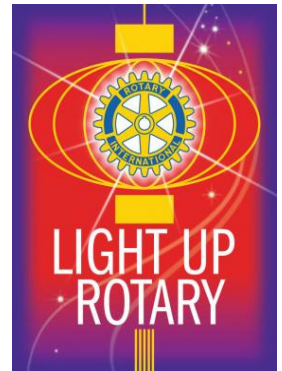


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Club of Forest Hill

Weekly Newsletter

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6th Oct 2014

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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 Oct	Michael Sukkar,MP Deakin Mitcham RC joining us	Bill Marsh	Bob Laslett
13 th Oct	Membership	Membership Group	Membership Group
20 th Oct	<i>The Croquet Association</i> Brian Foley	Glenys Grant	Jenny Coburn
27 th Oct	Bucatini a la carte Dinner		

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

5th Oct Gary&Bev Baltissen
Wedding anniversary



DUTY ROSTER

	October	November
Cashier	Jenny Coburn	Bob Williams
Recorder	Warwick Stott	Stuart Williams
Greeter	Glenys Grant	Gary Baltissen
Emergency	Ray Smith	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 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
Doug Berwick will be on leave from 9th Oct to 30th Oct

BILL'S BLURB

Week 14 already. How time flies when you don't have time to look at the clock!

Fortunately the last week has been very quiet and we have all had a chance to catch our breath and get ready for the next period of activity.

On Monday night it was a very pleasant surprise to welcome Graham Sharman back after a bout of illness - and he looked on top of the world. Well done, Graham. Also on Monday we welcomed back Chris Tuck after he, and Jenny, had been touring Europe for an extended period. Ron Brooks will have to be careful or he will lose his 'most travelled' crown.

As always, the Williams Boys provided us with a great night of entertainment with their Footy Show, Thanks Bob & Stuart for all of the hard work and planning you put in to ensure we have an enjoyable night that runs so smoothly.

Coming up we have the Blackburn Station Market and then WFM Egg & Bacon stall together with Rotary Day. Always a busy day this one promises to be even more hectic than usual but, as always, a lot of fun with everyone contributing. While we are on the E & B all day we are only rostered on the Rotary tent from 11.00 am to 1.00pm. Of course, I hope everyone 'sells Rotary' at every opportunity as we need to raise our public profile. Here is hoping for fine weather.

Glenys will distribute stacks of "Larry" to members on Monday for distribution to the local schools and pre schools. Again, take the opportunity to promote the work of Rotary. Larry received a mention in two reports in the local paper this week - this lorikeet is a true survivor and just keeps popping up.

Monday night we have Michael Sukkar as our guest speaker and Mitcham Rotary Club will be joining us for the evening. Michael has been a great supporter of the club with the recent printing of Community Connections@Forest Hill that went out with the local paper this week. Please make Michael and our guests from Mitcham very welcome on Monday, as you do with all of our guests.

On Friday 10th October I will be presenting the PSSC Shield and individual awards at Burwood Heights PS and on the following Monday John will present the award at Weeden Heights PS.

On the 13th October I will take a group of Presidents/representatives from our Cluster down to Hand Brake Turn.

Coming Up:

6 Oct. Joint meeting with Mitcham RC with guest speaker Michael Sukkar.

10 Oct. WFM Committee Meeting 6.00pm (Bob W to attend)

11/12 Oct. Market Mania - Blackburn & WFM

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: 69% of people in the rear of an aeroplane survive crashes compared to 49% at the front. (One advantage for those of us travelling 'cattle class'.)

