



**The Flyer  
2017-2018**



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

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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
15 Jan	Waste & Recycling in Whitehorse <i>Helen Kerley</i>	Sue Ballard	Ron Brooks
22 Jan	Portugal and beyond <i>Bob Laslett</i>	Stuart Williams	Glenys Grant
29 Jan	Bucatini with partners		
5 Feb	Cystic Fibrosis <i>Tessa Sanders/Bruce "Stretch" Jarvis</i>	Ron Brooks	Ray Smith

**CELEBRATIONS**

Welcome to a New Year of Rotary service. We also catch up with wedding anniversaries for Bill & Judy Marsh and Bob & Judy Laslett (both on 8 January) and happy birthday to Kathy Donaghey (9 January)

**DUTY ROSTER**

	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	Bob Williams	Mike Finke
<b>Greeter</b>	Glenys Grant	Chris Tuck
<b>Emergency</b>	Barbara Searle	Glenys Grant
<b>Cashier</b>	Stuart Williams	Bob Laslett

## 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

Wow! Where did 2017 go? I know it wasn't quicker than any other year but it certainly felt like it.

I hope everyone enjoyed a beautiful Christmas and that 2018 has got off to a great start for you all. It is such a super time to catch up with family and friends, relax and just let the world go by as you sit by the barbie, the pool or just in your favourite chair.



Talking of bbq's reminds me of the fantastic day we had at Bunnings on Christmas Eve. Our first Bunnings bbq for some years and while the date was not perfect we had a tremendous rollout of members over the day and added around \$1,500 to our fundraising account. We are booked in for a repeat performance on Easter Monday so please put it into your calendar as we will again need all hands on deck.

I'm sure Rotary has been going along at its usual frenetic pace but I must say it has been good to just tune out for a few days.



Visit to Davis farm



Tuck's cherry orchard

On Monday we had our club bbq/dinner at the home of Barb Searle and it was a marvellous evening. We had an almost full turn out of members and partners and thoroughly enjoyed each other's company as we sat, chatted, ate and drank and looked out over Barb's beautiful property.

This week it is back to work and Monday will see our sub-committees meet as they finalise plans for the last 6 months of the Rotary year. While much has been achieved there is still much to be done to complete the ambitious targets each group set themselves back in July.

The Board will meet on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

While we don't have our Blackburn Market this month we do have the WFM on Sunday so come along and support this great Cluster activity. We are rattling the bucket on the middle gate this month.

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

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January -	Bucatini Dinner with Partners
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February -	Film Night
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February -	Lunch at the Donaghey's (Ocean Grove)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February -	Peridot Theatre

### **Did You Know?**

Within 150 metres of the flat in Islington where George Orwell had the idea for '1984' there are now 32 CCTV cameras. (See, he was right after all!)

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

### **Meeting Report 18 December**

Opening of the meeting was slightly delayed while we savoured the demise of the cricketing Poms as they surrendered the Ashes to Australia in Perth.

With that, Stuart opened the meeting with a Christmas theme and toasts before handing the meeting to Chairman Warwick.

Rotarians, Partners, Honorary member and Co- guest speaker Kay Edwards, were welcomed. In all a total of 25 in attendance.

President Bill on behalf of Rotary International presented to Hon. Member Heather Neilson a PHF with Sapphire, adding to her existing PHF in acknowledgement of her support to the Rotary Foundation.

Call for reports included acknowledgement and Christmas greetings from 3 recipients of Rotary student awards, along with the requests for stamps foreign currencies and a special urgent request for spectacles to be delivered to Warwick as he is preparing items held for despatch overseas.

Stamps have produced well in excess of \$100k for Rotary projects and foreign currencies in excess of \$10k for UNICEF.

Sergeant Stuart in keeping with the theme of Christmas, extracted \$55.00 from us in a brief but interesting segment.

This was followed with the raffle draw whilst technical problems delayed bringing on the guest speakers. 7 prizes were raffled and included 2 baskets of great products donated by Sue and 3 large punnets of Cherries donated by Chris plus the usual 2 items. The raffle draw did not proceed without comment on Ron's amazing ability to screw the ticket butts. In all the raffle raised \$112.00.

With perseverance Ron overcame the projection technical problems and we all were entertained to a fascinating presentation by Kay and Glenys covering Christmas celebrations at the Burwood Boys home in those earlier years. In appreciation Kay was presented with a hand turned bowl by Ray and Glenys received a wood crafted duck to represent her Blackburn Lake involvement and Burwood Boys home over many years.

