



Rotary
Club of Forest Hill



Weekly Newsletter

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

Meeting time:

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

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CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
2 nd Nov	No Meeting	Don Tabet	N. O'Need
9 th Nov	Cycling in Slovenia <i>Ron Brooks</i>	John Donaghey	Bob Laslett
16 th Nov	Freedom wheels Speaker from Royal Talbot	John McPhee	Ron Brooks

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

**Celebrate your big win on the
Melbourne Cup**



DUTY ROSTER

	October	November
Cashier	Warwick Stott	John McPhee
Recorder	Ron Brooks	Stuart Williams
Greeter	Graham Sharman	Chris Tuck
Emergency	Chris Tuck	Glenys Grant

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 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

BOB'S BANTER

Wow, so many at our meeting to hear Pooja speak and didn't she handle all those tricky questions at the end. Great presentation.

Thank you to Ray Wilks for supporting her and to Michael for his second meeting seeing what we do. Also Esther came along for her second meeting and my school mate Hans attended as he is now retired and seeking something more to do.

Plus we had five of our wonderful partners there in Robbie, Kathy, Judy M, Jud L and Barbara.

What a dedicated couple are our Robbie and Ron with their bequest to Foundation and to have District Governor David there to present them with their pins and plaque was wonderful.

It hopefully added to the Rotary experience for our guests. Thank you David for finding time for us in your busy schedule.

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

We have wonderful friends and Sharon Partridge from Mitcham has offered to assist and John Mc will liaise with her.

Warwick has filled the roster for the Whitehorse farmers' market tin ratting plus membership shift, so well done Warwick.

Sad news that both Stan and Joan are in hospital and that it appears they will need to move into care and so will need to sell their home. We need to be mindful of their situation and please call in to see Stan at Bellbird and Joan at Ringwood Private.

Ray alerted us to the fact that Stan as our historian has a room full of records which will need to be cleared as they get their place ready for market, so we will need to sort through it all and then find a storage place so keep this in mind to assist please.

Our raffle last meeting raised \$116 and congratulations to Michael (chocolates), John Mc (red wine) and of course, to Glenys (white wine) for having the winning tickets.

Sergeant Stu raised \$50-95.

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

Our AGM is to be the 7th December.

Remember no meeting the 2nd November and Ron and Robbie will be showing us around Slovenia on the 16th November.

I didn't get to video the 40th birthday speakers so will bring my camera again on the 16th and we'll see how we go.

President Bob

Remember "Be a Gift to the World".

DIARY DATES

Thurs	19 th Nov	Australian Rotary Health dinner (see details below)
Mon	23 rd Nov	Youth Achievement Awards night
Mon	7 th Dec	Club AGM
Wed	9 th Mar	Women in Rotary Forum
Sat/Sun	30 th Apr/ 1 st May	MUNA weekend

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Sergeant Stu opened with his weekly reflections. The tear drop island at the bottom right of India has always been looked kindly on by Australians. Ceylon tea was undoubtedly the best. It then became Sri Lanka, but we were comfortable with that as long as they did not beat us at cricket. Then all hell broke loose. A 25year civil war. Civil war is often a cry of madness and despair. War means fighting and fighting means killing. Civil wars looked on from afar are hard to fathom. Our country is calm and reasonably united. Stephen Crane in his wonderful novel "The Red Badge of Courage" said, "It was not well to drive men into final corners; at those moments they could all develop teeth and claws." Abraham Lincoln said about civil war – if destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. All wars eventually end. Time magazine named the end of the Sri Lankan Civil War as one of the top ten news stories of 2009. The question for all is, "How long will it take the calloused hearts of people before the hatred and cruelty can be removed?" In today's extremely troubled world – How long before the people get back to humane emotions? Tonight we might hear a lot that will make us so grateful that we live in a safe, war free land..

Stuart Williams

A number of guests and partners attended a very interesting meeting. The District



Governor gave a talk on S.K.I (Spend the Kids Inheritance) to maintain the viability of the Foundation before making a presentation to Ron and Robbie Brooks with the Rotary recognition of people who have included the Rotary Foundation as a beneficiary in their wills. This includes a pin to wear and a small crystal to display on a shelf. Congratulations and thanks to Ron and Robbie.

Our guest speaker was Pooja Stanslas. When studying her Arts degree in Malaysia Pooja Stanslas found herself as a Tamil Indian minority among a variety of racial and



religious groups who co-existed reasonably peacefully. Returning to Sri Lanka she found the same thing but the groups did not interact so peacefully. With a recent long drawn out conflict between the Tamil group and the Indigenous Sri Lankans many people were killed and many of the well educated and influential citizens left the country. Now there

is a varied diaspora group of some of these taking steps to encourage the return of

others to help the country recover. The national government has a policy of encouraging the various racial and religious groups to have an inclusive identity – all Sri Lankan but she considers there is much to be done to provide employment and infrastructure to again have a peaceful country.

