

**Rotary**  
Club of Forest Hill



## Weekly Newsletter

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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>
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Whither Sri Lanka post war <i>Pooja Stanlas</i>	Stuart Williams	Ray Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	No Meeting	A. Nonymous	N. O'Need
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Cycling in Slovenia <i>Ron Brooks</i>	John Donaghey	Bob Laslett
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Freedom wheels Speaker from Royal Talbot	Gary Baltissen	John McPhee

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

28<sup>th</sup> Oct Bob Williams Birthday (a BIG ONE !)  
31<sup>st</sup> Oct Marg&John McPhee Wedding anniversary



### DUTY ROSTER

	October	November
Cashier	Bob Williams	Warwick Stott
Recorder	Glenys Grant	Ron Brooks
Greeter	John Donaghey	Graham Sharman
Emergency	Gary Baltissen	Chris Tuck

### 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](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

The Rotary Conference this year will be held in Shepparton 18 -20 March , 2016.I would like to have an indication of those planning to attend by next meeting. I have checked out some venues for the Friday night dinner. I have not booked rooms yet. Conferences are good fun. Please tell me next Monday if you are coming.  
Stuart On -to - conference Chairman

## BOB'S BANTER

Remember that we will need extra help for our next Blackburn market on the 14<sup>th</sup> November as several of us will be away cycling for RYDA. We may need to recruit family and friends.

Good to see that we have a group going to see "The Dressmaker" for RC Croydon supporting "The Big Red Kidney Bus".

As mentioned, after our meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> October I would like to video those members who spoke at our 40<sup>th</sup> re-doing their talks on the four decades and Ray has given me a full copy of the years so if anyone needs one I'll email it onto them.

We will need some additional members on hand for the next Whitehorse market on the 8<sup>th</sup> November to assist with the membership promotion from 11am to 12-30, as well as our usual three members needed to shake the tins. Warwick will organise the roster to go around.

Thank you to Robbie and Barbara for keeping up our commitment to Forest Hill College for the breakfast club on Tuesday. Pancakes were the choice this week.

Our raffle last meeting raised \$42 and congratulations to both Bill (red wine) and Bob W (white wine) for having the winning tickets.

Sergeant Stu raised \$30-25.

Ron mentioned we have accumulated 120kg of foreign coins plus some notes and that makes over \$4,700 raised for UNICEF.

Great to see Glenys and Roger Coates at our meeting along with John Bindon plus our partners Robbie and Merle. Ester Klavin came along to see what makes us tick and Margaret Greenwood accompanied our guest Speaker.

Ray has again excelled with another excellent speaker in Mary telling us all about how to go about researching family history and lovely that her driver, Margaret could also attend; so we had 15, even with so many apologies.

This meeting we have Pooja Stanlas speaking about Sri Lanka post war and having cycled with her last Monday, she is a most delightful and bubbly lady so her presentation should be a treat.

Early notice that our last meeting for the year will be our Christmas one at the same time of 6-15 for 6-30 on the 21<sup>st</sup> December. We will break for the weeks of 28<sup>th</sup> December and 4<sup>th</sup> January and have our usual social get together at a venue to be decided on the 11<sup>th</sup> January.

Bucatini has advised that they are having extensive renovations sometime later in January and will be closed for a couple of weeks so at our board meeting we discussed maybe arranging a couple of interclub visits over this period.

From the board meeting, Bendigo Bank has offered to give two \$250 scholarships to yr 12 students for their Youth Observer Program. Ron reminded us again of the importance of simply not hitting reply if the subject matter changes as that then makes later searching very difficult.

On to conference Stuart will promote the Shepparton conference over the next few weeks.

Our AGM is to be the 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Glenys showed us a magnificent Chronology she has been part of doing and we all agreed that it would suit our club history really well, particularly as Ray has already done so much work in detailing the main things we did in each of our 40 years. Glenys said that the Chronology could also be an attachment to our website and Bill mentioned all we need to then do is add to it each year. Thank you Glenys.

***President Bob***

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

## DIARY DATES

Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Normie Rowe concert for RC of Croydon
Thurs	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	RC of Croydon fundraiser film night "The Dressmaker"
Tues	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	RC of Mitcham Cup Day Carnival at Redbox Winery
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Australian Rotary Health dinner (see details below)
Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Youth Achievement Awards night
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Women in Rotary Forum
Sat/Sun	30 <sup>th</sup> Apr/ 1 <sup>st</sup> May	MUNA weekend

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Sergeant Stu opened with his weekly reflections. We are who we are because they where who they were. Many of us as youngsters suffered in silence and endured family reunions. Other stuff was more important to us but there comes a time when we desire to know our heritage. To know who we are and where we come from. Will the blended families of today, the children of unmarried parents be in a quandary when they want to explore their complex family history. We know that we should not forget what our eyes have seen, but in the future will there be a record of that holiday/birthday/special celebration. Is a photograph on a mobile phone a valuable as a hard copy for future memories. Family is something most of us cherish. Tales and stories of our family is what bind us together.

