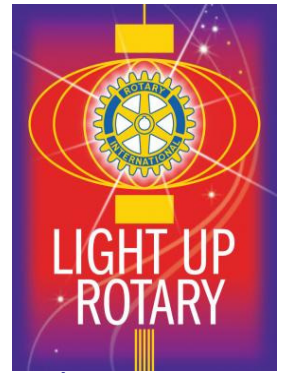


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Club of Forest Hill

Weekly Newsletter

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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>
29 th Sept	You are only young once but anyone can be immature	Bob & Stu Williams	Doug Berwick
6 th Oct	Michael Sukkar,MP Deakin Mitcham RC joining us	Bill Marsh	Bob Laslett
13 th Oct	Membership	Membership Group	
20 th Oct	<i>The Croquet Association</i> Brian Foley	Glenys Grant	Jenny Coburn

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

30th Sept Stan Harper Birthday
30th Sept Chris Tuck Birthday



DUTY ROSTER

	Sept	October
Cashier	John McPhee	Jenny Coburn
Recorder	Stuart Williams	Warwick Stott
Greeter	Doug Berwick	Glenys Grant
Emergency	Bob 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 9878 4891 or rcssmith@optusnet.com.au

Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

Gary Baltissen will be overseas from 30th Sept to 3rd Nov

BILL'S BLURB

An enjoyable meeting on Monday was topped off with an excellent speaker. Murray Baird was both informative and entertaining and all present enjoyed his talk.

Cluster Presidents, or their representatives, will be visiting Hand Brake Turn in Dandenong on the 13th October. This will give the club's a chance to see firsthand the program we are sponsoring as a Cluster. This Cluster project is in the running for a District Grant which will reduce the outlay for clubs in the first year. Gary is arranging a Vocational trip for our club at a later date. Many of our members have already made a visit but it will be good for us all to have a chance to see the program we have sponsored for many years in operation.

The club will be submitting an application for a District Grant for our scholarship program with Box Hill High School. Success would be great as it would free up funds for some of the projects we had to cut from initial budget submissions.

It was great to hear about the District PSSC. It will give our place getters, Saurish and Paige, another chance to shine. The standard will be amazing and well worth attending just to see what these young people can do. Community Connection@Forest Hill is being distributed at the moment. Please let Jenny know when a copy turns up in your letter box. This will give us a check on the range and efficiency of the distribution service for future copies.

Don't forget we are on the egg & bacon stall at the next WFM and it is also a Rotary Awareness day at the market. Please wear your Forest Hill shirt and Rotary cap along with your best smile as we take the opportunity to showcase some of the work that Rotary does in the community. Give some thought to the many activities our club is involved in within the community and also overseas so that you can answer any questions people may ask you. We don't only cook sausages or egg & bacon!! These are just a means of funding our many community activities.

For the first time we will have two Harper Bequest projects this year. Both International and Community have been given the go-ahead to plan and implement exciting projects. Our thanks to the Harper family for allowing us to extend our work through their bequest.

Some Diary Dates:

29 Sept. Football Night - under the tender care of the Williams boys.

6 Oct. Joint meeting with Mitcham RC with guest speaker

Michael Sukkar.

13 Oct. Membership Information Evening

17 Oct. Visit to Box Hill Hospital - 9.00 am (Limited to 15 so get in early)

19 Nov. Cluster presentation 'Rotarians Against Child Slavery' organised by the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central.

8 Dec Address by RI President Elect - venue to be confirmed.

Little Known Fact: There are at least 27 million slaves in the world today, more than were ever seized from Africa in the 400 years of the slave trade.

Enjoy your week in Rotary and keep working to "Light Up Rotary"

Pres Bill

There was a Board meeting following our meeting last week. We should always programme a Board meeting on the night of the Brownlow. Everyone wants to get home as quick as possible. And what a worthy winner of the Gownlow, my money was on Rebecca Judd though perhaps Jordan Papalia was a few people's favourite. There was another competition on the side which Matt Priddis won, a hirsute champion who is a new age man with no visible body piercings or body art. What is the footy world coming to?

