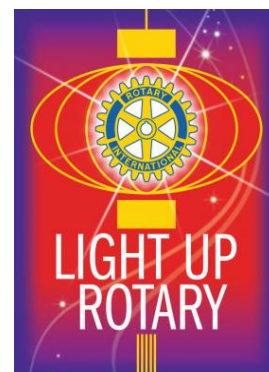


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Club of Forest Hill



Weekly Newsletter

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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>
17 th Nov	<i>District Conference 2015</i> Brian Tyedin	Chris Tuck	Ray Smith
24 th Nov	Youth Achievement Awards	Pres Bill Marsh	Glenys Grant
1 st Dec	<i>Interplast</i> Bob Williams	Doug Berwick	John Donaghey
8 th Dec	Foundation Dinner at the Whitehorse Club	RIPE K.R. 'Ravi' Ravindran	Pres Bill

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

None this week but don't let that stop you
kicking up your heels



DUTY ROSTER

	October	November
Cashier	Jenny Coburn	Ray Smith
Recorder	Warwick Stott	Doug Berwick
Greeter	Glenys Grant	John McPhee
Emergency	Ray Smith	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 9878 4891 or rcssmith@optusnet.com.au

Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

Bob Williams will be "overseas" from 25th Oct and his first meeting will be Mon 1st Dec
Stuart Williams will be overseas from 30th Oct and his first meeting will be Mon 1st Dec

BILL'S BLURB

It was great to welcome two guests to our meeting on Monday. Liz Hooper was returning after joining us at our Information Night and it was lovely to see her again. Our second guest was Raeoni Turner who was back with us after a long absence due to work commitments at Nadrasca. I hope that we see a great deal more of both ladies in the future and I look forward to their contributions to our club.

We have confirmed 13 members and partners will be attending the Foundation Dinner on the 8th December and a cheque for \$585 has been sent off to RC of Clayton. This should be a really interesting night with PE K. R. 'Ravi' Ravindran as the guest speaker.

Don't forget the 'Slavery Forum' on Wednesday 19th November. This is being run by the RC of Box Hill Central as a Cluster event and promises to be a very informative night. One thinks of 'slavery' as something from the 1800's but it is alive and well throughout the world today. The cost is \$10 and registration is through the 'trybooking' website and is very simple to complete. I realise that this is a very busy time of the year but I know Box Hill Central would appreciate all of the support we can give them.

The District Primary Schools' Speech Contest was held last night and the standard was extraordinary. Congratulations to Jenny Coburn for organising this on behalf of the District and thanks to Doug Berwick, Glenys Grant and Roger Coburn for helping Jenny on the night.

Our two markets at the weekend were very successful and special thanks to those who helped out on Saturday when we were short of volunteers.

We have our regular Theatre Night and Peridot Theatre coming up so join in and enjoy yourself as they are both great nights.

Don't forget that our AGM will be held in conjunction with our normal meeting on the 1st December.

Coming Up:

14 Nov	District President's Dinner - includes AGM
19 Nov	Rotarians Against Child Slavery - organised by RC Box Hill
Central.	Cost \$10
21 Nov	Film Night
24 Nov	Youth Achievement Awards
28 Nov	Peridot Theatre
8 Dec	Foundation Dinner and Address by RI President Elect
13/14 Dec	Blackburn Market & WFM
15 Dec	Final meeting for 2014

Little Known Fact:

Edmund Hillary, the first man to climb Mt Everest, was a professional beekeeper. When filling in forms, he always gave his occupation as 'apiarist'.

Enjoy your week in Rotary and keep working to "Light Up Rotary"
Pres Bill

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our speaker for the evening was our very own orchardist and cattle breeder – Chris Tuck. Chris told us about the World Charolais Conference that he and Jenny attended in Burgundy France. Burgundy is in central France and is approximately 3 hours travel time from Paris. Unlike Rotary Conferences this conference is held every 14 years and one of the reasons that Chris did not want to miss the opportunity to attend. We were told that the Charolais breed is celebrating the 150th anniversary of being registered in the French Herd Book as a specific cattle breed. The conference ran for 10 days and there were lots of things to see and do including visits to farms, a feed producer and an abattoir. Chris was unclear as to whether Jenny accompanied him to the latter.