Meeting closed with Bill's reminders of Bunnings Christmas eve and our BBQ 1st meeting of 2018 at Barbara's.

### **Sergeant's Reflection 11 December 2017**

Christmas is an inspiring time of the year. It's intangible and it seems to weave a spell of nostalgia. It is a time for forgetting self and finding time for others. A time when we become more interested in people than in things. It is more than a date or a season. Christmas is when we cherish peace and goodwill that prevail over hatred and bitterness. It is a state of mind. Christmas means the spirit of love.

Christmas brings joy to our hearts. Even after a hectic build-up, when Christmas Day comes there is still the same warm feeling we had as children and that often unfolds in our hearts and homes. It renews our youth by stirring our wonder.

Or, are there other thoughts. As Victor Borge said –“ Santa Claus has the right idea—visit people only once a year.”

Or, the pragmatic who says – “Let’s be naughty and save Santa the trip.”

For me, Christmas is a tonic for our souls:

We think of others rather than ourselves.

It directs our thoughts to giving

We create family traditions and lasting memories and they are what help to keep a family together over the long haul.

From my family to yours – Merry Christmas.

Some jokes the Sergeant used.

Why is Christmas just like a day at the office?

A: You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.

Plastic mistletoe was hung over the luggage scale at the airport. A male traveller in a grumpy mood said, "you know, even if I weren't married, I wouldn't kiss you." "That's not what it's there for," said the airline employee, "it's so you can kiss your luggage goodbye."

What do you get if you deep fry Santa Claus? A: Crisp Cringle.

Stuart

## RYDA good wishes

As the holiday season approaches, we take this opportunity to thank the many individuals and organisations who have supported RSE and RYDA during 2017 - from the **hard working Rotary volunteers, our highly respected corporate partners and some of the best road safety minds in the world. Our resolve and dedication as we head in to 2018 is strong as we continue to work together to reduce the senseless loss of life on our roads.**

*Seasons greetings and Happy New Year from the Road Safety Education Ltd team*

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

**Have you registered?**

### The RIPPR

Rotary International President’s Personal Representative - Per Høyen and Anette A Rotarian since 1999 and a member of Aarup Rotary Club in Denmark. Per served as district governor in 2007-2008 and has for 6 years been a member of the board of Directors at the official Rotary magazine Rotary Norden. Per has been a member of RI Finance Committee, RI Strategic Planning Committee, COL Advisory Committee and RI Rotaract and Interact Committee. Per is married to Anette, a member of Assens Rotary Club, who has served as district governor in 2012-2013. Per has received the Regional Service Award for a Polio-free World and Citation For Meritorious Service. They are both Bequest Society Members, Major Donors, multiple Paul Harris fellows and Benefactors. Per has been selected as a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation 2018-2022.

**Sarah Brown** shares a story of belonging, of being at home and the importance of a place for patients to call home. As the CEO of Western Desert Dialysis [aka The Purple House], Sarah displays a passion which is incredibly infectious. The Purple House has grown to include a Purple Truck which delivers so much more than machines and medicine. As Sarah has written: “Did you ever hear about the mob from the most remote part of Australia who painted some beautiful paintings, had an auction at the art gallery of NSW and raised a million bucks to get dialysis out bush?” That was seventeen years ago this year”.

**Noel Pearson** is an Indigenous Australian lawyer, land rights activist and Director of the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership that promotes the economic and social development of Cape York in far north Queensland. He has a degree in History and Law from Sydney University. Noel has been strongly involved in campaigning for the rights of Cape York Aboriginal people and played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Cape York Land Council in 1990. He is a passionate advocate for better education for indigenous Australians, as all students should receive a rigorous schooling that gives them the means to negotiate the wider world.

## UNICEF coins and Used stamps

Thanks to Glenys’s friends plus Bob L and John D I was given 1.7kg of coins and some notes last night. At an average of \$33/kg (our 300kg of coins and notes were valued at over \$10,000) last night’s contribution is worth about \$55. Thank your friends Glenys on behalf of UNICEF. I now have 41.7kg of the next 60kg I can send off.

