

# Rotary

Club of Forest Hill



## The Flyer 2017-2018



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

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11 December 2017

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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

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
11 Dec	Mindfulness <i>A/Prof Craig Hassed</i>	Ron Brooks	Bob Williams
18 Dec	<b>Christmas meeting</b> Burwood Boys Home Stories <i>Kay Edwards/ Glenys Grant</i>	Warwick Stott	John McPhee
25 Dec	No Meeting		
1 Jan	No meeting		
8 Jan	Informal meeting		

### CELEBRATIONS

A quiet week

### DUTY ROSTER

	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<b>Recorder</b>	Glenys Grant	Bob Williams
<b>Greeter</b>	Sue Ballard	Glenys Grant
<b>Emergency</b>	John Donaghey	Barbara Searle
<b>Cashier</b>	Warwick Stott	Stuart Williams

## DON HULLAND

Don is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is 0409530 435. Please give him a call or phone the office 5770-2100 and ask for Don.

## 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](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**

## BILL'S BYLINES

I have just returned from Adelaide where we had some rain but nothing like Melbourne. While I was there I attended two events that gave me cause to wonder.



The first was an annual street parade held in Salisbury. The parade was only short, about 1 km, but was lined the whole way by locals and visitors who had brought chairs, cushions and rugs and took up their positions with time to spare for a chat to those around them. The parade had representatives from about 50 different sporting clubs, community programs, service organisations (including Rotary), various bands and a host of other interested parties. It was a true community activity. However, what gave me cause to wonder was the age of the majority of participants. Probably 90% of those taking part would be 50+ (I am being kind!). As I watched I wondered who would take these organisations forward. Obviously a problem not only confined to Rotary.

The second was the Campbelltown Night Market ([campbelltown.sa.gov.au](http://campbelltown.sa.gov.au)). Over 100 stalls set up in a local park with lighting provided by the Council. Every stall had light and power provided, at a cost, by the council. Each stall holder paid the council \$130 for rent and power. A fantastic sight at night with a regular 10,000 visitors to each of the four markets held each year. Takes our Whitehorse Farmers' Market to a different level but an activity that the Whitehorse Council could give serious thought to as a community project. Guess what the Rotary stall was offering – yep! A sausage sizzle. As I wandered around looking at all of the stalls and the multitude of people I couldn't help but wonder if we could be better at getting our message out to our communities.



On Thursday night I will be attending the special assembly at Forest Hill College where the Ford Davis Scholarships (Year 11) and the Harper Bequest Scholarships (Years 8 & 9) will be awarded. This year Gary Davis will attend with me and meet the young people who have won the scholarships. Both scholarships are awarded to students who are conscientious, hard-working and make a genuine effort to maximize their potential.

Doesn't seem like a week ago that we held our Youth Achievement Award night. A super night that recognised children from 12 schools and gave them, and their parents, something to be proud of. I think some of the smiles gave off more power than a bank of solar panels. On Thursday night, 14<sup>th</sup> December, I will be attending Weeden Heights Primary School to re-present the award to their participant at their annual school community gathering. Mary's mum could not attend the presentation last week so the school has arranged this special presentation so that mum can share the achievement with her daughter. A nice gesture by the school.

We have our two markets this weekend. Blackburn Craft Market on Saturday and Whitehorse Farmers' Market on Sunday. Thank you to all who give of their time to make both events successful. Hopefully we will get good weather to ensure the last markets for 2017 are big hits.

Our Film Night for this month will be at the Waverley Cinema on Friday night. Dinner at My My Restaurant from around 5.00-5.15pm. Our first Film Night for 2018 will be in February.

On Monday night our club meeting was held as a forum where we looked at the operation of the club, what we have achieved, what we hope to achieve and how we can become even better at what we do. It was great to hear members contributing and discussing the various points that were raised. Our task now is to follow up where we think we can improve – you can always do better.

### **Some dates for your diaries.**

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December -	Film Night at Waverley Cinema
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December –	Blackburn Market
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December -	WFM
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December -	Club Christmas meeting
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December -	Bunnings BBQ
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January -	Club BBQ/Dinner

### **Did You Know?**

There are 1,000 times as many bacteria in your gut as there are stars in the Milky Way.

**Remember - Rotary: Making a Difference - is not just a theme it is what we do.**

### **FORUM REPORT 4 December**

In addition to the chance for a couple of resolutions, the club forum provided a chance to discuss the next six months of President Bill's term, and the next year beyond that. We all had a good chat about what we do well, what could do with some minor tweaking, and things that may need a serious overhaul.

