

#### **STU'S SCRIPT**

#### Reflection

At this time of the year when we reflect on the year that is slipping away, let's feel good about what we have been able to achieve through Rotary. We have given many opportunities to young people to be the best they can be. We have assisted refugees, assisted people doing it tough and provided a warm breakfast to students who might have gone without. We've played our part in youth driver awareness and helped villagers and young students in Katolo, Kenya. We can be pleased that we have played our part in Rotary doing good in the world.

But Christmas is also a time I hope you will be kind to yourself. Christmas is a stressful time. Your community and our club need you fit and well in 2020.

Enjoy the lead up to Christmas but don't let your love and concern for others get you down.

Christmas is interpreted by all of us in different ways. For many, when we look at the nativity scene, innocence and joy return again in our sometimes-hardened hearts, bruised as they often are, by the cut and thrust of life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Christmas, with its emphasis on family, can bring joy to the world and have us considering one another for at least a few days.

Merry Christmas and a happy festive season.

Thanks for your efforts in the first half of this Rotary year. Rest, recuperate and return mid-January refreshed to continue to make a difference.

Stuart

#### **MEETING REPORT**

With 13 members and 2 partners, our meeting commenced with President Stuart mentioning that our club has received recognition of our support of Polio Plus, and also that Nancy Notman was cancelling her visit to our club from Ipswich due to bushfire smoke affecting her already damaged lungs

Reports included Farmers' Market being successful on Sunday, and Mike has bags, labels, help on Thursday for the Bake Sale on the weekend; also Hope Katolo has so far raised \$2500 via the raffle; also the Youth Achievement Award report will be on the D9810 website. Mince pies are still available at \$16 per dozen.

PP Bob Williams then commenced his audio-visual of his and Barb's train trip and extras involving the Indian Pacific and some coach trips in Western Australia. From Perth they went north to Monkey Mia and the Pink Lake and Geraldton. After returning to Perth they visited Rottnest Island and then

south to Busselton and the caves. Wildlife, flora, underground caves, beautiful scenery and apparently good company was there aplenty. They then returned to Perth from where they joined the train to Sydney, a trip of over 4000 kms, 4 days and three nights, passing through Kalgoorlie, Rawlinna, Cook across the Nullabor eventually arriving at Adelaide, had a breather, and then on board again to Broken Hill, now renowned for its involvement with Priscilla, the Blue Mountains and into Sydney. However there was a short stop in the Blue Mountains on the cable train which descends at close to 45 degrees in places. The writer reckons they must have enjoyed a stable bed at night when they arrived home

The raffle winners were Judy Laslett, John Bindon, Ian Teese and John Donaghey. The sergeant's bowl raised \$29.95 and the raffle \$52 (before prize costs)

Warwick Stott

#### HAMPER ITEMS

Please bring hamper items next week for needy people in our local community. Items include Soft Drink / Cordial / Coffee / Tea / Long Life Milk / Tinned Vegetables / Soup

Tinned Fruit / Jam / Spread / Tinned Ham / Tuna / Pasta Sauce

Pasta / Rice / Spaghetti / Baked Beans / Biscuits - Sweet or Savory / Lollies

Chocolates / Nuts / Chips / Christmas Cake / Pudding / Mince Pies

#### Toiletries / Toilet Paper

A big THANK YOU to all who have brought items so far. Your generosity will certainly make a difference to many in our community at Christmas time.

#### Bob Laslett

#### **BAKE SALE**

Bake Sale Guidelines:

The bake sale will be running from 10-2 on Saturday, 14 December.

- I will be out on 13 December, but somebody will be home from early evening to receive baked goods.
- I'll be home Wednesday and Thursday night before, and I'll be home on Saturday morning until about 9:00 am.
- I will have plastic bags to portion and package your donations with me on Monday, 9 December.
- There will be a template and labels available. Contact me if you need help printing (before Friday, please).
- Please aim for about 200 grams or so per package.
- As per last time, all ingredients must be listed.
- Nothing that requires refrigeration (cream, cheese et cetara) can be sold at the bake sale.
- Last time, slices and brownies sold very well. Cookies and muffins did as well.
- Making the packages pretty seemed to help.

Thank you for everything you're doing to help.

Mike Finke

#### HOPE KATOLO OLIVE OIL

If you would like a bottle of very good olive oil, and help a fantastic project at the same time, contact Ian Teese (0427 358 987) and arrange to collect a bottle, or two. \$12 per bottle.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES**

To Sue Ballard as she celebrates her birthday today.

#### **DUTY ROSTER**

	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Recorder	Mike Finke	Warwick Stott
Greeter	lan Teese	Bob Laslett
Cashier	Sue Ballard	John Donaghey
Emergency	Ron Brooks	Bill Marsh

#### **COMING UP**

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Report
16 Dec 19 Dec 13 Jan	Bake Sale Christmas Meeting Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Club BBQ at Bill & Judy's home Peridot Theatre Fundraiser	Mike Finke John Bindon John McPhee Bill Marsh Mike/Ron/Bill	John McPhee

#### ATTENDANCE

If you are not coming to the meeting or if you wish to bring a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10.00am Monday on 0412 807 585 or <u>rcssmith@optusnet.com.au</u>

Please ensure Ray is aware of any special dietary needs.