We had a good roll-up to our meeting. Guests, partners and the guest speaker and a



friend. Guest speaker Mary ... told stories about finding her family ancestors. She recounted efforts to get the historical details and birth records. She told us about experiences tracking down registers and census data. Her amateur investigations eventually lead to a professional career that is still continuing. She had some amusing anecdotes about searching for "Fruit" names -like Apple. Three people had called their child Rhubarb. Also the background of Freddie Flintoff. She finished with stories of filming TV shows. The

boring repetitive challenge of car driving or filming walking up underground station steps. Mary has been involved in the TV show - Who do you think you are. A family history site she recommended was - 3BMD. Interesting and different from Lady Teviot. Pres Bob won the raffle.

A couple of Sarg Stu's better (*according to Stu, editor's comment*) stories this week.

\* The English test bowler - Adil Rashid - 0 for 163. The runs conceded were about 3 times the crowd attending day one in Abu Dhabi - 54 people.

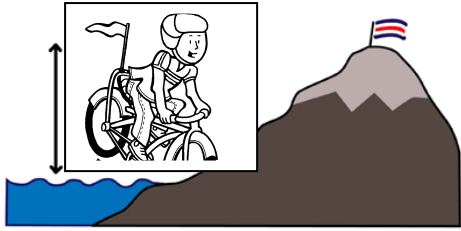
\* The woman who felt disrespected by her daughter-in-law, so every time she visited their home, the woman would scrub their toilet with the daughter-in- laws toothbrush.

\* And, the transformative powers of feng-shui. Stuart asked whether the orientation of your coffee table would revolutionize your life. He wondered if there were not any problems in life that can't be resolved by getting your waste paper basket out of your wealth corner.

*By Stuart Williams*

## SUPPORTING ROYAL FLYING DOCTORS

Robbie Brooks was unable to row her boat in the annual Darling River Marathon this year supporting this fantastic cause so instead she cycled up hills in Slovenia and club & honorary members and Rotary friends have so far donated \$380 towards the RFD which are still rolling in. Robbie told us she rode 96% up Mount Everest. Yes, over the 17 days of cycling, she rode up 8,533 m of elevation covering 851kms (that's 50kms/day).



She said at the meeting that she was really overwhelmed by the donations knowing how much our club already contributes to charities.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Our President Bob has come up with yet another idea! The Newsletter would love to tell it's readers about your latest holiday and holiday plans. His hope is that we can have a regular weekly segment words & photo or two plus a list of what dates you will be away. So whether it's a week in Williamstown, a month in Manila, a trip to Tamworth, a holiday in Hanoi, or a cruise to Crete – let's hear about it.

Ron & Robbie      22<sup>nd</sup> Dec to 13<sup>th</sup> Jan      South Africa [Cape Town – East London]

**So let's hear from you. Tell us where you are going and tell us how the holiday went when you come back..... then give Ron your foreign coins when you return !! EASY.**

## OUT AND ABOUT IN MELBOURNE

[I would love to receive reports from any readers of visits to exhibitions, cinema, theatre, ballet, days out in the country – I promise they will be published to give ideas where others might like to go].

## Youth Service News

The 34th Rotary Club of Forest Hill **Youth Achievement Awards** will be held on the Monday 23/11 at Bucatini. We are hoping for 12 hosts, one for each family, so **please put the date in your diary**, and thank you in anticipation of your help. **Glenys**

## \$4,700.64 !!! FOREIGN COINS for UNICEF

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Rotary clubs of

- Donvale-Warrandyte
- Boronia,
- MASH,
- Waverley,
- Sandringham,
- Emerald & District,
- Hampton,
- Doncaster,
- Oakleigh
- Nunawading



Just had an email from UNICEF that the 120kgs of coins & notes we sent them raised **\$4,700.64.**



I have already been given 2kgs of coins from Pres Bob's mate Shane and DG David is coming along in two weeks to hand over RC of Braeside's foreign coin and note collection. So lets keep collecting.

***Report by Ron Brooks***

## STAMPS



Even if you only get a few stamps a week, collect them and give them to me. John Bindon gave me some last week, John McPhee, Bill Marsh, Joan Harper do. Please collect your stamps. It's a no cost project, easy to do. Just cut around the stamp by about 1 cm and pop it in a spare used envelope and bring them along to me on club night then Robbie drops them off at Carol Farmers when I have a large batch..... Easy!!

