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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Forest Hill Rotary

### CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks/ Meeting report
4 July	Nederlands Holiday <i>Ron Brooks</i>	Ray Smith	Hans Eecen
11 July	Hearing Impairment & its effects <i>Dr Kartik Iyer</i>	Glenys Grant	Bob Williams

### THIS WEEKS CELEBRATIONS

Graham & Joan Sharman –Wedding anniversary-July 5

Ray Smith-Birthday- July 7

Mike & Kiera Finke-Wedding Anniversary-July 9

### DUTY ROSTER

	July	August
Cashier	Ron Brooks	Stuart Williams
Recorder	Bob Williams	Glenys Grant
Greeter	Glenys Grant	Gary Baltissen
Emergency	Graham Sharman	Bob Williams

### 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**

### DON HULLAND

Don is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is **0409**

**530 435**. Please give him a call or phone the office 5770-2100 and ask for Don.

## JOHN'S JOTTINGS

Wow ! what a night it was to conclude Bob's year as President.

First on Saturday evening at the DG's changeover he was 1 of only 4 club Presidents to be recognised with the awarding of a silver Presidential Citation. This was then followed up with the club acknowledging his service with the awarding of a second sapphire to his PHF. The night also saw sapphires awarded to both Bill Marsh and Glenys Grant for their effective contributions to Rotary and the community.

In addition, Bob had the pleasure of inducting Nancy Notman to membership of our Club. Nancy is a past President of Ipswich Club in Queensland, recently relocated to Melbourne. Welcome Nancy.

On the night we missed the company of Bob Laslett (on holidays) Graham Sharman and Warwick Stott, (both undergoing surgery) but were joined by 6 of our Honorary members plus Peter, Gary and Cobie Davis, and our new Assistant Governor Alma and her partner Greg, and also Gary Harper who accompanied his mother Joan.

The meeting was opened by Sergeant Stuart with a tribute to Rotary and Bob's years' theme "Be a gift to the world" and secretary Ron provided the tribute and toast to Rotary to which Alma responded on behalf of Rotary.

Following Bob's annual report and acknowledgement of the 2015-2016 board for their great achievements under Bob's stewardship, it was out with the old and in with the new as the presidents changed over and the new board was welcomed.

Presentations were made to Barbara for her unstinting support of Bob, and also to Anne for the care and service from Bucatini to our club during the past year.

The big raffle prize was won by Gary Davis and the minor prizes were well shared by Rotarians and friends.

Recycled President John then closed the meeting reminding members of the Heatherdale Station egg & bacon commitment next Wednesday 6.00am for a brisk sunrise start to the day and years activities, and our next meeting Monday July the 4th (American Independence Day) when we will be entertained by our own Ron Brooks with the support and correction when necessary from Robbie to their Bike travel through Holland.

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING



## THANK YOU

Barbara and I would like to give a big thank you to all our wonderful members, partners, Rotary friends and benefactors for making this past year a most memorable one for the two of us.

We achieved some amazing work together as a team throughout the year, helping hundreds of people and had some fun at the same time.

I trust that all who attended our Changeover enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

We really all were, I believe, "A Gift to the World."

*Barbara and Bob the feather duster*

## DIARY DATES

Friday 8 July            Sausage sizzle for Railway Authority

Sunday 10 July        Whitehorse Farmers Market

Wednesday 14 September

Primary Schools Public Speaking

Thursday 15 September

## NUNAWADING MEN'S SHED VEHICLE

Last Friday I attended a morning tea at the Nunawading Men's Shed at Nadrasca in Springvale Road to celebrate their new vehicle, a Nissan Pathfinder and trailer as Forest Hill was one of the donors to the project.

Ron Fredericks was there from Mitcham and Don Sweeney from Box Hill Central.

It again proved the power of partnerships as the vehicle was partly (mainly) funded through an NAB Community Grant, with other partners being Carrington Health who run the Men's Shed, Budget rent a Car (through our Whitehorse Farmers' secretary, Simon Wheelton who is a Director of Budget who was able to get \$15,000 off the new price by using their buying power), plus of course the Whitehorse cluster Rotary clubs.

Ron and I in particular were asked to be in several photos taken on the day and one with the new car which is appropriately plaqued with all the donors.

I was shown around the work area and Barry Phillips, the Co-Ordinator offered for us to come and visit, so that may be worth considering although it would need to be during the day.

Michael Sukkar came along and spoke and said that if his party is returned that the Men's Shed would receive a grant for \$20,000 for any capital items they need including perhaps a car port for the new vehicle.

Barry told us that having the vehicle will enable the many men who can't get there under their own steam to be picked up and enjoy the many benefits of attending the Men's Shed.

A really feel good event and Forest Hill was congratulated for providing a part of the funding.

Well done members.

*PP BOB W*

## HEATHERDALE STATION EGG AND BACON BBQ 29 JUNE



A hardy band of six, Ray, Bill, Stuart, John Mc, Barbara and I, braved the cold at 6am to set up and run a very busy egg and bacon morning funded by the Rail Authority giving out free sandwiches with pamphlets explaining that the crossing there will close soon for a time and to use the buses provided.