If you need to cancel after 10.00am please contact Bucatini Restaurant directly on 9873 0268.

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Address:	PO Box 116, Nunawading, 3131	
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Meetings:	6.30pm, Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)	

#### **MARKETS**

Our Blackburn market is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Come along and lend a hand or just enjoy the great stalls on offer. Don't forget our Cake Stall is on today, also and you can lend a hand there as well.

#### ARTICLES

Articles, notices and photos for inclusion in **FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS** to <u>bjmarsh@bjgpond.net.au</u> no later than 10.00am on Wednesday each week.

#### **WEBSITE**

Keep up-to-date by checking our website at www.foresthillrotary.com

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#### **ROTARY MONTHLY THEME**

This month Rotary is highlighting its work in Disease Prevention and Treatment.

How can your club help?

## Check out MASH's Mince Fruit Pies on the last page of the newsletter.

#### A SPECIAL MESSAGE

Hi all,

We have incredible news. Due to our Hope Katolo Nursery School family being incredibly awesome and so generous, we are excited to let you know that our Hamper of Hope tally is now up to \$3225. This huge amount of money will go such a long way in Kenya. We are very grateful and we know that the staff, students and their families in Katolo will be too.

There's still time to enter if you haven't already. Every \$5 will get you 1 ticket into the draw to win your own hamper (drawn Sunday 22nd Dec). Simply transfer the money to the account below and send us an email to confirm your deposit.

Hope Katolo Nursery School

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Thanks again for allowing us to deliver this happy news.

Warm Regards

Melanie Haley, Leanne Pinfold and Georgina Malanga

Hope Katolo Nursery School, Kenya



Hope Katolo after the recent flooding rains.

#### **PERIDOT THEATRE**

#### Special – Special – Special – Special – Special – Special –

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 we will be hosting the preview night for the first Peridot performance for the year – the very funny "Waiting for God" (If you are old enough you will remember the hilarious British TV series.)

Tickets will be \$22 with proceeds going to our special project Hope Katolo Nursery School in Kenya.

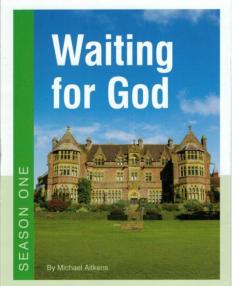
Put the date in your diary and try to put together a group to bring along. A great show, great company and superb catering all for a great cause.

We would really appreciate the support of all of the clubs and groups we have contact with as we have 200 tickets to sell.



https://www.trybooking.com/BGTDT

### You can use either of these links when booking tickets.



#### Directed by Bob Bramble

At Bayview Retirement Village, battle-axe extraordinaire Diana Trent conspires with new resident Tom Ballard to give the conniving manager his comeuppance through a hilarious conspiracy with unexpectedly heart-warming results. All the favourite characters from the original TV series are reimagined for this full-length play, facing the challenges that come with growing old disgracefully in the era of the silver surfer. A glorious affirmation of the old adage that while there's hope!

Preview Night Performance Fundraiser Thursday, 30 January, 8pm All Tickets \$22 Peridot's Unicorn Theatre, Mount Waverley Info and booking at trybooking.com/BGTDT Warangement with Ordin Theatrical on behalf of Samuel French

#### **BLACKBURN MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH**

#### **Dawn's Flowers**

**Dawn Hooton** has been a regular at the Blackburn Craft Market from the very beginning. If you want her plants you have to come to our market as she sells nowhere else. Dawn lives in Forest Hill and propagates every plant herself from her own seeds or cuttings. Her love of flowers and gardening started as a young girl when her father bought her a packet of Fuchsia seeds...... it has been her hobby ever since. It's amazing looking at the large healthy specimens of evergreen perennials such as the fuchsias, ferns, and pelargoniums she sells with long flowering periods all at very reasonable prices.









#### WHEN?

#### • Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 commencing around 8.30 am

to

• Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 ending around 1.00 pm

#### REGISTRATION



- Try Booking online <a href="https://trybooking.com/BCVRD">https://trybooking.com/BCVRD</a>
- Contact Details:
- Tim Lynn
  - 9810rotaryconference@gmail.com c/- PO Box 59, Box Hill VIC 3128
- Manual form available if unable to access Try Booking
- Options Paddle steamer ride plus Saturday night only

#### Conference Golf Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

- This will be held prior to the District Conference in Moama, NSW, in March 2020
- Rich River Golf Club.
- Arrival 12.30-1 pm. (Light lunch will be provided)
- Shotgun start 2 pm. (Remember it's daylight savings.)
  Stableford
- Prizes will be announced at the conference on Saturday or Sunday subject to the timing.
- Opportunity to attend any Club dinners on the Friday evening
- Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact: Wil Cornelissen wil.cornelissen358@gmail.com





# CHRISTMAS FRUIT MINCE PIES



\$16 PER DOZEN \$3 from each dozen will support "End Polio Now" For orders or enquiries contact: David Winter on 0438 833 917 david\_winter1954@hotmail.com