Glenys also gave me a bag of stamps. Remember, the money made from used stamps is going to Trachoma alleviation over the next few years. This project started by Carrol Farmer has raised over \$110,000. However few stamps you get over the Festive season, please trim them about 5 mm all around and keep them till you next see me. EVERY ONE COUNTS. Ron



## Stationery

I have collected a lot of pens and stationery items from Kalinda Primary School. They also donated some children's books.

I will process the items, repackage it so it can be lifted and handled easily.

I will attempt to send it to Thailand, using "free" transport.

Stuart

## Website

115 people looked at our website last month. Of these, 59 did so to look at the Blackburn Market page.

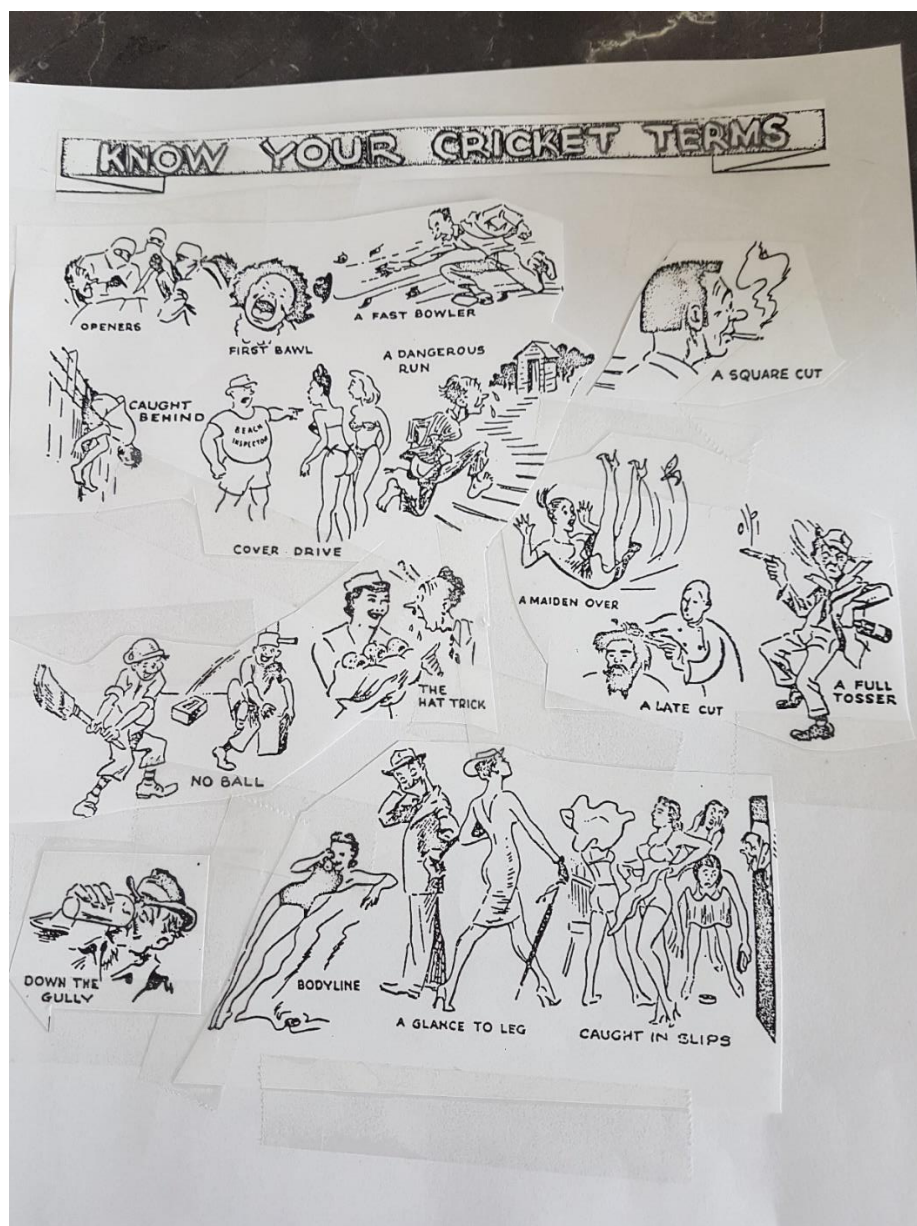
Ron

## Council on Legislation

No D9810 resolutions passed

## Cricket

This is an early 1940s explanation of cricket terminology. Oh how times have changed.



## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

January

Vocational Service

February

Peace & Conflict Prevention/ Resolution

## ARTICLES

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