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Reports

Arrangements are being made for a Club visit to Hand-brake Turn Dandenong – the Cluster Presidents are also going to make a visit there with the possibility of all Clubs supporting it.

An invitation for a visit to the new section of Box Hill Hospital has been made. Stuart Williams is making arrangements for fifteen people can attend at 9.00am on 19th October.

Guest Speaker

Murray Baird described the operation of ACNC (the Australian Commission for Not for profit Commission). There are sixty thousand not for profit charities registered in Australia. There has been a push for the Government to encourage these charities but the Commission is keen to see that there is trust in them. It is important that individual charities are transparently carrying out what they state they will do. There is a register of charities in Australia and on that is the Rotary Foundation, but not individual Rotary Clubs.

The Commission is waiting to see what changes the Government may carry out in the near future to the operating Act.

Notes by Ray Smith

To find out more about ACNC go to www.acnc.gov.au and also look at www.youtube.com/user/ACNCvideos .(from the editor)

Sergeant Stu opened the meeting and asked us to think about balance in the world. We have a budget crisis. We can find millions or billions to denigrate Islamic State. We have offered money to tackle Ebola. Cuba is sending 165 medical personnel, the US is sending 3000 troops. Overseas aid has been cut, corporations are being encouraged to be involved in managing aid. Local charities and Not-for-profits are being asked to jump through hoops and funding has been pruned. Should our response to the challenges of the world be based on need and what our heart tells us to do, or should a political ideology shape what we do? We live in interesting times- and I haven't even mentioned the Grand Final.

Sergeant Stu raised \$41.70 from his fines session, and when you consider that we also had \$27.65 from our HAT fines (it was our ARH Hat Day and everyone paid \$2 for the privilege of wearing a hat)..... so how come with 14 attendees including the speaker did we get \$27.65? We also raised \$51 from the weekly raffle, the winner, Ron chose a bottle of red (and I can think of no more worthy winner!!!). Come to think of it, overall that is a lot of money from just 14 of us.

Notes by the editor



ARH Hat Day at Forest Hill



Murray Baird, our guest speaker

NEXT WEEK'S FOOTY FRENZY MEETING

Rotarians, partners and friends of Rotary, get to the Rotary Club of Forest Hill's meeting next week for the annual Footy Night. A night of fun, witty repartee, insightful social commentary, masterful word-play and a tiny bi of football trivia. All brought to you by The Coodabeen Brothers - Bob and Stuart.

[**Needless to say this was written by Stu..... not your unbiased editor**]

VIP TOUR OF THE NEW BOX HILL HOSPITAL.

The Forest Hill Rotary Club will be given a VIP tour of the new Box Hill Hospital on Friday 17th of October. It is a 9am (sharp) start at the NEW front door of the hospital in Arnold St. **There are 6 tickets still left.** They can only accommodate 15 people -- not in the hospital, on the tour. Please contact Stuart Williams 041 757 38 28 if you would like to attend (contact Stuart or the editor). I believe the tour will take approx. 1 hour.

Stuart

RADIO ON FRIDAY 26th SEPT

The Rotary Club of Forest Hill will feature on The Rotary Show this coming Friday evening from 6 to 7 pm. My Guests on the Show will be the 3 winners of the Primary Schools Speech Contest winners Saurish, Paige and Jordan and John McPhee.

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> The station is 94.1 FM 3WBC (Whitehorse Boroondara Community). You can listen online at www.3wbc.org.au or use the Tune In App.

message from Jenny

THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The Governor's 2014-15 club address covers three topics: strategic context; the Rotary theme for the year and how that translates into priorities for our District; and a personal reflection.

This week I will cover what he said about Strategic Context

Membership surveys indicate that people join Rotary for several reasons but overwhelmingly, the primary reason is to make a difference in our community. It is

important therefore that we constantly fine-tune our activities to ensure they are meeting the needs of both the beneficiaries and our members.

