

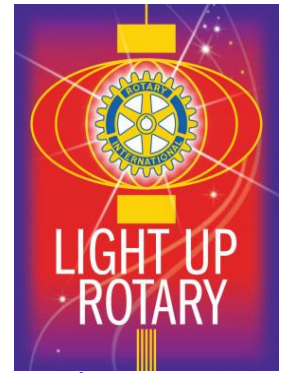
Rotary

Club of Forest Hill



Weekly Newsletter

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13th Oct 2014

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Meeting location:

Meeting time:

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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> |
|----------------------|---|------------------|------------------------------|
| 13 th Oct | Membership Evening | 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 | Bill Marsh | Ron Brooks |
| 3 rd Nov | NO MEETING-CUP EVE | | |

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

No Birthdays and no Wedding Anniversaries this week so just celebrate the fact that you made the decision to join Rotary!!!



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

Another great week in Rotary. On Monday we had a most enjoyable joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Mitcham. Twelve members from Mitcham joined us for the evening and our guest speaker, Federal Member for Deakin Michael Sukkar, proved an entertaining and informative speaker. Michael is a great supporter of the local clubs and has spoken of the work Rotary does for the community in Parliament. On Cup Day Mitcham will hold a social/fundraising day at the Redbox Winery in the Yarra Valley and I am sure some of our members will journey out for a great day.

This morning I attended a Cluster meeting to put the final touches on our Rotary Day to be held in conjunction with the Whitehorse Farmers' Market on Sunday. With fine weather I am sure this will be a successful first venture in this area. The aim of the day is simply to raise the profile of Rotary in the community. People see us selling sausages or see 'the wheel' in parks around the country but most have no idea of the many projects that Rotary are involved with locally and internationally. Sunday is a chance to begin changing this situation. Wear your club shirt or hat and "Light Up Rotary".

Saturday is our Blackburn Craft Market and, as always, will be a fun morning and another chance to put Rotary on display to our local community. This market just keeps on getting bigger. Not a week goes by without John receiving a request from a new stall holder and he then has the unenviable task of sorting them out so that we do not have too many selling the same type of goods. This is one of our major fundraising activities and our thanks go to John for the great job he does on our behalf.

This week we have begun 'rolling out' Larry to the local schools and cinders. Within a few days around 90 copies will be distributed across Whitehorse. Thanks to Glenys for her organisation and the other members who are making the deliveries. Reports to date indicate that 'Larry' is well received wherever he goes. (Did you notice he has even perched on Page 7 of this month's RDU?)

On Monday morning seven representatives from the Cluster will visit Hand Brake Turn. I am sure they will be just as impressed with the work being done there as we have been over the years.

Also on Monday our meeting will take the form of an Information Evening for people who have expressed an interest in the work of Rotary. The Membership & PR committee have worked very hard on putting this night together and the response has been excellent. Be early and be on the look out for new faces to welcome.

Coming Up:

- 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. Venue - Box Hill Town Hall. Cost - \$10. Finger food provided.
- 8 Dec Address by RI President Elect - venue to be confirmed.

Little Known Fact: 90% of everything written in English uses just 1,000 words.

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

Pres Bill

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

It was great to have the Rotary Club of Mitcham join us. Bill told us he had had a quiet week. This week he and the other cluster Presidents are visiting Handbrake Turn. Stuart had a reflection on politics and its relation to Rotary and we learnt that Travis Mahoney, champion swimmer, will be one of our speakers on the Youth Achievement night. An expression of interest was called for the roster for the breakfast club at

Forest Hill College and we learnt of Hayley Ellis who is our Rotaract link through the Future Focus program. We were invited to Mitcham's Cup Day barbecue and they are helping us with Handbrake Turn. At the start of Vocational Service month it was most appropriate to have a Person behind the Badge talk. Our speaker was the Member for the federal seat of Deakin, Michael Sukkar. It was great to get away from the media picture and hear how Michael found his way to be a servant of the people through politics. Michael praised the work of Rotary, particularly through the community service work of the Forest Hill and Mitcham clubs. He told us of his background and his belief that 'God helps those who help themselves'. He spoke about his background in small business and the jobs he undertook to assist the family finances. The critical turning point that jolted him from a successful legal career into politics and a new approach to his life was a health issue. Living away from home and family in Canberra was something he did not enjoy. His Lebanese background gave insight into our current national security issue. There were many questions and it was an enjoyable start to the month of October.

Notes by Bob Laslett



Guest speaker Michael Sukkar speaking off the cuff, no notes

Sergeant Stu opened the meeting and said that politics generated strong and polarised reactions. Politicians may be loved & loathed, respected & ridiculed, eulogised & feared. He worried in today's politics, the words uttered are written by others and not the politician's thoughts. Are the words profound or dimwitted nonsense? Tonight is a chance to hear the words and thoughts of an elected politician. Why are so many political utterances illogical, daft, inane? I love this reason-it is because all the bright people have been snapped up to do other things that are productive and intellectual- like education/law/business or stacking shelves in supermarkets. Tonight, let's be appreciative that we have a politician prepared to make himself available to us..... a benefit of being a Rotarian.

Sergeant Stu raised \$64.95. We also raised \$113.50 from the weekly raffle. As there was so much more money raised and we had a donated bottle of beautiful red wine from Mitcham's Colin Spencer's Redbox Winery and Vineyard, Pres Bill thought it a good idea that we have three prizes instead of one. The winner was Warwick who chose the white wine, Bob L chose the red wine, because he is still eating the chocolates he won at last week's raffle! and the chocolates went to Colin Spencer, how did we let that one slip out of our clutches?