The animals bred in France are a lot bigger than those in Australia with bulls weighing over a tonne and being nearly seven feet tall in old money. By comparison Australian bulls may weigh up to 900 kg and not as tall. Another difference is the meat requirement in France (fat to muscle content) compared to Australia and other countries. Chris's comment was that the French meat would not be acceptable here. Chris also noted that the size of the French farms is smaller (180 – 550 hectares) and that the neighbours often work in groups sharing equipment etc. The stocking rate per hectare is also lower as the farmer has to grow their own cattle feed because the cattle are kept indoors for four months of the year due to the weather. Chris commented that there are subsidies paid to the French farmers but that they are coy about discussing it. Chris was able to deduce from conversations that they receive approx \$100 per hectare and \$100 per cow.

Chris then told us how the breed was introduced into Australia in 1970 through Artificial Insemination; no actual Charolais animals were imported. There are 700 members of the Charolais Society of Australia with 22,000 registered cattle. On a general note Chris mentioned that Queensland and some parts of NSW are in severe drought and the Australian cattle herd is in decline. Beef prices in Australia have also been stable for the last 10 years but production costs keep rising. But before we started feeling sorry for farmer Chris he told us that the US cattle herd is at a 60 year low and they are also facing droughts.

A very informative talk by Chris who is obviously passionate about his Charolais cattle.

Noted by Doug Berwick



The raffle this week raised \$79.50 so we had two prizes not one. John McPhee took a bottle of red and Graham Sharman took home a bottle white wine. Sergeant Stu will be doubly disappointed by the fine session, firstly because we didn't have one and secondly because we just asked for a donation instead and got \$39.70, which is more than he normally raises !!!

GIVE YOUR FOREIGN COINS (and NOTES) TO OUR ROTARY COLLECTION

I AM RUNNING OUT OF COFFEE JARS!!! Pres Bill brought in a pile of coins and notes from his church who put a note in their church Newsletter, so we have contributions from honorary members Roger Coates, & Heather Bremner, Pres Bill, and other church members-what a great idea to widen the collection net. Thankyou. UNICEF is going to get a real boost. Let's recycle our coins into something valuable for kids. I'm collecting notes as well. Gary is back from the USA, Chris is back from Europe, Stuart will be coming back from Thailand and Singapore and Bob W will be bringing back two headed coins back from Tassie (I SENSE A LOT MORE FOREIGN COINS!!!). Look at the collection now.



The foreign coin collection is GROWING !!!!!

Notes by Ron Brooks

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NIGHT

Each year the Rotary Club of Forest Hill presents an award to one grade six students at each Primary School located in the south east corner of the City of Whitehorse.

They are Mt Pleasant Road, Rangeview, Parkmore, Vermont Sth Special School, Vermont, Blackburn Lake, Orchard Grove, Weeden Heights, Whitehorse, Livingstone, Burwood Heights and St Timothy's Primary Schools.

The Youth Achievement award is given to a student who is unique in that they have not so much achieved academically or on the sporting field, but more likely have been a contributor to non academic activities within the school and presented as a role model to other students. This award could also be called the 'unsung hero' award. The award will be made at our Rotary Club meeting on Monday November 24 at Bucatini's restaurant. Speakers will be **Travis Mahoney** and **Libby Forbes** - Olympic, AIS swimmers and medal holders, who will also give out the awards.

We are hoping that as many members and prospective members as possible can be there to help out on the night looking after our guests – the 12 awardees and their parents.

Notes by Glenys Grant

PAST EXCHANGE STUDENT CORNER

I have just got an email from Mizuki Harada (ne Toyoda)

Thank you for your information and the newsletter. I can feel close to the members through facebook and website. Kiina experienced the first overseas trip last month to Guam with me and my mother. I applied her passport name as "Kina" instead of "Kiina". It should be "Kiina" in Japanese writing but I wanted the international name to be simple. She is going to be four years old in December. Attached herewith some pictures of Guam trip.

*Would you please ask Rotary members if someone has **contact address for Keith and Barbara Smith?** I've been trying to send e-mail message to them but all returned.*



MINCE PIES AND MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE

MASH Rotary club is selling their fruit mince pies at \$15 a dozen, \$3 of which goes to Motor Neurone Disease in our club's name. If you would like to order them please **contact Bob L by Monday 24 November.**

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

It is that time of year when we distribute hampers to needy local people. Can you please bring to our meetings over the next few weeks suitable Christmas food items and toys? **Contact Bob L. for details.**

DON HULLAND,

Honorary member Don is at present residing in Kellock Lodge and hoping to be able to stay there full time. The address is 15 Bon St, Alexandria 3714 and his telephone is 0409 530 435. Why don't you give him a call or write to him. It was great to see him at the Blackburn market last Saturday cooking away at those sausages suitably gloved up.

"LARRY the LORIKEET" BOOK

Take action **NOW**. If you want to buy a copy ... or two, or three, then give your order into Pres Bill (bimarsh@bigpond.net.au) as a second print run has been done.