There are several dynamics that we need to consider when “fine-tuning” in our District:

- While our District is small in terms of club and membership numbers, we have a rich heritage of achievements. We engage in most of the endorsed Rotary programs and have a track record of success in that engagement. We have a number of signature projects across the District that are world-class. Our per capita contribution to the Foundation Annual Programs Fund consistently ranks as the leader in our part of the world.
- Our membership numbers are trending down, while the average age of our membership steadily increases. Other avenues for community service continue to emerge – we have competition. Longer term, this is a threat to our sustainability unless we constantly refresh our membership base.
- To be effective, Rotary must be relevant to our community. That means we need to be connected, professional, accountable and transparent in how we deliver our programs and spend our service dollars. We need to be able to tell the story in a way that engages our community and maintains the trust that is reflected in the Rotary brand.

Notes by Ron Brooks

CLUB MEMBERS

Stan told me that we have published 1,875 weekly Newsletters(and Joan complains she has to climb over them to get into Stan’s study!).

GRAHAM SHARMAN

Graham would love you to give him a ring on his mobile 0412-555-435.

DON HULLAND,

Honorary member Don is not too well. His arthritis is a real problem. He is at present in Kellock Lodge in respite and hoping to be able to stay there full time. The address is 15 Bon St, Alexandria 3714 and his telephone is 0409 530 435. Why don’t you give him a call or write to him.

DINNER AUCTION FOR SOUTH SUDAN SCHOOL

RC of Manningham is running a dinner auction at 7 for 7-30pm on Saturday 11th October at Monte Carlo receptions, 5 Mitchell Street, Doncaster East. Cost is \$70 per person for a buffet dinner with drinks at bar prices.

All proceeds to go towards the cost of building a school in Rumbek, South Sudan.

Barbara and I will be attending and it would be great to have some more from Forest Hill.

We need numbers by 30 September so please let me know if you wish to come along.

Bob Williams

“LARRY the LORIKEET” BOOK

Take action **NOW**. If you want to buy a copy ... or two, or three, then give your order into Pres Bill (bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au) as a second print run is underway.

WEBSITE

Do not forget to check out our website, www.foresthillrotary.com and send Ron Brooks any information and suggestions. It has recently been updated. If you have photos, please send them to me with a suitable file name so I can post them on the web. If you do a project then write a short story that can be posted on the web. Other people do look at our website. It is another avenue for promoting our club. We were contacted about collecting used stamps because of our web presence and I have just handed over a large box of trimmed stamps to Carrol Farmer because of it.

POLIO WEBINAR

We've talked about Webinars before hope some of you logged on to the World Polio webinar on 24 September. We learned from the DG that through Rotary's efforts 1 of the three strains of polio has vanished from the earth, one has not been seen in over 12 months and the third is only causing cases in three countries with hopefully Nigeria being declared free very soon, just leaving Pakistan and Afghanistan that the Taleban stops us from completing the task. However, there were only 403 cases reported in 2013.

Also,

On 24 October, Rotarians clubs and districts around the world will come together to fight polio. Register today for our [End Polio Now: Make History Today Livestream](#) event to receive a global update on the current status of polio eradication, hear inspiring stories, and musical performances. The event will begin at 18:30pm CDT and will be streamed live at endpolionow.org.

MEMBERSHIP WEBINAR

Join us on 8 October 2014 at **10 a.m. Central Standard Time** for the next installment of the **Membership Matters!** webinar series - *Perception vs. Reality: Club Evaluation and Visioning*.

This webinar will feature Steve Wilcox from the International Vision Facilitation Council; Steve has over 12 years of experience helping Rotary clubs develop and implement their club vision strategy as well as training other leaders in the facilitation process. Steve will share his insights into the process of club visioning and provide you with the steps to perform this transformational process in your own club. Joe Brownlee, RI's chief strategy officer, will join us to discuss the resources and support available from Rotary. Attendance is limited to 1,000 participants so make sure to register today.

Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3368431197324866050>

Please note these times are in US Central Standard Time (Evanston). To see what time this will be in your area, please use the [time zone converter](#).