## PERIDOT THEATRE FELLOWSHIP NIGHT FRI 27<sup>th</sup> NOV

Peridot Theatre's final play for the year is THE GOD OF CARNAGE, a comedy about what happens when two sets of parents get together to discuss the unruly behaviour of their children who fight at school. The parents behave worse than the children.

This play won prestigious awards in both the UK and the USA and is highly recommended.

The date is Friday 27th November at 8p.m. and tickets need to be ordered by Thursday 12th November.

They will cost \$23.00- Seniors price.

Please let John Donaghey know before then if you want to attend.

## HELP DONATE \$1MILLION TO AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

The 30<sup>th</sup> Ride to Conference this year is 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March. You do not have to be super fit to ride .... Just super keen. The total raised by this ride since it started will pass the magic million dollar mark. There are four teams that ride from 30kms a day to 120kms a day. Pick the team you want to ride in. Medical research is the primary beneficiary of funds from Australian Rotary Health. Research areas have included Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Care of the Aged, Adolescent Health, Family Health, Mental Illness, Cancer research, Parkinson's Disease, Neurological research and others. D9810 has



contributed **A\$2.8m** since allocated grants commenced in 1985 and **our ride has contributed over \$966,000** over the past 30 years.

Also, why not support the ARH by attending the Chairman's Dinner on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 6:30pm for 7pm at Etihad Stadium. \$70 a person for a 3 course meal and drinks on arrival celebrating the fantastic achievements of AHR.

## LIMELIGHT SPORTS WANT HELP !!!

Limelight Sports is organizing the Australian Adventure Festival and this is the first time it will be held in the East Gippsland Region. It's an excellent opportunity to promote all the region has to offer through The Shire community, the natural beauty of the land and coast, and the adventure training available to bike riders, runners and kayaking.

We need around 70 Course Marshals on the weekend of the 24-25th October to come on board and help us run the festival. This role is to usher competitors through the courses so check points can be established, no one gets lost and injuries can be properly addressed. We are hoping to get the word out to as many people as possible so perhaps this message could be raised, posted online or the attached flyer posted on the notice board.

We are paying for people to come work with us for whenever they are available:

\$80/day + 2 lunches - standard

\$150/day + 2 lunches - remote location (can bring car and whatever)

That money can be used to contribute back into the club or use for themselves. We only ask that participants are available for the day and that they have their own transport to get them to the event.

To make things easier on prospective volunteers the flyer suggests that they can register their details with yourselves. They just need a name and contact phone number. You will need to edit the flyer so it includes your name before it is printed.

Please visit the website below to view the festival and CONTACT DGN MALCOLM CHIVERTON if you can help. [malcolm.chiverton@noeljones.com.au](mailto:malcolm.chiverton@noeljones.com.au)  
0417 355 592  
<http://adventurefestival.com/>

## **FOREST HILL WEBSITE**

Have a look, give me some ideas, send me a story to put on, give me some photos, give me some feedback, tell me what is missing. [www.foresthillrotary.com](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)

## **DON HULLAND - UPDATE**

Don is now permanently in a nursing home and he told me that Vic Roads have taken his driving licence off him because he is a diabetic and so he cannot drive. He is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is **0409 530 435**. Please give him a call as he misses our fellowship.

## **ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES**

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

**Thu 29 October 6:30 for 7:00 pm**  
**Rotary Club of Croydon Movie Premier**



Money raised will fund the fit out of a "Big Red Kidney Bus" which is a mobile dialysis unit

**Croydon Cinemas 3-5 Hewish Road, Croydon**

**Cost is \$15 per person**

Contact either Kathy and John Donaghey or Glenys Grant if you wish to attend

**CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES**

	<b>2015-16</b>
<b>President</b>	Bob Williams
<b>Vice President</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Secretary</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Treasurer</b>	Warwick Stott
<b>President Elect</b>	John McPhee
<b>Sergeant</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Foundation/International</b>	Chris Tuck
Members	John Donaghey, Stan Harper,
<b>Youth Service</b>	Glenys Grant
Members	Ray Smith, Bill Marsh, Graham Sharman
<b>Community &amp; Vocation</b>	Bob Laslett
Members	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
<b>Membership &amp; Publicity</b>	John McPhee
Members	Warwick Stott, Bob Williams,
<b>Fellowship</b>	John Donaghey
<b>Primary Schools Speech Night</b>	Bob Williams
<b>Programme</b>	Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen
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