

# Rotary

Club of Forest Hill



## The Flyer 2017-2018



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

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### CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
2 Oct	Bob & Stuart Williams <i>Footy night</i>		John McPhee
9 Oct	All you need to know about prostate cancer <i>Vin Jenkins</i>	Ron Brooks	Mike Finke
16 Oct	Brainstorming	Mike Finke	Bill Marsh
23 Oct	RYLA	Glenys Grant	Ray Smith

### CELEBRATIONS

Congrats to Gary and Bev Baltissen on their wedding anniversary (5 Oct)

### DUTY ROSTER

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
<b>Recorder</b>	Glenys Grant	Chris Tuck
<b>Greeter</b>	Ron Brooks	Stuart Williams
<b>Emergency</b>	Sue Ballard	Mike Finke
<b>Cashier</b>	Chris Tuck	Ron Brooks

## 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**

## BILL's BYLINES

I have just had a non-Rotary week while holidaying in South Australia. Believe me, the Crows' fans are just as hyped up as the Tigers'.

The start of Daylight Saving and the Grand Final; what more could you ask?

Our speaker this week was Denise Massoud, Mayor of Whitehorse, talking about current and future plans for the City of Whitehorse – particularly the Box Hill precinct. If it all goes to plan then central Box Hill will see the redevelopment of the transit centre, further development around Epworth Hospital and a multitude of high-rise buildings creating the biggest commercial centre outside of the CBD. The new buildings will contain hundreds of units which will help expand the Box Hill population by around 6,000. High density living is coming to the eastern suburbs.



Our Hope Katolo Nursery School project in Kenya is continuing to evolve. New buildings are going in and refurbishment of existing buildings is underway. The construction techniques are a little different to what we see around Box Hill!!! Donkeys pulling carts, man power, shovels and picks, no cranes and no multi storied buildings. Hand-made bricks, concrete mixed on site, corrugated iron and trimmed trees for beams and supports. But it all works and the children are thrilled with their new facilities. Makes you realize you need to be thankful for what you have, not sweat over what you think you would like or deserve.

On Monday we will be entertained, educated and embarrassed by the 'Williams Brothers' with their Grand Final Spectacular. This is always a great night and everyone is invited. Even if you don't like football it is a great night as you can sit back, watch the 'football tragedies' making gigs of themselves and confirm your wise decision not to follow our great national sport. Come along and join in.

### **Some dates for your diaries.**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Footy Night

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Film Night

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Blackburn Market

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October - WFM

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Partners night at Bucatini

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Visit to Roger Davis' farm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Youth Achievement Awards

### **Did You Know?**

On average every square mile (259 hectares) of sea on the planet contains 46,000 pieces of rubbish. (Most of it washed into the ocean from our drains – put that rubbish into the bin not the gutter.)

**Remember - Rotary: Making a Difference - is not just a theme it is what we do.**

### **Meeting report September 25**

Sergeant Stuart opened the meeting, and introduced Chairman Ray who mentioned that there were 11 members plus our guest speaker, Denise Massoud, the mayor of the City of Whitehorse, and her husband, Mark Massoud. In mentioning that we were having a speaker involving councils, Ray talked about his father, who lived about 14 miles from the town of Kyneton, and, upon becoming mayor, and being from a country area there, he pushed very firmly for improved roads and abattoirs, neither of which impressed the “townie” councillors who wanted a sewerage system (rather than night soil carters), but in due course, all the improvements were put in. After mentioning a sewerage system, Ray then introduced President Bill, who mentioned that there were a number of dates to be checked by members, and that unfortunately Martine was resigning from the board due to pressure of other activities, and also probably the club. Other reports were from Secretary Bob who reported that one of the NYSF students (Rock) has been offered an equity scholarship of \$1000 which reduces the cost to the student to about \$550. International chairman Stuart reported that a ROMAC boy from overseas had a brain haemorrhage when he landed the other day and had the main surgical procedure successfully later, and also that Hope Katolo had 5 people from RCFH but only a few over 50 all up to the film night with “Victoria and Abdul” last Thursday. Youth chairman Glenys mentioned that Thanushi Peiris will speak at our November Youth Achievement Awards night to which 12 schools have had letters seeking expression of interest, and the Primary Schools Speech Contest photos had gone to the schools, whilst she has also done a first aid course per the Whitehorse Council.