You can find this and other Rotary webinars on the webinar page at: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/webinars/upcoming>

These webinars are a great way to learn more from the comfort of your own armchair

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Last week was dedicated to History. As part of that celebration, there was an excellent talk given at Vermont South library on the History of Vermont. I learned that prior to the establishment of the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, now Methodist Uniting Church, services were conducted in the home of Abraham Rooks. With the assistance of local Victorian Legislative Assembly member Dr L.L. Smith, Rooks and others petitioned for a Methodist Church on the site in Canterbury Rd. The church opened in June, 1865 and John Winter started teaching about 30 pupils there for 4hrs a day until Delaney's Road Common school no. 1022 opened in 1872. This later became Vermont State School. I remember being shown a photo of the wedding of Ethel Chugg and David Fankhauser which took place in the church in 1908. I also learned that there was an L L Vale Road named after Dr Smith which changed its name in the 1950s to Boronia Rd.....fascinating.

REASONS FOR JOINING ROTARY

Jenny Coburn gave me a list of reasons, I am putting in a different one every week - **think about them when you talk to prospective members**

Business Development: Everyone needs to network. Rotarians of every business sector and vocation help each other and collectively help others.

STAMPS

Please cut out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving an approximate 1cm margin and give to Jenny Coburn. They are worth nothing to you but Rotary sells them. Over \$89,000 since starting in 1991/92 and \$7,091 in 2013/14.

WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET

Egg and Bacon Stall and Information Table

Sunday 12th October

Our club is manning both the egg and bacon stall and the information table and we need 17, repeat **17** assistants on the day. Please see Warwick Stott (Mob 0412444393, email wstott@netspace.net.au) to offer your help for a 2 hour shift of cooking, conversing and enjoying a beaut Rotary project. We need you, being either Rotarians, partners, friends of Rotary, offspring, or possibly friends of individual Rotarians, because it is a huge number for our small club

BALLARAT DISTRICT CONFERENCE FRI 13th –SUN 15th 2015

Families Grant/ Williams, Bob/ Williams, Stuart/ Brooks/Laslett/Marsh are going to stay at a hotel together. Jenny and Roger will stay in own accommodation. Cost \$149 per night. Buffet breakfast \$20. It's not too late to join us

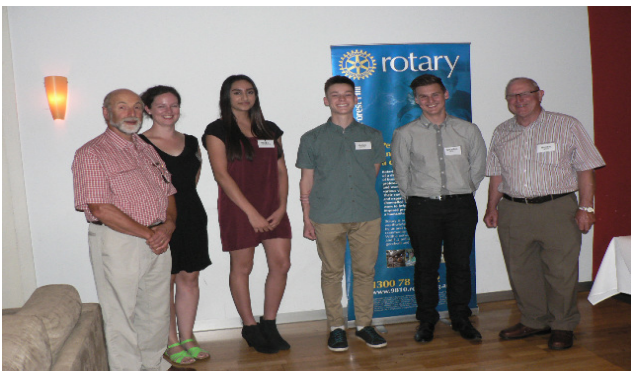
Stuart Williams On to Conference organiser

Club officers & Committees 2014-15

President	Bill Marsh
Vice President	John Donaghey
Secretary	Ron Brooks
Treasurer	Warwick Stott
President Elect	Bob Williams
Sergeant	Stuart Williams
Foundation & International	Chris Tuck
Youth Service	Members: John Donaghey, Stan Harper, Glenys Grant
Community & Vocation	Members: Ray Smith, Bob Williams, Graham Sharman Bob Laslett
Membership & Publicity	Members: Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks Doug Berwick
Fellowship	Members: John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn John McPhee
Primary Schools Speech Night	John McPhee
Programme	Ray Smith & Gary Baltissen
Bulletin Editor	Ron Brooks
Web page & Facebook	Ron Brooks
On to Conference	Stuart Williams
Historian	Stan Harper
Almoner	Graham Sharman
Public Officer	Bill Marsh

Note that Bob Williams has volunteered to swop over from Foundation/International to Youth Services to support Glenys and Ray as Graham will be spending very little time in Melbourne.

Newsletter articles to the editor at ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au by **5 pm Wed.** If you do not wish to receive this publication please contact the editor.



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