 We lost Jenny working for Rotary in Sydney and Doug to his retirement state,
 Happily, the rest of our members work so hard we still "punch above our weight,"
 We have three members, who live many postcodes away in far far distant parts,
 But Gary, Graham and John get to many of our meetings with the rest of us old farts,
 Our amazing Glenys who supplements retirement with her multiple raffle prizes,
 Does so much great work for our Whitehorse youth now nothing she does surprises,
 Bob L is our senior statesman, Swinburne educationalist and is never slack,
 His home handyman feats are well known using his great expertise with blue tack,
 Pres Bill has had a tough year but his awesome Rotary work still leaves you gaga,
 However, being an Essendon man what about ending the Dons supplement saga,
 Our Blackburn market guru, fellowship and next year's Pres is John McPhee,
 He has so many achievements but still his golf game has him visiting every tree,
 Our everything man is ex headmaster Ray who's very full life is plain to see,
 Programme, dinner bookings, Bar b que trailer keeper, woodworker plus Tai Chi,
 Treasurer Warwick ably keeps our finances and market staffed, all in good temper,
 With his farming and veterinary background he can also check you for distemper,
 Chris, our International chair makes breakfasts at Forest Hill College that are aces,
 Another hard worker, plus cherry farmer Chris can spot a ripe cherry at 50 paces,
 Finally the dodgy brothers Sarge Stuart and new Pres Bob, where footy holds sway,
 As MCC members, at the MCG ex umpire Stuart still umpires from 150 metres away.
 Our super hero members with our wonderful partners and generous supporters around,
 Are still faster than a speeding bullet and able to leap tall buildings in a single bound.

Poem by Bob Williams

MESSAGE FROM WARWICK

To all the members of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill

Last Monday night at our Changeover, I was very stunned and humbled by the presentation to me of a Sapphire to the Paul Harris Fellowship, to the



effect that I was totally lost for words, As all of you would know I am not very capable of putting the appropriate impromptu words in place to express my thoughts and feelings. However I am very grateful for the honour and I have had and am continuing to have a very fulfilling and enjoyable part of my life as a Rotarian. To all of you, I thank you very much for the honour.

Warwick

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, Orie 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.

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. At District Changeover I was given 2.9 kg of coins and a large number of notes which included \$45 in NZ and Canadian, a very worthwhile contribution from Glen Waverley plus 0.6kg from Mordialloc and at our changeover hand another 0.4kg from Nunawading. The total now is **115.1 kgs plus an even larger wad of notes** is getting much larger. The list of clubs participating in this project is growing and clearly more are collecting and not telling me. It seems like this District project will continue in DG David's year.

Report by Ron Brooks

STAMPS

Thanks Joan for the stamps last week. I also had another pile from Bill. I've not had stamps from a few of you for many months. Don't you have any friends or are you planning to give me a large box full? 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..... Job done!!

FOREST HILL'S FANTASTIC FARE AND FELLOWSHIP !!

This is the plan. Each month I will be looking to publish a recipe with photograph of an entrée, or main course, or dessert. I want them 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 YOUSE LOT. 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].

BALLET

Robbie and I went to see **Cinderella**. I know Judy Marsh also went (I would happily have published your thoughts of the ballet instead of mine, Judy). With Madeleine Eastoe as Cinders and Daniel Gaudiello as the Prince were just so beautiful, choreographed by Alexei Ratmanský (of en point fame) to music by Prokofiev. The scenery for these productions must cost a small fortune. **Well worth experiencing.**

CINEMA

It was the 3rd Friday of the month so it was RC of Boronia's Fellowship night at the cinema. They have been doing this every month for about 10 years organised by Ken Barrett. There are a few regulars from 2 or 3 other clubs who usually join in including Robbie and I. We chose to see **Far from the Madding Crowd**. You may have read the book by Thomas Hardy at school, though if you are like us, you won't remember the story. The story of independent, beautiful and headstrong Bathsheba Everdene (Carey Mulligan), who attracts three very different suitors: Gabriel Oak (Matthias Schoenaerts), a sheep farmer, captivated by her fetching wilfulness; Frank Troy (Tom Sturridge), a handsome and reckless Sergeant; and William Boldwood (Michael Sheen), a prosperous and mature bachelor.. **Highly recommended.**

Gary, Peter and Roger Davis with outgoing President Bill with their PHFs



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
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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
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Public Officer	Bill Marsh	Bill Marsh

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FOREST HILL WEBSITE-107 visitors in June

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 2015- 2016 Board, without Bob Laslett who was on holidays.



Pres Bob reading the Oath of Office with PP Bill making sure he got it right



The Jazz group and impromptu singers Heather, Ray and Kathy



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.