



**Weekly Flyer
2016-2017**



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 Meeting time: Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm
 Facebook: Rotary Club Forest Hill

CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks and Meeting report
15 December	Visit to Chris & Jenny Tuck's Cherry Orchard		
19 December	No Meeting		
9 January	Social gathering at Mike and Kira Finke's		
16 January	Review of "Tin legs & Toasting Forks" <i>Jim McPhee</i>	Chris Tuck	Ron Brooks

CELEBRATIONS

Tis the season to be jolly.

Birthday good wishes to Graham Sharman (26 December), John Donaghey (3 January), Kira Finke (6 January), Kathy Donaghey (9 January).

Club anniversaries for Graham Sharman (22 December) and Bob Williams (1 January)

Wedding Anniversaries - 8 January- Bob & Judy Laslett and Bill & Judy Marsh

DUTY ROSTER

	January	February
Recorder	Bob Williams	Mike Finke
Greeter	Glenys Grant	Graham Sharman

Emergency	Martine Macleod - Craig	Chris Tuck
Cashier	Stuart Williams	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 0412 807 585 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

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.

PRESIDENT JOHN'S JOTTINGS/Meeting Report

Thank you all for the attendance and the free- flowing discussions throughout the evening.

We managed to cover a wide range of topics from Berengarra School, Forest Hill College to Hope Katolo Schools, to Timor- Leste lighting and the project for Rumbek School in South Sudan.

We missed a photo opportunity when presenting the 2 Davis family scholarships at Forest Hill College but will pick this up when the Davis family visits the school early next year. The first of the Harper family scholarships will be presented before the end of the school year.

Hope Katolo will benefit from redirection of portion of the Davis money once our commitment to Rumbek has been effected.

A fantastic response from parents and schools to the recent Youth Achievement Awards and both Schools involved previously with MUNA will do so again in 2017.

A reminder concerning the membership evening in May and the fundraising necessary if we are to continue to maintain our high level of activities.

Our final activity for the year is the farm visit to the Tucks on Thursday.

In conclusion for this calendar year, a very merry Christmas to all and your families and may Peace Joy Love and Hope go with all throughout 2017.

John

Social Media Messages

Episode twelve is up and running.

<https://soundcloud.com/mike-finke-167583478/five-minute-forest-hill-episode-12>

Efforts by Ron Brooks and me have been partially successful, the official RCFH Facebook page found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubForestHill/>.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS-

Many thanks to those that donated gifts for the hampers. The good folks at East Burwood Uniting Care received them enthusiastically and will ensure that they are distributed to those in most need in our community

Blackburn Station Market 10th December 2016

We were again in the car park behind the shops with nearly 20 stallholders.

The Rail Crossing Authority had a stall with advice about the Heatherdale and Blackburn Road closures from 27 December to 6 February 2017 to hopefully complete the works at both locations. With our next market to be the February 11th, our contact at the Rail Crossing Authority, Kerilyn, is hopeful we will then return to South Parade but suggested to allow that we will again be in the car park. John and I advised our stallholders of this when we went around for our collection.

We raised \$282 and have some sausages over which have been frozen for our next market.

Our new Mayor and great club supporter, Denise Massoud attended and had a sausage and although customer numbers were down our stallholders were cheerful and most will be there again in February. A happy place is our market.

Thanks to our willing band of helpers who make it happen – Ray, Stuart, Glenys, Bill, Bob L, John Mc, Chris and Mike and as we didn't have enough volunteers to continue after noon, my thanks to Mike for staying on until 12-20 to help us pack up. We did miss our usual sale to one of our regulars who used to buy 8 sausages but now is on a diet and only has 6. It was a shame we weren't able to extend our stay to 12-30 or 1pm as that adversely affected our income. Please-keep in mind that we need 4 on the last shift when the list goes around for the February market.

Bob W

Whitehorse Farmers' Market Honours a Non-Rotarian Helper

The Market has been going now for 10 years and many Rotarians have given a huge amount of work to this successful Whitehorse Cluster project. However in addition a non-Rotarian has also given 10 years of work.

For the whole time that the market has been operating except for the first two months, Geoff Morgan (aka Mad Dog) a council employee in his weekday job has in his own time collected all the rubbish bins at the end of the morning, put the rubbish all in a couple of big bins, then using his own trailer or one that he borrowed or hired carted it down to the transfer station for the sum of \$30. He was asked early in the exercise if he would accept \$50 (as the Council itself had charged the committee \$250 in the first two markets) and he said he only wanted \$30. Then a few months ago the committee realised that he was still on \$30 and tried to give him \$50 when he again refused.

