

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)

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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

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CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
23 Oct	Burwood to Best Chance <i>Kay Edwards/ Glenys Grant</i>	BOARD Bob Laslett	Ray Smith
30 Oct	Bucatini with partners		
6 Nov	No meeting-Cup day		
13 Nov	Partner's Control Night	Judy Marsh	

CELEBRATIONS

Plenty to celebrate. Congratulations to Bob Laslett (Club anniversary- October 26), Bob Williams (Birthday-28 October) and John & Margaret McPhee (Wedding anniversary- 31 October)

DUTY ROSTER

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Recorder	Glenys Grant	Chris Tuck
Greeter	Ron Brooks	Barbara Searle
Emergency	Sue Ballard	Mike Finke
Cashier	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

.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

An interesting night was hosted by PE Mike Finke on Monday. Mike led the members through a number of possible scenarios aimed at increasing involvement with our community, raising funds, obtaining new members and making the most of the resources we have at our disposal. The challenge before the club is how we make the best possible use of some of the ideas that were covered (or uncovered) for the betterment of the club. This is obviously a 'first step' on a long journey. We were fortunate to be joined by Sophia and Sharon from Rotaract and James from a community organisation, all of whom added different perspectives to our discussion. Last Saturday our Blackburn Market was very successful and I thank all of the members who were involved. We are slowly getting all of our stallholders back after the months of being relegated to the back car park while the rail underpass was completed.

We have just been notified that we have been successful in obtaining a 'Sausage Sizzle' day at Bunnings, Vermont South. The date we have been allocated is Sunday 24th December. Perhaps not the ideal day for members, but one that is sure to be busy at Bunnings and therefore potentially a great money spinner for the club. We will discuss the logistics at our next meeting before accepting the offer. Please check your calendars before the meeting as we will need all hands on deck if we are to be successful.

Peridot Theatre is coming up fast and I currently have 9 members and friends booked in. If you would like to attend please notify me ASAP.

Tomorrow I will be going to the Berangarra School in Box Hill North to present them with a cheque for \$3,000 for the refurbishment of their performing arts area. Gwen De Lacy, the teacher in charge of the program, is thrilled with the difference the refurbishment has made to the area and is looking forward to great things as the children become involved in the new area.

Thank you to those members who helped out at the Spring Festival on Sunday. There were hordes of people roaming the precinct and Rotary had excellent exposure on one of the main walkways.

Some dates for your diaries.

Monday 30th October – Partners night at Bucatini

Friday 17th November – Visit to Roger Davis' farm

Saturday 18th November – Peridot Theatre

Friday 27th November – Youth Achievement Awards

Did You Know?

The average car in Britain is parked for 96% of the time. (Makes you wonder about ride sharing doesn't it!!)

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

Meeting report October 16

Mike's session has been redacted and will be available through production of the appropriate password

Brainstorming Session – Partially Redacted Due to Trade Secrets Act

Monday night's meeting provided an opportunity to think a little more broadly and without boundaries about our recruitment ideas, fundraising, publicity, and some of our current projects.

We talked about stakeholders and resources not yet under control, entrepreneurial thinking and questioning our own assumptions. While the purpose of the night was not to come to firm conclusions or decisions, we did settle on a few key focus areas.

Areas to explore include

In addition, we may be able to come up with some ancillary offerings to complement the standard and reliable

We were ably assisted in our brainstorming by Joseph M, from the Eastern Society, who offered his organisation's assistance with any plans for we might run in parallel with. We also had the privilege of hosting both Sharon and Sophia, co-presidents of the Whitehorse Rotaract Club.

While some of the ideas might take considerable effort, there were no bad ideas on the night. We used the La Salle index, Rich Picture, and Stretch and Squeeze exercises to stimulate thinking. And they seemed to be reasonably successful in prompting some good thinking about the directions the club might take. There was an excellent suggestion to narrow our

Club members were encouraged to take their notes home to consider ruminating. With any luck, we'll have more ideas than we know what to do with by our next board meeting on the 23rd.

Mike.



Sergeant's Reflection 16 October

Why do we travel? Are we born with a wanderlust and can't sit still or is travelling just a luxury that we are able to do? A few hundred years ago many people did not venture past the next village. Many of us genuinely like to travel. Tim Cahill, not only scores goals for Australia but has said "a journey is best measured in friends, rather than in miles." Maybe travel makes us modest - we see what a tiny place we occupy in the world.

I find, as Clint Borgen said - "When overseas you learn more about your own country than you do the place you're visiting." A lot of travel leaves us speechless and then it turns us into storytellers. Many of us find, as Senea said, "Travel and change of place impart new vigor to the mind."

I'm sold on travel - travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer.

Our fines on Monday night are to go to End Polio. Our \$40... will when matched with Bill and Melinda Gates money .. become more than \$120.

We were fined after these lead-ins:

A man walks into a doctor's office and said - "I've hurt my arm in several places". The doc said- "Well, don't go there anymore."

I phoned a friend. Got his answering machine. "If you want to buy marijuana, press the hash key.."

With the cricket season having started - A guy goes into the doctors. "Doc, I've got a cricket ball stuck up my bottom." he said. Doc: "How's that?" "Don't you start!!!"

