



Weekly Newsletter

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

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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>
21 st Sept	Family Violence Cathie Nederveen <i>With Partners</i> Board Meeting	Bill Marsh	Stuart Williams
28 th Sept	Stan Harper's 90 th /Stuart Williams trip <i>With Partners</i>	John McPhee	Chris Tuck
5 th Oct	Football Night Stuart and Bob	Stuart Williams	Bob Williams

THIS AND LAST WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Warwick Stott Club anniversary 13 Sept



DUTY ROSTER

	September	October
Cashier	Stuart Williams	Bob Williams
Recorder	Ray Smith	Glenys Grant
Greeter	Chris Tuck	John Donaghey
Emergency	John McPhee	Gary Baltissen

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

Wow what a weekend of markets.

Saturday saw us at Blackburn Station with over 30 stallholders and about \$600 made on the day including \$365 from the stallholders.

Sunday morning was our Whitehorse Farmers' Market donation bucket rattling shifts plus "King Warwick" was there in his counting house counting all the money with Treasurer Brian. I was on the "Siberia" gate near the Footy oval and the lady who had the plant stall nearest that part came up asking for help as she had an ant infestation from the garden and she was concerned that her customers would get bitten. I alerted Warwick and he sprang into action (the last time I saw him move so fast was to pick up a \$5 note he dropped!) obtaining very prompt assistance from the council people there who poured buckets of water over the ants to get them away as the lady's plants were organic, so no spray, and we shifted some of her plants and she was very happy. Great job Whitehorse Council and they will advise the weekday people to the issue as well.

Onto the Heritage Day at Schwerkolt Cottage and as I didn't get there until after 12-30pm, the crew were VERY busy with a line up of customers for our sausages and as Chris was off buying more sausages and loaves of bread, Ray and I had trouble keeping up the cooked sausages and onions to the front of house sellers.

John Mc had asked Chris to go out and buy the extras as we went through so many snags and then we sold out those as well. Ray thought we cooked about a million sausages which may have been only a slight exaggeration as we cleared over \$1,000 on the day.

All are to be congratulated as we got through it all and when packing up, Chris nearly qualified for his "P's" for packing up the trailer.

Missed it by "that" much, Chris! We were soooooo tired.

Monday saw us (Bill, John Mc and moi) meet with DG David and acting AG Peter at 4pm at Bucatini for our annual check up which went ok while Jenny Tuck picked up Alison and Barbara for a visit to Taralye which proved to be a great experience for all.

Jenny also purchased the table decorations and they looked wonderful and Barbara made table cards which were up to her usual high standard. She also made a birthday card for Stan that was signed by everyone during the evening. Well done ladies.

We can't do what we do without our wonderful partners there to help out. The coordinator for the event was, of course, "Mister Everything", Ray who as usual excelled with not only marvellously researched notes for each of our 4 decades that were read out by pairs of members but also made available 60 photos from over the years which were shown on the screen over meal periods, highlighting just how much this club has done for the community. It was so wonderful to see so many of our honorary members, partners and visiting Rotarians there to celebrate our special night. I was chuffed that Lyndon and Joe from Box Hill club attended with their partners and as DG David reminded us that as Nunawading club was our "Father club" then as Box Hill founded Nunawading club, then Box Hill was our "Grandfather club." No wonder we do so much with that proud heritage.

DG David gave his address promoting the work of our Foundation and reminding us that we can make bequests to Foundation. He remarked on just how much we have done and still achieve, even with such a small

membership. Secretary Ron in his recent email to us wrote of him being proud to be a part of "Team Forest Hill" and he's right, we are a team, a great team!

I am a very proud President!

You should have seen the wide smile on the face of one of our Past Presidents, Glenn Tippett, who was there with his wife Shereen, as he was so proud of being one of our leaders.

So many came up to me afterwards to say how much in awe they were at what we do with 14 members, 40 projects last year and the same this year and over \$40,000 contributed back into the local and wider community. DG David was particularly taken with our weekly commitment to Forest Hill Secondary College making breakfasts for their Breakfast Club.