So at last Sunday's market after being asked to come to the Whitehorse Centre office he was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship pin and certificate by District Governor Nominee and WFM Chairman Malcolm Chiverton, and a couple of hours later Geoff was at it again taking the rubbish down to the tip for the very small sum of \$30.

Doing the arithmetic of a saving of \$220 each market for 12 each year over ten years, there would have been an extra amount of \$26,400 that was available for distribution to local charities because Geoff had been so generous with his time.

From the bottom of our hearts, Geoff, thank you for your generosity and willingness to give to the community, besides your good-natured and happy disposition.



Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Luncheon.

As we were one of the clubs who have supported the program over the last year we were invited to attend their Christmas lunch at Sandown Greyhound function rooms, Wednesday of last week. Bob L, Stuart and I went along and met with several members of Ringwood Rotary club who help out a lot more than we have and like ourselves see the enormous benefit to young drivers of attending the training day.

The coordinator, Catherine Smith spoke to us for a few minutes between courses of the success of the program with another sponsor coming on board and early next year will see over 500,000 learner drivers having attended the courses since it started 10 years ago.

She will ask our club to join with Ringwood to help with a large day training in February and then in June we will again be asked to help with another day for Vermont Secondary college (whom we assisted with at Sandown earlier this year) and this time at the new Lilydale training premises. I hope we can continue assisting in this very worthwhile program so please try and make yourself available for either or both of these days when details are announced as you also gain from the experience.

Our gourmet member, Stuart would be better placed to comment on the wonderful lunch we were served with the entree being main serve size then a huge main which all left some on their plates (yes even Stuart) then a yummy dessert, again which most left some on their plate (not Stuart though). Coffee and shortbread followed as we all let out our belts and made our way back home.

A lovely thank you from RYDA for our work.

Bob W

Report From Portugal

Dear all

We never take advantage of extensive breakfasts. This morning had champagne and lots of cooked stuff which we did not touch. However, this cheese was delish and some nice cottage cheese and two different almond cakes plus fresh mixed fruit was so nice. But we both fill up too quickly.

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GPS is making driving so much easier though yesterday it directed me uphill through one way streets, the wrong way and after about 6 tight turns with the mirrors folded in I met a car coming down. Oops! I had to reverse SLOWLY. Today I got within 200m of the hotel after 260kms and met a no cars, pedestrians only street which the GPS said to drive along. It was full of souvenirs shops with stuff spread on the narrow street. I said, to hell with it let's drive up it. We made it with only one lady pulling a face. I told the hotel man and he just smiled and said that's OK as it wasn't busy. In the summer it would have been crowded but to reverse back down this one way alley with both wing mirrors folded in would have been the days "highlight(?)"

Weather sunny 20degC. Perfect.

Today we had arranged a 4hr cork tour starting at 10am. We arrived at 9:55am. Met a guy who said we'd have tons of time for coffee if it was a 10am start! At 10:10 we spoke to a German lady from Munich who worked at the cork museum. She said the guide wasn't coming but another worker there called Emanuel who had already shown us a cork tree he planted when he started there in 1989 would show us around and get the film going etc. He knew more than the guide who was relatively new to it. He was born in the village as were his parents. We were glad the guide had not turned up.

We ate seafood cataplana last night. Traditional to the Alentejo area. Prawns, fish, pipettes, mussels cooked in a copper wok looking pan with capsicum, onion, garlic and coriander served in the copper pan. Went well with the chestnut soup. We ate roasted chestnuts in Evora today in the main square. It's chestnut time.

