



Rotary
Club of Forest Hill



Weekly Newsletter

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Meeting time:

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

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CLUB PROGRAM

28 th Sept	Stan Harper's 90 th /Stuart Williams Beijing Auto Museum and Chinese car Industry <i>With Partners</i>	John McPhee	Chris Tuck
5 th Oct	Football Night Stuart and Bob	Stuart Williams	Bob Williams
12 th Oct	Mike Welsh Mindfulness	Ray Smith	Bill Marsh

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Stan Harper Birthday 30 September (90)

Chris Tuck Birthday 30th September (less than 90)



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

Last week we were fortunate to have not only three guest speakers in Cathie Nederveen and Sue Fallon from Mitcham Community House plus Timothy Winter from RC Box Hill, but also our guest, Michael Fincke who came to see what Rotary does and in particular what our club does and Michael we hope you'll join us again soon. We also had Sharon Partridge from RC Mitcham and partners Chris and Barbara. Sharon has given a lot of support to Mitcham Community House over many years, so lovely that she could come and support the two MCH speakers.

Our reflection was a video clip of Colleen Hewitt singing "Let me Breathe" with vision of many celebrities, mainly men, lending their faces to the Rotary supported, awareness campaign against family violence. Colleen, of course is herself a victim of family violence and her song is from the heart and seen as somewhat of an anthem for behavioural change that Rotary is backing.

The first of our surfeit of super, suave, sophisticated and scintillating speakers was Timothy Winter from RC Box Hill who showed and told us about the forthcoming Rotary Conference in Shepparton 18th to 20th March 2016. Timothy told us of the great speakers, available accommodation and even a list of restaurants where clubs can have their club dinners. Well done.

Stuart, our ever reliable on to conference chair will keep us informed as to when to register and any further news.

Sue was our second speaker and told us succinctly about the other programs the House offers and it was of particular interest, the value of neighbourhood houses such as this one, to our local community. Sue has also kindly taken on the President's role there due to the previous person having to stand down because of family illness, so good work Sue.

Cathie was our third speaker and she is the Coordinator of the Mitcham Family Violence Program and provides group support for women survivors of violence. My, what a great advocate she would be and the women are lucky to have someone so committed to support them. As was said, the mark of a good speaker is the number of questions at the end and Cathie could have still been there with the number she had to field.

We all learnt a lot. Thanks Cathie.

We received our "Review of Official Visit" letter from DG David following his visit on the 14th September.

He thanked us for our hospitality and for our time and learnt a lot about our club from the briefing session. My thanks go to Bill and John Mc for making their time available as well.

DG David encouraged all club members to become constant users of "Rotary Club Central" as this will be the tool of the future and also assists in our eligibility for another possible Presidential Citation.

He especially congratulated us for serving the community for 40 years, running the breakfast Club at Forest Hill College, offering to charter an Interact club at Kingswood College, assisting Hand Brake Turn and supporting two schools in Africa.

DG David is a strong supporter of Rotary Foundation and Australian Rotary Health and encouraged us to continue our wonderful support both individually and as a club.

We also received a lovely thank you card from Alison Tolstrup.

To tonight's meeting and wow what an occasion with it being our mate Stan's 90th birthday bash.

At the time of writing we are expecting seven members of the Harper family so that will be wonderful. Ray has some special plans in place.

We will also hear and see from Stuart about cars in China from his recent trip there and with his love for all things on four wheels, this should be entertaining.

The pledge sheet for Robbie's cycling challenge supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service will go around again so please if you haven't already and want to kick in then please do so. \$190 in pledges so far.

Ron's team of "Rotary Oldies" (I still don't know where he got the second part of the name from) taking part in the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge in aid of Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program is now eight with our own Sergeant Stuart joining in the challenge and committing to the 85km ride. Great work Stuart!

Ron was informed recently that he won the Bass Coast Challenge event kit containing a range of cycling goodies so he was chuffed. Very appropriate as he puts a lot into our District cycling plus all the rest he does.

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

STAN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Our mate Stan turns 90 on the 30th September and we are celebrating his wonderful 90 years at our meeting on the 28th September.

All Welcome!

Please contact Ray by this weekend if you wish to attend this special event. Ray can be contacted on 9878 4891 or rsmith@optusnet.com.au

DIARY DATES

2 nd October	Movie Night at Forest Hill Chase plus dinner.
3 rd October	Rotaract Movie night
9 th October	District Community Service Seminar
9 th October	David Galbally breakfast for RC Rowville
9 th October	Movie Night for Hope Katolo School Movie is "Intern"
18 th October	Rotaract Dress up at the 1000 steps.
23 rd October	Normie Rowe concert for RC Croydon.
23 rd November	Youth Achievement Awards
9 th March 2016	Women in Rotary Forum
30 April/1stMay 2016	MUNA

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Meeting Report Sept 21, 2015

Sgt Stu opened with the two toasts and urged Rotarians to protest about the cutting of 36 million from the End Polio campaign, promised at the Sydney International Convention. We then watched the Colleen Hewitt DVD on violence against women. Chairman Bill welcomed the guest speakers, partners and visitor Mike.

President Bob made a raft of announcements.

Timothy Winter from RC of Box Hill made a presentation concerning the District Conference to be held in Shepparton on 18 -20 March. Saturday night theme – My favourite TV show, Cost \$325 – registration on-line. Will be light lunch on Fri afternoon provided and a BBQ lunch on Sunday if required, some of the keynote speakers – Paul Sheahan, John Silvester, Kate Karnel

Bill introduced Sue Fallon from Mitcham Community House, and Sue outlined how the House operates. Up to 900 people a day attend.