Notes by the 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 5 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. Notes by 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 foreign coin collection is underway

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 his personal reflections

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.

It's useful from time-to-time to reflect on why we're in Rotary and what we get from it. By sharing that, we help others to understand what might be in it for them and help them engage in this organization.

As I moved through RYLA, Rotaract, Apex and then Rotary as we moved around the country and internationally with my work, I realized several things:

- *Firstly, how important community service is in a balanced life. I came to the realization that the mark of a true professional is the willingness to volunteer your professional skills to help others.*
- *Community service is great professional development. The range of opportunities this organization offers is endless.*
- *We've developed treasured friendships through community service organizations. Community organizations like Rotary give us a sense of shared values. We understand our purpose – the passions that drive us. This is the most solid foundation for friendship.*

Notes from DG Tony

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

There will be a report in next week's Newsletter on the RC of Manningham's dinner auction, Saturday 11th October at Monte Carlo receptions. All proceeds were going towards the cost of building a school in Rumbek, South Sudan.

“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 has been done.

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

MONTHLY CINEMA NIGHT OUT

Our next Fellowship night is Friday OCTOBER 17th at Forest Hill Hoyts Theatre. I understand that 'The Judge' will be showing from next Thursday starring Robert Duvall and Robert Downie Junior, and has rated very well. Of course on the night it is your choice. Please put this date into your diary now.

Forthcoming attractions in addition to our Film night for 21st November are Peridot Theatre production of Key for Two a comedy farce, However on the same night the Rotary Club of Croydon's has a musical presentation "Broadway to Pavarotti" starring Roger Davy, tenor /operatic performer , and soprano Simone Nicole .

To support these 2 shows plus a theatre night within 8 days of each other would seem too heavy and therefore I will be seeking preferences from members . Details of both events will be available next Monday or you could ring me in the meantime for information so as to evaluate your preference.

Other activity being considered include seaside fellowships and also a musical production of EVITA TO BE STAGED IN May 2015 at the Whitehorse centre.

John McPhee

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As part of the local Historical Societies celebrations recently there was an excellent talk given at Vermont South library on the History of Vermont. I learned that there was an apple juice factory on the corner of Moorak Rd and Burwood Hwy. The Peitsch family bought the land and sold milk shakes, ice blocks and fruit juice from their front veranda. They then built a factory in 1950 and sold bottled fruit juice under the name of Doncaster Fruit Juices. The factory site is now a storage warehouse. Do any of you readers remember it?

Notes by Ron Brooks

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**

Solving The Need: When you have identified a need in a community or country overseas, you can bring this to your club and seek their support and the help of your club / members to fix the problem.

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

Hi Rotarians and other members of the Stott clan
The roster for the market next Sunday is

7am to 9am

Stuart Williams

Bob and Barb Williams

Bob and Judy Laslett

9am to 11am

Warwick and Christine Stott

Cathie and Chris Hart

Bill Marsh

(Grant Tomietto may be available for this shift

as in the past, but his wife is due to have a baby on about that day, so Bill, is there any chance that Judy may be able to help if the Stott clan gets into strife, as Christine will definitely be babysitting the two other Tomietto children if it occurs)

11am to 1pm

Jenny and Roger Coburn

Glenys Grant and friend Pat

John McPhee

Rotary Awareness tent from 11 to 1 (???????) will be Bill Marsh and Warwick Stott. However I am not sure about numbers required or time required

I hope that everyone will be able to do their roster. If not please ring me on 0412444393 for preference in the evening – do not ring my home number as I won't be there

I would appreciate it if all those on the list email me that it is OK for their shift

Many thanks

Warwick

Report on Vocational Service Seminar-October 5 2014

Vocational service is alive and well in District 9810. As well as old faithfuls like Shine On awards, high school interview programs and business awards there were some new ideas for next year's committee to consider. Alan Seale from D9800 enthused about the Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring program which is spreading to our district. Maurice Kerrigan from Doncaster spoke on their challenging leadership training program (www.challengetolead.com.au) growing out of their highly successful Achievement awards program. Rod from Templestowe spoke on an innovative and mouthwatering program where several vocational visits are built into a fellowship weekend away. Successful vocational visits to KIOSC (www.kiosc.vic.edu.au) in Knox and David's timber in Dandenong were featured. An apprentice program leading to the building of a health centre in the Philippines was a highlight. A program for school students linking them to the workplace through Mindshop excellence (www.mindshopexcellence.com.au) was great. Another worthwhile morning with ideas for speakers, membership and club visits.
Bob L

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

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 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.



Cup Day Carnival

Redbox Vineyard & Winery

2 Ness Lane Kangaroo Ground Vic 3097
Melways Ref: 271 E8

**Bring your families and friends!
Sweep on the Melbourne Cup
Raffle Prizes as well**

**Barbecue and Salads Provided
inc Tea and Coffee**

Free Wine Tasting all day!

**\$20 per person (children free)
Festivities start at 12pm, finishing around 6pm
the Cellar Door Bar will be open all day!**



There are delightful & picturesque places to visit in the Nillumbik region within a few kms of Kangaroo Ground. From the lookout tower you can see Geelong on a clear day! Great views of the city, you can see the Dandenongs to the east, & Mt Macedon to the west.

Tuesday 4th November No Excuses! Be There!

Wear your most outrageous hat, and don't forget your camera!

RSVP to John Atkinson for Catering Purposes Ph.:0418358849 or 98733322