Email received this week

Good afternoon Bill,

On behalf of both the educators and children at the East Burwood Preschool, we would like to

thank you and the Rotary Club of Forest Hill for the beautiful children's picture book "Larry the Lorikeet at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary'. I have attached the picture we took of Megan and Jo Fluke receiving the book from you, on our behalf. Megan attends our 3 year old group. We have all enjoyed reading about Larry the Lorikeet.

Kindest regards,

Kelly Guyatt, 3YO educator
East Burwood Preschool



WEBSITE

Do not forget to check out our website, www.foresthillrotary.com and send Ron Brooks any information and suggestions. It has recently been updated. If you have photos, please send them to me with a suitable file name so I can post them on the web. If you do a project then write a short story that can be posted on the web. Other people do look at our website. It is another avenue for promoting our club.

WEBINARS

You can find Rotary webinars on the webinar page at:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/webinars/upcoming> These webinars are a great way to learn more from the comfort of your own armchair

FELLOWSHIP FUNCTIONS

Friday 21st November 2014

THEATRE NIGHT at Hoyts Forest Films to be advised

Friday 28th November 2014

PERIDOT THEATRE. play Key for Two is a farce where a divorcee solves her financial problems by entertaining two gentlemen, but things get upset when her friend Anne whose marriage is failing arrives hotly pursued by her husband

Friday 19th December 2014

Regular film night. to be advised.

Sometime January 2015

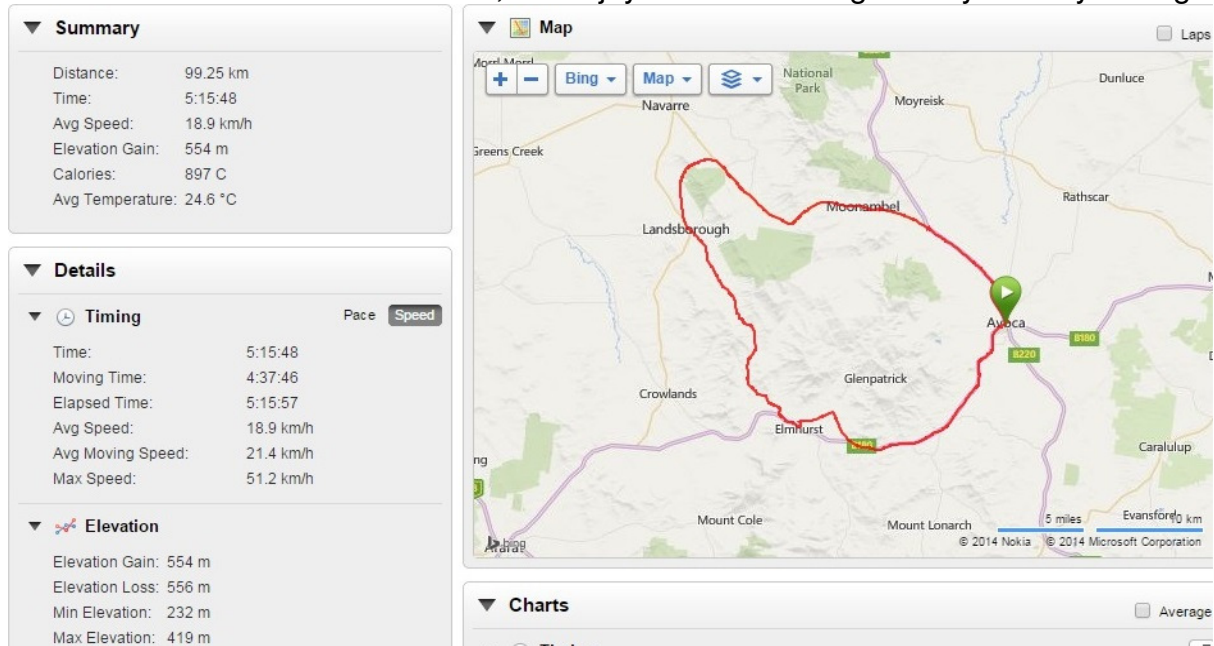
Kathy and John Donaghey have offered their place at Ocean Grove for a fellowship lunch during the latter part of January. With seaside traffic being so hectic at that time of the year, it has been suggested that this fellowship activity be on a weekday rather than at the weekend. What is the preferred day Thursday or another day?