Mike was getting into his car, and a bloke says to him. "Can you give me a lift?" The ever positive New York Import says, "Sure, you look great, the world's your oyster -- go for it."

Stuart

District Conference - Bendigo Fri 2nd – Sun 4th March 2018

Please contact John if you intend going-it is a fabulous experience.

Blackburn Market Saturday 14 October

Weather - good

Number of stallholders - OK

Rotary Forest Hill volunteers – sensational!

Thanks to John's super salesmanship pre -work advising our stall holders last market of the impending price rise, we had many take up our generous offer to pay for three months in advance at the old price.

We were also steady all day selling snaggers with an ace Ladies team of sellers in Sue, Marg, Glenys and Barbara.

In total we raised \$681 which is easily the most to bank for many months which may even have raised a wee smile on our Treasurer's dial if only he hadn't nicked off interstate. Which reminds me that the stand- in Treasurer still needs to get his act together and bank this as he spent all day Tuesday at RYDA.

Thank you to our wonderful band of trailer unloading and loading, marquee assembling and disassembling, snagger cooking, and seller urging Team Forest Hill.

Bob

Interplast Concert 11 October

Barbara and I attended the Concert for Interplast at the Athenaeum Theatre. A terrific evening which for us started while we were waiting in the foyer before the doors opened. The theatre foyer had old photos of the theatre plus the library with a photo taken in 1940 of a few of the library staff and in front was my mate Paul's dad who was one of the longest serving librarians there. Barbara took a photo of the photo as by chance we were seeing him and his wife Gill for lunch the next day at their Geelong home. They had already checked out the display a while ago but were pleased we saw the photo of his dad.

I also chatted to Interplast's Di Gillies who was nursing a sore throat but looked really pleased with so many able to attend.



The artists all worked pro bono with Richard Stubbs mceeing, then followed Blues singer Chris Wilson, then interval when the only downer of the evening occurred as at interval I bought us a raffle ticket (plus two choc top ice creams) and immediately after interval Richard arranged the drawing of first, second and third and the winning ticket number was the one after the one I bought so we missed it by thaaaat much.

Russell Morris entertained us next followed by Daryl Braithwaite and all the entertainers spoke highly of the work Interplast does and that they were pleased to be able to contribute. Richard when introducing Daryl said he has over 130 gigs a year so could easily have said no to working for nothing for Interplast so well done to our Aussie entertainers (who I think should be performing at the AFL Grand Final instead of the overseas imports but that is another story.)

Daryl's band said after their group of songs that they have run through their repertoire but of course they hadn't sung "The Horses" so we all shouted this out to them so of course that was their finale. We estimated this went for at least 20 minutes as Daryl got two of the lady audience members up to join him singing and as he seemed to be having as good a time as us it was an amazing conclusion to a great night.

I reckon about 75% of the audience were ladies and to see so many grey and white heads bopping up and down all around us (including ours of course as we are both mature? Rockers) was fantastic! So much audience singing and laughter left us all smiling as we left and we passed Di and she had a grin from ear to ear and advised me later that although numbers aren't confirmed there were over 350 there and net proceeds should be considerable so all in all a memorable evening and one that the organisers should be very proud. Bob

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Day 17 October at Sandown Greyhound Facility

We originally were asked to provide six so Barbara Searle and my mates Anna and Hans were happy to help and then with only three needed we were able to "give them the day off" with Barbara, Stuart and I attending. Thank you Barbara S, Anna and Hans and we will keep you in reserve for next time.

We had over 80 year eleven Wheelers Hill Secondary College students plus three Rotarians from Glen Waverley club plus teachers and RYDA facilitators. We usually have six groups but with the smaller number we split the students into three with Peter from Glen Waverley taking Orange group, Barbara Green and Stuart Black with the spare Rotarians assisting each group as well so I was with Stuart's group.

Our first session was "Genevieve's Story" about an ex Yarra Valley Anglican School girl and her mate who both died when they overcorrected after overtaking a car and met a 4WD vehicle head on. The video was with her distraught parents plus friends and the after effects on their lives followed by group discussion and all very telling. All the students had good attitudes which we relayed to their teachers there and they were chuffed at our feedback. Next was "Road Choices" and the group were asked who were the safest group on the road ("L" drivers) and the most accident prone ("P" drivers) etc, then morning tea which is always a good session.

We then had "Hazards and Distraction" urging them to put their mobiles in the glove box or out of sight and off plus many other good tips. "Speed and Stopping" was next as the only outside session with two driving instructors showing us the stopping distances with an actual vehicle driving etc and again surprised most so again very telling.

Lunch was next (another good session) then "After the Crash" with Anat who was a Uni Graduate at the time of her crash which was her swerving to miss a dog on the road and hitting a pole head on. Three months in hospital, 12 months in rehab and her life totally changed from a vibrant girl, travelling, sporting, playing her guitar and having many friends to now not able to speak without difficulty, using a walking frame to get around and not even being able to go to the fridge without help. As usual during this session you can "hear a pin drop" as all were mesmerised by her gutsiness to put herself out there and tell her story with the hope that others will learn. I had told the teacher with the group to make sure she had a tissue handy.