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

Pres Bill

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our meeting on Monday 29th Sept was a footy-themed night celebrating the end of the current AFL season and presenting prizes to the winners in the Rotary Club of Forest Hill Footy Tipping Competition. This festive event was compared by our own "Coodabeen Brothers" Bob and Stuart Williams. The jokes flew thick and fast along with light-hearted comments on the various teams and their performances. We all sang along with 'Up There Cazaly' and it was impressive that everyone appeared to

know the words to the chorus. Bob and Stuart tested our football knowledge and rewarded correct answers with tasty chocolate treats. Jenny, Shane and Ray did very well by answering several questions and the rest of us got the odd one or two. Sadly for Ron Brooks there were no football questions that he could answer, wrong football code. The evening came to a close with the awarding of prizes for the footy tipping competition. ROMAC was the real winner with \$102.00 being raised from the competition to support its work. First place went to Cyril Yardin, second place was shared by Warwick Stott and Shane Flynn, third place went to Bob Williams with Barbara Williams coming fourth. The night finished appropriately with the playing of the Hawthorn Football Club song. Many thanks to Stuart and Bob as they both put a lot of effort into finding the facts and figures, not to mention the jokes, that made the night so enjoyable.

Notes by Doug Berwick

Sergeant Stu opened the meeting and talked about Tom Jones not singing "It's Not Unusual"..... but it is unusual that we think the biggest day of the year for our greatest game on earth..... (Yeh! Sure says the editor) needs a 74year old Welshman, who is forever linked with women's underwear to feel like we are really putting on a show. It is unusual when there's more people praying for Cyril's hamstring than world peace, we've either got a problem with our priorities or a seriously dodgy hammy. But seriously, it isn't too bad when footy can take our mind off some horrendous happenings in our world. He told us there were three apologies for absence this week. Nick Brooks from Dubai who will only come to our Footy Night when Liverpool Soccer Club are in the Grand Final, Carmina our past exchange student from Mexico who never liked footy when she was here in Melbourne, and Li and Leon currently in Beijing who along with 1.3 billion Chinese don't care that the Hawks won. He also wondered why Gary Baltissen wasn't with us when he is the only Hawks supporter in the club (is he still out celebrating?).

Sergeant Stu raised \$21.60. We also raised \$69 from the weekly raffle, the two winners were Bob L, who chose the chocolates and John McP, a bottle of red (was he disappointed he missed out on the chocs???).

Notes by the editor



Stu giving chocolate away !!!



Well if you don't know what's going on what hope do we have

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

GIVE YOUR FOREIGN COINS TO OUR ROTARY COLLECTION

DG Tony has backed our idea of collecting all the foreign coins from our past overseas trips and giving them to UNICEF at the end of the year. He emailed *"This is a great initiative, involving little effort that could become a great source of publicity. I could see this becoming embedded as a regular program, along with our used stamp collection. As you can see below, Ron is prepared to coordinate at a District level, but needs your help in promoting this among your clubs. I also like the idea of bringing all the coins to District Conference for a publicity opportunity."*

More and more of us are heading off overseas and we always seem to return with some useless coins we cannot exchange (We'll take notes as well). There will be a coffee jar to put the coins in and each week we'll see the collection grow. This was done some years ago and so now that coin collection has built up again. UNICEF can make use of them. Let's recycle our coins into something valuable for kids.

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 the Rotary Theme and District Priorities

In the year ahead we're asked by Rotary International President Gary Huang to *Light up Rotary*. Gary encourages us to hold a Rotary Day to invite our communities to see what we do. He talks further about the imperative of building our membership base to sustain the good work of Rotary by inviting our extended family into the organization. Finally, Gary reminds us that we are so close to our goal of eradicating polio that we just cannot lose pace now.

All worthy and relevant goals – goals which are reflected in our District's priorities for the year:

- Supporting and strengthening clubs
 - Our District Membership Committee have developed an impressive toolkit to support clubs in running membership interest events.
 - We need to look at options for new clubs to tap a broader demographic so to that end, we will be looking to start two new clubs this year.
 - With the annual turnover of office-bearers in Rotary, it is important that we have effective succession plans and leadership development initiatives. We will continue building on the workshop-based learning & development program. We will continue with the Rotary Leadership Institute as a means of building Rotary knowledge. This year we will introduce a *Future Leaders Seminar* on the day preceding the District Conference.
- Focusing and increasing humanitarian service

