



**Rotary**  
Club of Forest Hill



## Weekly Newsletter

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**President Bob Williams**



Be a gift to the world

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

Meeting time:

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

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ForestHill Rotary

### CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rotarian behind the Badge <i>Mike Finke</i> <b>Board meeting</b>	Warwick Stott	John McPhee
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	A Christmas message <i>Rev Kevin Dobson</i>	Bob Laslett	Ray Smith
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	BBQ Kathy & John's		

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

None. Make the most of a rest before the storm.  
Christmas is coming



### 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](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

For those of you unable to attend Stan Harper's funeral most ably conducted by our own Kevin Grigsby, please read "Stan Harper-the Rotarian" delivered by PDG Bob Laslett at the celebration of his life, reproduced below.

## BOB'S BANTER

A varied last meeting with our AGM, ably chaired again by Bob Laslett and great to have our honorary auditor, Dick Tregear attend and our thanks for your good work Dick. Well done John Mc and the nominating committee for having all positions filled for the 2016/17 year. We need to check on the whether our Public Officer has to be also the Secretary

Robbie, Barbara, Ron and I spoke about the recent Bass Coast Cycle Challenge we did on behalf of Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program and with words, pictures and video I think everyone understood we had a wonderful social weekend interrupted in the middle by a hard workout on our bikes and bodies. Very rewarding though and we have made a connection with the local Rotary club (Inverloch) and a couple of us plan to attend one of their meetings early in the New Year.

With us in our bright orange lycra tops (and bottoms and cleats a la Ron) Glenys thought we looked like bumble bees.

Good news from DG David that The Rotary Foundation is one of the top ten charities in the world for financial health, accountability and transparency.

I will pass around the Jazz Club visit folder for the next couple of meetings and the visit is for the 9<sup>th</sup> March at 11-30 am at their Wantirna address

I have been asked to attend a couple of school assemblies this week to re-present students with their Youth Achievement Awards and we have had some wonderful thanks from parents and schools.

Bucatini has informed Ray that they won't now have to close over January for renovations so we can plan our meetings accordingly.

Whilst on programmes, with Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January being a public holiday we need to decide whether we have a meeting on the Monday 25<sup>th</sup> or not have one as is our practice for the Monday night before Cup Day each year.

By a show of hands we decided to assist Box Hill Central with their Anzac Day service they run for local students so we await developments as BHC were also seeking assistance from other cluster clubs. There were about one thousand students at their service this year.

I mentioned during the meeting that I had seen on the back of a "T" shirt worn by a serving lady at Inverloch's new yummy gelato shop "Stressed spelt backwards is Desserts", and although I have never liked the word "stressed" if you are feeling that way, stop and have a lick of an ice cream or gelato and I'm sure you'll feel better for it. This week we have our new member Mike Finke giving us "The Rotarian behind the badge" talk and I'm sure we are all looking forward to hearing of his background.

Mike by the way has jumped right in feet first and is working at both the Blackburn Market Saturday and Whitehorse on Sunday so good on you Mike!

Great that Glenys had good news re Rob's mum and the sale of her home in Tassie and Glenys will be missing for a bit while they both go over there and organise it all.

We need to discuss what to do with Stan's club records so I would like that to happen during our next meeting.

A board meeting follows the dinner meeting and we won't have a January board meeting.

*President Bob*

**Remember "Be a Gift to the World".**

## DIARY DATES

Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	BBQ at Ocean Grove (Kathy & John's home)
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	International Women's Day (Box Hill Central)
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Women in Rotary Forum
Sat/Sun	30 <sup>th</sup> Apr/1 <sup>st</sup> May	MUNA weekend

**28<sup>th</sup> May/1<sup>st</sup> June RI CONVENTION, SEOUL, KOREA**

Sun	19 <sup>th</sup> June	Multi District function to farewell Ian Risely (RI Pres '17-'18)
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## STAN HARPER- THE ROTARIAN

Stan was a Rotarian... in the truest sense of the word. He honoured the badge for 39 years. He helped many people without fuss. He was a meticulous keeper of records but much more than that. His warm heart and creative intellect was dedicated to the essence of Rotary. He was the recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship and three sapphires, a committed centurion and a benefactor. The latter means that his contribution to the Rotary Foundation will continue to aid people around the world after his death.