Kate from the Authority asked us to provide 300 egg and bacons and as I did the organising that meant 30 loaves of bread ordered the day before at Woolies and they gave it to us on trays for ease of handling, 10kgs of bacon and 28 dozen eggs (a few extra in case of breakages), plus 300 paper bags, sauces, oils etc and I bought additional egg rings (and we needed them all) plus a few other items.

We set up under cover and lighting at the South side entrance and Bill had brought a couple of Rotary flags plus our usual posters enabled the commuters to see Rotary in action and even one nice lady donated \$10 to us.

We started cooking at 6-20am and finally finished a bit after 9am and all of us worked non-stop (well a few of us did have to pause for a few moments to sample the wares). Barbara did the cutting up of the bacon, ensuring new cartons of eggs were open and on hand for our egg man, Bill to have 15 or so cooking at a time. She also prepared the paper bags and helped organise all of us. Ray was the bacon man and had a pile in front of him all morning cooking away. John was on the other side of the bbq getting the cooked eggs out of the egg rings and supplying Stuart and me with an egg and rasher of bacon on each of the 300 pieces of bread we produced. Stuart and I then completed the sandwich with the second slice of bread put it in a serviette and then in a paper bag and put them under towels on our front trestle for the two Rail Authority ladies to give out. What a great production line as everyone worked like a well oiled machine and kept up production even though at times we had a small queue to contend with. I don't think any of us will want to look at an egg and bacon sandwich for some time but we were thanked often by the hungry commuters and the Rail Authority ladies were very impressed at our efficiency. We had a few over at the end that were quickly devoured by the hungry Rail Crossing workers.

The Authority will reimburse us for all costs plus \$500 for our time (and sensational expertise, early morning wit and general all round hardiness)

The next bbq we are doing for them is a sausage sizzle on Friday the 8th July 3-30pm to 6-30pm on the North side of Blackburn Station and Kate suggests we provide for 500 so it should be easier this time with no eggs to break open and cook etc. Again we will be reimbursed for all costs plus \$500 for our time.

As putting the goodies under towels worked so well today I'll buy another 500 paper bags for the 8th and we can put the sausages and onions in bread and serviette in a bag with a separate lot without onions and put them under towels again to keep them warm and the Railway ladies will again hand them out from there.

I'll meet Kate on Monday to check out the site where she wants us to be and let everyone know Monday night.

Thank you sensational six for your VERY hard work.

*Bob W*

## SERGEANT'S REFLECTIONS

Initially I felt uncomfortable with the 2015-16 Rotary theme – Be a gift to the world. After attending Rotary's 2016 International convention in Seoul, Korea and hearing the Rotary International President Ravi tell stories and hear of the success of the End Polio Now campaign I truly believe Rotary has been a gift to the world.

How were you at history? Are you ready for the toughest history test? Most of us will be given this test in the future. Not by a teacher, but by our toughest judges. A test administered by our children or our grand-children who have gathered their extensive historical knowledge from Google. It won't be a question requiring dates or difficult facts. The question will be, "What did you do about.... Or what did you do when...?? A question like -- What did you do about ending apartheid? What did you do to help end the Vietnam War? What did you do in the fight to stop polio inflicting misery on 350,000 children each year in the world? Will you be comfortable answering a question about the BIG issues of our time? Will you be able to say.... "I did my part, .. we did our part. We just did what was right." The fight against polio has taken over 30 years and been at great cost, but I believe Rotarians will be able to say with pride and confidence, "We did our part. We just did what was right." It is a privilege to be a Rotarian. Rotary serving humanity has truly been a Gift to the World.

## FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

School holidays at present but we start again on 12 July when Robbie and Kevin fire up (not literally I hope).

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

July New Year of Service (Rotary Awareness)

August Membership

## CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES 2016-17

**NOTE** Members with an asterisk are Board members

<b>President</b>	John McPhee*
<b>Vice President</b>	Bill Marsh *
<b>Secretary</b>	Bob Laslett *
<b>Minute secretaries</b>	Mike Finke/ Hans Eecen
<b>Treasurer</b>	Warwick Stott *
<b>President Elect</b>	Bill Marsh
<b>Sergeant</b>	Bob Williams*
<b>Foundation/International</b>	Stuart Williams*
<b>Members</b>	John Donaghey, Mike Finke, Graham Sharman
<b>Youth Service</b>	Glenys Grant*
<b>Members</b>	Ray Smith, Ron Brooks, Nancy Notman
<b>Community &amp; Vocation</b>	Chris Tuck*
<b>Members</b>	Bob Laslett, Gary Baltissen, Hans Eecen
<b>Membership &amp; Publicity</b>	Warwick Stott
<b>Members</b>	John McPhee, Bill Marsh
<b>Fellowship</b>	Bill Marsh
<b>Program</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Bulletin Editor</b>	Bob Laslett
<b>Web page</b>	Bob Laslett
<b>On to Conference &amp; Facebook</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Public Officer</b>	Bob Laslett

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