Our major speaker was, Cathy Nederveen. She conducts a "family violence program" out of Mitcham Community House. Cathy fielded many questions after her talk. A point made was, "If another person has power and control over someone, it causes that person to be fearful." Cathy stressed that everyone should be able to live free from violence as a human right.

Stuart thanked our guest speakers.

President Bob closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.
Stuart



Cathie Nederveen



Sue Fallon

HOPE KATOLO FUNDRAISER



ABC123
Hope Katolo Nursery School

Come to our movie night @
Palace Cinemas Balwyn
Friday 9th October
9/9.30pm (exact time TBC)
\$25
RSVP by 2nd October to
hopekatolo@hotmail.com

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BOOK EARLY

Join us at our next Business Breakfast
on FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER
with our special guest speaker
David Galbally AM QC

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Speaking on:
"Odd encounters of the
defence advocate"

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 is cycling with Ron in Europe.

We have raised \$190 so far.

Go Robbie!

A couple more emails from the cycling duo.

18 September

Loved the latest newsletter. A 50km day including a visit to Predjama castle. This castle is built inside a cave and is famous for one of the noble "owners" Erasmus who was besieged for over a year but finally was killed when sitting on the toilet which typically overhung the castle walls and a servant betrayed him by signaling the army outside that he was sitting on the tut. So they fired a stone ball from a catapult which knocked him off his thrown in more ways than one!

Lots of hills on a very humid 30degC day. But we did also drop over 300m in a 7km narrow broken tarmac road before a 20km flat valley ride. Robbie managed to "steal" plums, walnuts, blackberries and three fig varieties from trees/ bushes en route. One of the fig varieties were like liquid honey. Amazing. We are staying tonight in an agrotourismo style place. A hotel way out on its own where all the produce is local run and cooked for by a family. This four apple, like 4 star, place was built in 2004. The red and white wine is produced by the husband's brother. Can only vouch for the white so far. But it is only 5pm.

21 September

Just a few stats. We averaged 45km per day covering 851kms. We rode up 8,533m and Mount Everest is 8,848m high. That's just 300m short of getting to the top!!!

No wonder Robbie said she wouldn't have minded doing a few more days of riding. I am very proud of her. THAT'S 96.5% OF REACHING THE EVEREST PEAK.

Regards

Ron

CONFERENCE SPEAKER FROM LAST MEETING, TIMOTHY WINTER

Many thanks for your hospitality last evening and the opportunity to speak to your Members about the D9810 2016 Conference. I certainly enjoyed your company and found your guest speaker most interesting; I'm glad I was able to stay for the whole meeting! You guys and gals certainly punch above your weight when it comes to a small group doing great things in really being a gift to the world.

Again, many thanks and kindest regards.

Timothy Winter Treasurer Rotary Club of Box Hill

NOTES ON TOPIC OF GUEST SPEAKER 28TH SEPTEMBER

Our speaker next week - Stuart Williams, will have a Slide show presentation on the BEIJING Auto Museum, which he recently visited. There is an interesting display of Historic cars, Classic cars, Chinese brands and new electric cars. Stuart will also present information about the Chinese Automotive industry and chart its incredible growth. If you are interested in Cars and whether we will soon be flooded by Chinese made cars come along.

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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

FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Rotary Club of Croydon is organising a Normie Rowe concert to be held on Friday 23rd October at 8p.m.

It is to be held at the George Woods Performing Arts Centre, Yarra Valley Grammar School. Kalinda Rd., Ringwood.

Costs:- Adults \$30.00; Concession \$25.00

Tickets can be obtained by contacting John D by the 9th October.

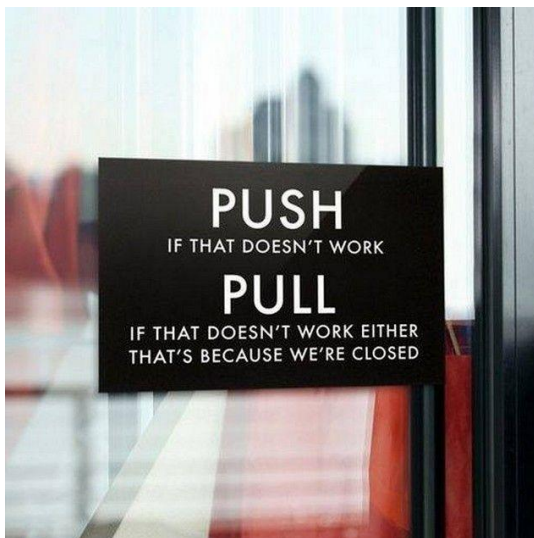
Unfortunate timing, as Barbara and I are attending Colleen Hewitt's concert in Bendigo the same night, as Barbara being Normie's "mate" (sitting next to him one time at dinner qualifies her as his "mate" according to us) she and I would otherwise have been there with bells on. Ed

BOARD BITS

The board decided that our club should support/attend the Women in Rotary Forum 9 March 2016. We would like to have a joint meeting with RC Mitcham.

The \$1,000 anonymous donor request is for the funds to go to MND which we will do. We will look at supporting a local Asylum Seeker program.

Looking at how we can assist Handbrake Turn in their new endeavour.



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CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 2015-2016

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Treasurer	Warwick Stott
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	Members John Donaghey, Stan Harper,
Youth Service	Glenys Grant
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	Members Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
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	Members Warwick Stott, Bob Williams,
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