- We will be holding seminars for our avenues of service to showcase successful projects and programs. Similarly, the quarterly leaders meeting will also be used as a medium for introducing and sharing projects and programs.
- We need to be more effective in our communications and meetings to make best use of people's time so that we're focusing on projects rather than administration. A technology advisory group to help the District and clubs make better use of available technology has been convened.
- The Rotary Foundation is our engine room. We must continue to promote contributions to provide the financial resources that fund our grants.
- The District have established *District 9810 Project Funds Ltd* as a legal entity to meet several needs: to facilitate tax-deductible third party funding of Rotary projects; to accumulate tax-deductible funds for emergency relief; and to hold assets on behalf of clubs where there is shared funding. Our goal this year is to run a number of projects through this entity.
- Enhancing Rotary's public image and awareness
 - We're encouraging clubs to work in clusters in marketing and promotional activities. In particular, we'd like clubs to work jointly in running a Rotary Day event to capture the public's attention.
 - Rotary's reputation is our most important asset and we must protect and enhance it. We are undertaking a comprehensive review of our youth policies and associated procedures to ensure that: we understand and manage risks to a level expected by our community; and the programs that we offer actually deliver what we expect them to deliver.

Our District Conference this Rotary year will be consistent with our theme of showcasing great projects and programs and sharing Rotary knowledge. To be held in Ballarat 13-15th March, the Conference will take a deep dive into the Foundation's six areas of focus, with speakers sharing their *Eureka Moments* – gems that we can follow through to engage in that area of focus. The Saturday night ball, *Beneath the Southern Cross* will be a great opportunity to celebrate our nation's rich multi-cultural heritage.

Notes by Ron Brooks

PHFs

Stan was telling me that in the club's 39 years of Service above Self that 55 PHFs and 31 sapphires have been presented to members, partners and Friends of the club.

GRAHAM SHARMAN

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

DON HULLAND,

Honorary member Don is at present in Kellock Lodge 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.

POLIO WEBINAR

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

As part of the Historical celebrations, there was an excellent talk given at Vermont South library on the History of Vermont. I learned about Campbell's Croft, Abbey Walk Mel63C\$/D4. The stretch of parkland alongside Dandenong Creek was once the property owned by brother and sister Bruce and Daisy Campbell. They lived in a slab hut on their property and grew vegetables and raised poultry. For over 40 years, Daisy Campbell was a well known figure in the area riding her pushbike to Mitcham to buy her weekly supplies with a hessian bag slung over her shoulder and a hat firmly planted on her head. In the 1970s they gave their property to the Council, now preserved as Campbell's Croft.

IT'S RAINING CASH: MELBOURNE WATER REVENUE SURGES BY \$458 MILLION [wmailto:7b6ECD2A0E-026A-4D1E-8B6A-D924B7172EDF%7dmid://00000120/ - #](mailto:7b6ECD2A0E-026A-4D1E-8B6A-D924B7172EDF%7dmid://00000120/)

Melbourne's water wholesaler collected an extra \$458 million in revenue from "increased water, sewerage and drainage prices" last financial year. Revenue surged from \$1.258 billion 2012-13 to \$1.716 billion in 2013-14 according to The Age

And while we are on water etc I found a link to what we are likely to expect for weather in the next three months in this link
<http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/overview/video> put out by the Bureau of Meteorology which takes about 4 minutes and will be of most interest to our "farming" members.

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

Ethical Awareness: Rotarians are required to be ethical in their business and professional relationships.

STAMPS

Please keep cutting out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving an approximate 1cm margin and give to Jenny Coburn or to me. 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 MARCH 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 Programme	John McPhee
Bulletin Editor	Ray Smith & Gary Baltissen
Web page & Facebook	Ron Brooks
On to Conference	Ron Brooks
Historian	Stuart Williams
Almoner	Stan Harper
Public Officer	Graham Sharman 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.