Stan fulfilled with distinction many positions at the Rotary Club of Forest Hill including being a much-loved president in 1986/1987. Mentor of many of us, alert to the needs of visitors and new members he was Mr Reliable. He was active at the peach orchard, the air show, the golf days, the fun runs, the Blackburn market, Schwerkoldt cottage and many others-tirelessly working alongside others- a great team player. Stan and Joan generously hosted exchange students including a student from China.

A conscientious DG's representative, a clear-thinking secretary for a 1300 – strong district conference, Stan the man endeared himself to many other clubs, Rotarians and fellow –citizens. He served with honour on District membership and Foundation committees.

His delight was founding Probus clubs- at least 11 in the Whitehorse area. He thoroughly deserved the nickname Mr Probus as he coordinated the growth of this extremely valuable program throughout the district.

He and Joan generously set up the Harper Family bequest which has been used to support community service projects for

- The young in sporting and education fields
- Handicapped and disadvantaged people
- The aged

Stan's outstanding service to the local community was recognized by the City of Whitehorse with a citizenship award. While in care, Stan's thoughts often turned to his beloved club- he even worried about whether he had paid his dues when that should have been the last thing he needed to think about. In celebration of his long and distinguished Rotary career and his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday the Rotary Club of Forest Hill enjoyed a delightful evening with Stan, Joan and the family on 28 September.

One of nature's gentlemen, he has left you Joan with a fountain of memories. What a legacy your Dad has left to you Malcolm, Gary and Ross; what reasons to be proud he has given you Veronica and Margaret; what a friendly challenge to live up to for Justin, Jade, Ryan and Theodore.

Stan Harper you have indeed been a gift to the world and you have inspired many-we salute you.

## CHARITY REPORT. HOW DOES ROTARY RATE?

We have been hearing and reading about charities and how much of your donated money gets to the actual recipients. Well you can rest easy that Rotary rates very well. We have just received word about the ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUST

*"The Rotary Foundation is ranked in the Top 10 charities in the world. The scores — ranked on a scale of 1 to 100 — are based on financial health,*

*accountability and the transparency of reporting. TRF is ranked at **Number 5** in the world.*

### No. 5. The Rotary Foundation

This not-for-profit organization works to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace. Using [Rotary Foundation](#) grants, Rotary's 34,000 clubs across the globe develop and carry out sustainable humanitarian projects and provide scholarships and professional training. One of its biggest initiatives aims at eradicating polio through its PolioPlus program, launched in 1985. Since then, Rotary and its partners, including the World Health Organization and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, have immunized more than 2.5 billion children, reducing the incidence of polio by 99 percent and eradicating it from all but three countries.

Score: 96.31

Please click on the link below. Use this information when seeking contributions and take great pride in what it says."

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/12/01/the-top-10-charities-changing-the-world-in-2015.html?slide=7>

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The meeting commenced with our Annual General meeting for 2014-15.

The AGM ran smoothly with the Treasurer Warwick Stott presenting the Club financials which demonstrated that the Club is still in a sound financial position.

Our thanks were expressed to Dick Tregear, who was present at the meeting, and acted as auditor of our accounts.

Incoming President John McPhee announced the office bearers for next year.

Following the AGM a couple of reminders were provided including:

1. Donations for Christmas hampers are requested;
2. The first meeting of the year will be at Ocean Grove on Jan. 10 2015; and
3. So far \$4,700 has been raised in foreign coins from just 13 Clubs, well done Ron.

The guest speakers were Barbara and Bob Williams and Robbie and Ron Brooks who spoke about the RYDA Bass Coast Challenge held on Nov. 14 2015.

RYDA stands for Rotary Youth Driver Awareness.



