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22 October 2018

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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

CLUB PROGRAM

22 Oct	Australian Rotary Health BOARD <i>Glenn Tippett</i> HAT DAY	Barbara Williams	Bob Williams
29 Oct	Bucatini Night		
5 Nov	A walk to the toilet <i>Mark Balla</i>	Bob Laslett	Chris Tuck
12 Nov	MEMBERS NIGHT	Warwick Stott	Ron Brooks

CONCERNS & CONGRATULATIONS

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathy and Warwick after health issues. Congrats to Bob Laslett on 40 years Rotary service (26 Oct) and birthday best wishes to Bob Williams (Oct 28)

DUTY ROSTER 28528

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Recorder	Sue Ballard	John McPhee
Greeter	Ron Brooks	Warwick Stott
Emergency	Bob Laslett	Barbara Searle
Cashier	Bob Williams	Ray Smith

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

Mike's Musings

Everyone likes to back a winner. We get a thrill when something we promoted and pushed is successful. That's reasonable and normal. But not every punt pays off and not every proposal gets approved. If something isn't a dead cert, or close to it, it can be difficult to part with our money, our energy or our time.

But many great developments started as mere speculation. Further, even ideas that fail give us data to make our next attempts at solving a problem or creating something new better. We can learn a lot when we give smart people a bit of time and some resources to test out new ideas.

Australian Rotary Health does have to make choices in the projects and theories they fund, and they support many established and proven programs around Australia. But they are also one of the best and only organisations funding blue-sky research and doctoral thesis work in the mental health sphere.

Whitehorse Spring Festival

Please come on down to the Spring Festival on Sunday. Many fantastic RCFH club members will be promoting the club as well as some of the other organisations they support. It is often said that if you want something done, you give it to a busy person. Some of the most impressive members of the club have many, many strings in their bows. Show up and have a listen.



Monday, 22 October Hat Day Meeting

Wear your most stylish or outlandish hat (GOLD COIN DONATION REQUIRED) to the meeting on Monday, to coincide with the presentation on ARH. A fantastic, as-yet-to-be announced prize will be awarded to the one judged 'Best Hat on the Day'.



LIFT THE LID
on mental illness

Mark your calendars with the following:

- Sunday, 21 October Whitehorse Spring Festival
- Monday, 29 October Bucatini night
- Friday, 2 November FFFF (First Friday Film Fellowship)
- Monday, 12 November New Members Night (Good Potential Recruits Required)
- Friday, 16 November Peridot Night - *Sylvia*
- Monday, 26 November RCFH's Youth Achievement Awards

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Club Meeting Report 15 October

Ten members, one partner, one Honorary Member and the guest speaker enjoyed an evening of excellent company, a fine meal and an outstanding speaker – oh, and a little bit of Rotary business thrown in for good measure.



Our guest speaker, Malcolm Warrington, who had never been to a Rotary function or even heard about the work of Rotary (How often do we hear this? We just are not reaching enough people.) was duly impressed, particularly with the meal. “You certainly eat well!!”

Mike started the meeting with a brief reflection and brought us up-to-date with happenings within the cluster and a few up-coming club activities. Chairman Ron kept the meeting running and reports from sub-committees were covered and the Acting Sergeant worked his usual wonders on our wallets for the benefit of Foundation. With the meal finished it was time for our guest speaker – Malcolm has been with Oasis Seedlings and the companies it grew from for over 20 years and has spent his working life in the horticultural industry. Never has the humble punnet of seedlings been so interesting. The millions of punnets in every major retail outlet and nursery are produced with barely a human hand in sight. The level of automation was amazing and very clever. Malcolm also took us through the breeding and experimentation that takes place before your latest plant takes its place on the shelves. If you are into gardening keep your eye out for a fantastic array of new tomatoes this season – including one that will produce tomatoes for sauce making with all of the fruit ripening at the same time. One picking session and then on to the sauce making! The number of questions at the end of Malcolm's presentation indicated the level of member interest and to finish off he sent everyone home with a punnet, or two, of new season petunias. We can only hope Malcolm was as impressed with the work of Rotary as we were with him.

Mike then concluded the meeting with the raffle, which he duly won, while John D also went home with his usual bottle of wine. (I am going to have John buy my Tattsлото tickets in future – his ability to take home a raffle prize is uncanny.)

The members were sad to hear that John's wife, Kathy, had a minor stroke (is there such a thing?) a few days ago. The good news is that Kathy is making a rapid recovery and should be back in top form shortly. We look forward to welcoming Kathy back to a club function in the very near future.

President's Reflection:

I attended the multidistrict conference launch on Saturday morning instead of doing real work at the Blackburn market like the rest of the club members. There was coffee there, though the line was long. There were also muffins, and I ate one of those during the presentation and took one with me at the end. There wasn't a lot of time to kill between the end of the launch and when I had to pick my son up from his German class, so I parked the car on Whitehorse Road in Box Hill. I did have about twenty minutes to kill, however, so I popped in to the library and then ventured next door to the St Peter's Anglican Church fete.

I bought a couple of chutneys and some cookies. There was a band. There were food stalls. There was a bric-a-brac sale. But the thing I was most interested in was the sense of joy and positivity in the event. Something I can tell you was a bit lacking in the multi-district launch. I'm not saying it was gloomy, but I also would not say it left me with the feeling of reinvigoration and optimism I got from my five minutes at the fete. These people were in a community that was giving them something they needed, that they were willing to support and that they were happy to share with others.

We don't have to talk somebody's ear off when we talk about Rotary, but I do think we should keep in mind the best feelings we get from Rotary when we do mention our involvement and when we ask somebody to come to the meeting. The conference and our information night give us the chance to showcase Rotary in the best possible light. That does not mean we lie about the frustrations and work involved. But it does mean that we remember what keeps us coming back every week when we try to get somebody to dip their toe into Rotary for the first time.

WEHI Public meeting

Find out about the latest lung cancer research from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute at our free public lecture on Wednesday 24 October at 6pm.

Speakers:

Dr Marie-Liesse Labat – Lung Cancer Laboratory Head

Dr Clare Weeden – Deep Manchanda / Lung Foundation Australia Lung Cancer Research Fellow

Mr Jonas Hess – lung cancer researcher

Dr Lisa Briggs – lung cancer patient advocate

This event is open to the public so anyone interested can attend, they just need to register at

https://wehi_lungcancer.eventbrite.com.au

Multi district conference in Melbourne 2019

<http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/home.html>

Registration is now open for next year's conference in Melbourne.

Some information is available on the website. Early bird before October 30

Sue

MEMBERSHIP NIGHT IS ON MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 12th November 2018

6.15 for 6.30pm

As we will be focussing on both membership for our club, and membership of a satellite club, we will be explaining that the former is as we all know it of a weekly meeting with a meal, whilst the latter will be probably a fortnightly meeting with tea and coffee, and possibly a monthly more formal meeting – these details will be finally decided by the new members.

Therefore, I need you members and honorary members to encourage your neighbours, sons and daughters, and anyone else to come and find out, at no cost to them. For further information and bookings, contact Warwick (wstott@netspace.net.au) or Bill (bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au)

Breakfast Club

Robbie and Barb continue their outstanding service on Tuesday 23 October

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

October Economic and Community Development

November Rotary Foundation

ARTICLES

Please forward your prize-winning articles and others to rlaslett@optusnet.com.au by 5pm Wednesday.