As I said to DG David, the job of a Pres is generally to get people to have a go but in our case it's to remind them of how much we already do and look at ceasing something before we commit to something else. Even so, we have agreed to add RYDA and INTERACT to our projects if the schools we have targeted are willing to join in.

We received further pledges for Robbie's cycling challenge going to the Royal Flying Doctor Service so now she has \$190.

Following DG David's address, Alison then told us of her partner project(s) in Western Oz, creating vegetable gardens in Broome and Purnululu in the Kimberley to feed local indigenous communities, towards which we made a small donation.

Our birthday cake was jointly cut by our only remaining charter member, Warwick and also Heather Neilson as she too was there on our charter night. Warwick usually has to have a fireman present when the candles on his own birthday cake are lit.

After I packed up I saw Anne at the bar to thank her for their usual wonderful service and standard and for arranging to open the doors for us at 4pm and she said she chose their best cake for us as she thinks we are a very special group. Another "PP" (Proud Pres) moment!

Our meeting on the 21st October has a cast of thousands with Stuart arranging a speaker on the forthcoming conference, plus Cathie Nederveen from Mitcham Community House who will speak on Family Violence and we also have their new President, Sue Fallon to tell us a bit more of what the House does.

Our Board meeting will follow on afterwards.

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

DIARY DATES

2 nd October	Movie Night at Forest Hill Chase plus dinner.
3 rd Oct.	Rotaract Movie night
9 th Oct.	District Community Service Seminar
18 th Oct.	Rotaract Dress up at the 1000 steps.
9 th March 2016	Women in Rotary Forum

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Forest Hill Rotary Club 40th Birthday and District Governor's Official Visit
Monday 14th September 2015

DG David Tolstrup and Alison along with acting Asst. Governor Peter Cummins were welcomed as were our partners, visiting Rotarians and Honorary members.

David introduced himself as the representative of our grandparent club. ie. via Nunawading Club and Box Hill Club. He reinforced the theme for this year "Be a gift to the World" calling on us to use our talents, time and resources for the benefit of humanity. The importance of working towards World Peace and Education of all peoples.

Under Foundation he spoke of Rotary's 30 year journey working to end polio, and Rotary Grants working towards sustainability of its programs through training and identifying cultural activity to ensure positive results are achieved from our efforts.

District Grants now means that 50% of giving is now returned to districts for local community programs after 3 years. He sought support for joint programs with other clubs, along with gift and estate planning to provide ongoing sustainability of Foundation activity. The importance of keeping up to date with technology to be relevant to the younger generations. He also encouraged us to join up with My Rotary and participate in access information from that source.

Australian Rotary Health is now the largest private provider of funds in Australia for mental health research activity and the importance for support to indigenous scholars was stressed.

Conference this year will be in Shepparton and members are encouraged to attend.

Before introducing his wife David spoke of his personal goals of work in domestic violence, men's health programs and to fully fund an Interplast team during the year. Alison thanked our ladies for the visit to Taralye and that having been a Blackburn resident she did not know or appreciate the work being done there.

Alison then outlined her project for the year which was in two parts. The first is to educate the eldest child in indigenous families in the Kimberleys in a sustainable lifestyle so that child can then mentor their siblings. The second part is to improve the diet of the children in a private school in the Bungle Bungles through growing fresh produce. At the conclusion President Bob presented Alison with a cheque to assist with the project.

DG David then came back to complete his report. He sang our praises for projects such as Hand Brake Turn, Hope Katolo and the Forest Hill College breakfast program. He was amazed that a club of our size could undertake and sustain such a commitment. He also acknowledged the support of partners and others in the project.

David also acknowledged the level of service to District, both now and in the past and that our members have contributed in excess of \$106,000 to Foundation over the years. He also urged us to strive for increased membership simply by asking people to join.