Ray then introduced Denise who it was pleasing to see used the microphone, and firstly acknowledged the Wurundjeri people. She mentioned on a personal note that Whitehorse area had excellent health facilities (when her husband required them recently). She then talked about Box Hill area which is the second CBD in Melbourne for population and economic development, as the Council did an analysis of the area in the last 10-15 years, which found unprecedented growth and rise in property prices. She noted that some council land was valued at \$30m whilst at auction it realised \$58m, which means that Whitehorse Centre when it is redeveloped soon will not require any borrowings. Epworth Eastern, Box Hill Hospital and Box Hill Institute also want to do

some major work soon. Box Hill area had 3000 new dwellings between 2011 and 2016, whilst \$4.2b is due to be spent on property works in the next 12 years. However most BH schools are land-locked and may need to become vertical, whilst mental health services, youth services and the transport interchange desperately need work. She also wants high rise developers to put in facilities for the community, and also open space, whilst with a new ATO building, the former ATO building has 65% of it leased out. Whitehorse Towers is a \$150m investment, with 1500 jobs during construction and 270 jobs on-going and will have 20,000 visitor nights p.a., and 110 hotel rooms and 500+ apartments. Box Hill demographics show 1150 new population since 2001 (is writer inaccurate?) and 8800 new jobs, and they expect 6000+ more people in a "shortish" time, which is good for jobs and people further out along the Lilydale line. They also expect an increase in students, construction, visitation for services and jobs. The conclusion is that there will be growing pains, a need for public investment and increased transport. It should also be noted that Whitehorse is the second lowest rating council in Melbourne.

Now, in Whitehorse next month or so, there will be Seniors' week, the Spring Festival, Village Fair, Garage sale trail, Whitehorse Safety and Security Expo, Walking Schools and Green Money Program.

At the end of the meeting the raffle which raised \$62 was won by Ray and Stuart, so guess who took the chocolates and who the wine, whilst the Sergeant raised \$28?

Warwick Stott

### **Sergeant's Reflection 25 September**

It is Grand Final week. Embrace the energy, embrace the romance of a potential win. Melbourne is awash with yellow and black.

Melbourne's heartbeat is sport. Embrace the excitement. Sure the world goes on; concerts are held, paintings can be appreciated and gardens can be manicured.... but the pulse of Melbourne is AFL. Talk about it..., it will make you feel part of the vibe. Let's hope we get a great contest that showcases the game's skills.

Some of the excuses Sgt Stuart utilized to extract money from us.

We all believe we are -"forever young". Who remembers The Bossa Nova?

"The family is not just where love resides, it's also where most of the world's madness is born." A fine if you find madness refreshing.

Bill Henson" Whatever the troubles of the world, gardening seems to set them right."

Stuart

### **International Report**

#### **ROMAC Patient R-114 Patricio**

Last week we had news of the arrival from Timor Leste of a very sick 9- year old boy with a life threatening tumour. Patricio Conceica Soares arrived at Tullamarine on Sunday 17th and after stabilisation was taken to the Monash Medical Centre and admitted to ICU.

His operation was assessed and risk factors saw him transferred to the Royal Children's Hospital where he underwent surgery at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th. His father Norberto saw him back in ICU at 1.30am.

A lot has happened since previous update. Patricio is now out of bed and is proceeding well with his recovery from his surgery. Norberto is keeping him up to his chest physiotherapy every hour (blowing through a tube into a bottle of water) and he continues to eat well.

Yesterday we were informed of the tumour's histology report. It detected markers of primitive cancer elements. As a precaution, Patricio will now undertake some chemotherapy. The good news is that his Oncologist, Dr Michael Sullivan, expects that he can be treated with a 9 weeks course of low level chemotherapy as an outpatient. It is currently planned that he will have the first two courses of chemotherapy at RCH and then return home where another two courses will be administered at the Dili General Hospital. At this time, the treatment plan is for Patricio to continue his recovery from surgery in Koala Ward until around the end of next week when his first course of Chemotherapy will commence. Whilst the outcome is not that which we hoped, we can be assured that Patricio is in the best place he can be at this time and that he and Norberto will be fully supported throughout by our wonderful ROMAC volunteer team.





### Footy night

Come ONE, come ALL. Come to our annual Footy Night. Jokes, quizzes, stories. good fellowship and money for our best tipsters.

Wear your Football colours. A prize for best dressed. Please invite family and friends, Make sure you contact Ray to book in numbers.

### Social Media

Episode 23 of the podcast is ready for listening at <https://soundcloud.com/mike-finke-167583478/five-minute-forest-hill-episode-23>

For those using iTunes, I've made an attempt to submit the podcast through Apple. If accepted, it should make it simpler for users of fruit-based computing, entertainment, and communication devices to access the show. I will let you know when and if it's approved.

A twitter account has been started.

### Birthing Kits Assembly Day

Rotary Clubs of Cheltenham and Mordialloc are conducting a packing day for birthing kits on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October and are looking for significant hands-on support from Rotarians. It's a 3- hour stint at the Sandbelt Hotel in Moorabbin and will appeal to those Rotarians who love to get in and do something practical. Contact Bob L for more details

### ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

October  
November

Economic and Community Development  
The Rotary Foundation

### ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to [rlaslett76@gmail.com.au](mailto:rlaslett76@gmail.com.au) by 5 pm Wednesday please.