John McPhee

PYRENEES MAGIC 100 – AVOCA via NOWHERE to AVOCA

The Rotary Club of Maryborough has taken over running this 100km bike ride. They charge \$50 entry fee and got about 100 riders last Sunday morning. With expenses of about \$500 they made \$4,500 for the local hospital. A group of four of us from

D9810 persuaded a rider from D9800 to join us for this ride which went from Avoca, through Landsborough, Elmhurst and Nowhere on to Amphitheatre and Avoca. I didn't believe there was a place called Nowhere but there is and we also rode over Nowhere Creek. A very windy day which included a 12% hill, that's steep!!! Very well run on quiet roads and very sociable group of people. Our group were just about the back markers but that was fine, we enjoyed it and the nights stay in Maryborough.



Notes by Ron Brooks

PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPEECH CONTEST A Fabulous Finale

As the crowds settled at 7pm, we had a wonderful next hour as the eleven students presented their amazing speeches. Forest Hill was represented by Saurish Sharma and Paige Davidson with both presenting the same speeches they did at our contest in August – Barack Obama and Dynamite Dave respectively. The judges on the night had the most difficult time with the vast majority of presentations being done without any notes and the students confidently walking the stage!

With a wonderful theatre at Melba College, the students were definitely in the spot light with professional lighting and sound the order of the night. District Governor Tony had the pleasure of making the winning announcements – just like the Oscars – with third place going to our very own Paige, second to Sarah Hare from Mont Albert Primary and the winner was Sophie Aston from Surrey Hills Primary. Sarah and Sophie were both from the MASH contest.

A special thank you to Glenys, Doug and Roger who all helped out on the night – it was truly appreciated. We also had amazing trophies for the students, thank you to Ray for being able to provide us with wood turned trophies. These will now be engraved and presented to the students at their respective schools along with the new District Perpetual Trophy. A photo will follow next week.

Notes by Jenny Coburn

REASONS FOR JOINING ROTARY

Jenny Coburn gave me 41 reasons. Have you got others you can tell us about?. I am putting in a different one every week - **think about them when you talk to prospective members**

Sharing of Personal Interests: Rotary has "Fellowship Networks" such as Tennis, Golf, Wine, Bridge Playing, Cycling and many, many more. These are available world-wide and provide an additional element to Rotary membership.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUNG PEOPLE? THEY ARE LISTENING

We have been invited to anonymously contribute advice to the teens of today. Our advice can be based on our experience, a regret, a relief, something you wish you'd known, a funny story or a memorable moment. Share your story to help them live theirs. **This is the "dearhollyproject"**. You can visit www.dearhollyproject.com. The advice can be to girls or guys or both. Jessica Barlow is a local girl whose project it is and she thinks that people of our age have wise advice they can pass on. I handed out postcards for members to fill out on Monday night. Please help Jessica. How often do you hear that the teenagers of today just won't listen to anyone, well here is a young person who is saying she is all ears, and she is passing on the message(s) in the modern way via "chat" and "facebook".

STAMPS

Got a pile of stamps from Stan Harper last Monday from his Probus connections. Please keep cutting out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving about a 1cm margin and give them to Jenny Coburn or to me.

HOPE KATOLO SCHOOL, KENYA- SELLING OLIVE OIL

We are selling the delicious Hope Katolo Nursery School labelled Cockatoo Grove olive oil again for the months leading up to Christmas. 500mL bottles are only \$12 and make a lovely gift for Christmas.

Please contact Melanie on 0412 187 353 if you would like to order some.

BALLARAT DISTRICT CONFERENCE FRI 13th –SUN 15th MARCH 2015

Families Grant/ Williams, Bob/ Williams, Stuart/ Brooks/Laslett/Marsh are going to stay at a hotel together. Jenny and Roger will stay in own accommodation. Cost \$149 per night. Buffet breakfast \$20. It's not too late to join us

Stuart Williams On to Conference organiser

Club officers & Committees 2014-15

President	Bill Marsh
Vice President	John Donaghey
Secretary	Ron Brooks
Treasurer	Warwick Stott
President Elect	Bob Williams
Sergeant	Stuart Williams
Foundation & International	Chris Tuck
Youth Service	Members: John Donaghey, Stan Harper, Glenys Grant
Community & Vocation	Members: Ray Smith, Bob Williams, Graham Sharman Bob Laslett
Membership & Publicity	Members: Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks Doug Berwick
Fellowship	Members: John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn John McPhee
Primary Schools Speech Night	John McPhee
Programme	Ray Smith & Gary Baltissen
Bulletin Editor	Ron Brooks
Web page & Facebook	Ron Brooks
On to Conference	Stuart Williams
Historian	Stan Harper
Almoner	Graham Sharman
Public Officer	Bill Marsh

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