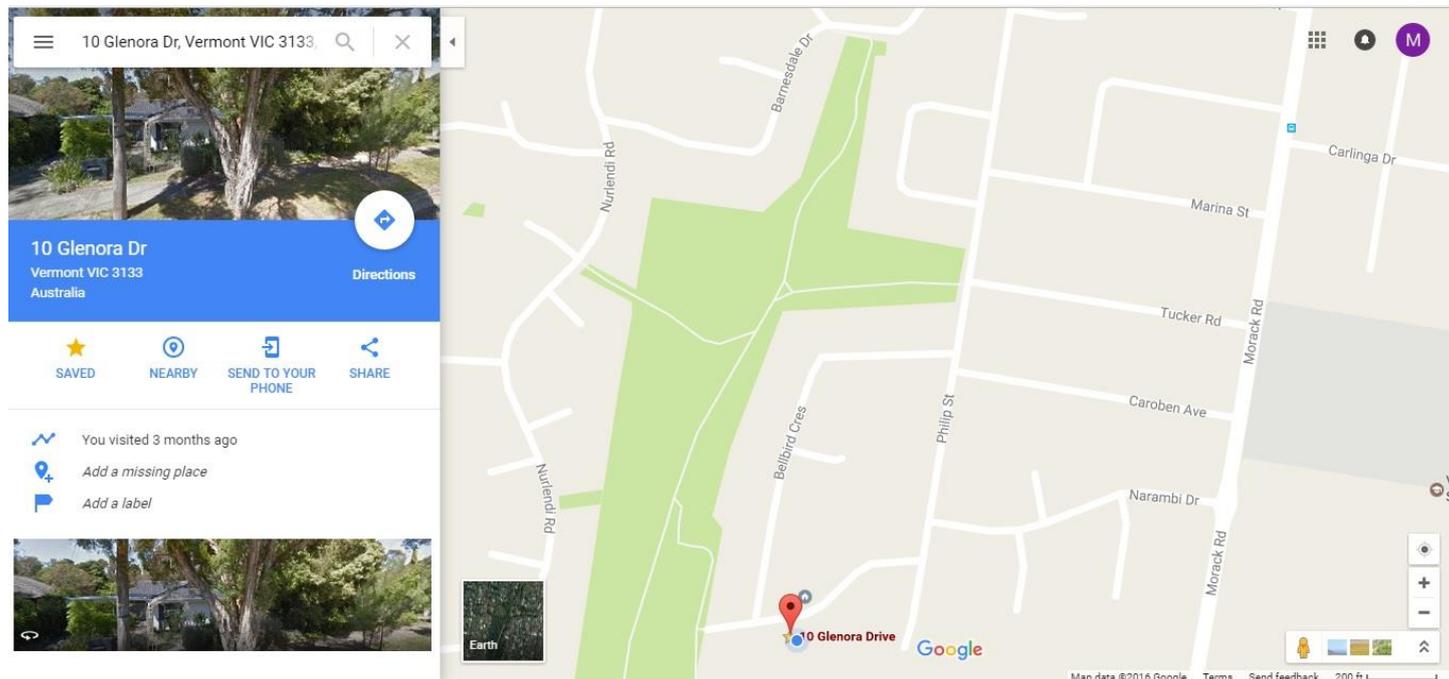
Regards to all
Ron and Robbie

Info for 9 January

The address is 10 Glenora Drive in Vermont. Do not bring anything unless you have very peculiar and specific drink preferences. A heads-up on attendance is requested to assure catering is adequate but not grossly excessive. If an opportunity arises to arrive earlier than six, please take it. There will be nibbles and beverages available from five. We have two dogs. They're friendly enough but respect neither personal space nor the concept of private property so far as food is concerned. Unattended plates lower than table height are at serious risk of attack. Please contact me with any food sensitivity or dietary requirements.

It seems there's a tradition that members bring something, and I don't want to start trampling on such practices. If members and spouses would like to whip up a dessert to bring on the night, please do so. You can contact either myself or my wife to give us a heads-up on the details:

macleodk6@gmail.com for Kira.



RCFH Roles in 2017-18

President	Bill Marsh	Board Member	
President Elect/Vice President	Mike Finke	Board Member	
Immediate Past President	John McPhee	Board Member	
Secretary	Bob Laslett	Board Member	
Treasurer	Warwick Stott	Board Member	
Youth Service	Glenys Grant	Board Member	
Foundation & International	Stuart Williams	Board Member	
Community & Vocational	Chris Tuck	Board Member	
Program	Ron Brooks	Membership	Warwick Stott
Sergeant	Stuart Williams	Newsletter Editor	Bob Laslett
Web Page	Ron Brooks	Whitehorse Farmers' Market	Warwick Stott
Facebook	Mike Finke, Stuart Williams/Ron Brooks		
Blackburn Market	John McPhee	Attendance/Meals/Bucatini	Ray Smith
Club Protection Officer	Bill Marsh – still to be confirmed (Offers accepted)		
Fellowship	Open to offers		
Fundraising	Mike Finke -Open to offers		

Committees

Youth Service

Glenys Grant (Chair), Graham Sharman, Bob Laslett & John Donaghey

Foundation & International

Stuart Williams (Chair), Mike Finke, Bob Williams, Barbara Searle

Community & Vocational

Chris Tuck (Chair), John McPhee, Ray Smith & Martine Macleod-Craig

Membership

Warwick Stott (Chair), Ron Brooks, Gary Baltissen & Bill Marsh

(Nancy Notman – unattached pending her return.)

DIARY DATES

Mon. 9 Jan. 2017 BBQ at Mike & Kira Finke's home in Vermont to open the year.

Sat 4 Feb. 2017 Lunch at Kathy & John Donaghey's home in Ocean Grove.

Thurs. 2 Mar. 2017 Lunch at Bev & Gary Baltissen's home in Sorrento.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

January Vocational Service

February Peace & Conflict Resolution

ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to rlaslett76@gmail.com by 5 pm Wednesday 18 January please. The next flyer will appear shortly after.