



Rotary
Club of Forest Hill



Weekly Newsletter

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

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>
7 th Dec	Bass Coast Challenge Ride AGM & committee meetings	Bob Williams	Chris Tuck
14 th Dec	Rotarian behind the Badge <i>Mike Finke</i> Board meeting	Warwick Stott	John McPhee
21 st Dec	A Christmas message <i>Rev Kevin Dobson</i>	Bob Laslett	Ray Smith
10 th Jan	BBQ Kathy & John's		

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

9th Dec Judy Laslett Birthday



DUTY ROSTER

	December	January
Cashier	Warwick Stott	Bill Marsh
Recorder	Ray Smith	Stuart Williams
Greeter	Mike Finke	Ron Brooks
Emergency	Bill Marsh	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

VOCATIONAL VISIT. Stuart has booked a visit to the Australian JAZZ Museum, on **Wed 9th of March**. Start 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 but could take 35. Tell your friends and family. First in, first assured. Tell him if you plan to come. He wants an indication of numbers **NOW**.

BOB'S BANTER



A very sad time for the Harper family and the family of Forest Hill Rotary Club, with Stan's passing on Sunday morning.

In his own quiet, unassuming way he engendered just what Rotary is all about, with his untiring work for his community, professionalism, generosity, caring nature and at all times being a perfect gentleman in every sense of the word. Thirty-nine years service with three sapphires to his PHF, a centurion and benefactor plus starting 12 Probus clubs is an amazing Rotary career.

Our quiet moment of reflection on Stan last meeting contributed some further insight into the man, particularly with Ray's words about Stan's market work and Glenys saying how Stan would always assist her with advice about whatever Rotary work she was doing in her first year or so in the club.

I have so many lovely memories of him, with the latest being of him looking resplendent in his suit and tie, surrounded by his family and friends at our celebration of his 90th birthday at the club. I recall his still amazing memory when I asked him questions about his Rotary life.

His sage advice and work ethic will be sorely missed in our club and we all must "Be a Gift to the World" for Joan and family at this very difficult time with assisting in whatever we can for them.

President Bob

Remember "Be a Gift to the World".

DIARY DATES

Sat	5 th Dec	RC of Dingley Jewellery Sale Neighbourhood Centre Marcus Rd
Sun	10 th Jan	BBQ at Ocean Grove (Kathy & John's home)
Wed	2 nd Mar	International Women's Day (Box Hill Central)
Wed	9 th Mar	Women in Rotary Forum
Sat/Sun	30 th Apr/1 st May	MUNA weekend
	28th May/1st June	RI CONVENTION, SEOUL, KOREA
Sun	19 th June	Multi District function to farewell Ian Risely (RI Pres '17-'18)

ON TO CONFERENCE-SHEPPARTON

So far, Bob and Barb Williams, Bob and Judy Laslett, Bill and Judy Marsh, Glenys Grant, and I are booked in. **Please email me if there are any more of you out there who would like a room booked.**

On to Conference chairman Stuart

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Sergeant Stu opened with his weekly "reflections". *I am sure tonight we won't just have a moment of reflection, we will have a night of reflection. Firstly, last week people stopped and acknowledged White Ribbon Day. This day was designed to raise awareness of Domestic Violence. Surely this issue deserves respect, consideration and meaningful action. How appalling that two females are murdered every week in Australia as a result of family violence.*

Secondly, we will reflect on the death of Stan Harper. Stan was not just a cherished and valued Rotarian, he was a wonderful person. A gracious, gentle, gentleman who loved Rotary and had Rotary and this Rotary club always in his thoughts. Stan would slip fines to the sergeant, he would background us on our club history and he would support all our projects. Stan was respected right across Rotary District 9810 and his wise counsel was often sought.

Tonight is a night that we can reflect with pride that we knew Stan Harper.

Please join me in 2 toasts. Firstly, to the country that Stan served so proudly as a young man in World War 11, - Australia.

Secondly, to the organisation that had become a joy and sense of strength in Stan's life – Rotary International.

By Sergeant Stuart

Nine members and our guest speaker, Leon Moore, enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship.

As always Sergeant-at-arms, Stuart Williams, opened the meeting with a well thought out moment of reflection. Stuart spoke of our friend and fellow Rotarian, Stan Harper, and how much he has meant to the club over so many years. He also spoke of Rotary's response to Family Violence.

President, Bob Williams, then spoke about the legacy that Stan has left in our club and the meeting paused for a few minutes for members to form their personal reflections on how he had influenced their lives and time as Rotarians. Several members then recounted personal anecdotes about Stan. It was very evident that Stan, in his own quiet way, had had a huge impact on individuals and the club as a whole.

Committee reports were then given by the various chairpersons.

Our guest speaker for the night, Leon Moore, was then introduced. This was the second time Leon has spoken to the club. Some three years ago he told us about his work with



the Stroke Choir. Tonight it was about a new choir he is forming – LAARFS. (Laughing All Abilities Really Friendly Singers) This is all about people with special needs and special abilities and to say he is an inspirational speaker would be an understatement. The passion, energy and enthusiasm he brings to his presentation demonstrates why he is so

successful. If you haven't heard Leon you need to invite him to speak to your club or group. He, and the people he works with, will amaze you.