With regard to committee structures, the focus on youth has been a strength of the club. It's been ably led by Glenys for some time and there's no need to change that. It may be worth considering an alteration to the uniform four-person committee structure that's been standard until now. Other committees that require less

active project management may work just as well with one fewer member, or perhaps even operate with some members doing double duty on more labour-intensive committees or subcommittees.

The magic trio of membership, community engagement, and publicity again reared its head. A number of good points were made about making Rotary generally, and our club specifically, more visible. Calling cards, social media, and better engagement during markets and similar came up during conversations, but one of the simplest ideas was probably one of the best. The new polo shirts offer an excellent opportunity to be seen as Rotarians in the community. We've been requested to wear them, not just during sausage sizzles, but all day before our meeting. With any luck, they'll offer the chance to talk about our club and introduce some new people to the world of Rotary.

Better outreach with organisations may provide a chance to increase both corporate and individual membership. Local business associations or departments within companies may be a good place to start.

Better exploitation of the Blackburn market and better outreach to the parents of students with which we interact were both proposed as goals for the upcoming year. The photography project has the support of several schools and the club, at least as an idea worth further investigation and work. A three-year litter reduction project in Whitehorse may provide an opportunity for better club exposure. We've discussed the aspirational goal of publicity by way of local newspaper coverage.

Members in attendance on Monday voted unanimously to pass two resolutions. One is a principle, but has direct bearing on a potential merger of District 9810 with an adjacent district. While there are current hard member minimums as the criteria for this step, there's some concern that effectiveness is overlooked, and that member numbers alone are not an accurate metric that can be used to determine strength and health of clubs and districts. Another resolution relating to consultation with the DG was also passed unanimously.

There is much the members can take pride in. The challenge will be to capitalise on our strengths in the coming months. There is ample willingness and enthusiasm to do this. A plan of action and some follow-through are all that are needed.

The raffle raised \$41.00 and the fines \$29.

Mike

### **Sergeant's Reflection 4 December 2017**

Water –especially rain water- has been front and centre in our thinking in the last 4 days. I've just returned from Thailand where water plays a central role in Thai life.

Water to grow rice

Water to travel by- canals

Water – The Chao phraya River is a trade and leisure route through the capital Bangkok.

Water- celebrated by two festivals:

Songkran.. where people are drenched and squirted at by water being thrown over them. The throwing of water is a show of respect and well-wishing. It is supposed to wash away bad luck

Loy Krathong.. where the water princess is celebrated – a new start, washing away the past, water for life, water for purity.

We all need water for survival. We complain if there is not enough, we moan when there is too much.

Many of us find the sound and sight of water peaceful, observing still water seems to bring peace to our soul.

Seeing tonight is a forum, I will finish with Stan Laurel's line: You can lead a horse to water, but a pencil must be lead.

The biggest groan the Sarg got was for.

If Derek Kickett had a child with one of the Toomey boys' daughter would the baby be called -- Kick it to Me

He then used some one liners from "medical reports".

"The patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch."

"The patient suffers from occasional, constant, infrequent headaches."

"She has had no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night."

It must be getting near Christmas.

Stuart

## Blackburn Station Craft Market roster December 2017

8.00am to 10.00

Bob Williams  
Bob Laslett  
Stu Williams  
Ray Smith  
Sue Ballard

10.00 am to noon

Bob Williams  
Mike Finke  
Stu Williams/ Ron Brooks  
Ray Smith  
Bill Marsh

Noon to Stumps

Barb Searle  
Mike Finke  
Ron Brooks  
Ray Smith  
Bill Marsh

John McPhee for set up and clean up otherwise on Santa duties.

## Snake Photographs from Blackburn Lake



Courtesy Glenys

### USED SPECTACLES

I have just picked up another 4 cartons of used specs from a Rotarian who owns an optician's business in Camberwell (PP Col Haigh), whilst he provided another 4 boxes 6 – 9 months ago. With others that have been collected we will arrange to send about 10 boxes for use in Vanuatu. If anyone has any old specs please give them to me, and if any other clubs have contacts in the optical world we would much appreciate accepting them. With these 500 or so specs we have probably sent away 15,000 pairs in the last 20 (or whatever) years when Bill Smart and others commenced collecting.

Warwick Stott

## District Conference - Bendigo Fri 2nd – Sun 4th March 2018

Great to hear 13 are going to conference. Don't forget to register at

[www.9810rotaryconference.org.au](http://www.9810rotaryconference.org.au)

## Uniting East Burwood

Thanks to all who have handed in items for Christmas hampers. They have been gratefully received and will help make a difference to needy members of our local community.

## Forest Hill College Breakfast Roster

Barb and Robbie are on the home stretch.

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

December

Disease prevention and treatment

January

Vocational Service

### ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to [rlaslett76@gmail.com.au](mailto:rlaslett76@gmail.com.au) by 5 pm Wednesday please.