Ray Smith

We were so lucky to have such a well qualified speaker to talk to us about Sri Lanka – Post Civil War. She has spent 18 months working on these issues in Sri Lanka and had a well researched story to tell us. Who would have realised that even amongst the Tamils in Sri Lanka, the Sri Lankan Tamils considered themselves different to the Indian Tamils. Who would have known that there actually is a lot of intermarrying between the Tamils and the Sri Lankans. I didn't realise that Tamils were mainly Hindu but there are other religions within them. There is a good representation of Tamils among the 225 elected representatives in government. I also didn't realise that the country is rife with corruption (though from what comes out in the press, Australia should be careful about "throwing stones"). Clearly, Pooja demonstrated her detailed understanding of the situation from the way she fielded the large number of varied questions.

Ron Brooks

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SENTINAL TIMES

[Our ever observant President sent me the following article. My, he is a well read bloke] *Do you have an English Ancestry?*

Lady Teviot is giving two presentations to the Wonthaggi Genealogical Society on Fri 30th Oct at 1pm at Wonthaggi Golf Blue Club Room. The presentations are on underused sources of UK records and London sources for genealogical research back to the 15th century. Lady Teviot is vice president of Family History Societies and has featured on Good Morning Australia, Foxtel and Heir Hunters on BBC. Admission is \$20 or \$18 for Wonthaggi Genealogy members bookings essential email secretary@wonthaggigenealogy.org.au.

So there you have it if you want to know more than you learned the other week at our club when Mary (Lady Teviot) spoke to us.

On to Conference

The meeting Monday finished a little late, so I missed getting names for Conference in Shepparton. Please email me if you would like a room booked.

Stuart

Vocational

Site Visit

I have booked a visit to the Australian JAZZ Museum, on Wednesday 9th of March. Start approx. 10am, cost \$25 per person. We get a tour, A LIVE JAZZ CONCERT and Coffee/Tea and light refreshments (lunch)

It is only at Wantirna. Nice and close.

We need 20 people and could accommodate 35. Tell your friends and family.

First in, first assured. Yeah, it's a way off, but we all buy green bananas.

Stuart

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

TELL US ABOUT YOUR LATEST HOLIDAY?

Our President Bob has come up with yet another idea! The Newsletter would love to tell it's readers about your latest holiday and/or your 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 weekend in Williamstown, a month in Manila, a trip to Tamworth, a holiday in Hanoi, or a cruise to Croatia – let's hear about it.

Ron & Robbie 22nd Dec to 13th 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].

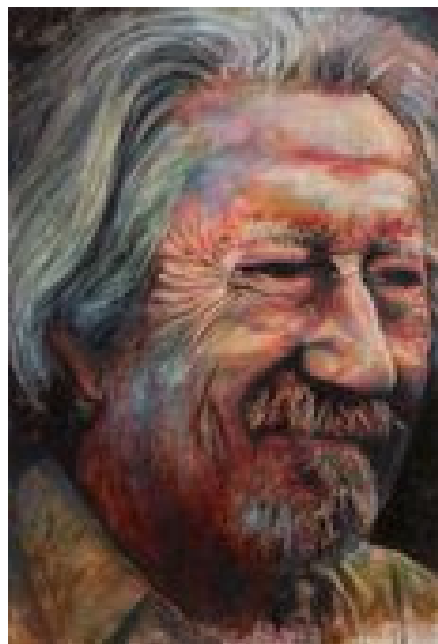
THE ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2015

Take a trip to Ballarat until 15th November and see all the Archibald finalists for 2015. Ron & Robbie went last Friday by train from Southern Cross. It's a very cheap 1 ½ hr comfortable airconditioned journey and the Art Gallery is 5 mins walk from the station. The Archibald is Australia's favourite art award, and one of the most prestigious. Awarded to the best portrait painting, it's a who's who of Australian culture – from politicians to celebrities, sporting heroes to artists. Ticket is \$11 (\$10 for NGV members) and while you are there take a look at the two floors and many rooms of the Permanent Collection which is free and there is even a free tour at 2pm each day.

It was first awarded in 1921. This year, there were 49 finalists and the winners are shown below. Evidently Charlie, the lawyer, was quite a character had spent time in jail.