Our Sergeant raised \$29.70 with his fines session and our raffle raised \$47.00 with Bill and Warwick taking home the prizes.

Submitted by Bill Marsh

[Didn't Warwick win last time? Glenys will be having words with him!! - the editor]

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? Use your imagination - possible gifts could include movie gift cards, Kmart and other shopping cards as well as many other ideas. **Contact Bob L. for details.**

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

FOREST HILL SECONDARY COLLEGE BREAKFAST

Robbie and Pres Bob made pancakes last Tuesday for a whole pile of students. Bob is the mixture maker and Robbie the pancake cooker. What a team! But now they can sleep in on Tuesday morning until school starts again in the New Year. If any of you want to volunteer to help please contact Bob L or Pres Bob. You don't have to be a toastie or pancake expert, you will be given on the job training at no cost to you.

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	22 nd Dec to 13 th Jan	South Africa [Cape Town – East London]
Bev & Gary Baltissen	15 th Nov to 9 th Dec	Hong Kong & 19 day cruise back to Oz
Stuart Williams	7 th Dec to 20 th Dec	Khon Kaen (northern Thailand)

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].

BUYER AND CELLAR

Robbie and Ron went to the Fairfax this week to see this massive NY cult hit comedy. It is pure fiction based on Barbra Streisand's book about photography and design plus her legendary shopping sprees. Ash Flanders stars in this one man two hour non stop extravaganza. The playwright Jonathan Tolins imagines she has built her own shopping mall in the basement of her fabulous Malibu house and Alex, played by Ash, takes on the job of looking after it and being the only shop assistant. He also takes on the role of Barbra and takes on the role of the housekeeper plus he constantly has frantic conversations with Barry, his boyfriend. Barbra has always had this cult following by the gay community and that was even evident in our Melbourne audience. I came out exhausted so Ash Flanders must be amazingly fit to go through this every night. Some "in" jokes which I have found American audiences laugh at to show they are "in the know", but Aussies don't react in quite the same way. He had a standing ovation.

Submitted by Ron Brooks

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Days for Girls is a grass roots charity that has a network of Teams and Chapters around the world that make and raise funds to provide sanitary hygiene kits. (You may remember the talk on providing toilets for school children at the annual conference in which one added benefit was that if teenage girls have a toilet to go to they don't miss one week a month). Over 100,000 kits have been given out in over 75 countries. These kits are washable and reusable lasting up to three years.

How can you help?

- you can sew,
- you can do non sewing tasks,
- you can donate fabric,
- you can contact margaretdccunningham@gmail.com
- you can visit www.daysforgirls.org

If you are interested in helping, Robbie will be contacting them in the New Year.

Ron Brooks

UNICEF FOREIGN COIN COLLECTION

The RC of Manningham gave me 2.9kg of coins and some notes including US\$25 at



their meeting last Monday night and Pres Bob collected 2.2kg of coins from the RC of Beaumaris at the quarterly Presidents Meeting last Friday. This makes 14 clubs in D9810 that have donated coins and notes so far. That is over \$4,700 worth of foreign coins and notes already donated to UNICEF from just a quarter of the district's clubs. So, I encourage you to turn that scrap metal hiding in the back of a drawer somewhere into supporting underprivileged, undernourished kids.

Ron Brooks

STAMPS

Even if you only get a few stamps a week, collect them and give them to me.



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. Stuart gave me a pile of mostly foreign stamps which are worth more than Australian ones. Thanks Stuart.

To date, this Rotary project has collected stamps that have been sold for **\$93,212**.

This year the money raised from the stamps will go to **ROMAC. Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children.**

Ron Brooks

PERIDOT THEATRE FELLOWSHIP NIGHT FRI 27th NOV

Last Fri 27th Nov, a party of 11 of us went to Peridot Theatre's final play for the year "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. I'm glad they described it as a comedy as at times there were deadly serious arguments. The audience might have seen the funny side of it but the combatants on stage were into real physical and mental/emotional battles. No interval so we finished early. Peridot is always well worth going to. A good Fellowship event with Val joining us while she is down in Melbourne.

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 as he misses our fellowship.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

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

CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

	2015-16
President	Bob Williams
Vice President	Stuart Williams
Secretary	Ron Brooks
Treasurer	Warwick Stott
President Elect	John McPhee
Sergeant	Stuart Williams
Foundation/International	Chris Tuck
Members	John Donaghey, Stan Harper,
Youth Service	Glenys Grant
Members	Ray Smith, Bill Marsh, Graham Sharman
Community & Vocation	Bob Laslett
Members	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
Membership & Publicity	John McPhee
Members	Warwick Stott, Bob Williams,
Fellowship	John Donaghey
Primary Schools Speech Night	Bob Williams
Programme	Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen
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Web page & Facebook	Ron Brooks
On to Conference	Stuart Williams
Historian	Stan Harper
Almoner	Graham Sharman
Public Officer	Bill Marsh



Rotary Club of Glen Waverley

GRAND AUCTION

FRIDAY 26th FEB 2016
6.45pm for 7.15 start

VILLAGE GREEN HOTEL
cnr. Springvale & Ferntree Gully Roads

**A ROTARY FUNDRAISER
TO ASSIST SES MONASH UNIT**

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