In conclusion David said to us, "Be proud to be a Rotarian and enjoy every activity."

SOME PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING





THANKS RAY AND GLENYS.

SERGEANT'S REFLECTION

Sergeant Stuart spoke of the fact that we choose to join Rotary and that not all of us can do great things but that we can do small things with great love. Being a small club, one of over 35,000 clubs world wide with 1.2 million Rotarians and we may feel what we do is a drop in the ocean but the ocean would be one drop LESS if we weren't here.

He finished with some edited words of Mother Theresa

Life is Beauty- admire it.

Life is a dream – realise it

Life is a challenge – meet it.

Life is a duty – complete it.

Life is a game – play it.

Life is a love – enjoy it.

Life is a mystery – know it.

Life is a promise – fulfil it.

Life is an adventure – dare it

Rotary is an opportunity – benefit from it.

Well done Stuart.

PS Life for a Demon supporter is all of the above! Ed.

SUPPORT ROYAL FLYING DOCTORS

Robbie Brooks is this year unavailable to row her boat down the Darling River in support of the RFD

So, she has asked to advertise that she will ride the equivalent of two thirds up Mount Everest with Ron around Europe's mountains

Suggested maximum \$20 which will be tax deductible with all funds to go to the RFD

We have raised \$190 so far.

So please help Robbie get up those mountains by supporting RFDS.

Go Robbie!

A couple of emails from the cycling duo.

10 September –

Trouble with this language is my spell checker doesn't like any of the local words.

Yesterday we got a lift 1,300 metres to the top of a plateau from Bled then most of the

day was a descent. However, we still did 374m of up. Stayed in this small town a few kms from the biggest lake in Slovenia called Bohinj. We cycled the length of it then

walked up to a waterfall then cycled back (10km round trip). Putting on weight. Weather much cooler 9-20degC but sunny. Today again we get lifted to the top of a hill about

12kms or so and up 1200 metres then we ride 50kms to what they say is the oldest most complete medieval 16th century town in Slovenia. Rode yesterday with a NZ couple.

They were better (and younger) riders but the wife kept waiting and husband flew around in circles. Had mouflon for dinner. A wild mountain sheep. Very gamey taste which was

unusual and not to some people's liking at all. But tender very lean saddle.

Will read the Newsletter tonight as I have to head off cycling.

Regards to all

Ron and Robbie

16 September

Today was only 35kms but we steadily rose from 300 to 690 m with some 10% gradients. Pannier weighed down with two bottles of wine and a half litre can of beer

plus a large jar of pickled sweet & sour cucumbers! We spent an hour at the most famous Slovene writer's house (Ivan Cankar) chatting to a lady who volunteered to work

there. Then at 10:15 we started riding And it started raining. Not heavy but constant. It was 28degC so we were hot as it was so humid. It stopped raining just before we

finished riding. Not easy to see the map in the rain thro steamy glasses. We then visited the Postojna caves. Magic. A 15 min train ride from the cave entrance underground then

a 40 min walk with English guide then train out including seeing the blind albino salamanders that live in the cave. It is now almost 6pm and we need a drink. See you

soon.

Ron & Robbie



RYPEN CAMP FEEDBACK Glenys, My name is Olivia and I was sponsored by your Rotary at Forest Hill. I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for sponsoring me as I had the time of my life at Rypen. It was by far one of the best camps I have ever been on and although I went to the camp not knowing anybody I came out with so many amazing friends and new experiences some of which I had never done before. Some of these experiences really tested my comfort zone and made me feel accomplished and very happy with myself.

Once again thank you very much it was an amazing experience for myself.

Olivia Niklaus, Forest Hill College

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

September	Basic Education and Literacy
October	Economic and Community Development
November	Rotary Foundation
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Vocational Service
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth Services
June	Rotary Fellowships

CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 2015-2016

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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Historian	Stan Harper
Almoner	Graham Sharman
Public Officer	Bill Marsh

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