Robbie & Barb



Pres Bob & Stuart

This event was a bike ride over 3 distances from 121km, 85km and 53km and participants could choose the event they wished to participate. All 4 of our speakers participated in the event along with Stuart Williams.

President Bob showed a video he made which demonstrated the course which included Mt. Misery, Wonthaggi, Cape Patterson, Eagle Nest Rock and Inverloch.

The point was clearly made by the speakers that the bike ride was not only great fun but also provided an opportunity for fellowship over the weekend. Ron won first prize which included some bike riding clothes including a very good quality helmet. I understand the ride will be held again next year. Ron advised that as long as you could ride a bike you could compete in this event.

The Sergeant raised \$23.90 and the raffle \$44.00.

Submitted by Chris Tuck

Ron and Warwick won the raffle with Ron choosing the Pepperjack Shiraz and Warwick the cherries donated by Farmer Chris (thanks Chris). Robbie and Barbara taste tested the cherries for Warwick and declared them VERY acceptable!

Ron the editor

## RYDA

We heard at the club meeting that money raised from the Bass Coast charity bike ride was being donated to RYDA. In case you don't know about it .....read on .....

(see [www.rse.org.au/ryda](http://www.rse.org.au/ryda) )

**RYDA is designed for 16-18 year old students who are approaching that crucial time in their lives where they start to drive independently or are travelling as passengers of novice drivers. At RYDA, students will:**

- Identify risks of car travel (to young driver and passenger) including life-long consequences.
- Identify contributing factors to crashes and understand how these are preventable (crashes aren't accidents).
- Identify what a low-risk driver/passenger is and compare to self (in relation to low-risk attributes).
- Investigate ways to manage and eliminate road risk by developing and rehearsing personal strategies.
- Prepare steps (safer driver and passenger behavior change) to lower identified personal risks and be a socially responsible road user.

Our club intends to support RYDA this year.

## 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 (just updated - YAA & Mike Finke Induction)

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](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)

## 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 <sup>nd</sup> Dec to 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	South Africa [Cape Town – East London]
Stuart Williams	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec to 20 <sup>th</sup> 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].**

### **BRIDGE OF SPIES**

There was no club Cinema Night this month so Robbie and Ron went off to The Waverley to see this cold war Spielberg movie . It is \$6 a ticket at The Waverley. Great value and a really excellent movie about Gary Powers and his swop with Russian spy Rudolf Abel. Tom Hanks is the lawyer who does the negotiations and Mark Rylance is a very believable spy. But behind all this story is the frightening realisation of the way media is manipulated. We in the West think that our press is free and we hear the truth..... THINK AGAIN. If you can make the time to see this movie before it is taken off, do yourself a favour and head to The Waverley.

*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](mailto:margaretdccunningham@gmail.com)
- you can visit [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org)

Connie Millott has been in touch with Robbie to say she wants to help. If there are any of you others interested in helping please contact Robbie.

*Ron Brooks*

## **UNICEF FOREIGN COIN COLLECTION**

Every week more coins come in. Shane (Pres Bob's mate) gave us \$34 in NZ currency last club meeting. This makes 14 clubs (and Shane, who is a club in his own right!) 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. I collected some from Joan Harper during the week. Thanks Joan. 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*

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

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**Rotary Club of Glen Waverley**

**GRAND AUCTION**

**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEB 2016**  
**6.45pm for 7.15 start**

**VILLAGE GREEN HOTEL**  
 cnr. Springvale & Ferntree Gully Roads

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

CONTACT PRESIDENT LES WALKER - 0409 136 894  
 PDG GRAEME WOOLACOTT - 0408 345 049

**SES**

The poster features a blue header with the Rotary International logo and the club name. Below this, the event title 'GRAND AUCTION' is prominently displayed in large white letters. The date and time are listed in yellow. A photograph of a golf course at sunset is shown, along with an inset image of a dining table with wine and food. The venue name 'VILLAGE GREEN HOTEL' and its location are provided. The bottom section is white with blue text for the fundraising purpose and contact details, and includes the SES logo.

RC of Glen Waverley are looking for prize donations, cash donations and people to attend.