WINNER
Nigel Milsom
Judo House pt6 (the white bird)



PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER
Bruno Jean Grasswill
Michael Caton

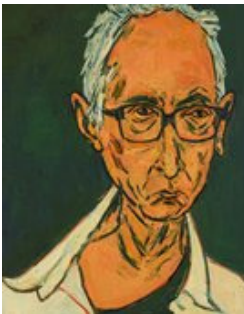
For some reason I can never forget the winner in 1972. The hands were so expressive.



FIRST WINNER 1921



WINNER 1972



Above are listed a few others

1. Robbie's choice
2. Ron's choice
3. Our artist friend's choice
4. This was called *"Lisa has a much more pleasant face than Glenn. She also doesn't sing horribly while playing a guitar or try to put a cat up a tree while I'm painting her".*
5. Bet one of your grand children could do better than this.
6. So, tell me your choice and I'll put it in the Newsletter

www.archibaldballarat.com.au

STUART POSTED THIS ON FACEBOOK

How long since you have seen a movie with a good narrative, a good story-line? Stephen Spielberg's "Bridge of Spies" is that. A fine screenplay, superbly cast and beautifully executed, a very satisfying movie. It is a Cold War thriller (based on fact) that reflects timeless moral challenges. I drew similarities with Atticus Finch in "To kill a Mockingbird." Tension builds beautifully as the situation becomes complicated. The Tom Hanks character is a little bit of the All American Hero, and the American decency angle is sometimes overplayed. The movie puts an emphasis on shared humanity in such a tense time. There might be a lesson for us as we grapple with "our war on terror, reactions and laws." A thoroughly satisfying and pleasurable movie. Go see it.

(He didn't say if he enjoyed his double choc ice cream and large popcorn)

UNICEF FOREIGN COIN COLLECTION

DG David brought along the RC of Braeside's collection to add to the ones our John McPhee gave me on Monday. So it's on again! Let's add to the \$4,700 worth already donated to UNICEF. Scrap metal into supporting underprivileged, undernourished kids.

Violence Free Families a Rotary Initiative-COLLEEN HEWETT SHOW

{Pres Bob & Barbara travelled to Bendigo 23rd October}

At the last President's dinner meeting we were shown a video clip of Colleen Hewett



Singing for Rotary and Violence Free Families, the song "Shut up and let me Breathe" which featured many celebrities saying no to family violence.

Colleen performed at Bendigo Friday night and Barbara and I had excellent third front row seats with Rotary very much on show.

The tickets were printed with "Violence Free Families a Rotary Initiative" on them and there were pull up banners in the foyer advertising the show with Rotary mentioned.

The show was in the new Ulumbarra Theatre which is on the site of the old Bendigo goal with the old cells still there in the foyer part.

The MC was Sally Anne Upton dressed as a Nun and she asked for Rotarians in the audience to raise their hands and was pleased at so many as she was sure her collection plate would be full.

Mike Brady was a support act both solely then with his old band MPD Ltd and he said he was grateful to Meatloaf for "that" performance at the Grand Final a few years ago, as that led to Mike being asked to restart performing his "Up there Cazaly" at the Grand Final.

He was the "M" in MPD Ltd and the "D" is Danny Findley who played drums, was Colleen's first husband and her long time manager and he spoke of his admiration for Rotary and what we do.

Before she sang "Shut up and let me breathe", Colleen explained that she too was a victim of family violence, presumably her second husband, explaining that the lady who wrote the song must have also been a victim as it was so meaningful. She then said how much Rotary does and as Rotary has nearly eradicated Polio in the world it can do anything and she was sure Rotary's presence in urging that family violence is not on will make a huge difference to the campaign.

I am a proud Rotarian but my chest stuck out even more after all she said.

A great night.

Check out her song on the website of Violence Free Families.

By Bob W

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**

STAMPS



Even if you only get a few stamps a week, collect them and give them to me. John Bindon, John McPhee, Bill Marsh, Joan Harper do. DG David supplied two A4 envelopes stuffed with stamps. Please collect your stamps. It's a no cost project. 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 27th 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 8pm. 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 30th Ride to Conference this year is 14th to 19th 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 19th 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.

The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund helps Rotarians do good in their communities and around the world. On **3 November from 10:00-11:00 CST**, join Rotary volunteers and staff for an update on the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) campaign. During this webinar, you will also:

- Hear from PDG Sandra Schley (Rotary Club of Edina, Minnesota, USA) about why she supports the Annual Fund and how she encourages other to support it
- Learn tips from PDG Eric Wood (Rotary Club of Pine Rivers Daybreak, Queensland, Australia) for increasing giving in your club or district.

Space is limited to 500 attendees - [reserve your spot today!](#)
Note this is 4pm to 5pm in Melbourne on 3rd November

DON HULLAND

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

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

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